#### CITY OF SPOKANE



#### REGARDING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council's standing committee meetings, Agenda Review Sessions, and Legislative Sessions are held in City Council Chambers – Lower Level of City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

City Council Members, City staff, presenters and members of the public have the option to participate virtually via WebEx during all meetings, with the exception of Executive Sessions which are closed to the public. Call in information for the February 3, 2025, meetings is below. All meetings will be streamed live on Channel 5 and online at <a href="https://my.spokanecity.org/citycable5/live">https://my.spokanecity.org/citycable5/live</a> and <a href="https://my.spokanecity.org/cit

#### WebEx call in information for the week of February 3, 2025:

<u>3:30 p.m. Agenda Review Session</u>: 1-408-418-9388; access code: 248 249 50291; password: 0320 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session: 1-408-418-9388; access code: 2493 299 6975; password: 0320

#### To participate in public comment (including Open Forum):

Testimony sign-up is open beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2024, and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025, via the online testimony sign-up form link which can be accessed by clicking <a href="https://forms.gle/Vd7n381x3seaL1NW6">https://forms.gle/Vd7n381x3seaL1NW6</a> or in person outside council chambers beginning at 8:00 a.m. on February 3, 2025. You must sign up by 6:00 p.m. to be called on to testify. (If you are unable to access the form by clicking the hyperlink, please copy and paste the link address into your browser window.) Instructions for participation are provided on the form when you sign up.

The open forum is a limited public forum; all matters discussed in the open forum shall relate to the affairs of the City and not relating to the current or advance agendas, pending hearing items, or initiatives or referenda in a pending election. "Affairs of the city" shall include (i) matters within the legislative, fiscal or regulatory purview of the city, (ii) any ordinance, resolution or other official act adopted by the city council, (iii) any rule adopted by the city, (iv) the delivery of city services and operation of city departments, (v) any act of members of the city council, the mayor or members of the administration, or (vi) any other matter deemed by the council president to fall withing the affairs of the city, which determination may be overridden by majority vote of the council members present. Individuals speaking during the open forum shall address their comments to the council president and shall maintain decorum as laid out in Rule 2.15 (Participation by Members of the Public in Council Meetings).

# THE CITY OF SPOKANE



# DRAFT COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

TO DELIVER EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICES
THAT FACILITATE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
AND ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE.

## Mayor Lisa Brown

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT BETSY WILKERSON** 

COUNCIL MEMBER JONATHAN BINGLE
COUNCIL MEMBER PAUL DILLON
COUNCIL MEMBER KITTY KLITZKE
COUNCIL MEMBER LILI NAVARRETE
COUNCIL MEMBER ZACK ZAPPONE

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL

808 W. SPOKANE FALLS BLVD. SPOKANE, WA 99201

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded land of the Spokane people. And that these lands were once the major trading center for the Spokanes as they shared this place and welcomed other area tribes through their relations, history, trade, and ceremony. We also want to acknowledge that the land holds the spirit of the place, through its knowledge, culture, and all the original peoples Since Time Immemorial.

As we take a moment to consider the impacts of colonization may we also acknowledge the strengths and resiliency of the Spokanes and their relatives. As we work together making decisions that benefit all, may we do so as one heart, one mind, and one spirit.

We are grateful to be on the shared lands of the Spokane people and ask for the support of their ancestors and all relations. We ask that you recognize these injustices that forever changed the lives of the Spokane people and all their relatives.

We agree to work together to stop all acts of continued injustices towards Native Americans and all our relatives. It is time for reconciliation. We must act upon the truths and take actions that will create restorative justice for all people.

Adopted by Spokane City Council on the 22nd day of March, 2021 via Resolution 2021-0019

## **AGENDA REVIEW AND LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

Council meetings consist of two parts: The Agenda Review Session (starting at 3:30 P.M.) and the Legislative Session (starting at 6:00 P.M.). The Agenda Review Session is open to the public, but participation is limited to Council Members and appropriate staff. The Legislative Session also is open to the public, and public comment is taken on legislative items (except those that are adjudicatory or solely administrative in nature). Following the conclusion of the Legislative portion of the meeting, an Open Forum is held unless a majority of Council Members vote otherwise. Please see additional Open Forum information that appears at the end of the City Council agenda.

SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REVIEW SESSIONS (BEGINNING AT 3:30 P.M. EACH MONDAY) AND LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS (BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. EACH MONDAY) ARE BROADCAST LIVE ON CITY CABLE CHANNEL FIVE AND STREAMED LIVE ON THE CHANNEL FIVE WEBSITE. THE SESSIONS ARE REPLAYED ON CHANNEL FIVE ON THURSDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. AND FRIDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

#### ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

- Public participation in Council meetings is governed by Council Rules 2.15 and 2.16. A complete copy of the council rules can be found here: City Council Rules.
- No member of the public may speak without first being recognized for that purpose by the Chair. Except for named parties to an adjudicative hearing, a person may be required to sign a sign-up sheet and provide their name and city of residence as a condition of recognition.
- Persons speaking at the podium shall verbally identify themselves by name, city of residency and, if appropriate, representative capacity.
- Speakers may be provided additional written or verbal instructions to ensure that verbal remarks are electronically recorded. Documents submitted for the record are identified and marked by the Clerk. (If you are submitting paper copies of documents to the Council Members, please provide a minimum of ten copies via the City Clerk. The City Clerk is responsible for officially filing and distributing your submittal.)
- To ensure that evidence and expressions of opinion are included in the record, and to ensure that decorum befitting a deliberative process is maintained, no modes of expression including but not limited to demonstrations, banners, signs, applause, profanity, vulgar language, or personal insults are permitted. To prevent disruption of council meetings and visual obstruction of proceedings, members of the audience shall remain seated during council meetings.
- A speaker asserting a statement of fact may be asked to document and identify the source of the factual datum being asserted.
- When addressing the Council, members of the public shall direct all remarks to the Council President, and shall confine their remarks to the matters that are specifically before the Council at that time or, if speaking during Open Forum, shall confine their remarks to affairs of the city.
- City staff may testify at Council meetings, including open forum, providing the testimony is in compliance with the City of Spokane Code of Ethics and the staff follow the steps outlined in the City Council Rules of Procedure.

**SPEAKING TIME LIMITS:** Each person addressing the Council is limited to two minutes of speaking time, except during hearings and items under final consideration by the Council, for which three minutes will be allowed. The chair may allow additional time if the speaker is asked to respond to questions from the Council. Public testimony and consideration of an item may be extended to a subsequent meeting by a majority vote of the Council. Note: No public testimony shall be taken on amendments to consent or legislative agenda items, or solely procedural, parliamentary, or administrative matters of the Council.

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:** The City Council agendas may be obtained prior to Council Meetings by accessing the City's website at <a href="https://my.spokanecity.org/citycouncil/documents/">https://my.spokanecity.org/citycouncil/documents/</a>.

# **AGENDA REVIEW SESSION**

(3:30 p.m.)
(Council Chambers Lower Level of City Hall)
(No Public Testimony Taken)

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL** 

INTERVIEWS OF NOMINEES TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

COUNCIL OR STAFF REPORTS OF MATTERS OF INTEREST

DRAFT AGENDAS REVIEW (Staff or Council Member briefings and discussion)

APPROVAL BY MOTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF ANY REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL OF ITEMS ON THE FINAL AGENDA

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(Closed Session of Council)
(Executive Session may be held or reconvened during the 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session)

# **LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

(6:00 P.M.)
(Council Reconvenes in Council Chamber)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POETRY AT THE PODIUM, WORDS OF INSPIRATION, AND SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL** 

PROCLAMATIONS AND SALUTATIONS

REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Announcements regarding Changes to the City Council Agenda)

#### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

(Includes Announcements of Boards and Commissions Vacancies)

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### RECOMMENDATION

Arts Commission: Five Reappointments – Kelly Baker, Michael Bethely, Chris Maccini, Audrey Overstreet, and Eva Silverstone

Confirm

CPR 1981-0043

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda consists of purchases and contracts for supplies and services provided to the city, as well as other agreements that arise (such as settlement or union agreements), and weekly claims and payments of previously approved obligations and biweekly payroll claims against the city. Any agreement over \$50,000 must be approved by the city council. Typically, the funding to pay for these agreements has already been approved by the city council through the annual budget ordinance, or through a separate special budget ordinance. If the contract requires a new allocation of funds, that fact usually will be indicated in the summary of the contract in the consent agenda.

