



CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION

831 Massachusetts Avenue, First Floor, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

NOTICE OF VOTE REGARDING

SPECIAL [NOISE] VARIANCE APPLICATIONS & PERMITS

Relative to Special [Noise] Variance Applications and Grants, the Board of License Commissioners ("Board") finds that these applications require a lot of administrative work and review prior to the Board vote. There is a significant amount of time spent by the License Commission staff processing these applications, including, discussing it with the applicant, getting input from other relevant City Departments, obtaining information from abutters, mediating between applicants, agencies and abutters, and internal and external coordination to ensure the applications are considered by the Board in a timely manner. The applications are mostly considered by the Board "on the papers," but sometimes hearings with the applicants and other interested parties are required. If a Special [Noise] Variance is granted, it requires further action by the License Commission staff and/or Board, such as enforcement, follow up, and monitoring of the site/location/grant.

Currently, the only fee associated with the Special [Noise] Variance is an application fee. Accordingly, and based on the costs associated with processing, enforcing and regulating Special [Noise] Variances, the Board voted (2-0) to add a permit fee of \$100.00 if the application is granted.

Therefore, Special [Noise] Variance applications will continue to require a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 upon submission of the application. If the Board grants the Special [Noise] Variance, the permit/grant will not issue until the applicant/permittee provides a \$100.00 Special [Noise] Variance fee. The permit/grant fee is effective September 1, 2018.

By the Board:


Nicole Murati Ferrer, Esq., Chair


Police Comm., Branville Bard, Commissioner

Board Voted: August 15, 2018

Vote Posted: August 16, 2018