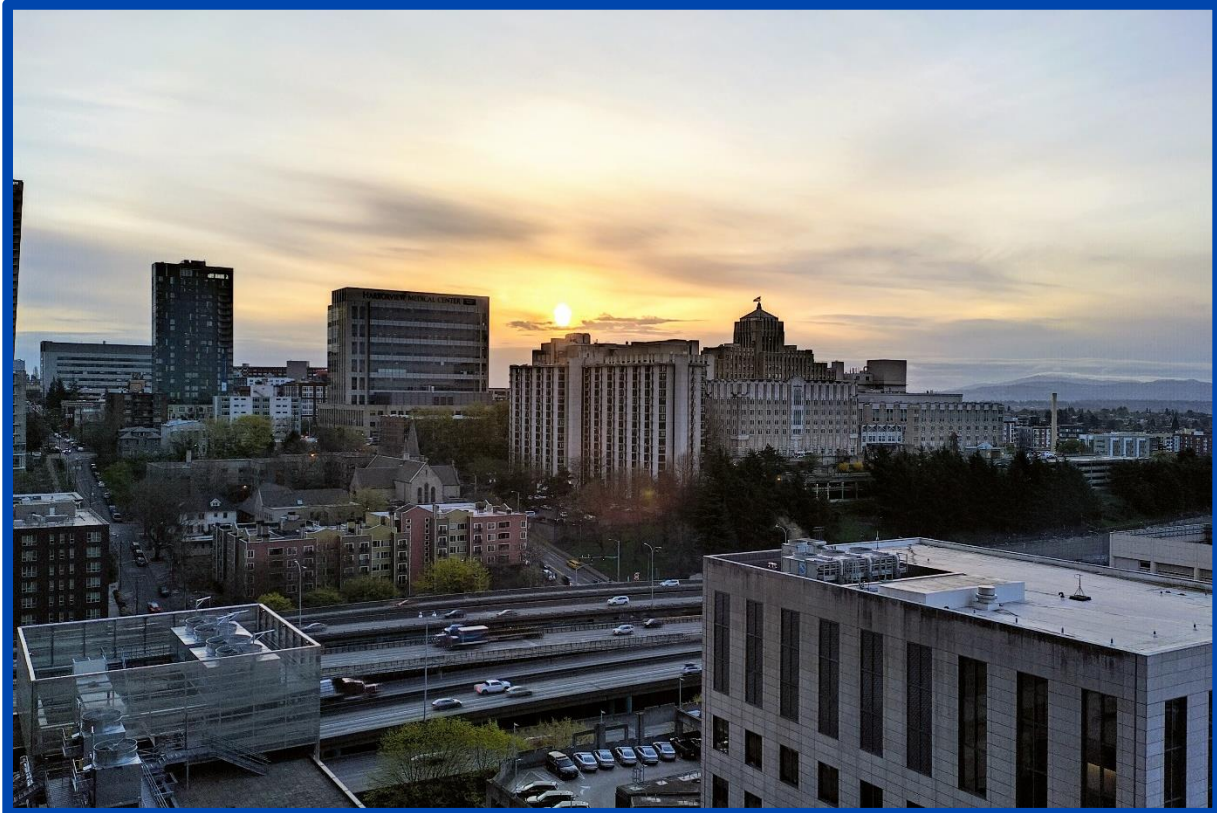




# Seattle Alcohol Impact Areas 2017-2022

SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS



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# Executive Summary

The City of Seattle has been working to decrease the negative public safety impacts of chronic public inebriation by utilizing Alcohol Impact Areas (AIA). Some community members report a decrease in Seattle's livability due to chronic public inebriation evident in the parks, on the streets and in front of their homes and businesses. In response, the AIAs and its initiatives were adopted in 2003 and amended in 2006. This initiative restricted single sales of alcohol products, as well as high-alcohol, low-priced products in the Central Core AIA and the North AIA.

Here are some of the highlights from the data between 2017 and 2022 in the AIAs. While it is difficult to quantify with pinpoint accuracy how the AIAs are improving public safety and chronic public inebriation, it is an important and proven tool for the City of Seattle as we mitigate the impacts of the same.

## Seattle Police Department Data Highlights:

- In the Central Core AIA, overall, there has been a reduction in crime reports since 2017.
- In the Central Core AIA, intoxication and liquor violation calls for this area have averaged 7,111 calls per year since 2017.
- In the Central Core AIA, the biggest increases in CAD calls have been for community-generated Intoxicated Person calls which increased by 20% (+795) in 2020 from 2019 and then 9% (+414) from 2020 to 2021.
- In the North AIA, there was a decrease in number of reports written for both DUI-Liquor and Liquor Law Violations in 2019 and 2020 but have maintained an overall average of 14 reports per year.
- Calls have decreased for the North AIA since 2017 but have averaged 29 calls per year.

## Seattle Fire Department Data Highlights:

- Half of all SFD ETOH and alcohol-related patient interactions occur within the Alcohol Impact Areas with almost all of those occurring within the Central Core AIA.
- Over the five-year period<sup>1</sup>, there were 11,494 alcohol related patient interactions within the Central Core AIA.
- Over the five-year period<sup>1</sup>, there were 659 alcohol related patient interactions within the North AIA.

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<sup>1</sup> Through August of 2022

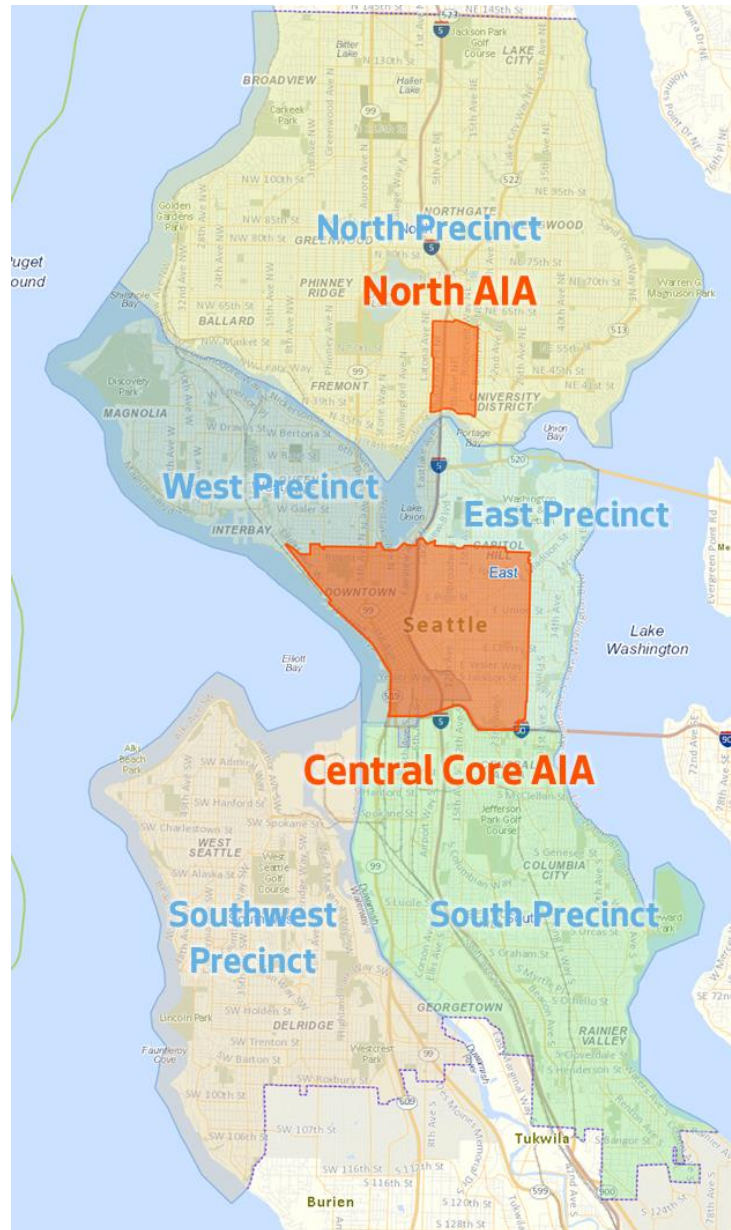
## Background

The AIA is a policy and enforcement tool specified by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) rules which local jurisdictions can use to reduce the problems related to chronic public inebriation in their respective communities. The goal behind this policy tool is to improve public safety, public health, and overall community well-being.

