TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Scott Hess, AICP, Director of Planning and Building
BY: Andrew Gonzales Associate Planner
DATE: October 25, 2011

SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-010 (VITTORIO’S RESTAURANT EXPANSION)

APPLICANT/BUSINESS OWNER: Frank Tahvidari, 5921 Warner Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

PROPERTY OWNER: Kitsigianis Properties, 3903 Ridgemont Drive, Malibu, CA 90265

LOCATION: 5921 Warner Avenue, 92649 (northwest corner of Springdale Street and Warner Avenue)

PROJECT REQUEST AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Conditional Use Permit No. 11-010 represents a request to permit the expansion of the existing 3,200 sq. ft. restaurant into an adjoining 962 sq. ft. vacant commercial unit (formerly occupied by Liberty Tax Service) and to permit an 890 sq. ft. outdoor dining area. Within the expanded restaurant space the applicant proposes additional dining area and to install a 120 sq. ft. dance floor and 70 sq. ft. band/stage area that will host live entertainment and dancing. The live entertainment activities are proposed to be karaoke and a piano bar. The request also includes expanding alcohol service to the expanded indoor and proposed outdoor dining areas. No further physical improvements are proposed for the restaurant’s expansion. The request is pursuant to Section 211.04, CG District: Land Use Controls and Additional Provisions for Eating and Drinking Establishments with Alcohol, Live Entertainment, Dancing, and Outdoor Dining of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.

Primary access to the new restaurant space and outdoor dining areas will be from within the existing restaurant. The outdoor dining area is proposed adjacent to the restaurant and will be located under an existing 17 ft. 6 in. wide covered breezeway that provides access to the shopping center’s north and south parking lots. The outdoor dining area is proposed to occupy 8 ft. 9 in. of the breezeway and will be separated from the remaining walkway by a 3 ft. high fence. The remaining 8 ft. 6 in. wide walkway will provide adequate access around the outdoor dining area and will comply with minimum access requirements. This area will be accessible through the interior of the restaurant and from the exterior by two gates located at the north and south ends of the outdoor dining area.
Live entertainment and dancing activities will be located indoors within the rear portion of the unit. The proposed entertainment and dancing will operate between the hours of 9:00 PM and 1:30 AM, seven days a week, in compliance with the suggested conditions of the Police Department’s conceptually approved Entertainment Permit (Attachment No. 5). The restaurant and food service is intending to maintain its existing operating hours. An acoustical study prepared by Colia Acoustical Consultants was submitted on June 3, 2011, that demonstrates that the proposed live entertainment activities will comply with the provisions established pursuant to Chapters 5.44 – Entertainment Permits and 8.40 – Noise Control of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code (HBMC).

Vittorio’s Italian restaurant is located within a multi-tenant commercial shopping center and has operated in its present location since 1970. The existing restaurant space is approximately 3,200 sq. ft. and currently operates between the hours of 4:00 PM and 2:00 AM, seven days a week. The businesses within the commercial shopping center include retail, eating and drinking establishments, and personal service uses.

### CURRENT LAND USE, HISTORY OF SITE, ZONING AND GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATIONS

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### APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINES

**DATE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION:** September 23, 2011  
**MANDATORY PROCESSING DATE(S):** November 22, 2011

Conditional Use Permit No. 11-010 was filed on March 28, 2011 and deemed complete on September 23, 2011. The application is tentatively scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Commission on November 8, 2011.

### CEQA ANALYSIS/REVIEW

The proposed project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1, of the California Environmental Quality Act, which states that minor alterations to existing or approved structures are exempt from further environmental review.
COMMENTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES

The Departments of Planning and Building, and Fire have reviewed the application and identified applicable code requirements (Attachment No. 4). The Police Department has reviewed the project proposal as has identified a list of operational restrictions associated with the proposed live entertainment activities (Attachment No. 5).

PUBLIC MEETINGS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There have been no public meetings regarding this request. To date, there have been no comments from the public regarding this request.

PLANNING ISSUES

The primary land use issues for the Planning Commission to consider with the proposed 1,852 sq. ft. expansion of the existing restaurant are the project’s compatibility with surrounding land uses, specifically with potential nuisance and noise impacts and complying with the minimum parking requirements for the restaurant expansion including the dance floor and outdoor dining. In general, the proposed use is consistent with the scope and intent of development in commercial zones supported by the General Plan and complies with the minimum off-street parking requirements of the HBZSO. In addition, suggested conditions of approval that address land use compatibility are recommended.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Vicinity Map – 5921 Warner Ave. (Vittorio’s Italian Restaurant)
2. Site Plan and Floor Plan received and dated June 2, 2011
3. Project Narrative received and dated June 2, 2011
5. Conceptual Entertainment Permit with Conditions dated received March 28, 2011
6. Colia Acoustical Consultants dated received June 3, 2011 (as Amended)
May 30, 2011

City of Huntington Beach Planning Department

Subject: Vittorio’s (5921 Warner Ave.) application for permit modification

Vittorio’s has been a successful neighborhood/area Italian food restaurant and bar in Huntington Beach for over 40 years. I recently purchased Vittorio’s, completely renovated the premises, and business has been growing. This growth is especially noticed in the small bar area, where during peak hours the demand for seats (mostly generated by our nearby neighbors) exceeds supply.

