



# News Release

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## Eighteen out of 22 businesses in Forest Grove and Cornelius refuse to sell alcohol to minors

**Cornelius, Ore.** – Eighteen businesses in Forest Grove and Cornelius passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Twenty two licensees were tested Thursday, June 5.

The 82 percent passing rate is above the 2007 state average of 78 percent.

“Promoting public safety is our top priority,” said Janice Kindrick, Regional Enforcement Manager. “These checks have a significant impact on underage drinking. We’re not here to issue tickets, we’re doing this to protect young lives.”

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: **7-Eleven Store #2362-29229A**, 2245 Baseline St., Cornelius; **Baseline Market**, 1894 Baseline St., Cornelius; **Grande Foods**, 1519 N. Adair, Cornelius; **Baseline Market & Deli**, 1206 Baseline St., Cornelius; **Cornelius Arco**, 2888 Baseline St., Cornelius; **Cornelius Shell**, 845 N. Adair St., Cornelius; **Super Mercado San Alejandro**, 80 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Cornelius; **Plaid Pantry #25**, 89 N. 10, Cornelius; **Plaid Pantry #99**, 2901 Thatcher Rd., Forest Grove; **Grampy’s Deli & Pub**, 1918 Main St., Forest Grove; **Pacific Ave. Bar & Grill**, 1923 Pacific Ave., Forest Grove; **Lucky Market & Deli**, 2830 Sunset Dr., Forest Grove; **Jordy’s**, 2104 Main St., Forest Grove; **Latino’s Forest Grove Mini Mart**, 1916 21<sup>st</sup> Ave., Forest Grove; **Pizza Schmizza Forest Grove**, 2042 Main St., Forest Grove; **Hello Market**, 1917 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Forest Grove; **FG Sushi**, 1905 Birch St., Forest Grove; and **Godfather’s Pizza/Players Pub**, 2834 Pacific Ave., Forest Grove.

The following licensees did not pass the sales check: **Cornelius Fast Serv**, 990 N. Adair, Cornelius; **Fred Meyer**, 2200 Baseline St., Cornelius; **Half Moon Sports Bar/New Chinese Cuisine**, 1927 & 1933 Main St., Forest Grove; and **Dave OK**, 2248 Main St., Forest Grove.

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 lie to 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.

Under Oregon law, 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 and unincorporated areas in counties are not subject to these selection requirements.

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