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Re: A cabaret license is not required because a business presents performances

Dear Mr [REDACTED]:

I am writing in response to your inquiry whether a business that presents performances requires a cabaret license from the Department of Consumer Affairs ("the Department"). The answer is that a business does not need to obtain a cabaret just because they present performances to an audience

New York City Administrative Code § 20-360 requires any person who operates a cabaret to obtain a license from the Department. Section 20-359(3) of the Administrative Code defines a cabaret as:

Any room, place or space in the city in which . . . dancing or other form of amusement is permitted in connection with the restaurant business []

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions. Thank you

Sincerely,

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Staff Counsel