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100% of Metro-area businesses pass OLCC minor sales check

PORTLAND, ORE – Five out of five businesses in SW Portland and Lake Oswego passed a check for alcohol sales to minors on Aug. 12. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The 100 percent passing rate is well above the 2007 state average of 78 percent.

“This is what we’d like to see every time we go out,” said Janice Kindrick, OLCC Regional Enforcement Manager. “These five businesses were part of a targeted compliance check because of previous complaints of sales to minors. The fact that they all passed shows that spending time educating the licensees really pays off in the end.”

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: **BTB Larson Group**, 8517 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland; **City Sports Bar**, 424 SW Washington, Portland; **Downtown Deli & Greek Cuisina**, 404 SW Washington, Portland; **Mt. Park Grocery & Deli**, 4A SW Monroe Pkwy, Lake Oswego and **Capitol Hwy Deli Food Market**, 11102 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland.

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.

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.

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