Ybor Nightclub Closes After Lawsuit Is Filed

TAMPA — The Masquerade nightclub in Ybor City has closed.

According to the club's Web site and answering machine, upcoming concerts have been canceled or moved.

The property owner, Capitano & Garcia LLC, filed a lawsuit Feb. 22 alleging Ybor City Masquerade Inc. owes more than \$92,000 in rent, insurance and taxes.

"The tenant is significantly behind in payments," said Mark M. Wall, an attorney for the owner.

Wall said Masquerade, which occupied the historic Ritz Theatre, 1503 E. Seventh Ave., had until the close of business today to respond to the lawsuit.