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Fifty-four of 71 Portland businesses pass OLCC minor sales check

Fifty-four of 71 Portland metro licensed liquor businesses refused to sell alcohol to a minor during a compliance check on Feb. 15 conducted by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, the Portland Police Department and Multnomah County Task Force.

The minor-decoy compliance check, which is statutorily required, was performed as part of the agency's effort to curtail drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state.

The 76 percent passing rate is slightly below the statewide average of 78 percent recorded during OLCC compliance checks in 2007. The OLCC tests about 1,300 licensed liquor businesses annually, in conjunction with a number of police agencies.

The following licensees passed the check by refusing to sell alcoholic beverages to the minor volunteer: Dotty's #14, 8227 NE Sandy Blvd.; Shell, 10131 NE Sandy Blvd.; Dailey's Inn, 11807 NE Sandy Blvd.; Devaki's Deli, 4446 NE 131st Pl.; Hilton Garden Inn, 12048 NE Airport Way; Target #T-0765, 11826 NE Glisan St.; Candlelight Restaurant & Lounge, 7334 NE Glisan; The Hutch on Glisan, 4606 NE Glisan; Alaska Airlines Board Room, 7000 NE Airport Way; Made In Oregon, 7000 NE Airport Way Term #D; Donaldson Marina, 3501 NE Marine Dr.; Wildfire, 3925 NE MLK Blvd.; Five Star Chevron, 3435 NE MLK Blvd.; Thai Noon Restaurant, 2635 NE Alberta St.; Yakuza Lounge, 5411 NE 30th Ave.; Beast Restaurant, 5425 NE 30th Ave.; Fred Meyer, 2497 NE Burnside Rd.; Duffer's Pub, 5403 NE 42nd Ave.; Minit Man Market, 4339 NE Killingsworth; Evergreen Market, 6444 NE 42nd Ave.; Bryant Station, 835 N. Main St.; Joseph's Swirl Sandwiches, 4245 SE 182nd Ave.; Lighthouse Deli, 4279 SE 182nd Ave.; Hilton's Haven, 21415 SE Stark; Hollywood Wine & Espresso, 4075 NE Sandy Blvd.; Blaze Jose's, 5905 NE Halsey; Jung's Dynasty Restaurant, 18140 NE Halsey St.; The Blind Onion, 3345 NE Broadway; Pagoda Restaurant, 3839 NE Broadway; Hama Sushi, 4232 NE Sandy Blvd.; Chaba Thai, 5810 NE Sandy Blvd.; Thanh Thao Market, 6517 NE Sandy Blvd.; Café Be Van & Delicatessen, 6846 NE Sandy Blvd.; Rovon Inn Tavern, 6129 NE Freemont; Lakeside Bar & Grill, 6233 NE 78 Ct.; Ainsworth Market, 5949 NE 30th Ave.; Authentica Mexican Cuisine, 5507 NE 30th Ave.; India Oven, 344 N. Main; Rite-Aid #5327, 1555 NE Division St.; 7-Eleven Store #2353-25364B, 1825 NE Division St.; Joseph's Swirl Sandwiches, 2870 NE Hogan Dr. #H; Sizzler Restaurant, 105 NE Burnside; Izzy's Pizza Restaurant, 225 NE Burnside; Bangkok Thai Cuisine, 1304 E Powell Blvd.; Go Go Marts, 2515 E. Powell Blvd.; Fairview Tobacco Market, 22605 NE Halsey #D; ARCO AM/PM #5448, 2550 NE 238th Dr.; The Brass Rail, 108 E Columbia Rover Hwy.; The Black Rabbit, 2126 SW Halsey St.; Safeway #1542, 2501 SW Cherry Park Rd.; Albertson's #536, 25691 SE Stark and Zghoul AM/PM, 24235 SE Stark.

The following licensees failed the compliance check: Sweet Home on Sandy, 9004 NE Sandy Blvd.; KC's Mini Mart & Deli II, 14110 NE Sandy Blvd.; Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd Ave.; China Wok, 6033 #D NE Win Silvers Dr.; Paitong Thai Cuisine, 8000 NE Glisan; Speedy Market, 7839 NE Glisan; Mr. A's Deli Mart, 16201 NE Halsey; AM/PM, 18025 NE Halsey; Lung Ta, 4644 NE Sandy Blvd.; Rite-Aid #5350, 4346 NE Cully Blvd; Alameda Brew Pub, 4765 NE Freemont; Rose City Café, 7000 NE Airport Way; Bob's MLK ARCO, 7509 NE MLK Blvd.; Tienda Y Verdureria Alvarez, 1025 E Powell; Fairview Chevron, 1605 NE 223rd Ave.; Tienda Chihuahua, 23345 NE Halsey #1 and Dotty's #26, 27054 SE Stark St.

During the compliance check, the minor volunteer attempts to purchase alcohol from licensees or their employees to determine if they are properly checking identification and obeying state law prohibiting alcohol sales to anyone under 21 years old. The minors are supervised by OLCC inspectors or other law officers, carry their own legal ID and are advised not to disguise their age or encourage the sale of alcohol. The businesses involved in the checks are selected at random through a scientific computer program or have been targeted due to prior alcohol sales to minors.

"We hope that our increased efforts to check for compliance in the Portland area will prompt business owners and employees to double check the ID of someone who appears to be 26 or younger," said Carl Lewis, Regional Enforcement Manager at OLCC. "Keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors is everyone's responsibility."

Servers and bartenders or licensees whose employees provide alcohol to the minor or fail to verify their age, are subject to OLCC administrative sanctions including fines or license suspensions. Store clerks who sell are subject to criminal charges and at least a \$350 fine.

The OLCC provides a free training course once a month on how to check ID's, identify false identification and the laws regarding minors and alcohol. Additional training opportunities include training for store clerks and service permit holders.