

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2021-547

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Members Carlucci and Carrico

**Date of Introduction:** August 10, 2021

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS

**Date of Analysis:** August 12, 2021

**Type of Action:** Direction to Office of General Counsel and Sheriff's Office

**Bill Summary:** The bill directs the Office of General Counsel and the Sheriff's Office to investigate, determine, and abate, if necessary, by all means possible, public nuisance conditions associated with the property and uses located at 3225 Southside Boulevard, operating as Mascaras Gentlemen's Club.

**Background Information:** The preamble to the bill states that the location of Mascaras Gentlemen's Club on Southside Boulevard has been the site of numerous criminal activities, including prostitution, drug crimes, shootings, murders and deaths, including the recent triple shooting leaving one person dead on August 1, 2021. It states that, while certain activities within the establishment are protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, criminal activity taking place outside and around the establishment constitutes a public nuisance and threat to public safety. The City Council therefore directs the Office of General Counsel and the Sheriff's Office to investigate and gather information about the criminal activity taking place at the premises and, if justified by the evidence, to pursue an injunction and/or civil penalties to abate the public nuisance.

**Policy Impact Area:** Public safety

**Fiscal Impact:** None directly to the City

**Analyst:** Clements