Unless a council member requests that an item be considered separately, the council approves the consent agenda as a whole in a single vote. Note: The consent agenda is no longer read in full by the city clerk. The public is welcome to testify on matters listed in the consent agenda, but individual testimony is limited to three minutes for the entire consent agenda.

#### REPORTS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

OPR 2025-0039

1. Multiple Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Conditional Agreement with No-Jeff Project for the future construction of approximately 38 units at Parcel Numbers 35192.1201 and 35192.1202, commonly known as 115 S. Jefferson Street. The Conditional Agreement will ultimately result in the issuance of a final certificate of tax exemption to be filed with the Spokane County Assessor's Office post construction. (Council Sponsors: Council Members Bingle, Zappone, and Klitzke)

**Amanda Beck** 

2. Report of the Mayor of pending:

Approve & Authorize

**Approve** 

a. Claims and payments of previously approved obligations, including those of Parks and Library, through \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, total \$, with Parks and Library claims

Payments CPR 2025-0002

		approved by their respective boards. Warrants excluding Parks and Library total \$		
	b.	Payroll claims of previously approved obligations through, 2025: \$		CPR 2025-0003
3.	a.	City Council Meeting Minutes:, 2025.	Approve All	CPR 2025-0013
	b.	City Council Standing Committee Meeting Minutes: , 2025.		

# LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

#### SPECIAL BUDGET ORDINANCES

(Require Five Affirmative, Recorded Roll Call Votes)

Ordinance C36638 amending Ordinance No. C36626 passed by the City Council December 9, 2024, and entitled in part "An Ordinance adopting a Biennial Budget for the City of Spokane," making appropriation adjustments for year 2025, and declaring and emergency.

(This action carries over budget authority for 2024 obligated budget items that were not completed at year-end and appropriates various outstanding grants and capital expenditures, thereby amending Ordinance C36638, passed December 9, 2024.) (Council Sponsors: Council Members Klitzke and Bingle)

Jessica Stratton

# **NO EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

### **NO RESOLUTIONS**

#### FINAL READING ORDINANCES

(Require Four Affirmative, Recorded Roll Call Votes)

ORD C36632 (To be considered under Hearings Item H.1.)

ORD C36634 Relating to creating an Alcohol Impact Area within specific boundaries of the City of Spokane; adopting a new Chapter 10.82 of the Spokane Municipal Code. (Council Sponsors: Council President Wilkerson and Council Members Zappone and Dillon) Maggie Yates / Adam McDaniel

ORD C36635

Implementing a Community Health Impact Area and public health measures to mitigate the impacts of addiction; adopting a new Division VII and Chapter 10.81 to the Spokane Municipal Code. (Council Sponsors: Council President Wilkerson and Council Members Zappone and Dillon)

Maggie Yates / Adam McDaniel

#### FIRST READING ORDINANCES

ORD C36636

Amending Ordinance C22382 that vacated Calispel Street from the north line of Cora Avenue to the south line of Glass Avenue, City and County of Spokane, Washington. (Council Sponsors: Council Members Bingle and Navarrete)

**Eldon Brown** 

**FURTHER ACTION DEFERRED** 

#### NO SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### **HEARINGS**

#### RECOMMENDATION

ORD C36632

H1. Hearing on Final Reading Ordinance C36632 providing for the acquisition by eminent domain of certain lands necessary for water booster pump station in the vicinity of N. Wieber Drive and W. Shawnee Lane, located in the City and County of Spokane, State of Washington. (First Reading deferred to January 27, 2025, Agenda, from the January 13, 2025, Agenda, during the January 13, 2025, 3:30 p.m. Agenda Review Session) (Council Sponsors: Council President Wilkerson and Council Members Bingle and Klitzke)