As a result of Ordinance No. 121487 and the City of Seattle's initiative, the WSLCB approved the areas designated as the Central Core (including Pioneer Square) and the North AIAs boundaries in November 2006. These mandatory AIAs restricted off-premises sales of some 34 brands of high-alcohol content, low price beer and wine products. These AIA now restrict the sale of approximately 46 brands of high alcohol content, low price beer and wine products. These AIAs also provide the local authority with greater timelines and leeway to object to a liquor license request within the boundaries. These AIAs continue to be an important element of the City's efforts to address public safety issues resulting from chronic public inebriation.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the AIAs, the WSLCB requires the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods to produce an updated report about them. Specifically, this report provides a five-year progress update per of WAC 314-12-215 section 8 starting from January 2017 through 2022. The report used available data from the Seattle Police Department (SPD) and the Seattle Fire Department (SFD).

Also included are letters of support from community groups residing in the AIAs, as well as law enforcement testimonials from two Seattle Police Officers. This data helps paint a more robust picture of the effect that the AIAs have in Seattle.



# Summary of Seattle Police Department (SPD) Data

## AIA Background

This report was created at the request of the Seattle City Attorney's Office to support the WSLCB Alcohol Impact Area AIA initiative. Predefined boundaries and previous data selection methodology were used for reporting. Based on the request and knowledge of the SPD's data and technology, the following methodology was used to gather alcohol-related events known to SPD.

## AIA Methodology

Geographic Information System (GIS) software was used to recreate the original AIA boundaries previously identified in North, East, and West Precincts. Records contained within SPD's current Records Management System (RMS) and Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) that contained a liquor/intoxication classification based on date of occurrence for the event location were extracted and mapped using x-y coordinates.

Data for the complete years (January 1-December 31) of 2017-2021 was extracted and broken out by incident report (RMS) and call type (CAD). Each component of the AIA report (tables and graphs) displays descriptive statistics summed for each year by data source (RMS & CAD), incident/call type.

## AIA Report Caveat

Previous SPD AIA reports were derived by rotating staff positions and included crime and call types that either directly (adult liquor violations) or indirectly (park exclusions and trespass) implied an alcohol or liquor component; similar criteria were used to identify the AIA geographic boundaries. This report provides ONLY those general offense reports and call types that were explicitly classified as alcohol, liquor, or intoxication. While the other offense and call types may be a proxy for alcohol-related crime and disorder, there is no way to conclude that alcohol was involved through the previous methodology. Other crime and call types may be used to gauge overall trend activity and correlations in the AIA. As of 5/6/2019, SPD offense reporting procedures changed. Offenses now include RCWs and SMCs which are filtered within the NIBRS1 crime categories below to include any applicable offenses.



Seattle Police Officer Testimonials

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BEFORE THE  
LIQUOR AND CANNABIS BOARD  
STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF  
SEATTLE'S 2023 ALCOHOL IMPACT  
AREA REPORT

DECLARATION OF SEATTLE POLICE SERGEANT  
CHAD MCLAUGHLIN

I, Sgt. Chad McLaughlin, being familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my personal knowledge, and being competent to testify, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

- 1. I am a Sergeant with the Seattle Police Department, assigned to the West Precinct. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify.
- 2. I began my career with the Seattle Police Department in 1999, I've spent most of that time assigned to patrol in the West Precinct. As part of my responsibilities and duties, I work with neighborhoods and communities, some of which are within the Central Core Alcohol Impact Area.
- 3. The Central Core Alcohol Impact Area is important to the community members who live, work, and visit these neighborhoods. The implementation of the Central Core Alcohol Impact Area has reduced the amount of publicly inebriated individuals and crimes and health related issues tied to the same, which has a positive effect on these communities.

DECLARATION OF SEATTLE POLICE SERGEANT CHAD MCLAUGHLIN - 1

1 4. As an Officer and Sergeant working in this area I have observed crimes associated with chronic public  
2 inebriation, as well as nuisance related crimes. While the issues and crimes surrounding public health and  
3 safety have not completely abated with the presence of the Central Core Alcohol Impact Area, it has helped  
4 in significant ways.

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6 5. Specifically, by prohibiting the purchase of low priced, highly concentrated alcohol products, and  
7 prohibiting off premises liquor sales from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., the Central Core Alcohol Impact Area has  
8 significantly reduced the public consumption of products that contribute to chronic public inebriation in the  
9 early morning hours, cut down on the alcohol related litter, and generally improved the overall public  
10 safety of the community members. Further, allowing more time for the Department, as the local authority,  
11 to evaluate the license applications within the Central Core Alcohol Impact Area allows community  
12 members to weigh in on the impact of these licenses, which is an important part of public safety and  
13 community engagement.

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15 6. As public drinking and associated issues with public inebriation have not completely abated, the Alcohol  
16 Impact Areas are essential to creating a safe environment for all individuals, and an important tool for  
17 helping accomplish the continuing goal of a clean and safe environment. The comments and concerns from  
18 the community that I have fielded substantiate these observations.

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20 I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

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22 DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2022

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24 /s/ Chad McLaughlin

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DECLARATION OF SEATTLE POLICE SERGEANT CHAD MCLAUGHLIN - 2

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DECLARATION OF SEATTLE POLICE  
OFFICER JESSICA CHANDLER

I, Seattle Police Officer, Jessica Chandler, being familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my personal knowledge, and being competent to testify, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. I am a Seattle Police Officer assigned to the North Precinct. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify.
2. I began my career with the Seattle Police Department in 2019 and have been assigned to the North Precinct my whole career. As part of my responsibilities and duties, I patrol the University Sector of the North Precinct, which includes the North Alcohol Impact Area.
3. As an officer working patrol in this area, I am tasked with responding to calls for service initiated through 911. During an average shift, many of these calls are associated with and related to chronic public inebriation, as well as nuisance calls that involve addiction or intoxication. Specifically, I encounter retailers reporting theft of alcohol, and individuals that are suffering from addiction and intoxication whose behavior is a concern for the community.
4. While performing my duties on patrol, I periodically encounter alcohol related liter, most

DECLARATION OF SEATTLE POLICE OFFICER JESSICA CHANDLER - 1



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notably empty cans and bottle of liquor and beer. Accordingly, the North Alcohol Impact Area is an important tool in restricting other products that would, in addition to those already on the market, contribute to the problems of chronic public inebriation.

5. From my observations, the negative effects from public drinking and intoxication continues to plague the communities that comprise the North Alcohol Impact Area. Most obviously are the individuals who begin their drinking early in the day, becoming inebriated into the evening, prompting calls from businesses and community members about problematic or hazardous conduct.
6. Resources available to patrol officers for addressing the health of individuals suffering from addiction and intoxication are limited, primarily tasked through the Fire Department. As a result, the importance of the North Alcohol Impact Area is even more apparent, and it remains an important tool to improve public safety and address public inebriation in the area.

I certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

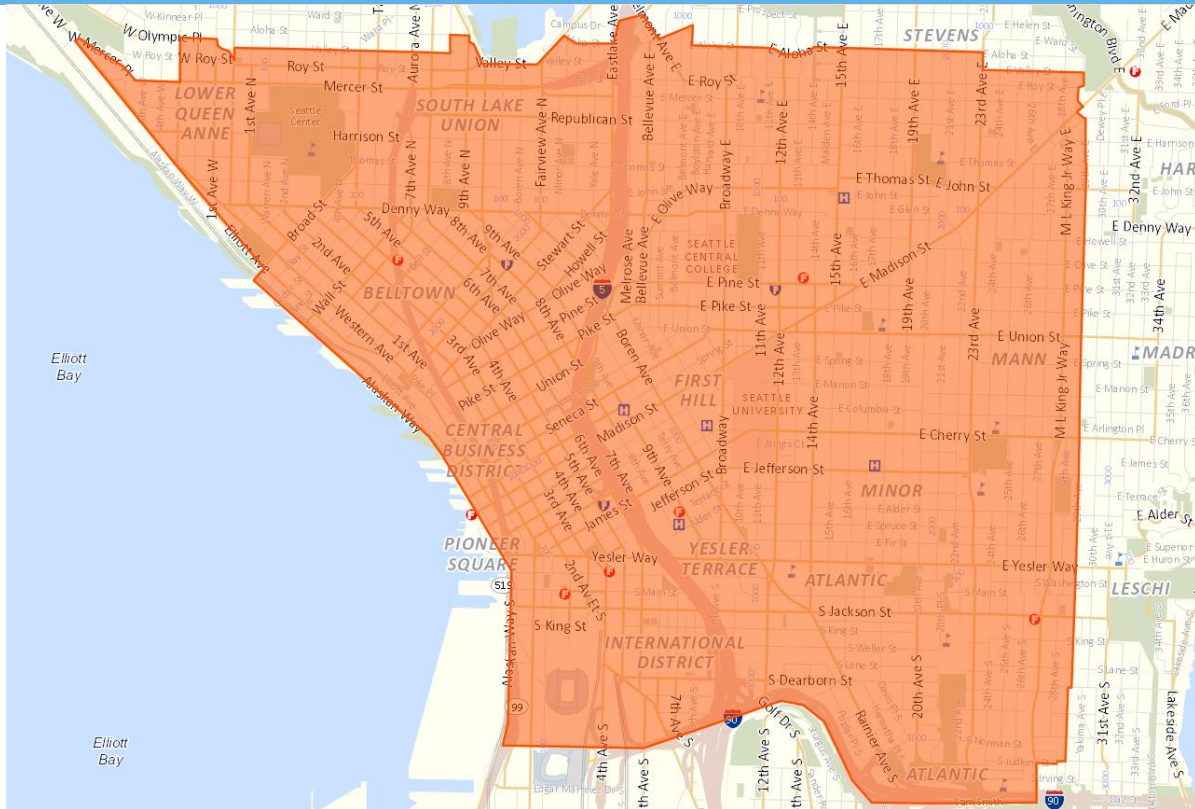
Dated this 10 day of November, 2022.

/s/ Jessica Chandler

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Jessica Chandler, Seattle Police

# Central Core AIA



## Crime Data<sup>2</sup>

Figure 1 Central Core AIA SPD Crime Data						
Offense	NIBRS Code Name	2017*	2018	2019	2020	2021
DUI	Driving Under the Influence	419	346	221	203	263
<b>Total</b>		<b>419</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>263</b>
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS & DRUNKENNESS	Drunkenness	0	0	1	1	1
	Liquor Law Violations	39	31	45	15	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>458</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>268</b>

\*2017 totals have been updated to reflect new reporting procedures

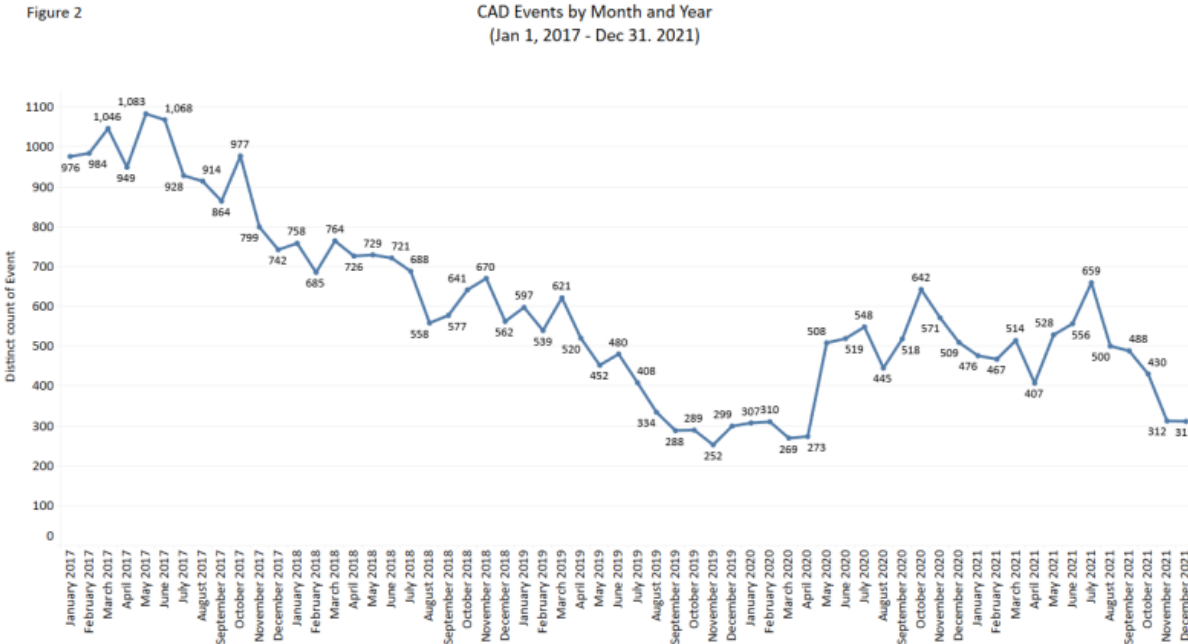
Figure 1 shows crime data for the Central Core AIA. Overall, there has been a reduction in crime reports since 2017. Liquor law violations had the biggest reductions year over year with a 67% (-30) reduction in 2020 from 2019 and then a 73% (-11) reduction in 2021 from 2020. It is likely that these totals were impacted by the pandemic. DUI totals have steadily decreased since 2018 but increased by 30% (+60) in 2021 from 2020.

<sup>1</sup> National Incident-Based Reporting System. For more information, please see: <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/need-an-fbi-service-or-more-information/ucr>

<sup>2</sup> SPD offense reporting procedures changed as of 5/6/19. Offense totals are based on distinct count of Reporting Event Number by offense and do not represent the number of victims. All offense sort orders, and approval statuses are included. Counts exclude Out of Jurisdiction and unfounded offenses. Offense data is dynamic and will change based on reporting and/or investigative updates. DUI-Drugs/Intoxicants SMCs and RCWs are excluded for this request.

### CAD Events<sup>3</sup>

Figure 2 shows Intoxication and Liquor Violation community-generated and officer-generated computer aided dispatch (CAD) calls by month and year. Intoxication and Liquor Violation calls for this area have averaged 7,111 calls per year since 2017. Both community and officer generated calls have been decreasing since 2017 but saw slight upticks in community-generated calls since May 2020.



<sup>3</sup> CAD data includes total officer-generated (onview) and community-generated (dispatch) calls. Community-generated calls are received by the 911 operating system and non-emergency phone lines. CAD events include criminal and non-criminal activity. Not all calls warrant a police response and are resolved in other ways. Cancelled and Duplicate calls are excluded.

Figure 3 Central Core AIA CAD Events							
Onview/Dispatched	Mir Subcategory	Mir Desc	2017*	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Dispatched (Community Generated)</b>	Intoxication & Liquor Violations	INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - ADULTS (VIOLATIONS)	172	158	113	24	11
		INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - INTOXICATED PERSON	9,469	6,929	3,927	4,722	5,136
		INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - MINORS (VIOLATIONS)	7	11	14	2	2
		LIQUOR VIOLATIONS - ADULT	0	2	2	0	0
		LIQUOR VIOLATIONS - MINOR	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>9,648</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>4,057</b>	<b>4,748</b>	<b>5,149</b>
<b>Onview (Officer Generated)</b>	Intoxication & Liquor Violations	INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - ADULTS (VIOLATIONS)	1,412	818	836	608	462
		INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - INTOXICATED PERSON	244	134	127	54	35
		INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - MINORS (VIOLATIONS)	21	19	31	4	0
		LIQUOR VIOLATIONS - ADULT	5	7	26	4	1
		LIQUOR VIOLATIONS - BUSINESS	0	0	1	1	1
		LIQUOR VIOLATIONS - MINOR	0	1	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,682</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>499</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>11,330</b>	<b>8,079</b>	<b>5,079</b>	<b>5,419</b>	<b>5,648</b>

\*2017 totals have been updated to correct previous report error.

