

Mercury Lounge Band Policy

I. Types of Shows

Mercury Lounge books original rockabilly, alternative country, classic country, punk, or mod-rock bands (or any band that mixes the categories above). Other types of music may be considered, but Mercury Lounge will not book grunge, metal, rap, or any Top-40 style country or pop. Any band wanting to play must be able to perform from 10:00 PM to 1:30 AM with a maximum of three (3) 15 minute set breaks. A demo CD must be provided to secure booking.

II. Types of Payment

Any of the following payment options are possible:

a) Door Gig

Under this option, the band plays for the door with no guarantee. If the total sales for the evening are less than \$1,500, the payment for the doorman's pay will be taken from the door at a rate of \$50 for the night. If the total sales for the evening are less than \$1000, \$50 additional will be subtracted from the door PA rental (Mercury Lounge does not own the PA provided).

Mercury Lounge management will determine the advertised cover, which will not be less than \$5.00. The Mercury Lounge doorman will, however, be allowed to negotiate cover for large groups or if it is nearing the end of the show, so payment to the band may not be a multiple of the cover charge.

This being said, we do work very hard to collect as much money as possible for any band playing.

b) Register Percentage

This option is only available on Sunday through Thursday. The band may play for a flat 10% of the sales AT THE TIME THE BAND STOPS PLAYING.

The band must start no later than 10:00 PM. No cover will be charged.

Unless previous arrangements have been made, this payment method will be the only option available Sunday through Thursday.

c) Guarantee

With this option, the band may set a guarantee minimum payment from the bar. The band will also receive 100% of the cover collected above the guarantee if the guaranteed amount is less than 15% of the total bar sales for the evening (i.e., a band with a \$150 guarantee will receive the entire door once the bar sales exceed \$1000 while a band with a \$300 guarantee would not receive the entire door until the bar sales exceeded \$2000).

If the total sales for the evening are less than \$1500, the payment for the doorman's pay will be taken from the door at a rate of \$50 for the night. If the total sales for the evening are less than \$1000, \$50 additional will be subtracted from the door for PA rental. Mercury Lounge management will determine the advertised cover, which will not be less than \$5.00. The Mercury Lounge doorman will, however, be allowed to negotiate cover for large groups or if it is nearing the end of the show, so payment to the band may not be a multiple of the cover charge. This being said, we do work very hard to collect as much money as possible for any band playing.

III. Drinking

The band is not only allowed to drink, but is encouraged to drink, as this usually leads to everyone having a better time. All Budweiser, Miller, and Coors products as well as selected high-point domestic beers are free for the band. The band may run a tab for import beers or liquor, but this will be deducted from the band's play at the end of the night.

IV. Things that Piss Us Off (and potential reasons for reduced or forfeited payment)

- a) Plugging a show at another venue.
- b) Getting in any kind of altercation with the bar staff or customers.
- c) Inability to finish a show due to avoidable circumstances (i.e. arguments within the band).
- d) Double booking the same night at a different venue, (this may also result in cancellation of the show at Mercury Lounge without notice to the band).