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DEADLINE: Initial paper submission and fee must be received by 5:00 PM on the day of the deadline. *Electronic file submission must be provided on a USB with the submittal.* Refer to the Department Meeting Schedule & Submittal Deadline” document provided on the City’s website for submission deadlines. **To ensure quality submittal, this project will only be added to the agenda when a complete submission has been provided. If a complete submission is not uploaded by the deadline, the application will be notified via email with an itemized list of outstanding items and/or corrections.**

Application Review Process:

Application Type	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Special Exception	Pre-Application Meeting with Staff	Staff Review	Staff provides Applicant with the required language & tentative meeting date for mailed notice & sign.	City Commission Review	Resolution from the City Commission	Applicant addresses any conditions & proceeds with the Certificate of Use (COU) application / process

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS: Upon reception of the **PAPER SUBMISSION** (see below) by Staff. Staff will review to ensure a complete submittal with 5 business days.

SUBMISSION: The following paper documents must be submitted:

PAPER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One (1) completed application with original signatures (All Owners of Record must sign)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One (1) Affidavit (must be completed by the Landowner)
	One (1) Letter of Authorization (signed by the Landowner), <i>if the Applicant is not the Landowner</i>
	One (1) Letter of Authorization from the Condominium Association, <i>if the property is a condominium</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Fee as established by the City Commission. Refer to Chapter 6 – Section. 6-10 – Enumeration of permit fees, regulations and inspection fees. Checks must be made payable to the “City of Lauderhill.”
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Deed or Contract to Purchase
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Lease (for Applicants who are renting)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Narrative addressing each review standard & description of the proposed business/use operation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal description of the property (i.e. the subdivision, block & lot; or metes & bounds description)	
USB	One (1) electronic version of the special exception package
PUBLIC NOTICES	TO BE PROVIDED AFTER INITIAL SUBMITTAL & STAFF REVIEW:
	Public Notification Affidavit – Posted Sign at Property (Information for sign provided by City Staff)
	Proof of Sign Posted on Property (refer to page 8 of this application for additional details & requirements): Photograph of posted sign must be submitted to Planning and Zoning Division no less than fifteen (15) days prior to hearing date.
	Public Notification Affidavit – Mailed Notices (Information for letter provided by City Staff)
	A certified copy of the Mailing (refer to page 8 of this application for additional details & requirements): A list of all property owners within 500 feet of the site must be provided to Planning and Zoning Division no less than fifteen (15) days prior to hearing date.

Is the property for this application subject to unpaid city liens, fines or fees?
 If so, the Landowner must resolve all fees prior to placement on the City Commission agenda.

Yes No



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Applicability

Article IV – Development Review Requirements

Section 4.6. – Standards for approval:

The City Commission, in reviewing any application for approval of a special exception use, shall consider the following:

- A. The effect of such use on surrounding properties.
- B. The suitability of the use in regard to its location, site characteristics, and intended purpose.
- C. Access, traffic generation and road capacities.
- D. Economic benefits or liabilities.
- E. Demands on utilities, community facilities, and public services.
- F. Compliance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plans for Broward County and/or the City of Lauderhill.
- G. Factors relating to safety, health, and general public welfare.

Information about the Business / Use (to be included in the Narrative)

- Business Description (list all activities conducted at your business)
- Date the business is expected to open.
- Days and Hours of Operation for the Business (include the estimated number of employees on duty per day)
- Estimated number of persons that the business will employ
- List the job titles and approximate salaries for the proposed employees
- Size of the building area that the business will occupy
- Describe how your business will affect the residents who live close by.
- Describe how this business/ use will affect neighboring businesses.
- Explain what site characteristics make this location suitable for your business/ use.
- Explain how this business/ use will affect the community economically.
- Describe any fire hazards associated with the business/ use.
- Describe what security measures the business/ use will require.
- Describe any chemicals, fluids, gases or potentially hazardous substances that the business/ use requires or stores on-site.
- Describe the water demand that the business/ use may require (above "normal" bathroom needs for employees and customers to use toilets and washing).
- Describe any activity the proposed business/ use will utilize city park facilities.
- Describe any activity the proposed business/ use will generate noise, light or vibrations.
- Describe transit, automobile or pedestrian traffic that the proposed business/ use will create in the area.
- Describe any activity of the proposed business/ use may engage in related to alcohol, music or live entertainment.
- Describe any other aspects of the business/ use that may be relevant to the City's review not requested.



