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## Portland Planning Board Rejects Buffer for Entertainment Venues

### Description

Portland's planning board turned down a rule about how far music venues must be from each other. Now, city councilors will make the final decision on this rule.

If the council rejects the rule, a company called Live Nation can build a big music venue in downtown. This venue would hold over 3,000 people. Some people are worried about this plan. They think it might hurt Portland's music scene.

Local musician Doug Kolmar is against Live Nation's plan. He is happy about the planning board's decision. He believes it could stop the build. Scott Moeller, head of the Maine Music Alliance, shares this concern. He thinks Live Nation could negatively affect local artists.

The city council will vote on the rule on April 27. Mayor Mark Dion believes the venue will likely be approved. He thinks opponents have tried without success to stop it. Some are worried about parking for the new venue, but the city's development director says parking spaces are available. Live Nation has not responded to questions about the new rule.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **venue** //ˈvenju// (noun): a place where events or performances happen
2. **opponents** //əˈpɒnənts// (noun): a person who is against something
3. **approved** //əˈpruvd// (verb): to say yes to a plan or idea
4. **negatively** //ˈnegətɪvli// (adverb): in a bad or harmful way
5. **concern** //kənˈsɜrn// (noun): a worry about something that matters
6. **responded** //rɪˈspɒndɪd// (verb): to answer or react to a question

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What did Portland's planning board do regarding music venues?

Option: Approved a new rule

Option: Turned down a rule



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- Option: Ignored the rule
  - Option: Proposed a new rule

2. What is the capacity of the music venue that Live Nation plans to build?

- Option: 1,500 people
- Option: 2,500 people
- Option: 3,000 people
- Option: 4,000 people

3. Who is against Live Nation's plan?

- Option: Doug Kolmar
- Option: Mark Dion
- Option: Scott Moeller
- Option: City Councilors

4. When will the city council vote on the rule?

- Option: April 20
- Option: April 27
- Option: May 1
- Option: May 15

5. Who is the head of the Maine Music Alliance?

- Option: Doug Kolmar
- Option: Scott Moeller
- Option: Mark Dion
- Option: Live Nation

6. What is a concern mentioned about the new venue?

- Option: Location distance
- Option: Environmental impact
- Option: Parking availability
- Option: Noise levels

### True-False

7. The city councilors will make the final decision on the music venue rule.

8. Live Nation has confirmed they will not build the new venue.



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9. Doug Kolmar believes the planning board's decision could stop the build.
  10. Mayor Mark Dion thinks the venue will be rejected by the city council.
  11. Scott Moeller believes Live Nation could help local artists.
  12. The planning board's decision was to approve the rule for music venues.

### Gap-Fill

13. The city council will decide on the music venue rule on \_\_\_\_\_ next.
14. Local musician Doug Kolmar is \_\_\_\_\_ about the planning board's decision.
15. Live Nation's venue would hold over \_\_\_\_\_ people.
16. Parking for the new venue is apparently \_\_\_\_\_ according to the city's development director.
17. Scott Moeller warns that Live Nation could negatively affect local \_\_\_\_\_ artists.
18. Some community members are worried that a new venue could hurt Portland's music \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Turned down a rule 2. 3,000 people 3. Doug Kolmar 4. April 27 5. Scott Moeller  
6. Parking availability

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. April 27 14. happy 15. 3,000 16. available 17. musician 18. scene

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