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OLCC adds a new minor posting option for growing number of unique entertainment venues

PORTLAND, Ore. - At their monthly meeting today, the commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission voted unanimously in favor of creating a new minor posting that will accommodate venues that wish to host entertainment events for both minors and adults while serving alcohol responsibly.

The new minor posting number six provides OLCC with more ability to enforce approved control plans to ensure minors are not gaining access to alcohol. It also puts in place strict controls to protect minors at entertainment events. The minor posting would apply to a small number of non-traditional businesses such as multi-use facilities as well as venues that would like to host all-ages when alcohol is being served, if an approved control plan to keep minors separate is in place.

A minor control plan is a written document detailing the steps that a licensee will take to prevent minors from obtaining alcohol or being exposed to a drinking environment. A control plan might include additional security, a separate area for minors and/or limiting the times when alcohol is served.

"Making sure minors are not gaining access to alcohol is a top priority," said Rudy Williams, Deputy Director. "We had a lot of support from the community and the revisions helped to address concerns raised by moderation groups. With the new minor posting, we can accommodate interest in all-ages events while holding licensees accountable if they don't follow the control plan."

The new minor posting goes into effect June 1, 2008.

The five citizen commissioners are the policy-making body of the OLCC. They meet monthly to make decisions on liquor licenses, rules, contested case hearings and appointments of liquor store agents. Commission meetings are held every other month at OLCC's main office, 9079 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Room 103A in Portland. Subsequent months, the meetings will be held via phone. Agenda items can be obtained on-line at http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/public_meetings.shtml

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