

H – West End Alcohol Impact Presentations -Voluntary Compliance Ord. Request 2013

West End Alcohol Impact Area

City of Tacoma
Tacoma Police Department

Tacoma City Council Meeting
February 19, 2013

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Council Members, City Manager, Attendees, ladies & gentlemen,
I am Officer Don Stodola assigned to the 2 sector as a Community Liaison Officer.

The West End Neighborhood Council request to establish a third alcohol impact area in
Tacoma

Overview

- The West End Neighborhood Council, with the support of 13 other community groups, is requesting that a new alcohol impact area be established for the health and safety concern in the increasing activity of chronic public inebriants in the West End of the City of Tacoma.

There has been an increased in calls for service for both police and Medical Aid for alcohol related incidents.

Overview (cont'd)

- Calls for police services for alcohol related activity has increase 42% over the last year.
- Calls for fire department medical services for alcohol related activity has increase 30% over the last year.

Calls for service for the police have increase 42% and 30% for the Fire Dept.

Alcohol Impact Areas

- Washington Administrative Code 314-12-215
- What is an Alcohol Impact Area and how is it different?
- The Liquor Control Board may place special conditions or **restrictions upon off-premises sales privileges, liquor products**, applicants, license assumptions or licensees that sell liquor for off-premises consumption

In 1999 the WAC code 314-12-215 was established This allows the city to restrict off premise or to go sales of liquor products.

This request applies to "Off Premise" or "To Go" sales only

Cannot completely cover the City Limits.

Chronic Public Inebriant (CPI)

- Tacoma's famous chronic public inebriant
- Ten years ago, News Tribune readers knew one particular Tacoman as the prime example of the price society pays for street drunks and addicts. In his case, it was an estimated \$2.4 million.
- The News Tribune November 21, 2011



The local news reported on the cost to taxpayer regarding CPIs, this particular person has been clean and sober for the past 2 years by taking advantage of then services offered by the City and community, such as the sobering center and clean & sober housing.

Partial Banned Product List

Wine (750ml)

- Cisco 18%
- MD 20-20 13%
- Night Train Express 17.5%
- Wild Irish Rose 17%
- Thunderbird 17.5%

• Cost: \$4.29 - \$5.69

• Available in Pints at \$1.99-\$2.49

Beer (24 oz)

- Ice House 5.5%
- Steel Reserve 8.1%
- Natural Ice 5.9%
- Four Loko 12%
- Old English 800 5.7%

Cost: \$1.19 - \$1.85

40 plus brands on the beer list

What alcohol products will be banned?

A partial list of Beer and the complete list of wine.

Steel Reserve, for example, is 8.1% ABV in a 24 oz is equivalent to nearly 4 cans of regular beer such as Budweiser.



These products are targeted because of their low cost and high alcohol content.

Regular beer is only 3.2% abv or less in a handful of states or counties that require it. Most mainstream US beers are 4-5% abv.

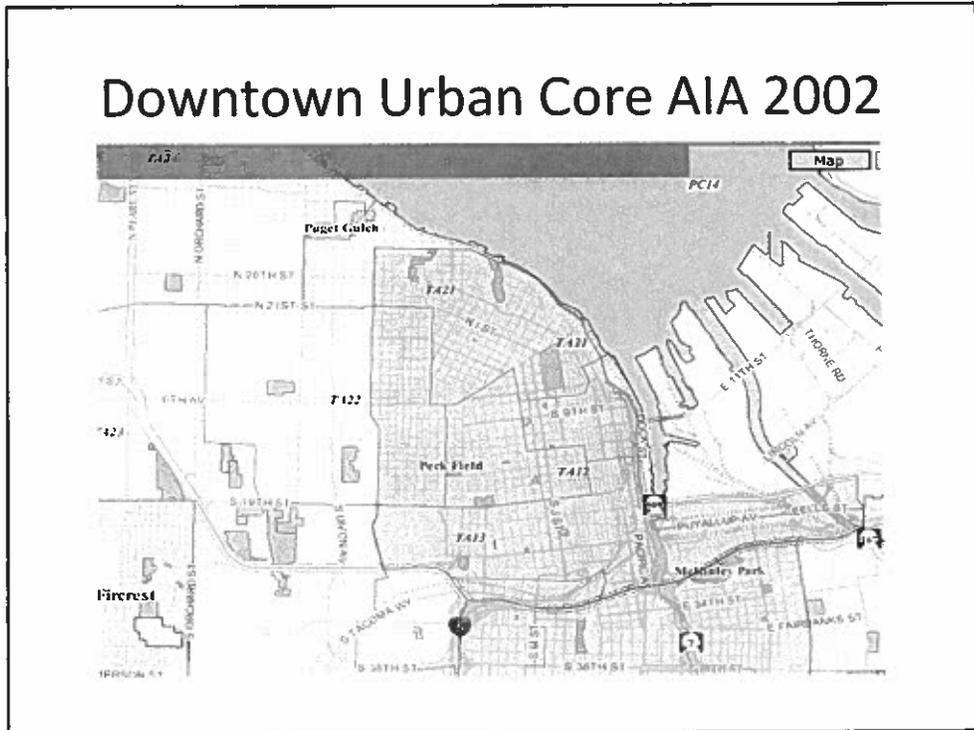
Malt liquor is usually 7-9% abv. They also tend to have low levels of hop bitterness. Not all strong beers are called malt liquor, usually just cheaper ones.