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Dan Buller

#### OPEN FORUM

At the conclusion of legislative business, the Council may recess briefly and then convene an open public comment period for up to twenty (20) speakers, unless a majority of council members vote otherwise. If more than twenty (20) people sign up for open forum, the individuals assigned to the twenty (20) spaces available will be chosen at random, with preference given to individuals who have not spoken at open forum during the calendar month. Each speaker is limited to no more than two (2) minutes. In order to participate in Open Forum, you must sign up beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the legislative session and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting via virtual testimony form linked packet in the meetina (https://my.spokanecity.org/citycouncil/documents/) or in person outside council chambers beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the legislative session. The virtual sign-up form can also be found here: https://forms.gle/Vd7n381x3seaL1NW6. (If you are unable to access the form by clicking the hyperlink, please copy and paste the link address into your browser window.) Speakers must sign themselves in using a name. Instructions for virtual participation are provided on the form when you sign up. The Open Forum is a limited public forum; all matters discussed in the open forum shall relate to the affairs of the City other than items appearing on the final or draft agendas, pending hearing items, and initiatives or referenda in a pending election. Individuals speaking during the open forum shall address their comments to the Council President and shall not use profanity, engage in obscene speech, or make personal comment or verbal insults about any individual.

# Motion to Approve Draft Agenda for February 3, 2025 (per Council Rule 2.1.B)

#### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The February 3, 2025, Regular Legislative Session of the City Council is adjourned to February 10, 2025.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) INFORMATION: The City of Spokane is committed to providing equal access to its facilities, programs and services for persons with disabilities. The Spokane City Council Chamber in the lower level of Spokane City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., is wheelchair accessible and also is equipped with an infrared assistive listening system for persons with hearing loss. Headsets may be checked out (upon presentation of picture I.D.) at the City Cable 5 Production Booth located on the First Floor of the Municipal Building, directly above the Chase Gallery or through the meeting organizer. Individuals requesting reasonable accommodations or further information may call, write, or email Risk Management at 509.625.6221, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA, 99201; or <a href="mlowmaster@spokanecity.org">mlowmaster@spokanecity.org</a>. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact Risk Management through the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1. Please contact us forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting date.

### **NOTES**

	for City Council:		Date Rec'd	1/10/2025
Committee: Date	•		Clerk's File #	CPR 1981-0043
Committee Agend	a type:	Cross Ref #		
Council Meeting Date: 02/03	/2025		Project #	
Submitting Dept	MAYOR		Bid #	
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Agenda Item Type	Boards and Commission	ns		
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Agenda Item Name	REAPPOINTMENT OF KELLY BAKER TO		THE ARTS COMMISS	ION

Mayor Brown has reappointed Kelly Baker to the Arts Commission for a term of February 3, 2025 - February 3, 2028.

#### **Summary (Background)**

What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?
N/A
How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the
program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level,
disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?
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How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy, or
product to ensure it is the right solution?
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Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the
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Agenda Item Name	REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL BETHE		LY TO THE ARTS COM	IMISSION

Mayor Brown has reappointed Michael Bethely to the Arts Commission for a term of February 3, 2025 - February 3, 2028.

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Agenda Item Name	REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRIS MACCINI		TO THE ARTS COMMI	SSION

Mayor Brown has reappointed Chris Maccini to the Arts Commission for a term of February 3, 2025 - February 3, 2028.

#### **Summary (Background)**

What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?
N/A
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Agenda Item Name	REAPPOINTMENT OF AUDREY OVERS		REET TO THE ARTS C	OMMISSION	

Mayor Brown has reappointed Audrey Overstreet to the Arts Commission for a term of February 3, 2025 - February 3, 2028.

#### **Summary (Background)**

What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?
N/A
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Lease? NO	Grant Related? NO		Public Works?	NO	
Agenda Item Name	REAPPOINTMENT OF E	VA SILVERSTOI	NE TO THE ARTS COM	MISSION	

Mayor Brown has reappointed Eva Silverstone to the Arts Commission for a term of February 3, 2025 - February 3, 2028.