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Additional Information about the Business / Use for Childcare / Schools

1. Provide evidence of financial responsibility: Submit monthly profit and loss statements for a 1 year period and a bank statement showing sufficient resources to cover any losses.
2. Provide evidence of ownership of the property or a contract or option to purchase or lease.
3. Provide evidence of a letter submitted to the Department of Public Services, Social Services Division, acknowledging your desire operate a child care facility.
4. Evidence of past job and education experience or both showing that the applicant and employees of the applicant are qualified to operate a child care facility.
5. List of all persons with a financial interest in the facility, along with affidavits from each stating whether or not that person was ever convicted of a crime. Also provide a copy of each person's driver's license and social security number.
6. The owner or operator of any child care facility shall annually provide proof that said facility has obtained and will continue in effect a Comprehensive General Liability Insurance Policy in the minimum amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for bodily injury and property damage. Proof of such insurance policy shall be provided to the Finance Department in conjunction with the filing of the Local Business Tax Receipt application. Said owner or director shall also provide the Finance Department thirty (30) days prior notice of the expiration or cancellation of said insurance policy.
7. Demonstrate conformance with the usable indoor floor space, outdoor play area, staff-to-child ratio, and toilet and bath facility requirements in Florida Administrative Code Section 65C-22.002, as may be amended from time-to-time.
8. If transportation services are provided, the following requirements shall apply:
9. The transportation services requirements specified in the Florida Administrative Code as may be amended from time-to-time.
10. Annually provide proof that said facility has obtained and will continue in effect a Comprehensive General Liability Insurance Policy in the minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury and property damage. Proof of such insurance policy shall be provided to the Finance Department in conjunction with the filing of the Local Business Tax Receipt application. Said owner or director shall also provide the Finance Department thirty (30) days prior notice of the expiration or cancellation of said insurance policy.
11. Any other documentation that the Planning and Zoning Director deems relevant to the operation of such facility.



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Property Description			
Street Address: 5428 N University DR		Folio Number(s):	
Nearest Cross Street:			
Subdivision:		Block:	Lot:

Business Information	
Business Name (if applicable): Icon Restaurant and Lounge	Business Owner: Renald Innocent
Mailing Address: 5428 N University DR Lauderhill	City, State & Zip Code: Lauderhill FL 33351
Phone Number: 954) 588-3919	Email: Webinnocente msn.com

Applicant, Owner's Representative or Agent	Landowner (Owner of Record)
Business Name (if applicable): Icon Restaurant and Lounge	Business Name (if applicable): ABC Development / 3MTPA
Name and Title: Renald Innocent owner	Name and Title: Jorge Gonzalez / Manager
Signature: <i>Renald Innocent</i>	Signature: <i>Jorge Gonzalez</i>
Date: 4-30-25	Date: 4/29/25
Mailing Address: Same as Above	Mailing Address: 7215 NW 7 St
City, State & Zip:	City, State & Zip Code: MIAMI FL 33126
Phone Number: 954) 588-3919	Phone Number: 305) 663-0322
Email: Webinnocente@msn.com	Email: Jorge@ABCCommercial.net
All communication will be sent to the Landowner (Owner of Record) and Applicant.	



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Architect	Engineer
Business Name (if applicable):	Business Name (if applicable):
Name and Title:	Name and Title:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:
Mailing Address:	Mailing Address:
City, State & Zip:	City, State & Zip Code:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Email:	Email:

Attorney	Other
Business Name (if applicable):	Business Name (if applicable):
Name and Title:	Name and Title:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:
Mailing Address:	Mailing Address:
City, State & Zip:	City, State & Zip Code:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Email:	Email:



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Site Data	
Development / Project Name:	
Briefly describe the special exception requested (a project narrative must be submitted separately that explains in greater detail the request & address each review standard 4.6. Standards for approval):	
Live Entertainment and DJ	
Cover charge during special event	
Part of the restaurant will always be open	
to the general public for dining no cover	
Additional Information	
Have any other applications been submitted for this site?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If so, list the other applications & provide reference to the Meeting Date/ Results:	
Pre-Application Conference Date:	
DONE	