A small leasehold adjacent to Vittorio’s recently became available (was a tax prep business), and I have been allowed by my landlord to add the area to the Vittorio’s site. To address growing demand and the many customer requests, I will be creating an expanded bar and food service area available between restaurant hours in an enclosed area (about 960 sq. ft. available to me), and in a small patio area (about 600 sq. ft.) adjacent to the new area, located in an alcove between my new expanded leasehold and the leasehold westerly of mine.

This permit modification request is to 1) add this 960 sq. ft. and adjacent covered patio area to Vittorio’s permitted restaurant/bar area, and 2) permit live entertainment and dancing within the new 960 sq. ft. enclosed area. Although the entertainment may be amplified from time to time e.g. Karaoke, the primary use would be for a piano bar, in response to abundant customer requests. This request for permit modification, when approved, will permit Vittorio’s to continue to meet our customers’ needs, in a neighborhood friendly way, given our residential-buffered location.

Your earliest attention to this request will be very much appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (714) 317-9112.

Yours truly,

Frank Tahvildari, owner
Vittorio’s Italian Restaurant & Bar
August 8, 2011

Frank Tahvildari
5921 Warner Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-010 (VITTORIO’S RESTAURANT EXPANSION, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING, AND ALCOHOL SALES) – 5921 WARNER AVENUE
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION CODE REQUIREMENTS

Dear Mr. Tahvildar,

In order to assist you with your development proposal, staff has reviewed the project and identified applicable city policies, standard plans, and development and use requirements, excerpted from the City of Huntington Beach Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance and Municipal Codes. This list is intended to help you through the permitting process and various stages of project implementation.

It should be noted that this requirement list is in addition to any "conditions of approval" adopted by the Planning Commission. Please note that if the design of your project or site conditions change, the list may also change.

If you would like a clarification of any of these requirements, an explanation of the Huntington Beach Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance and Municipal Codes, or believe some of the items listed do not apply to your project, and/or you would like to discuss them in further detail, please contact me at AGonzales@Surfcity-hb.org or 714-374-1547 and/or the respective source department (contact person below).

Sincerely,

Andrew Gonzales
Associate Planner

Enclosures: Fire Department requirements dated August 2, 2011
Planning Division requirements dated July 22, 2011
Building Division requirements dated April 21, 2011

Cc: Herb Fauland, Planning Manager
    Jason Kelley, Senior Planner
Chief Ken Small, Police Chief
Mark Carnahan, Inspection Manager
Debbie Debow, Principal Civil Engineer
Darin Maresh, Fire Development Specialist
Kitsiganis Properties, 5921 Warner Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92649
Project File
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
FIRE DEPARTMENT

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION CODE REQUIREMENTS

DATE: AUGUST 2, 2011
PROJECT NAME: VITTORIO'S OUTDOOR PATIO AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
ENTITLEMENTS: PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2011-051
PROJECT LOCATION: 5921 WARNER AVENUE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA
PLANNER: ANDREW GONZALES, ASSOCIATE PLANNER
TELEPHONE/E-MAIL: (714) 374-1547/ AGONZALES@SURFCITY-HB.ORG
PLAN REVIEWER-FIRE: DARIN MARESH, FIRE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
TELEPHONE/E-MAIL: (714) 536-5531/ DMARESH@SURFCITY-HB.ORG

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: TO PERMIT AN EXISTING RESTAURANT TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE
(A) DANCING ON AN 120 SQ. FT. DANCE FLOOR, (B) LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT (I.E., KARAOKE AND A PIANO BAR), AND (C) THE
ONSITE SALES, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING
RESTAURANT INTO AN APPROXIMATELY 962 SQ. FT. ADJOINING
COMMERCIAL SUITE AND 890 SQ. FT. OUTDOOR DINING AREA.

The following is a list of code requirements deemed applicable to the proposed project based on plans
received and dated April 12, 2011. The list is intended to assist the applicant by identifying requirements
which must be satisfied during the various stages of project permitting and implementation. A list of
conditions of approval adopted by the Planning Commission in conjunction with the requested
entitlement(s), if any, will also be provided upon final project approval. If you have any questions
regarding these requirements, please contact the Plan Reviewer- Fire: DARIN MARESH, FIRE
DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST.

PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE REQUIRED:

Fire Suppression Systems

Fire Alarms

Modification, additions, or deletions to an existing fire alarm system shall require that
separate plans (three sets) shall be submitted to the Fire Department for permits and approval.
Any extended interruption of the fire alarm system operation will require a “fire watch”, approved by the Fire Department. (FD)

Modification, additions, or deletions to an existing automatic fire sprinkler system or fire alarm system shall require that separate plans (three sets) shall be submitted to the Fire Department for permits and approval. Any extended interruption of the fire sprinkler system operation will require a “fire watch”, approved by the Fire Department. Reference compliance with City Specification # 420 - Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems and NFPA 13 in the plan notes. (FD)

Fire Protection Systems

Fire Extinguishers shall be installed and located in all areas to comply with Huntington Beach Fire Code standards found in City Specification #424. The minimum required dry chemical fire extinguisher size is 2A 10BC and shall be installed within 75 feet travel distance to all portions of the building. Extinguishers are required to be serviced or replaced annually. (FD)

Fire Personnel Access

Main Secured Building Entries shall utilize a KNOX® Fire Department Access Key Box, installed and in compliance with City Specification #403, Fire Access for Pedestrian or Vehicular Security Gates & Buildings. Please contact the Huntington Beach Fire Department Administrative Office at (714) 536-5411 for information. Reference compliance with City Specification #403 - KNOX® Fire Department Access in the building plan notes. (FD)

Exit Signs And Exit Path Markings will be provided in compliance with the Huntington Beach Fire Code and Title 24 of the California Administrative Code. Reference compliance in the plan notes. (FD)

Posting Of Room Occupancy is required. Any room having an occupant load of 50 or more where fixed seats are not installed, and which is used for assembly purposes, shall have the capacity of the room posted in a conspicuous place near the main exit per HBFC sec. 1004.3 (FD)

Egress Illumination/Emergency Exit Lighting with emergency back-up power is required. Provide means of egress illumination per HBFC 604.2.4 and UBC 1003.2.9. (FD)

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL BE MAINTAINED DURING CONSTRUCTION:

Fire/Emergency Access and Site Safety shall be maintained during project construction phases in compliance with HBFC Chapter 14, Fire Safety During Construction and Demolition. (FD)
Fire/Emergency Access And Site Safety shall be maintained during project construction phases in compliance with City Specification #426, Fire Safety Requirements for Construction Sites. (FD)

Fire Department City Specifications may be obtained at:
Huntington Beach Fire Department Administrative Office
City Hall 2000 Main Street, 5\textsuperscript{th} floor
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

or through the City’s website at www.surfcity-hb.org

If you have any questions, please contact the Fire Prevention Division at (714) 536-5411.
The following is a list of code requirements deemed applicable to the proposed project based on plans stated above. The list is intended to assist the applicant by identifying requirements which must be satisfied during the various stages of project permitting and implementation. A list of conditions of approval adopted by the Planning Commission in conjunction with the requested entitlement(s), if any, will also be provided should final project approval be received. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the Plan Reviewer.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-010:

1. The site plan and floor plans approved by the Planning Commission shall be the conceptually approved design.

2. Prior to issuance of building permits, all new commercial and industrial development and all new residential development not covered by Chapter 254 of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, except for mobile home parks, shall pay a park fee, pursuant to the provisions of HBZSO Section 230.20 – Payment of Park Fee. The fees shall be paid and calculated...
according to a schedule adopted by City Council resolution. *(City of Huntington Beach Planning Department Fee Schedule)*

3. During demolition and/or construction, all HBZSO and Municipal Code requirements including the Noise Ordinance (HBMC 8.40 – Noise Control). All activities including truck deliveries associated with construction, remodeling, or repair shall be limited to Monday - Saturday 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Such activities are prohibited Sundays and Federal holidays. *(HBMC 8.40.090)*

4. The structure cannot be occupied, the final building permit(s) cannot be approved, and utilities cannot be released until a Certificate of Occupancy must be approved by the Planning Division and issued by the Building Division. *(HBMC 17.04.036)*