#### **Summary (Background)**

What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?
N/A
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SPOKANE Agenda Sheet	Date Rec'd	12/18/2024	
Committee: Urban	Clerk's File #	OPR 2025-0039	
Committee Agenda type: Consent		Cross Ref #	
Council Meeting Date: 02/03/2025		Project #	
Submitting Dept	PLANNING & ECONOMIC	Bid #	
<b>Contact Name/Phone</b>	AMANDA BECK 6414	Requisition #	
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Agenda Item Type	Contract Item		
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<b>Sponsoring at Adminis</b>	trators Request NO		
Lease? NO	<b>Grant Related?</b> NO	Public Works?	NO
Agenda Item Name	0650 - MULTI-FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION (MFTE) CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT		

Multiple Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Conditional Agreement with No-Jeff Project, for the future construction of approximately 38 units, at Parcel Number(s) 35192.1201 and 35192.1202 commonly known as 115 S JEFFERSON ST SPOKANE, WA

#### <u>Summary (Background)</u>

Chapter 84.14 RCW authorizes the City to create a multiple family housing property tax exemption program and to certify qualified property owners for that property tax exemption. SMC 08.15 Multiple-family Housing Property Tax Exemption outlines the City of Spokane MFTE Program and project eligibility.

#### What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?

SMC 08.15 Multi- Family Housing Property Tax Exemption A. The purposes of this chapter are to: 1. encourage more multi-family housing opportunities, including affordable housing opportunities, within the City; 2. stimulate the construction of new multifamily housing and the rehabilitation of existing vacant and underutilized buildings for multi-family housing; 3. increase the supply of mixed-income multifamily housing opportunities within the City; 4. accomplish the planning goals required under the Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A RCW, as implemented from time to time by the City's current and future comprehensive plans;

# How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level, disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?

RCW 84.14.100 Report—Filing—Department of commerce audit or review—Guidance to cities and counties. (Expires January 1, 2058.) (1) Thirty days after the anniversary of the date of the certificate of tax exemption and each year for the tax exemption period, the owner of the rehabilitated or newly constructed property, or the qualified nonprofit or local government that will assure permanent affordable homeownership for at least 25 percent of the units for properties receiving an exemption under RCW 84.14.021, must file with a designated authorized representative of the city or county an annual report indicating the following: (a) A

# How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy, or product to ensure it is the right solution?

Title 08 Taxation and Revenue Chapter 08.15 Multiple-family Housing Property Tax Exemption Section 08.15.100 Annual Certification and Affordability Certification Within thirty days of the anniversary of the date the final certificate of tax exemption was recorded at the County and each year thereafter, for the tax exemption period, the property owner shall file a certification with the director, verified upon oath or affirmation, which shall contain such information as the director may deem necessary or useful, and shall include the following information: 1. A statement of occupancy and vacancy of the multi-family units during

# <u>Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others?</u>

Comprehensive Plan Land Use Policies: LU 1.4 Higher Density Residential Uses LU 3.5 Mix of Uses in Centers LU 4.2 Land Uses That Support Travel Options and Active Transportation LU 4.6 Transit-Supported Development Comprehensive Plan Housing Policies: H 1.9 Mixed-Income Housing H 1.4 Use of Existing Infrastructure H 1.10 Lower-Income Housing Development Incentives H 1.11 Access to Transportation H 1.18 Distribution of Housing Options Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Policies: ED 2.4 Mixed-Use ED 7.4 Tax Incentives for Land Improvement

#### **Council Subcommittee Review**

All Multi-Family Tax Exemption conditional agreement applications appear before the Urban Experience committee on the consent agenda for approval to appear on the next available legislative consent agenda.

Fiscal Impact		
Approved in Current Year B	udget?	N/A
Total Cost	\$	
Current Year Cost	\$	
Subsequent Year(s) Cost	\$	

#### **Narrative**

The Mutli-Family Tax Exemption program has no direct impact on City revenues or expenses.

Amount	<u>t</u>	Budget Account
Select	\$	#

Funding Source N/A
Funding Source Type Select

Is this funding source sustainable for future years, months, etc?

Expense Occurrence N/A

Other budget impacts (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)

<b>Approvals</b>		Additional Approvals		
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# PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MFTE Committee Briefing Paper Urban Experience