As seen in Figure 3, the biggest increases have been for community-generated Intoxicated Person calls which increased by 20% (+795) in 2020 from 2019 and then 9% (+414) from 2020 to 2021.





## CAD Events

Figure 5 displays Intoxication and Liquor Violation community-generated and officer-generated computer-aided dispatch (CAD) calls by month and year for the North AIA. Calls have decreased for the North AIA since 2017 but have averaged 29 calls per year. 2020 totals had a 67% (-14) reduction from 2019 totals and 14% (-1) from 2021 compared to 2020. 2021 had the lowest recorded total for both community and officer generated calls. Figure 6 shows a breakdown of calls by year.

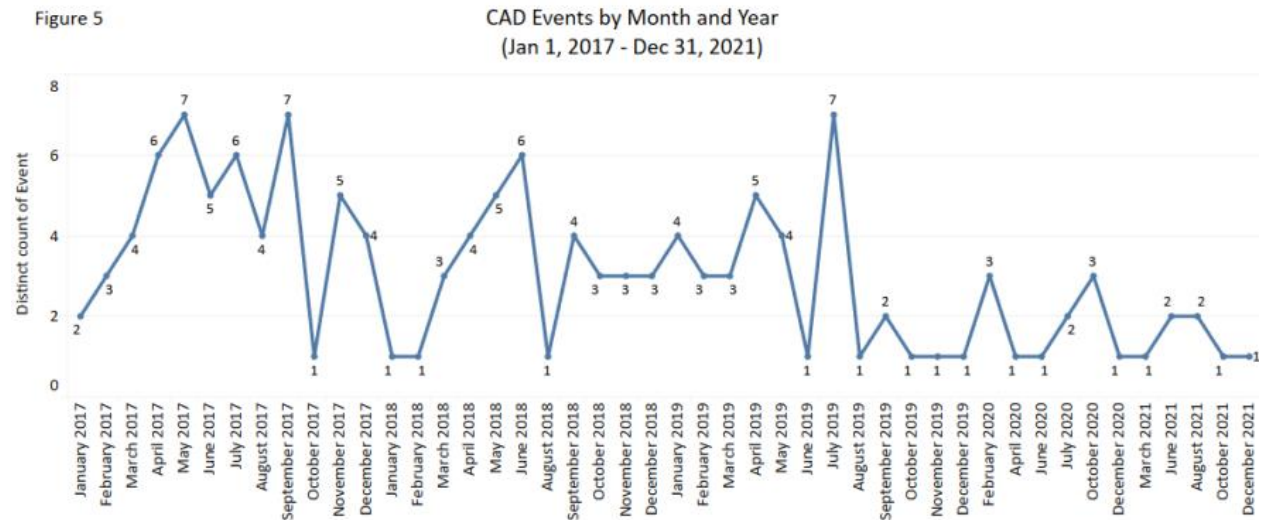


Figure 6		North AIA CAD Events					
Onview/Dispatched	Mir Subcategory	Mir Desc	2017*	2018	2019	2020	2021
Dispatched (Community Generated)	Intoxication & Liquor Violations	INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - ADULTS (VIOLATIONS)	2	8	8	2	5
		INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - INTOXICATED PERSON	14	11	13	5	1
		INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - MINORS (VIOLATIONS)	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
Onview (Officer Generated)	Intoxication & Liquor Violations	INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - ADULTS (VIOLATIONS)	28	9	11	4	1
		INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - INTOXICATED PERSON	10	3	1	0	0
		INTOX & LIQ VIOLS - MINORS (VIOLATIONS)	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>38</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>54</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>



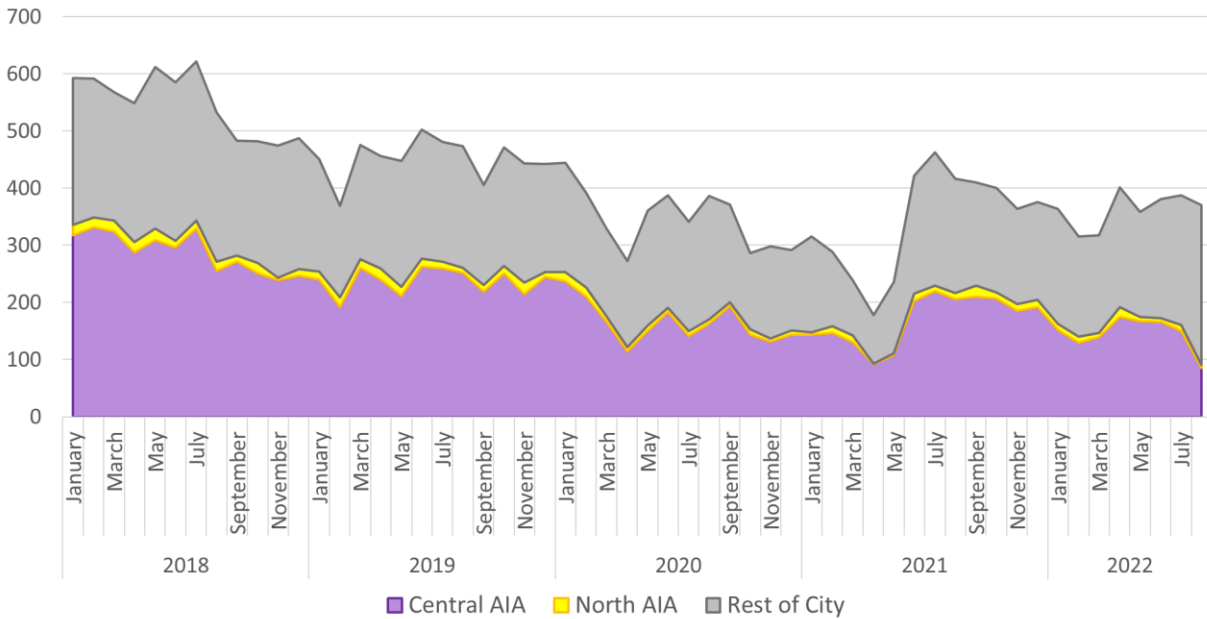
# Summary of Seattle Fire Department (SFD) Related Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Alcohol Calls

The Seattle Fire Department keeps data on EMS calls related to alcohol consumption.

## Monthly Alcohol Contacts

Half of all SFD ETOH and alcohol-related patient interactions occur within the Alcohol Impact Areas with almost all of those occurring within the Central Core AIA. 2022 only includes data through August and a larger percentage do not have location data associated with them. This may explain the lower percent coming from the Central Core AIA in 2022.