5. The use shall comply with the following:
   a. Outdoor storage and display of merchandise, materials, or equipment, including display of merchandise, materials, and equipment for customer pick-up, shall be subject to approval of Conditional Use Permit. *(HBZSO Section 230.74)*
   
   b. Ensure entertainment provided is not audible beyond 50 feet from the exterior walls of the business in any direction. *(HBMC 5.44.015(a))*
   
   c. Restrict the entertainment provided to the entertainment which is specified in the entertainment permit and in the license issued by the State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), Conditional Use Permit (CUP), California Civil Code, or any other restriction issued by any regulatory power with authority over the business or premise. *(HBMC 5.44.015(b))*
   
   d. Follow all other conditions as set forth in the entertainment permit and in the license as issued by ABC. *(HBMC 5.44.015(c))*
   
   e. Ensure that all areas of the business that are accessible to patrons shall be illuminated to make easily discernible the appearance and conduct of all persons in the business. *(HBMC 5.44.015(d))*
   
   f. Post the permit conspicuously in the business premises. *(HBMC 5.44.015(e))*
   
   g. Entertainment Permits shall be applicable at all hours, regardless if entertainment is present, with the exception of those conditions specifically listed on the permit which are only applicable during hours of entertainment. *(HBMC 5.44.015(f))*
   
   h. For patron safety, dancing will be only be permitted within an area preapproved in the Entertainment Permit and clearly delineated as a dance floor. *(HBMC 5.44.015(g))*

6. The Development Services Departments (Planning & Building, Fire, and Public Works) shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable code requirements and conditions of approval. The Director of Planning and Building may approve minor amendments to plans and/or conditions of approval as appropriate based on changed circumstances, new information or other relevant factors. Any proposed plan/project revisions shall be called out on the plan sets submitted for building permits. Permits shall not be issued until the Development Services Departments have reviewed and approved the proposed changes for conformance with the intent of the Planning Commission's action. If the proposed changes are of a substantial nature, an amendment to the original entitlement reviewed by the Planning Commission may be required pursuant to the provisions of HBZSO Section 241.18. *(HBZSO Section 241.18)*

7. Conditional Use Permit No. 11-010 shall become null and void unless exercised within one year of the date of final approval or such extension of time as may be granted by the Director pursuant to a
written request submitted to the Planning and Building Department a minimum 30 days prior to the expiration date. (HBZSO Section 241.16.A)

8. Conditional Use Permit No. 11-010 shall not become effective until the appeal period following the approval of the entitlement has elapsed. (HBZSO Section 241.14)

9. The Planning Commission reserves the right to revoke Conditional Use Permit No. 11-010 pursuant to a public hearing for revocation, if any violation of the conditions of approval, HBZSO or Municipal Code occurs. (HBZSO Section 241.16.D)

10. The project shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Municipal Code, Building Division and Fire Department, as well as applicable local, State and Federal Fire Codes, Ordinances, and standards, except as noted herein. (City Charter, Article V)

11. The applicant shall submit a check in the amount of $50.00 for the posting of the Notice of Exemption at the County of Orange Clerk’s Office. The check shall be made out to the County of Orange and submitted to the Planning and Building Department within two (2) days of the Planning Commission’s approval of entitlements. (California Code Section 15094)

12. All landscaping shall be maintained in a neat and clean manner, and in conformance with the HBZSO. Prior to removing or replacing any landscaped areas, check with the Departments of Planning and Building and Public Works for Code requirements. Substantial changes may require approval by the Planning Commission. (HBZSO Section 232.04)

13. All permanent, temporary, or promotional signs shall conform to Chapter 233 of the HBZSO. Prior to installing any new signs, changing sign faces, or installing promotional signs, applicable permit(s) shall be obtained from the Planning and Building Department. Violations of this ordinance requirement may result in permit revocation, recovery of code enforcement costs, and removal of installed signs. (HBZSO Chapter 233)
DATE: APRIL 21, 2011
PROJECT NAME: VITTORIO’S OUTDOOR PATIO AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 11-051
ENTITLEMENTS: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-010
PROJECT LOCATION: 5921 WARNER AVENUE, 92646 (NORTHWEST CORNER OF SPRINGDALE STREET AND WARNER AVENUE)
PROJECT PLANNER: ANDREW GONZALES, ASSOCIATE PLANNER
PLAN REVIEWER: KHOA DUONG
TELEPHONE/E-MAIL: (714) 536-5278/ KHOA.DUONG@SURFCITY-HB.ORG
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: TO PERMIT THE EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING RESTAURANT INTO AN ADJOINING COMMERCIAL SUITE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUTDOOR DINING, ONSITE ALCOHOL SALES AND CONSUMPTION, AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

The following is a list of code requirements deemed applicable to the proposed project based on plans received and dated March 28, 2011. The list is intended to assist the applicant by identifying requirements which must be satisfied during the various stages of project permitting and implementation. A list of conditions of approval adopted by the Zoning Administrator in conjunction with the requested entitlement(s), if any, will also be provided should final project approval be received. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the Plan Reviewer.

I. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:
   1. None

II. CODE ISSUES BASED ON PLANS & DRAWINGS SUBMITTED:
   1. Project shall comply with the current state building codes adopted by the City at the time of permit application submittal. Currently they are 2010 California Building Code (CBC), 2010 California Plumbing Code (CPC), and the Huntington Beach Municipal Code (HBMC). Compliance to all applicable state and local codes is required prior to issuance of building permit.
   2. Provide egress plan showing the exit system. Chapter 10.
   4. Provide building area analysis due to increase in the assembly area.
   5. All gates and doors within the exit paths must have panic hardware.
6. Due to increase in the number of seating and occupant load, please check the number of plumbing fixtures per Table 4-1 of CPC.

7. Provide compliance to disabled accessibility requirements of Chapter 11B of CBC, Section 1134B for existing buildings.
   a. Existing Site must comply with T-24. Provide site plan showing accessible parking stall(s), accessible path of travel from accessible parking stall(s)/public sidewalk to the tenant entrances.
   b. Existing toilet rooms must be accessible to disabled persons. Provide plans, details and notes show how they comply with Section 1115B.
   c. Provide wheelchair seating spaces per Section 1104B.5.

8. Recommendations: Please contact me or our office to review preliminary code analyses to examine any possible building code issues that may arise.
PROPOSED ENTERTAINMENT CONDITIONS

CONCEPTUALLY APPROVED PURSUANT TO FILING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

This document DOES NOT allow entertainment at the listed establishment. Provided are the proposed conditions for your entertainment permit pursuant to the approval of a conditional use permit allowing entertainment at your establishment. Prior to approval of an entertainment permit the applicant must agree to and complete (where necessary) the noted conditions.

Issued to: Vittorio's Italian Restaurant
5921 Warner Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

CONDITIONS (17 total):

1. Hours of Entertainment: 9:00 PM to 1:30 AM daily
2. The applicant must submit a sound study, pursuant to HBMC 5.44.050(5)(b) prior to deeming an entitlement application (CUP) complete. The sound study shall be prepared by a licensed engineer; show that the proposed entertainment will not create undue noise or violate the City's Noise Control Ordinance (HBMC 8.40) and be approved by the Police Department prior to approving entertainment.
3. All entertainment must cease no less than 30 minutes prior to the posted or scheduled closing time, and no later than the time authorized by this permit.
4. Types of Entertainment: Amplified and non-amplified music, entertainment is limited to a disc jockey, karaoke, piano, and live jazz bands (up to 5 members).
5. Entertainment is not allowed in the outside patio area.
6. Patron dancing will be allowed only in pre-designated zones authorized by the Police Department.
7. No games or contests requiring or involving the consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted.
8. Food service from the regular menu must be available to patrons up to one hour before the scheduled closing time.
9. No cover charge or admission fee will be allowed.
10. There shall be no requirement for patrons to purchase a minimum number of alcoholic drinks.
11. No "happy hour" type of reduced price alcoholic beverage promotion shall be allowed after 7:00 PM.
12. All exterior doors and windows shall be closed during times of entertainment.
13. All live entertainment must remain inside the establishment at all times.
ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT
(continued)

14. Security Guards: At least one when entertainment is present.
15. All security guards must be clearly identifiable as security guards and possess a valid California Guard Card.
16. The licensee or any representatives of the licensee may not pay a promoter for services based upon occupancy or attendance to an event.
17. All owners, employees, representatives, and agents must obey all state, local, and municipal laws, and conditions of the Conditional Use Permit, Alcoholic Beverage Control License, or any other regulations, provisions, or restrictions prescribed by a regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the premise; at all times. Violations of any law or conditions of the Conditional Use Permit will be considered a violation of this permit under § 5.44.015(c) of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code.

Per section 5.44.090 HBMC, the Chief of Police may revoke or suspend the permit upon receiving satisfactory evidence that the licensee or permittee has received four administrative citations which have been upheld at an administrative hearing, or been convicted of, or has entered a plea of guilty to four violations of the provisions of this chapter, or of any other law or ordinance of the City or state relating to such business.

Issued: CONCEPTUAL PERMIT

[Signature]
Kenneth W. Small
Chief of Police

ATTACHMENT NO. 5.2

RECEIVED
MAR 28 2011
Huntington Beach
PLANNING DEPT.
August 24, 2011

Mr. Andrew Gonzales
City of Huntington Beach
Planning and Building Department
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

SUBJECT: Response to Questions for Acoustical Study for Vittorio’s Restaurant Project  
At 5921 Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach

Dear Mr. Gonzales

I have the following information on the questions/concerns expressed in a letter dated August 22, 2011.

1. The stucco and glass in the breeze way will not affect noise transmitted from the outdoor patio to the residences to the northeast and east. If there are people speaking their bodies and clothing will absorb most reflected and/or standing waves. Sound can escape from either of the open sides. Reverberation was taken into account in paragraph 2 of page 3 in the restaurant as a worst-case condition. Noise from the restaurant will pass through concrete, drywall built-up wall and ¾ inch glass so that the outside noise from the music will be 81 dBA. At 50 feet the noise drops off to 47 dBA (20 log (1/50” + 81 dBA = 47 dBA. This meets the 50 dBA standard.

