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**Title:** Amending Sections 38.06(11)(c) and 38.06(12)(c) of the Madison General Ordinances to require establishments to obtain entertainment licenses for karaoke performances.  
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7/11/2017	1	COMMON COUNCIL	Refer	Pass
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**Fiscal Note**

The proposed ordinance change will require alcohol licensed premises offering karaoke to obtain a live entertainment license when offering karaoke. Under this change, establishments will have the option to obtain a permit at \$50/event or an annual license for \$300/year. Establishments that opt to obtain permits will be required to obtain an annual license after hosting 6 events. All licensing and permitting decisions are subject to ALRC approval.

**Title**

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**Body**

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: The amendment would remove karaoke performances from the list of activities that does not require an alcohol licensed premise to purchase and maintain an entertainment license. Current law requires an entertainment license whenever a live music (other than a single acoustical performer) or a disk jockey perform for a live audience. This amendment would require premises obtain entertainment licenses prior to hosting any karaoke performances or events. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2018.  
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The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Subdivision (c) entitled "Live Entertainment Defined" of Subsection (11) entitled "21+

Entertainment License” of Section 38.06 entitled “General Provisions and Hours” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

“(c) Live Entertainment Defined. A licensed establishment shall be deemed to offer or allow live entertainment if any of the following activities are offered, permitted or allowed:

1. live music performances;
2. disc jockeys;
3. the establishment has a designated dance floor area.

Live entertainment does not include non-amplified or acoustic music performed by a single artist, ~~or performances where an uncompensated patron sings along with a machine that plays pre recorded music, commonly known as “karaoke.”~~”

2. Paragraph entitled “Live Entertainment” of Subdivision (c) entitled “Definitions” of Subsection (12) entitled “18+ Centers For Visual and Performing Arts” of Section 38.06 entitled “General Provisions and Hours” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

““Live Entertainment” means a live music or disc jockey performance being heard and/or viewed at the time of performance and in the physical presence of a live audience. Live entertainment does not include non-amplified or acoustic music performed by a single artist, ~~or performances where an uncompensated patron sings along with a machine that plays pre recorded music, commonly known as “karaoke.”~~”

3. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2018.