



Washington State Liquor Control Board

Spokane Downtown Alcohol Impact Area - Facts at a Glance

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The Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) April 7 adopted a resolution recognizing a mandatory Alcohol Impact Area in Spokane's downtown core.

Major thoroughfare boundaries:

- On the west by Cannon Street
- On the east by Scott Street
- On the north by Main (following through Spokane Falls Boulevard to Trent)
- On the south by Fifth Avenue right-of-way

Spokane Downtown District Alcohol Impact Area Facts

- 32 grocery stores, convenience stores, and restaurants are located in the Alcohol Impact Area
- One state liquor store is located within the boundaries

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 WSLCB 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 that negatively impacts 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 and restaurants selling alcohol "to go" will have to remove banned products from their inventory
3. Distributors will 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 in 2003 - the first to be adopted in the state)

Tacoma Lincoln District (adopted in 2009)

• Seattle – Three Alcohol Impact Areas

Pioneer Square (adopted in 2004)

Central District (adopted in 2006) – The Pioneer Square Alcohol Impact Area is within the Central Alcohol Impact Area boundaries

North District (adopted in 2006)

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