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## Diamonds Cabaret Surrenders Sexually Oriented Business License

Diamonds Cabaret, an adult cabaret located at 2442-2444 Walnut Ridge, surrendered its sexually oriented business license Wednesday for violating the Dallas City Code.

Diamonds Cabaret was at the center of controversy last month when a 12-year-old girl told police that she had performed nude at the club in late 2007. A criminal investigation is ongoing.

During a Dallas Police Department Vice Unit inspection of the cabaret on April 1, 2008, police found that the cabaret was not maintaining current registration cards identifying all employees of the cabaret and cited the manager for the violation.

Maintenance of identification records is required by Section 41A-7.1 of the Dallas City Code. On April 4, 2008, Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle notified Diamonds Cabaret that its sexually oriented business license was to be suspended for the maximum period of 30 days. The cabaret filed a notice of appeal to the Permit License and Appeals Board; the hearing of that appeal was set for today, May 15, 2008. Diamonds Cabaret notified the Dallas City Attorney's Office that it was withdrawing its appeal and surrendering its license to operate for a period of 30 days.

Last month's controversy and the investigation that followed prompted the Dallas City Council to move quickly to strengthen City ordinances to protect minors from exploitation in sexually oriented businesses. On April 16, 2008, the Dallas City Council amended Chapter 41A of the Dallas City Code, including the requirements for employee identification records. This suspension occurred under the ordinances existing prior to the April 16, 2008 amendments.