Ice beer got its name from the practice of freeze-concentrating a beverage. A brewer might let his beer freeze partially and skim out some of the ice. The remaining brew would be a little more potent after the removal of a portion of the (frozen) water. Today, it is just a marketing term signifying a beer slightly higher in alcohol than normal, usually 5.5-6.5% abv.

Regular wine contains 11-14% abv, not to exceed 14%

Fortified wines final alcohol level for these wines will range anywhere from 15% to 22% abv..

Downtown Urban Core AIA 2002



Dec 2001 - Downtown Urban Core Established

March 2002 Enforcement Started

2 years after AIA established:

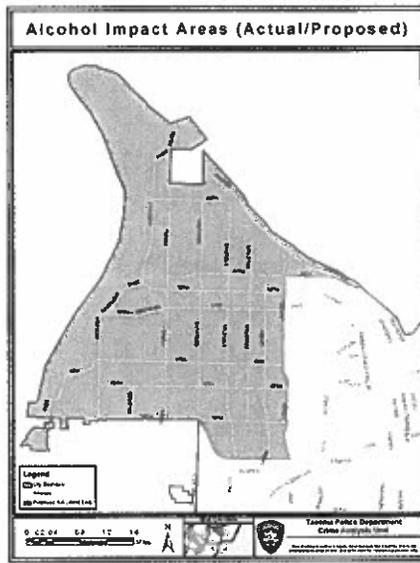
- 35% decrease for Medical Aid Calls

- 21% decrease for De-Tox Admissions

- 61% decrease for "Liquor in the Park" Police calls

Tacoma's first alcohol impact area and the first in Washington State and has been the model for other cities, like Seattle, Spokane & Vancouver, who have established AIA.

West End AIA Proposed



This the proposed area for the West End AIA

South border is SR-16 and Cedars Street W/B to S 19th St and follow the city limits to the Narrows Shoreline then follows the shoreline N/B around Point Defiance to N 30th And Schuster Parkway where it matches up to the Downtown Core AIA.

West End

- TPD Calls for Service (Alcohol Related)

<u>August-July</u>	<u>West End</u> TPD/TFD	<u>Downtown</u> TPD	<u>Lincoln</u> TPD
• 2010/2011	165/243	379	181
• 2011/2012	225/315	402	166

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42.1% increase in calls for alcohol related crimes in the Proposed West ~~Tacoma~~ AIA.
29.7% for TFD

37 Businesses sell Beer & Wine



As compared to the Lincoln AIA which has 65 businesses within it's boundary and the Downtown Urban Core which has 50 businesses in it's boundary.

S. 12th & Mildred Next To TCC
All were drinking Steel Reserve 211



I took this photo from my patrol car.

Each of these 4 men had open containers and multiple unopened cans in their packs.

As you can see the closest man is holding a large plastic slurpie type cup has Steele Reserve in it.

Franklin Park S. 12th & Puget Sound St

- Transient encampment Clean Up
– August 8, 2012
- Dog Bite High Gravity Malt Liquor
- Multiple 24 ounce cans
- 10% alcohol content



This can alone is the equivalent of four (4) 12 oz cans of standard beer like Budweiser (5%).

Transient camp near S. 12th St and SR-16 on Aug 16, 2012



Multiple cans strewed about the area. Earlier this month, we cleaned this encampment again for the same problems.

Cheney Stadium transient
camp with multiple cans of Icehouse,
Steel Reserve & Milwaukee's Best Ice



This camp was located because the transients had a fire that burned a significant part of a wooded area next to Hwy SR-16. Multiple cans and trash all about.

We, again, just cleaned this camp earlier this month for the same activities.

Three AIA in Tacoma



This would be the city footprint should the West End AIA be established.

Purple – Downtown Urban Core AIA

Green – Lincoln District AIA

Yellow – West End AIA

Benefits

- Proven record in the other two Tacoma AIA's
- Decreases calls for service of alcohol related crimes
- No businesses have closed due to establishing AIAs
- No increased cost to enforce
- Saves Public Safety money, personnel, & equipment
- Improves the quality of life (Safe/Clean/ Attractive)
- Parks have been reclaimed by neighborhood families

Proven Record

Decrease in calls

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Saves taxpayer money

Improves quality of life.

Community Support

Sponsored by: West End Neighborhood Council

Supported by:

- North End Neighborhood Council
- Central Neighborhood Council
- Old Town Business District
- 6th Ave Business District
- Tacoma Community College
- University of Puget Sound

These community groups have partnered together and are requesting the approval for the West End AIA.

Community Support (Continued)

- Tacoma Public Schools (19 Schools)
- Bellarmine Preparatory School
- St Charles Borromeo Catholic School
- Pierce Transit
- Tacoma Metro Parks (23 Parks)
- The Sobering Center at Metropolitan Development Council
- West End Puget Sound Kiwanis Club
- Allenmore Ridge Condominium Association

Recommendation

Enact the West End Alcohol Impact Area.

September 30, 2013, the City Council will be provided the results of the voluntary compliance period.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

(Lt Still asks if there are any questions)