



# News Release

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## 31 out of 35 Portland businesses refuse to sell to minors the second time around

**Portland, Ore.** – Thirty five Portland-area businesses were re-tested for minor alcohol sales on May 23 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Thirty one licensees passed by refusing to sell alcohol to the minor volunteer.

The 89 percent is a big improvement from the 72 percent passing rate from the last Portland-area sales check in April.

"This goes to show that the minor sales checks are working," said Carl Lewis, regional enforcement manager. "We work hard to educate the licensees and their employees. We don't want to issue tickets. We're much happier when everyone is safe."

The commission performs the minor sales checks in an effort to reduce drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state. The OLCC tests about 1,300 licensed liquor businesses each year. Licensees or their employees can be held liable for alcohol-related damages and injuries if they serve or sell alcohol to a minor.

The following licensees were tested and passed the compliance check: **Tienda Y Verdureria Alvarez**, 1025 E. Powell in Gresham; **Fairview Chevron**, 1605 NE 223<sup>rd</sup> Ave. in Fairview; **Tienda Chihuahua**, 23345 NE Halsey #1 in Wood Village; **Dotty's #26**, 27054 SE Stark St. in Troutdale; **Rogue Ales Public House**, 1339 NW Flanders in Portland; **JB's Deli**, 11975 N. Center Ave. in Portland; **North 45th**, 517 NW 21<sup>st</sup> in Portland; **Pizza Mia**, 915 N. Anchor Way in Portland; **Lombard & Fortune Mini Mart**, 6221 N. Lombard in Portland; **Lucky Mart**, 5287 N. Lombard in Portland; **Interstate Lanes**, 6049 N. Interstate in Portland; **Laughing Planet Café**, 922 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. in Portland; **Café Umbria**, 303 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Portland; **Hot Lips Pizza**, 721 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. #150 in Portland; **Sweet Home on Sandy**, 9004 NE Sandy in Portland; **KC's Mini Mart & Deli II**, 14110 NE Sandy Blvd. in Portland; **Round Table Pizza**, 4141 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. in Portland; **The Crown Room**, 205 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Portland; **Georgio's**, 1131 NW Hoyt St. in Portland; **Speedy Market**, 7839 NE Glisan in Portland; **Mr. A's Deli Mart**, 16201 NE Halsey in Portland; **AM/PM**, 18025 NE Halsey in Portland; **Lung Ta** at 4644 NE Sandy Blvd. in Portland; **Rite Aid #5350**, 4346 NE Cully Blvd. in Portland; **Alameda Brew Pub**, 4765 NE Freemont in Portland; **Bob's MLK Arco**, 7509 NE MLK Blvd. in Portland; **Paitong Thai Cuisine**, 8000 NE Glisan in Portland; **House of Louie**, 331 NW Davis St. in Portland; **Republic Café & Ming Lounge**, 222 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Portland; **5th Quadrant**, 3901 B N Williams Ave. in Portland and **Williams Market**, 3508 N. Williams Ave. in Portland.

The following licensees did not pass the sales check: **Ram's Head**, 2285 NW Hoyt in Portland; **Rose City Café/Red Lion**, 7000 NE Airport Way in Portland; **Shanghai Steakery**, 16 NW Broadway in Portland and **Wong Kee Seafood**, 28 NW 4<sup>th</sup> in Portland.

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.

During the sales 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.

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.

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.

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