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AFFIDAVIT

I AM THE LANDOWNER OF RECORD (OR I HAVE FURNISHED THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL WITH A NOTARIZED LETTER FROM THE LANDOWNER AUTHORIZING ME TO SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION ON THEIR BEHALF), AND DO HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 1. THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION AND THE ATTACHMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
- 2. CONSISTENT WITH THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, I WILL CAUSE A SIGN AT LEAST THREE (3) SQUARE FEET IN SIZE TO BE POSTED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FACING AND VISIBLE FROM THE STREET AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOREOVER, I CERTIFY THE SIGN WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR THE DURATION OF THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THE POSTING OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SIGN POSTED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING. I WILL CAUSE THIS SAME SIGN TO BE REMOVED WITHIN SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE HEARING AND PHOTOGRAPH OF THE REMOVED SIGN SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT.
- 3. CONSISTENT WITH THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, I WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY POSTMARKED NO FEWER THAN 15 CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING DATE.

Landowner's Name: ABC Development / SITPA.
(or Authorized Official – Owner's Authorization Letter required if not the Owner of Record)

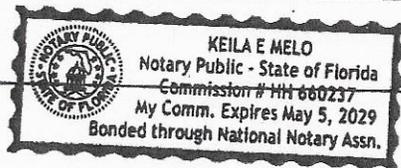
Address: 7215 NW 7st

Miami (City) FL (State) 33126 (Zip Code)

[Signature]
Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 29th day of April, 2025 by means of physical presence or online notarization.

Keila E. Melo
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA
Keila E. Melo
(Name of Notary Public: Print, stamp, or Type as Commissioned.)



Personally know to me, or
 Produced identification: _____
(Type of Identification Produced)



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:
REAL ESTATE RESEARCH SERVICES

The following companies have provided the required certified mailing list for previous applicants. This is not a comprehensive list of companies that provide this service, nor shall this be construed as a list of companies the City endorses. This is merely a list of businesses who have provided this service in the past. Please refer to the yellow pages or internet search engine for additional sources.

**Alldata Real Estate
Systems, Inc.**
290 NE 51st Street
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
(954) 772-1800

Cutro & Associates, Inc.
1025 Yale Drive
Hollywood, FL
(954) 920-2205

SIGN SPECIFICATIONS:

Sign will be three (3) feet by three (3) feet in size and of a durable material. The applicant is required to post the sign on the property for which approval is sought at least fifteen (15) days before the public hearing. No permit shall be required for such sign.

The sign shall be posted upon the property so as to face, and be visible from, the street upon which the property is located.

SIGN must be WHITE background, BLACK letters.

SIGN must be securely attached to two, 2" x 4" posts (with nails or screws), and must be a minimum of 3 feet above ground level.

POSTS shall be set a minimum of 18" below ground level.

**CITY OF LAUDERHILL
NOTICE
OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

SPECIAL EXCEPTION

DATE:

TIME:

**CITY OF LAUDERHILL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
5581 WEST OAKLAND PARK BLVD
LAUDERHILL, FL 33313**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL 954-730-3050**



Site Address	5426-5464 N UNIVERSITY DRIVE, LAUDERHILL FL 33319	ID #	4941 15 13 0010
Property Owner	ABC DEVELOPMENT INC S17TPA CORP	Millage	1912
Mailing Address	7215 NW 7 ST MIAMI FL 33126	Use	11-05
Abbr Legal Description	BOULEVARD SHOPPES NO 1 106-45 B LOT 1,2,3,4 & 5 BLK 3		

The just values displayed below were set in compliance with **Sec. 193.011, Fla. Stat.**, and include a reduction for costs of sale and other adjustments required by **Sec. 193.011(8)**.

* 2025 values are considered "working values" and are subject to change.

