



METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
of Nashville and Davidson County

Karl F. Dean, Mayor

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Chief of Police

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Dear Downtown Business Operator,

If you have been included on this mailing list you are in a property that operates in the downtown area. In order to further reduce criminal activity in the area of your property, we request that you assist us with the following issues:

- 1. Please consider the attached sample No Trespassing signs and post similar ones in the front and rear of your property.**
- 2. Please consider the attached trespassing waiver and complete it, have it notarized, and mail it to me at the address listed below.**

Once both of these are accomplished the Police Department can arrest, remove, and prosecute persons trespassing upon your premises without your staff having to go to night court.

- 3. If your business engages in the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises and you opt to ban weapons on the premises, please feel free to use the enclosed posting.**
- 4. If you employ or contract security personnel, please consider the enclosed suggestions.**
- 5. Please view our website <http://www.police.nashville.gov/central/> for monthly newsletters and safety and security information including "Best Practices" for Nashville Nightlife Establishments.**

Please feel free to contact me or SGT David Rueff (615-862-7611) about this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Melvin S. Brown Jr.

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Nashville, TN. 37203
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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER
200 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37210**

AUTHORIZATION TO ENFORCE, PROSECUTE TRESPASSING VIOLATIONS

I, _____, THE OWNER OR PERSON (S) HAVING THE AUTHORITY OF THE OWNER, DO HEREBY GIVE MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN, NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, PERMISSION TO ACT AS MY AGENT IN ENFORCING TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED §39-14-405, CRIMINAL TRESPASS, AND PROSECUTING PERSON (S) FOR TRESPASSING ON MY PROPERTY.

THE BUSINESS ADDRESS IS:
THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS IS:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:

DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS AUTHORIZATION IS TO ASSIST THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PREVENT CRIME IN NASHVILLE.

NO TRESPASSING SIGNS ON THIS PROPERTY HAVE BEEN POSTED TO GIVE POTENTIAL INTRUDERS NOTICE THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE OWNER'S EFFECTIVE CONSENT TO BE THERE.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:
I DO DON'T GIVE PERMISSION
TO THE METRO POLICE DEPT
TO STENCIL THE ADDRESS
ON THE REAR DOOR TO
THIS PROPERTY**

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009**

**NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES : _____**

NO TRESPASSING

39-14-405. Criminal Trespass

(a) A person commits **criminal trespass** who, knowing the person does not have the owner's effective consent to do so, enters or remains on property, or a portion thereof. Knowledge that the person did not have the owner's effective consent may be inferred where notice against entering or remaining is given by:

(3) *Posting reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders*

39-17-307. Obstructing highway or other passageway

(a) A person commits an offense who, without legal privilege, intentionally, knowingly or recklessly:
(1) **Obstructs a highway, street, sidewalk, railway, waterway, elevator, aisle, or hallway to which the public, or a substantial portion of the public, has access; or any other place used for the passage of persons, vehicles or conveyances, whether the obstruction arises from the person's acts alone or from the person's acts and the acts of others;**



NOTICE!

NO FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS PERMITTED!

PURSUANT TO § 39-17-1359, THE OWNER/OPERATOR OF THIS PROPERTY HAS BANNED WEAPONS ON THIS PROPERTY, OR WITHIN THIS BUILDING OR THIS PORTION OF THIS BUILDING. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROHIBITION IS PUNISHABLE AS A CRIMINAL ACT UNDER STATE LAW AND MAY SUBJECT THE VIOLATOR TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500).

39-17-1359. Prohibition at certain meetings — Posting notice. (a) An individual, corporation, business entity or local, state or federal government entity or agent thereof is authorized to prohibit the possession of weapons by any person otherwise authorized by §§ 39-17-1351 — 39-17-1360.....

39-17-1305. Possession of firearm where alcoholic beverages are served. (a) It is an offense for a person to possess a firearm within the confines of a building open to the public where liquor, wine or other alcoholic beverages, as defined in § 57-3-101(a)(1)(A), or beer, as defined in § 57-6-102(1), are served for on premises consumption.....

39-17-1351. Handgun carry permits (t) Any law enforcement officer of this state or of any county or municipality may, within the realm of the officer's lawful jurisdiction and when the officer is acting in the lawful discharge of the officer's official duties, disarm a permit holder at any time when the officer reasonably believes it is necessary for the protection of the permit holder, officer or other individual or individuals.

NO TRESPASSING

**ONLY AUTHORIZED PATRONS, CONTRACTORS, AND
EMPLOYEES ARE ALLOWED ON THIS PROPERTY**

**THE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT
IS AUTHORIZED TO PROSECUTE ALL TRESPASSERS
UPON THIS PROPERTY**

**PRIVATE SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NIGHTCLUBS
LT MELVIN BROWN – CENTRAL PRECINCT-615-862-7611**

I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY, SO IF I GAVE YOU LEGAL ADVICE IT WOULD BE WORTHLESS AND INAPPROPRIATE TO DO SO. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL AS NEEDED. HOWEVER, MY PROFESSIONAL ADVICE ABOUT SOME NIGHTCLUB PRIVATE SECURITY ISSUES IS AS FOLLOWS:

- ✓ **BE CERTAIN THAT ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL ARE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS STAFF MEMBERS OF THE LOCATION WITH NAME TAGS ALSO**
- ✓ **BE CERTAIN THAT ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL ARE CERTIFIED WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AS SUCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WEBSITE INFO.**
- ✓ **NEVER STRIKE ANYONE EXCEPT IN SELF DEFENSE OF YOURSELF OR OTHERS AND ONLY WHEN THERE IS NO REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE. IF NECESSARY TO DO SO, STOP WHEN IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY. IF YOU EVER STRIKE ANYONE IN THE COURSE OF YOUR EMPLOYMENT, PROSECUTE THEM FOR THE OFFENSE THAT LED TO IT AND FOLLOWED AS APPLICABLE.**
- ✓ **DO NOT USE PHYSICAL FORCE TO REMOVE ANYONE FROM THE PREMISES UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND THEN AS MINIMUM AS POSSIBLE. ASK THEM FIRST, ASK THEM AGAIN, SHOW STRENGTH IN NUMBERS WHEN ASKING FINALLY. USE TEAM TACTICS TO REMOVE THEM TO A SAFE PLACE TO RESTRAIN THEM UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVE AND PROSECUTE THEM FOR CRIMINAL TRESPASSING AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE OFFENSE. IN MANY CASES IF THEY ARE UNINJURED THIS CAN BE DONE BY CITATION.**
- ✓ **DEVELOP A STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR SEVERAL ANTICIPATED RECURRING EVENTS AND UNLIKELY CATASTROPHIC ONES SUCH AS AN ACTIVE SHOOTER THAT ALL SECURITY/STAFF MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND BY SIGNATURE.**
- ✓ **DO NOT BE AFRAID TO CALL THE POLICE TO RESPOND TO UNRULY PERSONS OR FIGHTS. IT DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST YOU IN THE BIG PICTURE. YOU ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE CITED FOR DISORDERLY HOUSE VIOLATIONS IF PATRONS OR NEIGHBORS CALL. IT IS PERFECTLY REASONABLE FOR YOU TO CALL IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE AND TO PROSECUTE VIOLATIONS.**