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| **Alcohol Impact Area Review – Spokane Downtown Urban Core** | |
| Date: | May 20, 2015 |
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Background

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| On April 7, 2010, at the request of the city of Spokane, the Board granted recognition of the Downtown Alcohol Impact Area, with implementation effective May 15, 2010. Per WAC 314-12-215, this document provides a review of the data submitted to the Liquor Control Board in the annual reports covering 2010 through 2014. |

**Findings**

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| Spokane’s total numbers of calls for service are up over the last 5 years by a total of 26%. However, calls closely related to alcohol consumption are down. These include calls for liquor violation, panhandling, detox calls for service. This is a strong indicator that the Alcohol Impact Area designation is having a positive effect. |

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| Comments from the community, including the Downtown Spokane Partnership, WSU Campus Security, and Downtown Security Ambassadors, have shown continued support for the Alcohol Impact Area designation due to decreases in alcohol-related issues. However, the Downtown Security Ambassadors did note in their most recent report that they have noticed more issues with hard alcohol consumption since privatization of liquor sales. |

Summary

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| The Alcohol Impact Area designation for the Spokane Downtown Urban Core continues to show positive results and community support. According to the most recent report, the sale of spirits will be a future focus to ensure the objectives of the Alcohol Impact Area continue to be met. |