Property Assessment Values					
Year	Land	Building / Improvement	Just / Market Value	Assessed / SOH Value	Tax
2025*	\$1,885,400	\$6,417,830	\$8,303,230	\$8,164,040	
2024	\$1,885,400	\$6,417,830	\$8,303,230	\$7,421,860	\$207,804.42
2023	\$1,885,400	\$4,861,750	\$6,747,150	\$6,747,150	\$187,285.85

2025* Exemptions and Taxable Values by Taxing Authority				
	County	School Board	Municipal	Independent
Just Value	\$8,303,230	\$8,303,230	\$8,303,230	\$8,303,230
Portability	0	0	0	0
Assessed/SOH	\$8,164,040	\$8,303,230	\$8,164,040	\$8,164,040
Homestead	0	0	0	0
Add. Homestead	0	0	0	0
Wid/Vet/Dis	0	0	0	0
Senior	0	0	0	0
Exempt Type	0	0	0	0
Taxable	\$8,164,040	\$8,303,230	\$8,164,040	\$8,164,040

Sales History			
Date	Type	Price	Book/Page or CIN
4/25/2013	WD-D	\$5,625,000	111506177
4/26/2006	SWD	\$5,820,000	41918 / 1751
2/1/1985	WD	\$4,935,000	17709 / 396

Land Calculations		
Price	Factor	Type
\$12.00	157,117	SF
Adj. Bldg. S.F. (Card, Sketch)		48042
Eff./Act. Year Built: 1985/1984		

Special Assessments								
Fire	Garb	Light	Drain	Impr	Safe	Storm	Clean	Misc
19								
C								
48042								



5428 North University Dr.
Lauderhill, FL 33351
(954)588-3919
Info@iconloungefl.com

Date: 4/30/2025

City of Lauderhill
Planning & Zoning / Business Licensing Department
5581 W Oakland Park Blvd
Lauderhill, FL 33313

Subject: Request for Approval of Live Entertainment and Door Charges – Icon Lounge
To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Icon Lounge, located at 5428 N University Drive, Lauderhill, FL 33351, I respectfully submit this letter to formally request approval to host live entertainment and to charge admission at the door for select events.

Icon Lounge is committed to creating a safe, vibrant, and culturally rich atmosphere that enhances the nightlife experience in the City of Lauderhill. Our live entertainment will include local and regional talent such as musicians, DJs, spoken word artists, and comedians—many of whom are part of the South Florida creative community. We believe that offering these experiences will provide positive social engagement opportunities for residents and visitors while supporting local talent and entrepreneurship.

In addition to live entertainment, we seek permission to charge admission for specific events. This will allow us to cover operational costs associated with enhanced security, technical staffing, and performer fees—ensuring we maintain a high standard of quality and safety for all guests.

Icon Lounge will maintain consistent hours of operation from Wednesday to Sunday, 5:00 PM to 2:00 AM, providing a dependable and well-managed schedule that aligns with community expectations and local regulations.

Business Narrative of Icon Lounge

Icon Lounge is more than a restaurant but a lounge—it is a cultural hub dedicated to celebrating diversity, fostering community engagement, and promoting economic development in Lauderhill and the greater Broward County area. We proudly serve a diverse clientele, representing all races, ethnicities, and age groups, and are intentional about creating an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcomed and respected.

Here at Icon Lounge, we employed more than 15 workers from the local area, contributing to job creation and economic stability in the community. Our team includes security personnel, bartenders, servers, event staff, and entertainment coordinators—many of whom are residents of Lauderhill or surrounding neighborhoods.

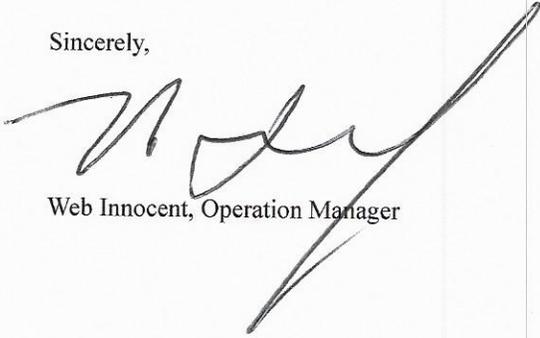
Our mission is to enrich the local community by offering elevated entertainment experiences, hosting community-focused events, and supporting minority-owned businesses and artists. Icon Lounge provides a platform for entrepreneurs, vendors, and performers from all backgrounds to showcase their talent and services.

We believe in giving back and collaborating with community leaders to host events that support charitable causes, small business expos, networking nights, and cultural celebrations. These efforts contribute to a stronger, more connected community in Lauderhill and throughout Broward County.

We are fully committed to complying with all city codes, safety regulations, and licensing requirements and are open to working with city officials to ensure a positive and professional relationship with local authorities.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information or documentation that may be required. Sincerely,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. De...', written over a vertical line that runs down the page.

Web Innocent, Operation Manager