2. As shown above the music outside at a distance of 50 feet will be 47 dBA which meets the City standard.

3. In the study an outside patio number of 36 people was used in the calculations. To evaluate 64 people the following equation was used:

\[10 \log \left( \frac{64 \text{ people}}{36 \text{ people}} \right) = 40.7 \text{ dBA} = 43.2 \text{ dBA}\]

This value meets the City standard of 45 dBA at the NW residences.
September 8, 2011

Mr. Andrew Gonzales
City of Huntington Beach
Planning and Building Department
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

SUBJECT: Second Response for Acoustical Study for Vittorio’s Restaurant at 5921 Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach

Dear Mr. Gonzales;

The current ambient on the site is 56.6 dBA (from the original report). The project noise impact at 50' will be 43.2 dBA (from report L11-077). The ambient is more than 10 dB higher than the project impact at 50 feet. The ambient will mask and cover the project noise levels. The project impact will add less than 0.3 dB to the overall total which for an average listener is almost impossible to detect.

If you have any further question please call.

Rick Colia
Certified Acoustical Consultant
May 31, 2011

Mr. Frank Tahvildari  
Vittorio’s Italian Restaurant  
5921 Warner Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA  92647

SUBJECT: Acoustical Notes for the Restaurant at 5921 Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach

Dear Mr. Tahvildari;

I am providing the following information in regard to the potential noise levels to be produced by the live entertainment and outdoor patio for the restaurant at 5921 Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach.

Noise levels as described in terms of decibels (dB) are similar to the scale of earthquakes. It is logarithmic function. It is not like simple math addition and subtraction. For example, if you stood equally between two speakers each producing sounds of 65 dB the combined noise level at your ear would be 68 dB (a 3 dB increase).

Human response to noise level changes: An one-decibel (dB) increase is an increment that would be difficult for an average listener to detect (one would find it hard to tell the difference between 66 and 65 dB). Normal hearing begins to distinguish differences of 3 dB (higher or lower). A 5 dB change (+ or -) is a noticeable difference to an average ear, and a 10 dB change will sound one-half or twice as loud.

The noise levels described in the noise report are based on the A-weighting. The A-weighting setting on a sound meter is a filter to process out very high and low frequencies to closely emulate the nature filters of the human ear. Thus, A-weighting most closely responds to human hearing.
R11-050
May 31, 2011

The one-hour average noise level as described in the City Noise Standards is the same as Equivalent Sound Level (Leq). Equivalent Sound Level is the time weighted average of all noise levels which over a specific time (one hour) period. Leq is used to describe fluctuating sounds over long periods of time. The “equivalent” signifies the numerical value of the fluctuating sound is equivalent in level to a steady state sound with same amount of total energy.

If two sound levels are ten decibels apart (i.e., 65 dB and 55 dB) and are combined one would add 0.4 dB to the higher level for a total of 65.4 dBA. An increase of 0.4-1.0 would be virtually impossible to detect by an average ear. It would also be hard measure on a sound level. If the difference is 20 dB (65 dB and 45 dB) the combined impact would be 65.04 and that increase would be significantly more difficult to detect.

If you have any questions please call.

[Signature]
Richard Cola
Certified Acoustical Consultant
May 31, 2011

PRELIMINARY ACOUSTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE
VITTORIO’S RESTAURANT PROJECT
AT 5921 WARNER AVENUE
IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

Prepared For:

VITTORIO’S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
5921 Warner Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Prepared By

Richard Colia
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ACOUSTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE
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IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

INTRODUCTION

At the request of Frank Tahvildari, Colia Acoustical Consultants have prepared an acoustical analysis of the new addition to the existing Vittorio's Italian Restaurant in the City of Huntington Beach. The project is located in an existing shopping center at 5921 Warner Avenue. The principal source of noise to the project area will be from current vehicular traffic on Warner Avenue and Springdale and various activities in the existing shopping center. There are no known significant railroad or aircraft noise impacts. The potential noise impact from the restaurant will be a planned band area of the restaurant where live music will be performed. There will also be a dance section in the same area.

The noise criteria of the City of Huntington Beach limits noise levels to 55 dBA or less in daytime hours (7:00 AM to 10:00 PM and 50 dBA in nighttime hours (10:00 PM to 7:00 AM). These values will be reduced by 5 dB for music and speech. These values will be used as a guideline in the noise study.

The purpose of this report is to determine the exterior noise environment, design noise control measures to reduce the projected noise impacts, and present other mitigation measures, where necessary, to reduce other noise impacts to acceptable levels.

