



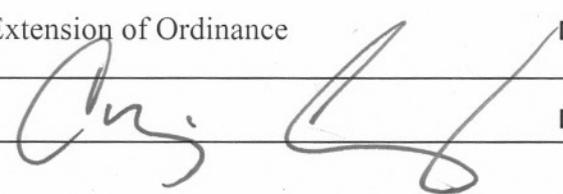
Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez,
Urgency Ordinance Task
Force

SUBJECT: Extension of Ordinance

DATE: February 1, 2006

APPROVED: 

DATE: 2/1/06

RECOMMENDATION

The Council approves adoption of an urgency ordinance extending Ordinance No. 27602 related to permit and license provisions of Chapter 6.02 of the San Jose Municipal Code passed by the City Council on November 15, 2005, for an additional 90 days.

DISCUSSION

In order to promote the safety of residents, visitors, and employees Downtown and throughout the City, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 27602 on November 15, 2005, which allows the Police Chief to revoke an entertainment permit under certain circumstances in order to protect the public's safety. As part of the adoption of this ordinance, council requested formation of a Task Force made up of community, business, and other relevant Downtown stakeholders to address concerns with the Urgency ordinance. The Task Force is in the process of discussing issues related to the Ordinance and broader issues affiliated with downtown safety.

Downtown safety is a crucial area involving a range of issues – from business operations to policing tactics – and has required a great deal of education and dialogue. To provide additional time for the Task Force to continue its work, I recommend that the Urgency Ordinance be extended an additional 90 days. This will provide ample time to create win-win solutions to the challenges that have been identified by the Task Force.

The Task Force's next meeting is Thursday, February 2 from 3:00 pm to 4:30. At that time, I will solicit feedback from the Task force as it pertains to the length of the extension and provide that information to the Council in a follow up memo later this week.