



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R108 – 2023

Introduced by City Council on June 21, 2023

Supports Administrative and Legislative Action to prohibit after hours establishments except for restaurants and enforce the nuisance abatement law.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City Council of Allentown is desirous of maintaining the safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, violent activities are occurring here and other cities around after-hours establishments, pop up clubs, speakeasies, and other entities operating after hours; and

WHEREAS, traffic, the noise, loitering and often drug sales that accompany the clubs, have a negative impact on our neighborhoods; and anti-social and civil disorder often leads to more serious criminal offenses; and

WHEREAS, the political leadership needs to take a stronger stance against such violence and disorder; the city has experienced 11 homicides and numerous disturbances with little administrative action; and

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council is committed to enhancing safety in our communities inclusive of increased police presence and community engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allentown Council hereby recommends:

A. The administration takes an active role and issue directives to enforce the nuisance abatement law and general disorder provisions of the code.

B. Establishing stronger penalties on such establishments on an escalating scale, \$2,500 on the first offense; \$5,000 on subsequent offenses; and should any active violence in the

establishment operating illegally shall result in a \$20,000 fine and/or immediate closure.

C. Amend the budget to provide for more police officers using ARPA funding to deter the culture of violence.

D. The Public Safety Committee review actions the Administration is taking to deal with such disorder and report out at a public meeting no later than 30 days after introduction of this resolution.