ANALYSIS

Exterior Noise Environment-Ambient and Vehicular Traffic

The current noise impact to the project site was determined by on-site noise measurements taken on representative morning sample period on May 24, 2011. A fifteen-minute noise sample was taken on the site at the location shown in Figure 2. At this position readings were taken at microphone heights of 5 feet above existing grade. Site 1 was located at the north side of the shopping center which acts as the back entrance of the existing restaurant closest the residential area across a flood control channel. The restaurant is about 300 feet from the residences to the north.

The measurements were made using a Bruel and Kjaer 2230 Integrating Sound Level Meter. An Equivalent Sound Level (Leq) was recorded from the meter after each sample period. The measurement results are shown on the following page.
Using the recorded values and typical hourly traffic distribution information, further Leq values were calculated for each hour of the day. The Leq values for the evening hours (7 PM to 10 PM) were weighted by 5 dB and nighttime Leq values (10 PM to 7 AM) were weighted by 10 dB. The adjusted Leq values were then energy averaged to calculate the CNEL value shown in Table 1 (See Table 2 for the calculation methodology).

**TABLE 1**

Measurement Results, May 24, 2011

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Site</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Microphone Height, ft.</th>
<th>Measured Leq, dBA</th>
<th>Measured Lmax, dBA</th>
<th>Measured Lmin, dBA</th>
<th>CNEL, dBA</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>9:30 A.M.</td>
<td>5</td>
<td><strong>56.6</strong></td>
<td>73.4</td>
<td>48.4</td>
<td>59.2</td>
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</table>

Based on the information in Table 1 the existing shopping center areas of the project will be impacted by projected traffic and ambient noise levels that range from 56.0 to 57.0 dB from all noise sources at the closest building line to residences.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The existing restaurant known as Vittorio’s Italian Restaurant is located in an existing shopping center at the northwest corner of Warner Avenue and Springdale Street. The front entrance door faces towards the intersection of the two roadways (Warner Avenue and Springdale Street) and the two back doors (kitchen and utility) face toward the existing residences to the northwest. There are also residences to the east across Springdale Street which appears to be mobile homes. The residences to the northwest are approximately 300 feet from the restaurant building. The residences to the east across Springdale Street are about 350 feet from the building.
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The purpose of this study is to evaluate the restaurant’s property owners request for an outdoor patio, and live entertainment within the restaurant (see Figure 2). The live entertainment may consist of a live band playing within a designed area of the new restaurant configuration. There is also a dance floor indicated. The outdoor patio will consist of about 11 tables and 4 waiting benches.

PROJECT GENERATED NOISE

The potential noise levels for the outdoor patio and live entertainment are the loudness of the music of the live band and the patrons talking at the outdoor patio area. Because it is not possible to predict the exact type music and bands that may appear at this new restaurant configuration noise level data from other noise studies involving music at other restaurant facilities will be used in this analysis. Although the band area and dance floor are relatively small is size it is possible that amplified music could occur here. Thus, as a worst-case a noise of 100 decibels (dB) on the A-weighted scale (A) will be used. To account for reverberation this value will increased by 6 dB to a total of 106 dBA for this study. This is a worst-case condition for this type of restaurant and its setting and is a level that would probably be uncomfortable to very comfortable for the average listening patron.

The music impact must through the exterior wall of the restaurant building and/or glass to reach the outdoors. Usually glass and/or doors are the weak points for noise leakage. Whereas exterior walls with wood/metal stud walls, insulation, exterior stucco or siding and interior drywall will provide as least 45 dB of noise reduction. Windows and doors act as weak points may only provide 25 to 27 dB of noise reduction. Thus the reference music noise level as a minimum will be reduced by 25 through the glass of the restaurant at its weak point. The adjusted impact is 81 dBA (106 dBA minus 25 equals 81 dBA).

The proposed outdoor patio will have sitting for 36 people at 11 tables and two waiting benches. Normal conversation between two people averages 65 dBA at a distance of 3 feet apart. As a scenario with 36 people speaking at once the combined noise at 3 feet would be 80.6 dBA in the patio area. This value will as reference value in the patio area.

The residences to the northwest are 300 feet from the restaurant building and outdoor patio area. The residences to the east are 350 feet from the restaurant building and patio area. The noise drop-off rate is 6 dB with each doubling of distance. The noise drop-off with distance was calculated by the following formula:

\[ 20 \log (3'/300') + 80.6 \text{ dBA} = 40.6 \text{ dBA} \]
This noise impact will traverse across the back portion of the shopping center and the flood control channel (300') to reach the residences to the northwest. In the same way the noise impact will traverse the shopping center parking lot and across Springdale Street to reach the residences (350 feet to the east).

These values were calculated to the northwest and east residential area for both the outdoor patio and live entertainment (band) noise levels.

