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| **Alcohol Impact Area Review – Tacoma Lincoln District** | |
| Date: | May 20, 2015 |
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Background

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| On July 15, 2008, the Board granted recognition of the Tacoma Lincoln District Alcohol Impact Area, with enforcement beginning in September, 2008. Per WAC 314-12-215, this document provides a review of the data submitted to the Liquor Control Board in the annual reports covering 2009 through 2014. |

**Findings**

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| Tacoma Police Department data indicate a significant decrease of over 50 percent in calls from the year prior to the establishment of the Alcohol Impact Area to the most recent reporting period. (See chart on next page.) It should be noted, however, that there was a bump in calls between September 2011 and August 2013. During the last three years the greatest decrease in calls, bringing the number back close to the 2010-2011 mark, was for “drunk in public” calls.  Reports indicate that checks are being conducted at selected locations, and all businesses checked show a 100% compliance rate in not selling restricted products.  Annual data from the Tacoma Fire Department (January-December) for calls for service represent alcohol- and/or drug-related incidents requiring Tacoma Fire Department intervention, i.e. medical aid. The calls for service are down over the last seven years by a total of 29 percent. The last three years have shown a leveling off of calls.  It is important to note that Pierce County’s only public assistance methadone clinic is located within the Lincoln Alcohol Impact Area. This clinic, overseen by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and managed by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, serves approximately 500-600 clients per day. |

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| Bob McCutchan, a local community representative who has been involved with the Alcohol Impact Area since its inception, provided comment supporting the continuance of the Alcohol Impact area designation. Mr. McCutchan, cited the decrease in police and fire calls, which save taxpayers thousands of dollars, and the positive comments received from community members and area businesses, as important factors for consideration. He also noted an uptick in Chronic Public Inebriant activities after the privatization of alcohol, specifying pint-size containers of cheap vodka and witnessing the sharing of contents of the larger spirit containers. |

Summary

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| The Alcohol Impact Area designation for the Tacoma Lincoln area continues to show positive results and community support. The Tacoma Police Department, the Tacoma Fire Department, eastside community groups, and concerned citizens remain committed to the project and continue to support the program. |