



Washington State Liquor Control Board

Spokane East Central Alcohol Impact Area - Facts at a Glance

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The city of Spokane has requested that the Liquor Control Board approve a new mandatory alcohol impact area in the East Central area.

Major thoroughfare boundaries:

- On the west by Cannon Street
- On the east by Scott Street
- On the north by Main
- On the south by 5th Avenue right-of-way

Spokane Downtown District Alcohol Impact Area Facts

- 12 grocery and convenience stores are affected by the alcohol impact area

What is an Alcohol Impact Area?

An alcohol impact area is a geographical area within a city or town that is experiencing significant problems with chronic public inebriation or illegal activity associated with alcohol sales or consumption. Under state rule (Washington Administrative Code 314-12-210 through 314-12-225), a city or town can request that the Liquor Control Board formally recognize an alcohol impact area after the jurisdiction has unsuccessfully attempted to address the problems through community-based, voluntary efforts. The local jurisdiction must provide documentation to demonstrate a pervasive pattern of public intoxication and/or public consumption of alcohol in the alcohol impact area negatively impacting the community.

How will licensees be affected by the Alcohol Impact Area?

1. Local jurisdictions will have additional time to comment on new liquor license applications, assumptions, and renewals for businesses that sell beer or wine to-go within the alcohol impact area.
 - 60 days to comment on applications or assumptions that include alcohol sales “to go” (previously 20 days), or
 - 90 days to comment on license renewals (previously 60 days)
2. Stores selling alcohol “to go” would have to remove banned products from their inventory.
3. Distributors would not be allowed to distribute banned products to licensees in the alcohol impact area.

How many other mandatory Alcohol Impact Areas exist in Washington State?

• Tacoma – Two Alcohol Impact Areas

Tacoma Downtown Core (adopted by the Board in 2003 - the first to be adopted in the state)

Tacoma Lincoln District (adopted by the Board in 2009)

• Seattle – Three Alcohol Impact Areas

Pioneer Square (adopted by the Board in 2004)

Central District (2006) – The Pioneer Square AIA is within the Central AIA boundaries

North District (2006)

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