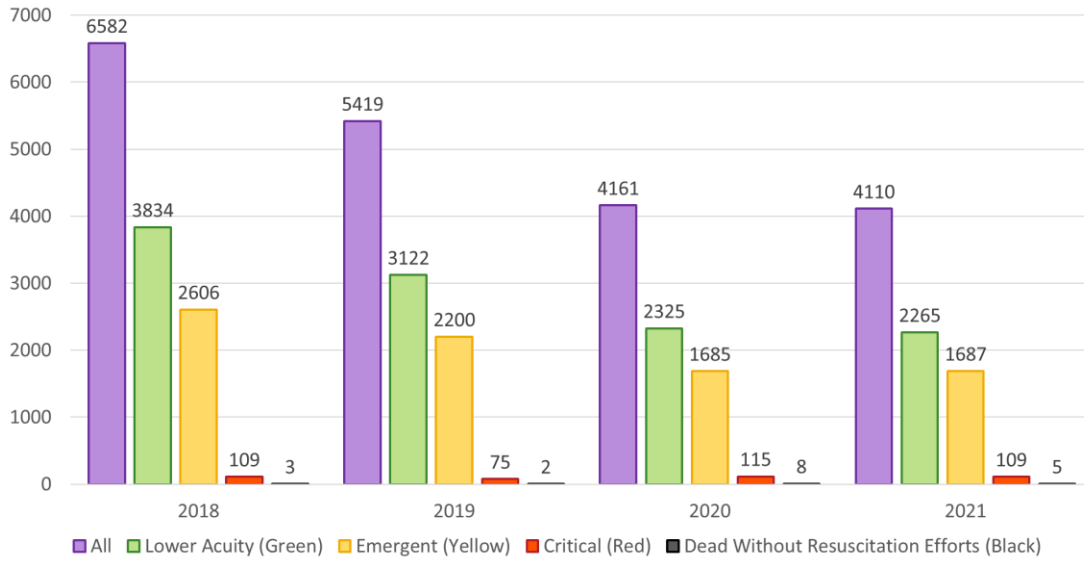
Monthly Alcohol Contacts by AIA



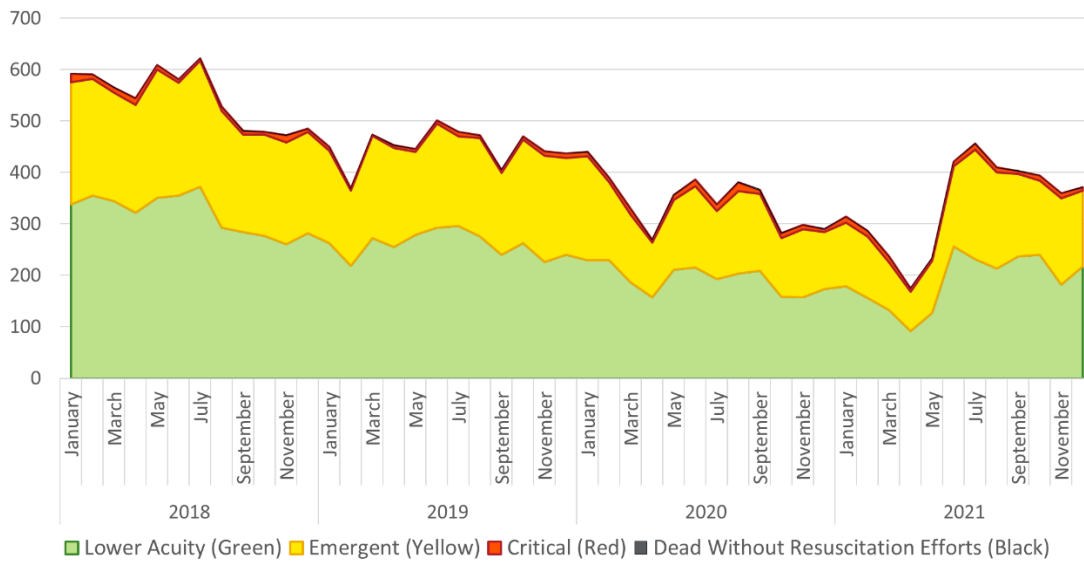
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
All Seattle	6582	5419	4161	4110	2895
Central AIA	3460	2848	1977	2044	1165
Percent	53%	53%	48%	50%	40%
North AIA	179	170	112	121	77
Percent	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Rest of City	2943	2401	2072	1945	1653
Percent	45%	44%	50%	47%	57%

