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LCRB Application Downbeat Event Centre 1325 Government Street

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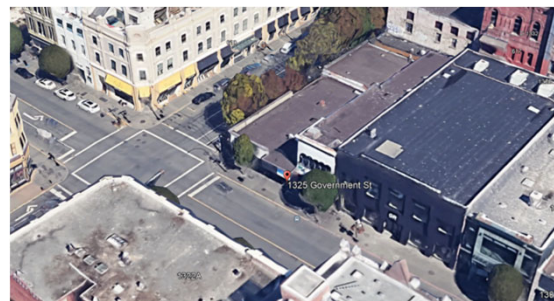
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LCRB Application New Liquor Primary Licence

The Downbeat Event Centre at 1325 Government Street

210-person occupant load

Hours from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily



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Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB)

LCRB regulates service of liquor at:

- Restaurants
- Bars
- Pubs
- Retailers
- Manufacturers
- Special Events


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LCRB Approvals

Based on:

- Criminal Background Checks
 - Local Government
 - Municipal Input
 - Public Input
 - Occupant Load Approvals
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- Potential for noise
 - Potential for impact on the community

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Local Government

- Staff Review
 - Police, Bylaw, Planning, Business and Community Relations and Engineering
 - Zoning regulation, liquor policy and the Liquor Licencing Fee Bylaw
- Public Notification and Comment
 - Notice Posted at entrance to establishment
 - Mailed Notice to within 100m of establishment
 - 30 days to provide comment
- Local Government provides a resolution with comment on:
 - Potential for Noise
 - Potential for Impact on the Community

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LCRB Application

LICENCE TYPE	
PROPOSED	Liquor Primary Licence
OCCUPANT LOAD	
PROPOSED	210 people
HOURS	
PROPOSED	9 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily

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Staff Review and Public Comment

- Impact Assessment
 - The establishment is located below grade and soundproofed, and will have security on-site to proactively prevent noise or disturbance outside the venue
 - The proposed hours allow the establishment to offer venue rentals for a variety of events, and the hours are consistent with other licenced establishments in the area
- Public Comment
 - Letters were sent to 343 owners and occupants
 - In response, seven letters were received: five were supportive and two were opposed
 - The Downtown Residents Association confirmed that they support the application given the existing soundproofing and security in place, and the establishment helping to fulfill the city's need for performance venues

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Recommendation

That Council direct staff to notify the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that Council supports the application of The Downbeat Event Centre, located at 1325 Government Street, for a new liquor primary licence with an occupant load of 210 people and hours of licenced service from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily.

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