

OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Alcohol Impact Area Rule

The Alcohol Impact Area Rule is used to address serious area-wide alcohol-related problems by applying uniform limitations and requirements that specify how alcohol may be sold in the area.

Establishing an OLCC-designated alcohol impact area is initiated by petition for rule making from an incorporated city with a population over 300,000. The petition must propose rule language to reduce street drinking and public intoxication associated with off-premises sales, or noisy conduct and late night disturbances associated with on-premises consumption.

Some local jurisdictions have impact areas recognized by city code. Local impact areas do not limit alcohol sales practices.

The OLCC requires:

- 1) voluntary efforts to address these problems
 - 2) the city to seek public input before petitioning
 - 3) documentation of the problem
 - 4) identification of the licensees in the area and types of licenses or license privileges contributing to the problem
 - 5) geographic boundaries of the proposed alcohol impact area
 - 6) proposed rule language
 - 7) an assessment of impacts
 - 8) a rationale for including and excluding licensed businesses
- The OLCC initiates and conducts rule making only for complete petitions.
 - OLCC Commissioners consider whether or not to designate an alcohol impact area.
 - OLCC designates an alcohol impact area by administrative rule.
 - Licensed businesses may apply for an exemption, and if granted must reapply for the exemption with each license renewal. Due process is provided.
 - Any interested person may petition the OLCC to amend or repeal an alcohol impact area rule.
 - An automatic review is conducted by the OLCC 12 months after an alcohol impact area is established.



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The mission of the OLCC is to promote the public interest through the responsible sale and service of alcoholic beverages.

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