# Alcohol-Related Contacts by Severity

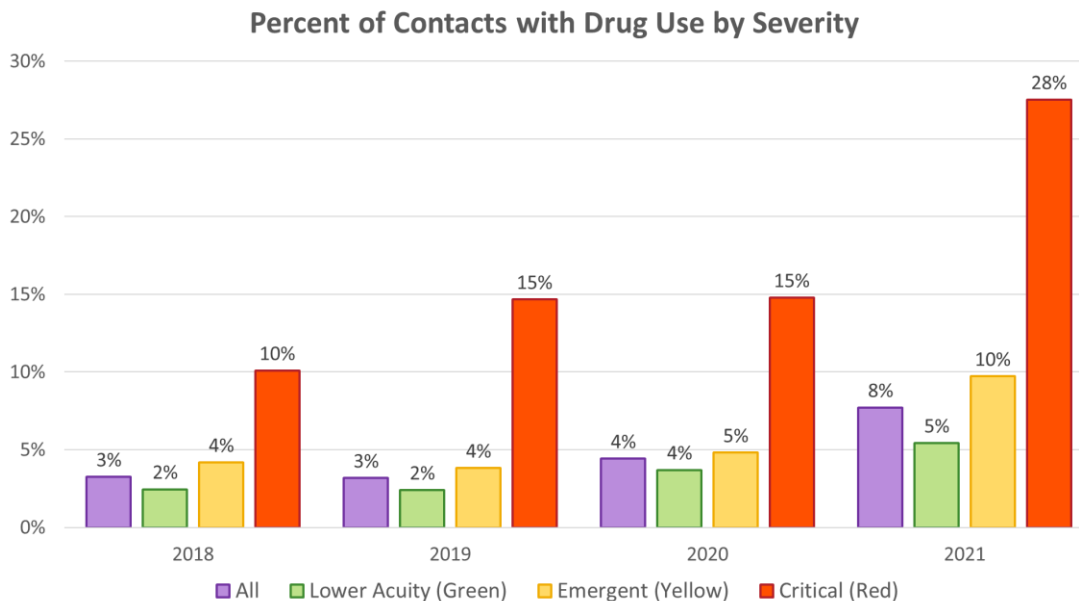
## Yearly Alcohol Contacts by Severity



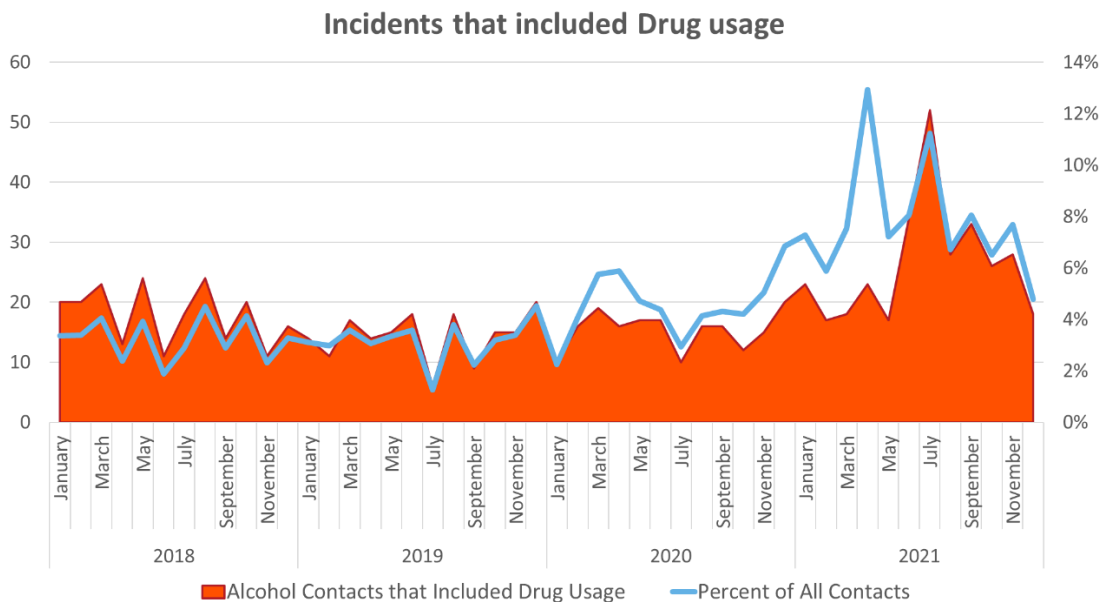
## Monthly Alcohol Contacts by Severity



## Alcohol Incidents Involving Drug Use



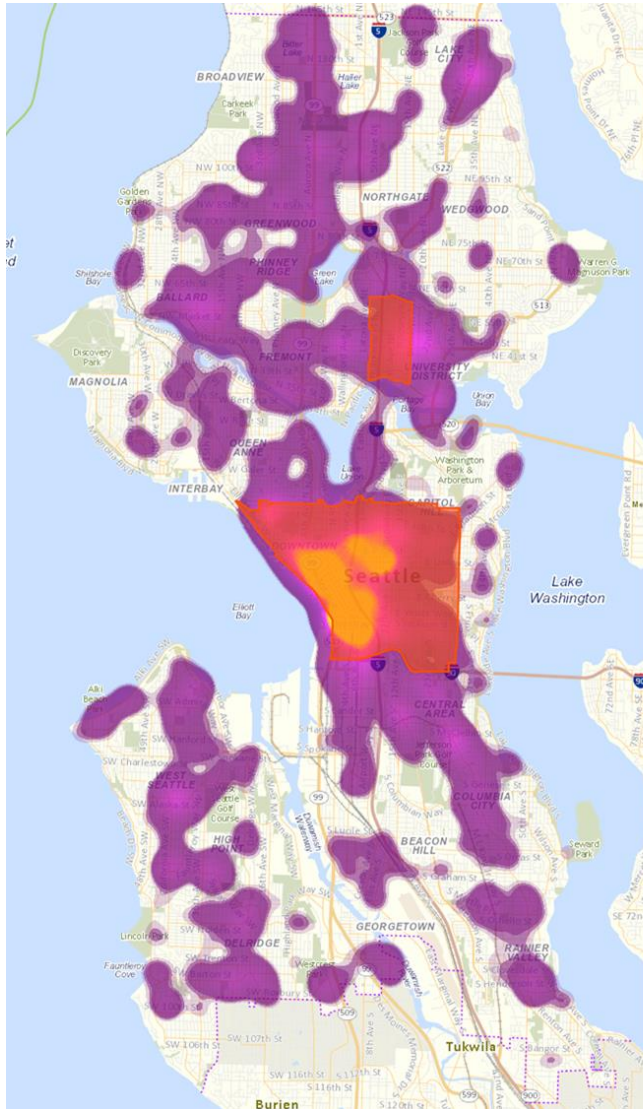
Drug use has been an increasing part of alcohol contacts in recent years, especially with the more serious interactions. This could mean that the benefits associated with the Alcohol Impact Areas are also benefiting overdose issues.



All contacts dip in the spring months, but there was a large spike in drug related contacts in the spring of 2021.

# SFD Response Maps

## Citywide



Alcohol Impact Areas

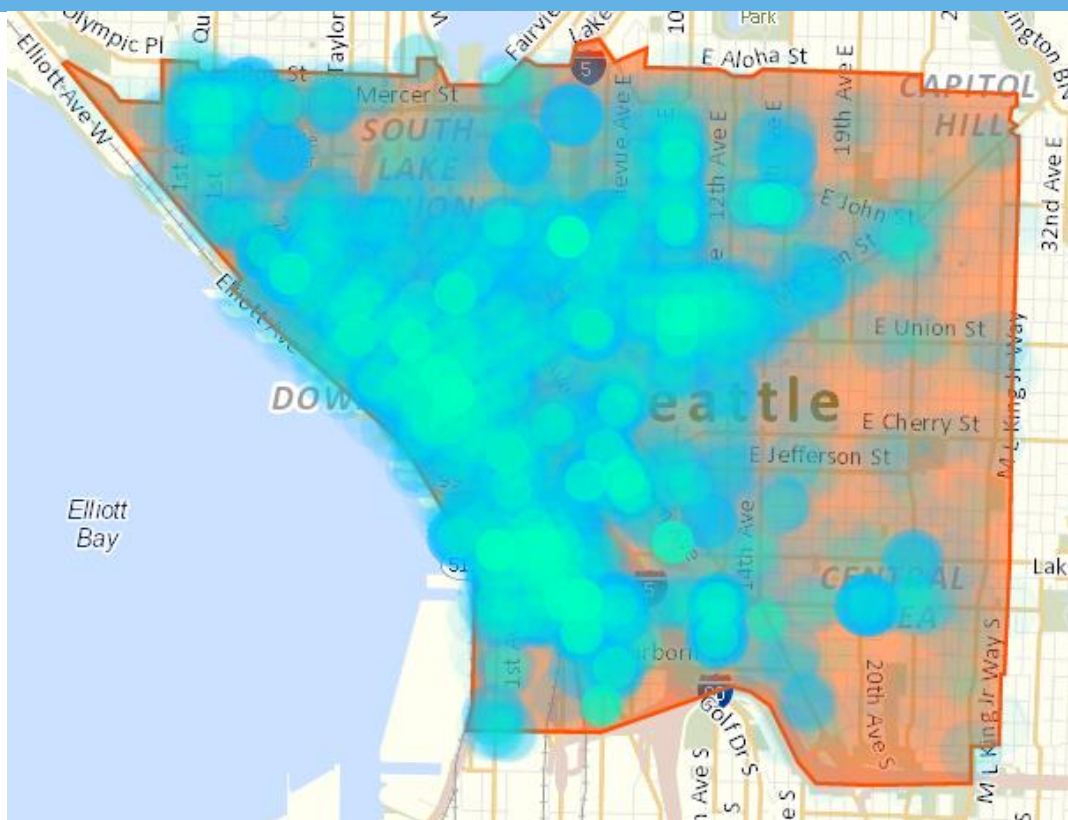
Heatmap of Incidents



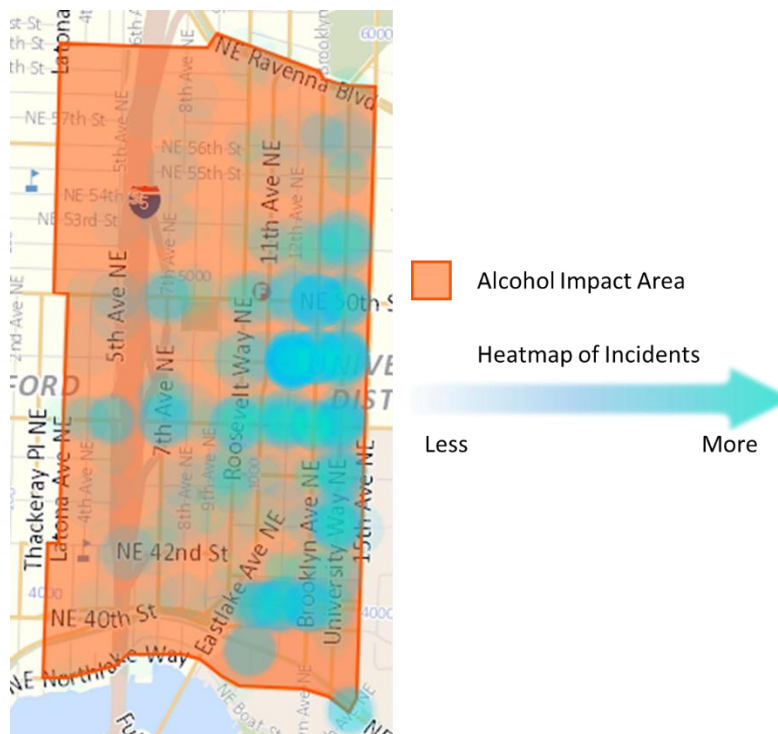
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## Central Core AIA



## North AIA



## Top 5 Addresses by Volume of ETOH/Alcohol Calls

2018		
283 Pike St	117	1.8%
1421 Minor Ave	106	1.7%
1809 Eastlake	70	1.1%
402 5th ave S	61	1.0%
306 2nd Ave Ext S	51	0.8%

2019		
1809 Eastlake	66	1.2%
402 5th ave S	53	1.0%
283 Pike St	48	0.9%
1421 Minor Ave	46	0.9%
504 3rd Ave	36	0.7%

2020		
100 Yesler Way	57	1.4%
283 Pike St	25	0.6%
1809 Eastlake	24	0.6%
223 Yesler Way	23	0.6%
905 E Pike St	22	0.5%

2021		
283 Pike St	51	1.3%
1809 Eastlake	44	1.1%
100 Yesler Way	33	0.8%
402 5th ave S	33	0.8%
114 Broadway	24	0.6%

2022*		
1809 Eastlake	25	1.0%
1421 Minor Ave	18	0.7%
10186 1st Ave NE	15	0.6%
12546 33rd Ave NE	14	0.5%
100 Yesler Way	13	0.5%

\*Through August



# Community Testimonials and Support

The following testimonials and letters were received from organizations and individuals expressing support for the retention of the AIAs.