**TABLE 3**

Summary of Results – Northeast and East Residential Areas

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Restaurant Area</th>
<th>Noise Level Reference</th>
<th>Distance to Residences</th>
<th>Noise Level @ Residences</th>
<th>City Nighttime Std., dBA</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Band</td>
<td>81 dBA</td>
<td>300' NW</td>
<td>41 dBA</td>
<td>45</td>
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<tr>
<td>Music</td>
<td>350’ East</td>
<td>39.7 dBA</td>
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<td>80.6 dBA</td>
<td>300’ NW</td>
<td>40.7 dBA</td>
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<td>Patio</td>
<td>350’ East</td>
<td>39.3 dBA</td>
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The noise descriptors above are noted as Equivalent Sound Level or Leq taken directly from the Sound Level Meter. Leq is the time weighted average of all noise levels which occur over a specific time period. Leq is used to describe fluctuating sounds over long periods of time. The “Equivalent” signifies the numerical value of the fluctuating sound is equivalent in level to a steady state sound with the same amount of total energy.

Table 3 shows the projected noise level to the northwest and east residential sides in relation to the restaurant. The distances are shown at the closest values which is the worst-case condition. These values range from 39.3 dBA Leq at the east to 41.0 dBA Leq to the northwest residential side.

These values will be used in the analysis to determine the mitigation for the project.
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Noise Criteria:

The exterior noise code of the City of Huntington Beach is defined in HBMC 5.44.050(B) (b).

Exterior Noise Standards

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<th>Noise Zone</th>
<th>Noise Level</th>
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<tr>
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<td>50 dBA</td>
<td>10:00 PM to 7:00 AM</td>
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(b) In the event the alleged offensive noise consists of impact noise, simple tone noise, speech, music or any combination thereof, each of the above noise levels shall be reduced by five (5) dBA.

Because the live entertainment and outdoor patio activities consist of music and speech and will likely occur at nighttime the City noise limit will be 45 dBA.

Results

Table 4 shows the worst-case noise impacts at the northwest and east property lines. These values show values of 41.0 dBA to 39.3 dBA which are below the City noise code standard of 45 dBA and is also lower than the ambient levels of 56.6 dBA.

CONCLUSION

Following the recommendations and mitigation measures noted in this analysis it can be expected that the noise criteria of the City of Huntington Beach will be met.
## TABLE 2

A-Weighted Leq Noise Level Data Collected During A Representative Sample Period On May 24, 2011, Together With Calculated Hourly Leq Values And Resulting CNEL Value.

### Site 1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>One Hour Period Beginning</th>
<th>Hourly Leq Data, (dBA)</th>
<th>Hourly Leq Weighting Factor</th>
<th>Adjusted Hourly Leq</th>
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24 Adjusted Leq Values / \( \frac{24}{ } \) = 59.2 CNEL
FIGURE 1: Site Location Map
FIGURE 2: Site Measurement Location
8.40.050 Exterior noise standards.

(a) The following noise standards, unless otherwise specifically indicated, shall apply to all residential property within a designated noise zone:

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<th>Noise Zone</th>
<th>Noise Level</th>
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<td>55 dB(A)</td>
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(b) In the event the alleged offensive noise consists entirely of impact noise, simple tone noise, speech, music, or any combination thereof, each of the above noise levels shall be reduced by five (5) dB(A). (2379-879, 2788-9/85)

8.40.060 Exterior noise levels prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person at any location within the incorporated area of the City to create any noise, or to allow the creation of any noise on property owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled by such person, which causes the noise level when measured on any residential, public institutional, professional, commercial or industrial property, either within or without the City, to exceed the applicable noise standards:

(a) For a cumulative period of more than thirty (30) minutes in any hour;

(b) Plus 5 dB(A) for a cumulative period of more than fifteen (15) minutes in any hour;

(c) Plus 10 dB(A) for a cumulative period of more than five (5) minutes in any hour;

(d) Plus 15 dB(A) for a cumulative period of more than one (1) minute in any hour; or

(e) Plus 20 dB(A) for any period of time.

In the event the ambient noise level exceeds any of the first four noise limit categories above, the cumulative period applicable to said category shall be increased to reflect said ambient noise level. In the event the ambient noise level exceeds the fifth noise limit category, the maximum allowable noise level under said category shall be increased to reflect the maximum ambient noise level. (2379-7/79)

8.40.070 Interior noise standards.

(a) The following noise standards, unless otherwise specifically indicated, shall apply to all real property within a designated noise zone:

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<td>Common Outdoor Activities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jet Fly-over at 100 feet</td>
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<td>Gas Lawnmower at 3 feet</td>
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<td>Noisy Urban Area During Daytime</td>
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<td>Commercial Area</td>
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**SOURCE:** California Department of Transportation 1998