

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT REQUIREMENT AND ARPA FEE WAIVER

In accordance with Vista Municipal Code 5.24, the City of Vista requires an active live entertainment permit for businesses to offer live entertainment within their establishment. Entertainment is defined as

- Presentations by single or multiple performers, such as hypnotists, pantomimes, comedians, musical song or dance acts, karaoke, plays, concerts, any type of contest; sporting events, exhibitions, carnival, rodeo or circus acts, demonstrations of talent; shows, reviews, any other such activity which may be attended by members of the public.
- Dancing to live or recorded music.
- The presentation of recorded music played on equipment which is operated by an agent or contractor of the establishment, commonly known as "DJ" or "disc jockey."

The [Live Entertainment Permit Package](#) includes the applicable municipal code, application instructions, exemptions to the permit requirement, Sherriff's department background check form and answers frequently asked questions.

Businesses found to be operating Live Entertainment from their establishment after August 1, 2022 without a current permit, will be found to have violated Vista Municipal Code 5.24 and subject to applicable penalties.

Application Process

If a business would like to offer Live entertainment as defined above, they are required to hold an active live entertainment permit. Application should be submitted 45 days prior to desired start of any entertainment, effective date for a change in class (permit type) or applied condition, and/or sale of ownership in the business equal to or greater than 10%.

The City has received federal American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) to respond to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and its negative economic impacts. As a part of this program, the City is offering to waive the Live Entertainment permit fees for qualified businesses. This one-time waiver covers the permit fees for the period through June 30, 2024. **To receive this fee waiver, a complete Live Entertainment Permit Package including a list of all employees and a proof of their Responsible Beverage Service training needs to be submitted to Sara Trench at strench@cityofvista.com.**

Please note, should you wish to renew your Live Entertainment permit past June 30, 2024, renewal fees will be due by July 1, 2024. Please see the fee schedule below.

Permit Types

Permit Type	Alcohol	Amplification	Dancing	Annual Fee*

1	No	No	No	\$37.50
1A	Yes	No	No	\$50.00
2	No	Yes	No	\$50.00
2A	Yes	Yes	No	\$75.00
3	No	Yes	Yes	\$75.00
3A	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$100.00

* Live entertainment permits are issued on a biannual basis. The annual fee for both years is due at the time of permit issuance.