October 10, 2022

Sarah Morningstar, Acting Director  
Seattle Department of Neighborhoods  
PO Box 94649  
Seattle, WA 98124-4649

Re: Alcohol Impact Area - (AIA) - Letter of Support

Acting Director Morningstar,

The Downtown Seattle Association (DSA) considers itself to be the primary steward of the public realm in downtown Seattle for those who live, work, shop and visit our center city. We provide cleaning, safety and hospitality services in six center city neighborhoods as well as oversight and activation of multiple urban parks and public spaces through the Metropolitan Improvement District (MID) and advocate for services and policies that improve our downtown core to ensure it is safe, vibrant and welcoming for all.

Through the years, Alcohol Impact Area legislation has assisted us in our work in downtown, both by reducing the number of intoxication incidents as well as lowering the number of empty containers found on the streets. The Central Core AIA is an important tool in improving public safety, public health and overall conditions of our downtown streets.

We urge your support in preserving and renewing the Central Core AIA in downtown and we will continue to partner with the City of Seattle and King County to support policies and programs that both discourage chronic public inebriation and help those in need to obtain the services they require.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Casillas  
Vice President, Public Realm & Ambassador Operations  
Downtown Seattle Association



October 23, 2022

Re: Support for Alcohol Impact Area

Acting Director Sarah Morningstar

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods  
P.O. Box 94649  
Seattle, WA 98124-4649

As a University of Washington Police Department Sergeant and former Incident Prevention Team member working north of NE 45th Street in the Fraternity and Sorority area, I am writing to support the Alcohol Impact Area around the University of Washington campus. I began my law enforcement career working for the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board and have seen firsthand the positive impact the AIA has had on Seattle area neighborhoods and business communities. I continue to see these same positive impacts in the Fraternity and Sorority area as well as student housing in the AIA.

In non-AIA areas where alcohol, often heavily fortified alcohol, is purchased problems such as chronic public inebriates, increased crime, and alcohol related litter all make these areas less livable and truly less safe for those living there. Whereas, AIA areas have fewer issues with intoxicated aggressive panhandlers, loitering, theft, and public urination. AIA measures only contribute to the quality of life of those who work and live in these areas.

The AIA affecting the University of Washington campus, student housing, and the Fraternity and Sorority area has greatly increased the quality of life of all UW students, faculty, staff, and nearby businesses. The abuse of alcohol can have devastating effects on public health and the lives of our youth. The AIA is a valuable tool for all Law Enforcement as we work to make our communities safer. As a Police Officer I urge you to keep the University District AIA.

Sincerely,

*Thomas James*

Thomas James  
Patrol Sergeant  
University of Washington Police Department

# WEST PRECINCT Advisory Council

Sarah Morningstar, Acting Director  
City of Seattle, Department of Neighborhoods  
PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124-4649  
**Alcohol Impact Areas - (AIA)**

Dear Ms. Morningstar:

**The West Precinct Advisory Council (WPAC) strongly supports the continuation/renewal of the AIA program throughout Seattle**

WPAC is comprised of *volunteer* members within the Precinct's boundaries who have been actively engaged in seeking solutions for public safety issues within their communities for many years. WPAC members are writing in support of the continuation of Seattle AIA's and emphasize the need for the ongoing renewal of this policy. Many WPAC members were involved in the late 1990's to support the efforts of the city to work with the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, LCB, (formerly the Washington State Liquor Control Board – WSLCB), to designate Pioneer Square as one of the first Alcohol Impact Areas in Seattle in 2003. The success of this policy measure generated widespread, community support from other neighborhoods and the City of Seattle, through Ordinance No. 121999, petitioned the WSLCB to approve the Central Core and the North Seattle AIAs which occurred in November 2006. These mandatory AIAs restricted off-premises sales of approximately 46 brands of high-alcohol content, low price beer and wine products.

WPAC supports the efforts of the Department of Neighborhoods to manage the renewal process and to provide a current list of banned alcohol products to liquor license holders and to neighborhood organizations within the AIA boundaries. Reports continue to indicate the AIA policy measure has helped address these critical issues within communities as part of a comprehensive plan, including treatment, which should remain a priority element of an AIA designation. Other City Departments and external agencies have also played a role to help address these problems. Restricting access to low-priced, high-volume alcohol products via this policy has been a significant tool for local jurisdictions.

WPAC members are dedicated to creating and sustaining safe neighborhoods and rely upon support from WA State, the City of Seattle and other agencies to provide policy measures such as the AIA to assist in these efforts. As a result, Seattle's current AIA zones should be continued and not restricted or limited. The expansion of current boundaries, based upon requests from impacted communities, is also crucial to the ongoing success of this program. Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,



**Laine Ross, Chair | West Precinct Advisory Council**

**West Precinct Advisory Council | West Precinct Community Room | 810 Virginia Street**  
Downtown Business District, Waterfront, Chinatown / International District, Pioneer Square, Belltown, Queen Anne  
West Edge, SoDo, Westlake, Eastlake, Seattle Center, Denny Triangle, Magnolia, South Lake Union

## North Precinct Advisory Council

*The North Precinct Advisory Council is a community organization devoted to promoting partnerships between residents, schools, businesses, and the Seattle Police Department to effectively address public safety issues.*

November 16, 2022

RE: Alcohol Impact Area

The North Precinct Advisory Council (NPAC) is composed of representatives from over 40 community groups and business organizations in North Seattle. NPAC supports the City resolution of creating and maintaining Alcohol Impact Areas (AIA). Neighborhoods city-wide will be benefitted by restricting off-premises sales of alcohol between 6 am and 9 am and prohibiting off-premises sales entirely of beer products in a single container, and restricting off-premises sales of products identified in a banned products list.

Equally important, the AIA resolution gives the City, as the local authority, more time to assess liquor license applications and assumptions for businesses within these areas. Chronic inebriation is a health hazard in Seattle and creates nuisance behaviors that take valuable resources from police and EMS that are already understaffed and over-taxed.

For these reasons, NPAC supports the continuation of the Alcohol Impact Area in North Seattle.

Pete Hanning  
President  
North Precinct Advisory Council



October 4th, 2022

Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board  
3000 Pacific Avenue SE  
**Olympia, WA 98504**

Dear Chair and Members,

The U District Partnership (UDP) fully supports the continuation of the Alcohol Impact Area within its current boundaries in the University District of Seattle.

The UDP is a 501©3 nonprofit organization and we are the primary economic and community development organization for the University District. Additionally, the UDP is managing the Business Improvement Area (BIA) recently approved by the City of Seattle.

Over the years, beginning with our predecessor the Greater University Chamber of Commerce, we have found the program's attempt to curb public inebriation on our neighborhood to be in alignment with our goal of making the University District a safe community for all who live, work, and visit the neighborhood.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Marcus Johnson  
Clean and Safe Program Manager



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September 28, 2022  
Sarah Morningstar, Acting Director  
Seattle Department of Neighborhoods  
PO Box 94649  
Seattle, WA 98124-4649

Dear Sarah Morningstar,

The Pioneer Square Residents' Council is writing to support the continuation of the Alcohol Impact Area (AIA) in our Pioneer Square neighborhood. The mandatory restrictions on alcohol sales are key to mitigate the negative impacts of public intoxication.

In working with our partners to activate our public spaces, improve street civility and public safety, and make our neighborhood a welcome place for everyone, it is important that we have this tool to prevent and reduce the harm caused by untenable alcohol consumption. Restricting access to cheap, high alcohol content products is very helpful in curbing undesirable and criminal behaviors. Some of these behaviors include public urination, defecation, open air brawls, criminal acts, theft, and destruction of historic properties. When behaviors like this are left unchecked, our neighborhood is labeled unsafe or unpleasant. Perceptions like this can leave very negative impacts on those living in and visiting our neighborhood. They can also brand our neighborhood as unsafe or problematic.

