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Fifty-one of 71 Portland businesses refused to sell alcohol to minors

PORTLAND, Ore. – Fifty-one of 71 Portland-area businesses passed an Oregon Liquor Control Commission minor sales check on April 18 by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor. This minor sales check was performed in conjunction with the Multnomah County Task Force and Oregon Partnership.

The 72 percent passing rate is below the 2007 statewide average of 78 percent. The commission and local police perform the minor sales checks in an effort to reduce drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state.

“Serving and selling alcohol is a big responsibility,” said Carl Lewis, OLCC Regional Enforcement Manager. “Not only is it illegal to sell alcohol to a minor, but clerks and servers who sell can be held liable for alcohol-related injuries.”

The following licensees passed the compliance check: 23 Hoyt, 529 NW 23rd Ave.; Besaw’s 2301 NW Savier St.; Café Mingo, 807 NW 21st Ave.; Cameo Café West, 2340 NW Westover Rd.; Casey’s 610 NW Couch; Cost Plus World Market, 2315 NW Westover Rd.; Daily Café in the Pearl, 902 NW 13th; East, 322 NW Everett, Eleni’s Philoxenia, 112 NW 9th Ave.; Escape from New York Pizza, 622 NW 23rd Ave.; Goldenhorse Seafood, 238 NW 4th Ave.; Life of Riley, 300 NW 10th Ave.; McFadden’s 107 NW Couch St.; Meriwether’s 2601 NW Vaughn; 7-Eleven #2352-19909D, 1931 N. Lombard; OHM, 31 NW 1st; On Deck Sports Bar & Grill, 910 NW 14th Ave.; Pastini Pastaria, 1506 NW 23rd Ave.; Pirates Tavern, 2839 NW St. Helens Rd; Plaid Pantry #96, 2270 NW Glisan; Ready Paint Fire, 529 NW 13th Ave.; Rocky Pointe Marina, 23586 NW St. Helens Hwy.; Solo, 1300 NW Lovejoy; The Embers Nightclub, 110 NW Broadway; The New Old Lompoc, 1616 NW 23rd; The Pearl Wine Shop, 1314 NW Glisan; Tributes, 2272 NW Kearney; Tubby’s Deli, 3330 NW Yeon Ave.; Vinideus 1019 NW 11th Ave.; Whole Foods Market, 1210 NW Couch St.; Wild Wood Golf Course, 21881 NW St. Helens Rd.; Baja Fresh, 1121 W. Burnside; 7-Eleven #2353-16155G, 6117 N. Lombard; Abe’s Market, 815 N. Lombard; Channel’s Edge, 207 N. Bridgeton Rd.; Di Prima Dolci Italian Bakery & Café, 1936 N. Killingsworth St.; Dotty’s #24, 11955 N. Center Ave.; Lupa Wine, 3955 N. Mississippi; Nutshell, 3808 N. Williams suite C; Owl’s Nest, 11875 N. Jantzen Dr. #B; Paul Bunyan’s, 8419 N. Denver; Piedmont Place, 736 N. Lombard; Pizza Fino, 8225 N. Denver Ave.; Por Que No, 3524 N. Mississippi Ave.; St. John’s Pub, 8203 N. Ivanhoe; The Belgian Embassy, 938 N. Cook; The Fishwife, 5328 N. Lombard; Twilight Room, 5242 N. Lombard, Vendetta, 4306 N. Williams Ave.; Ying Ying Rest, 8071 N. Lombard; and Portland Interstate, 4312 N. Interstate.

The following licensees failed the compliance check: Linnton Family Café, 11324 NW St. Helens Rd.; Laughing Planet Café, 922 NW 21st Ave.; Café Ubria, 303 NW 12th Ave.; Hot Lips Pizza, 721 NW 9th Ave. #150; Williams Market, 3508 N. Williams; 5th Quadrant, 3901 B N Williams Ave.; JB’s Deli, 11975 N. Center Ave.; Pizza Mia, 915 N. Anchor Way; Lombard & Fortune Mini Mart, 6221 N. Lombard; Lucky Mart, 5287 N. Lombard; Interstate Lanes, 6049 N. Interstate, Giorgio’s Restaurant,

1131 NW Hoyt St.; North 45, 517 NW 21st; Ram's Head, 2285 NW Hoyt; Rogue Ales Public House, 1339 NW Flanders; House of Louie, 331 NW Davis St.; Republic Café & Ming Lounge, 222 NW 4th Ave.; The Crown Room, 205 NW 4th Ave.; Wong Kee Seafood Restaurant, 28 NW 4th Ave.; and Shanghai Steakery, 16 NW Broadway.

During the checks, a minor volunteer attempts to purchase alcohol from a licensed business to see if staff are checking ID's correctly and refusing to sell alcohol to anyone under 21. Commission inspectors or other law enforcement officers supervise the minor volunteers. The volunteers carry their own legal ID and do not disguise their age or encourage the sale of alcohol.

Businesses in cities with a population of 20,000 or more have an equal chance of being randomly selected for a minor decoy compliance check. A business can also be selected for a compliance check if there is a documented complaint of sales to minors. Businesses in cities with a population under 20,000 are not subject to these selection requirements.

The OLCC tests 1,300 – 1,600 licensed liquor businesses each year.

Servers, bartenders and licensees whose employees sell alcohol to the minor or do not verify the minor's age, are subject to OLCC administrative penalties including fines or suspensions. Store clerks who sell can be cited with criminal charges and a minimum \$350 fine.

The OLCC offers a free training course on how to check ID's. Participants learn how to identify false identification and the laws regarding minors and alcohol. Additional training opportunities are available including classes for store clerks and service permit holders. Interested persons can call the local OLCC office to schedule a training session.