Notice of Permanent Rules for Penalty Guidelines

This explanatory statement concerns the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board's adoption of the revisions to Chapter 314-29 WAC Penalty Guidelines.

The Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.325(6)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rulemaking.

Once persons who gave comment during this rulemaking have had a chance to receive this document, the Liquor and Cannabis Board will file the amended rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing (approximately October 22, 2016).

The Liquor and Cannabis Board appreciates your involvement in this rule making process. If you have any questions, please contact Karen McCall, Rules Coordinator, at (360) 664-1631 or e-mail at rules@lcb.wa.gov.

What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule?

As part of the board's on-going rules review process, rules regarding penalty guidelines were reviewed for relevance, clarity, and accuracy.

Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal.

One written comment was received on this rulemaking. Two stakeholder comments were received at the public hearing on September 7, 2016:

Lawrence J. Warren, City Attorney, City of Renton supported the rulemaking.

Julia Gorton, Washington restaurant Association: Supported part of the rulemaking but is opposed to counting public safety violations sequentially.

Josh McDonald – Washington Wine Institute: Supports the rulemaking but hopes the board will move to electronic payments for penalties.

WAC Changes

See attachment.