We understand that the AIA is but one strategic tool when working on neighborhood safety but it is an important tool. The AIA alone is not the answer and we are working with our neighborhood and city partners on several strategies. Restricting access to cheap, high alcohol-content products provides some leverage. It will help reduce the undesirable and criminal behaviors that occur in our public spaces fueled by these products.

Thank you for your work and support of our neighborhood.

Tija

Tija Petrovich  
Chair-Pioneer Square Residents' Council





OCTOBER 18, 2022

ACTING DIRECTOR SARAH MORNINGSTAR  
SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS  
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**ALCOHOL IMPACT AREA - (AIA): THE FRIENDS OF LITTLE SAIGON STRONGLY SUPPORT(S) THE CONTINUATION AND RENEWAL OF THEAIA PROGRAM THROUGHOUT SEATTLE.**

DEAR MS. MORNINGSTAR:

We are writing in support of the continuation of the AIA program throughout Seattle and emphasize the need for the ongoing renewal of this policy. The success of this policy measure has generated widespread, community support from other neighborhoods and the City of Seattle over the past decade.

The Friends of Little Saigon supports the efforts of the Department of Neighborhoods to manage the renewal process and to provide a current list of banned alcohol products to liquor license holders and to neighborhood organizations within the AIA boundaries. Easy access to high-alcohol, low- price beer and wine products has been shown to be as destructive to the individuals as to the surrounding community. Reports continue to indicate this policy measure has helped address issues within communities and is part of a comprehensive plan, including treatment, which should remain a priority element of an AIA designation.

Other City Departments and external agencies have also played a role to help address these problems. Restricting access to low priced, high volume alcohol products via this policy has been a significant tool for local jurisdictions.

The Friends of Little Saigon is dedicated to creating and sustaining a safe neighborhood and rely upon support from WA State, the City of Seattle and other agencies to provide policy measures such as AIA designations to assist these efforts. It is important for Seattle's AIA designated areas to be continued and not restricted or limited.

SINCERELY,

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Executive Director

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August 29, 2022

Sarah Morningstar, Acting Director  
Seattle Department of Neighborhoods  
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Dear Ms. Morningstar,

The Alliance for Pioneer Square and the Pioneer Square BIA are writing to support the continuation of the AIA in neighborhoods. We are charged with leading the implementation of the latest neighborhood plan, Pioneer Square 2025. We are also charged with leading recovery within our district after all of the impacts of Covid-19. This year our work with the City of Seattle and other partners focuses on retail recruitment, activation of our public spaces, and improvement in street civility and public safety; making our neighborhood a more welcoming place for all.

Many problems we witness that are directly attributed to the sale of these alcohol products include: discarded cans and bottles, public drinking and intoxication, trespassing, public urination and defecation, and aggressive panhandling. These problems contribute to a neighborhood that is considered by most to be unpleasant and unsafe. These perceptions have significant impact on the civil behaviors of visitors to our neighborhood and our ability to realize our full potential.

We support the Department of Neighborhoods in obtaining/retaining the resources necessary to provide a current list of banned alcohol products to liquor license holders and to neighborhood organizations within the AIA. It is obvious to us that liquor brand names and content are regularly changed to avoid the WSLCB ban of a popular product.

We understand that the AIA alone is not the answer and are working with our neighborhood and city partners on several strategies; but restricting access to cheap, high alcohol-content products does provide some leverage. This, in turn, will help reduce the undesirable and criminal behaviors that occur in our public spaces fueled by these products. Thank you for your on-going support of our work.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Dixon Howard*

Lisa Dixon Howard  
Executive Director

*On behalf of the Board of the Alliance for Pioneer Square and the Pioneer Square BIA*

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October 4, 2022

Acting Director Sarah Morningstar  
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Dear Ms. Morningstar:

Over the years our Scientology Environmental Task Force and the Seattle Chapter of The Way to Happiness Foundation have participated in the collection of alcohol litter in the Queen Anne area of Seattle. This has been done in conjunction with our work over several decades with Seattle Public Utilities Adopt-a-Street program.

The Church of Scientology Environmental Task Force is the longest-running organization with the City's Adopt-a-Street program. The Task Force also adopted Kinnear Park over 20 years ago and works with the Parks Department helping to maintain and beautify that park.

We believe the Alcohol Impact Area program is valuable and should be continued. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ann Pearce  
Corporate Secretary  
Church of Scientology of Washington State  
300 W. Harrison St.  
Seattle, WA 98119

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September 28, 2022

Acting Director Sarah Morningstar  
Seattle Department of Neighborhoods  
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Seattle, WA 98124-4649

**Alcohol Impact Area - (AIA): The Chinatown-International District Business Improvement Area strongly supports the continuation and renewal of the AIA program throughout Seattle**

Dear Acting Director Morningstar:

I am writing in support of the continuation of the AIA program throughout Seattle and emphasize the need for the ongoing renewal of this policy. The success of this policy measure has generated widespread, community support from other neighborhoods and the City of Seattle over the past decade.

CIDBIA supports the efforts of the Department of Neighborhoods to manage the renewal process and to provide a current list of banned alcohol products to liquor license holders and to neighborhood organizations within the AIA boundaries. Easy access to high-alcohol, low-price beer and wine products has been shown to be as destructive to the individuals as to the surrounding community. Reports continue to indicate this policy measure has helped address issues within communities and is part of a comprehensive plan, including treatment, which should remain a priority element of an AIA designation.

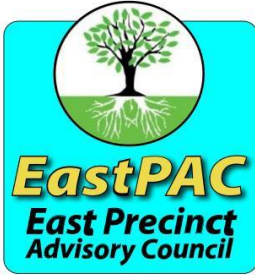
Other City Departments and external agencies have also played a role to help address these problems. Restricting access to low priced, high volume alcohol products via this policy has been a significant tool for local jurisdictions.

CIDBIA is dedicated to creating and sustaining safe neighborhoods and rely upon support from WA State, the City of Seattle and other agencies to provide policy measures such as AIA designations to assist these efforts. It is important for Seattle's AIA designated areas to be continued and not restricted or limited.

Sincerely,

*Monisha Singh*

Monisha Singh  
Executive Director  
Chinatown-International District Business Improvement Area  
monisha@cidbia.org



*The East Precinct Advisory Council (EastPAC) provides a forum to address public safety priorities, actively partnering with law enforcement and other entities to reduce crime and improve life quality for the East Precinct Community and building relationships that will foster this work.*

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October 4, 2022

Re: Support for Alcohol Impact Area

Dear City Attorney Davison,

The Board of Directors of the East Precinct Advisory Council (EastPAC) enthusiastically support the current Central Core Alcohol Impact Area designation. We know first-hand that this policy has played a significant role in decreasing chronic inebriation and the associated negative impact on our public resources and community.

Easy access to fortified alcohol, lower-price beer and wine products to chronic inebriates is as destructive to the individuals as to the surrounding community. Chronic inebriation gives rise to nuisance and criminal behavior, including loitering, trespassing, assaults, and theft, with the inebriate just as likely to be a victim as an offender. That, plus the cast-off bottles, cans and related trash contributes to an unwelcoming, neglected and unsafe neighborhood.

Please do not restrict or limit, in any way, the Central Core and other city AIAs. Our public resources, police, and EMS are significantly limited, and they need every tool available to minimize chronic inebriation in Seattle.

EastPAC, a community group dedicated to creating and sustaining safe neighborhoods, counts on the AIA to help us achieve our mission. Please keep the AIA.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie Tschida  
EastPAC Board President and Chair

## Conclusion

As the data shows, there are a high concentration of public safety issues and emergency responses relating to chronic public inebriation within the AIAs. Thus, based on the available data and the community feedback of the same, it is apparent that the AIAs and their associated restrictions continue to have significant and positive effects on curbing the problems associated with chronic public inebriation and public safety. The AIAs continue to be an important tool in the City's continued efforts in mitigating the impacts of chronic public inebriation, and problems associated with illegal sales and consumption of alcohol.