Submitting Department	Planning and Economic Development			
Contact Name & Phone	Amanda Beck, 509-625-6414			
Contact Email	abeck@spokanecity.org			
Council Sponsor(s)				
Select Agenda Item Type	Consent Discussion Time Requested:			
Agenda Item Name	0650 – Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) Conditional Agreement			
Summary (Background)	Chapter 84.14 RCW authorizes the City to create a multiple family housing property tax exemption program and to certify qualified property owners for that property tax exemption. SMC <u>08.15</u> Multiple-family Housing Property Tax Exemption outlines the City of Spokane MFTE Program and project eligibility.  Staff has determined that the <u>No-Jeff project</u> Conditional application meets the Project Eligibility defined in SMC <u>08.15.040</u> and is located in a previously adopted Residential Target Areas identified in SMC <u>08.15.030</u> .  Once the project is constructed, the applicant intends to finalize as a .  This Conditional Agreement authorizes the appropriate city official to enter into the Multiple Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Conditional Agreement, which will ultimately result in the issuance of a final certificate of tax exemption to be filed with the Spokane County Assessor's Office post construction.			
Proposed Council Action & Date:	Approve the MFTE Conditional Agreement for the No-Jeff project at City Council Meeting.  Project Details: The applicant applied for a Conditional MFTE Agreement for <u>0</u> units, at <u>115 S JEFFERSON ST SPOKANE, WA</u> Property is zoned <u>DTG</u> and the proposed use is allowed.  Estimated Construction Costs: <u>8000000</u> Located in the <u>Riverside</u> neighborhood.			
Fiscal Impact: Approved in current year budget?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A			
Total Cost: <b>\$0</b> Current year cost: Subsequent year(s) cost:				
Narrative: The Mutli-Family Tax Exem	ption program has no direct impact on City revenues or expenses.			
Funding Source	☐ One-time ☐ Recurring ☒ N/A			
Specify funding source:				
Is this funding source sustainable for fut	cure years, months, etc? N/A			

Expense Occurrence		One-time		Recurring	X	N/A
Other budget impacts: (revenue genera	ting, matc	h requiremen	ts, etc.)			
Operation Impacts						
What impacts would the proposal have communities?	on historic	cally excluded	i			
SMC 08.15 Multi- Family Housing Pro	perty Tax	c Exemption				
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4. accomplish the planning of implemented from time to time						
5. promote community deve	lopment, r	neighborhood	l revitali:	zation, and avai	ilability of	affordable housing;
6. preserve and protect build engineering or geographic s					istoric, cul	tural, architectural,
7. encourage additional hou	sing in are	eas that are c	onsister	nt with planning	for public	transit systems.
How will data be collected, analyzed, ar gender identity, national origin, income						
RCW 84.14.100						
Report—Filing—Department of comm 1, 2058.)	nerce aud	lit or review-	–Guida	ince to cities a	nd counti	es. (Expires January
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(b) A certification by the owner that the compliance with the affordable housing approved by the city or county;						
(c) A description of changes or improve	ments con	nstructed afte	r issuan	ce of the certific	cate of tax	exemption; and
(d) Any additional information requested	I by the cit	ty or county in	n regard	ls to the units re	eceiving a	tax exemption.
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- (a) The number of tax exemption certificates granted;
- (b) The total number and type of units produced or to be produced;
- (c) The number, size, and type of units produced or to be produced meeting affordable housing requirements;
- (d) The actual development cost of each unit produced;
- (e) The total monthly rent or total sale amount of each unit produced;
- (f) The annual household income and household size for each of the affordable units receiving a tax exemption and a summary of these figures for the city or county; and
- (g) The value of the tax exemption for each project receiving a tax exemption and the total value of tax exemptions granted.
- (3)(a) The department of commerce must adopt and implement a program to effectively audit or review that the owner or operator of each property for which a certificate of tax exemption has been issued, except for those properties receiving an exemption that are owned or operated by a nonprofit or for those properties receiving an exemption from a city or county that operates an independent audit or review program, is offering the number of units at rents as committed to in the approved application for an exemption and that the tenants are being properly screened to be qualified for an income-restricted unit. The audit or review program must be adopted in consultation with local governments and other stakeholders and may be based on auditing a percentage of income-restricted units or properties annually. A private owner or operator of a property for which a certificate of tax exemption has been issued under this chapter, must be audited at least once every five years.
- (b) If the review or audit required under (a) of this subsection for a given property finds that the owner or operator is not offering the number of units at rents as committed to in the approved application or is not properly screening tenants for income-restricted units, the department of commerce must notify the city or county and the city or county must impose and collect a sliding scale penalty not to exceed an amount calculated by subtracting the amount of rents that would have been collected had the owner or operator complied with their commitment from the amount of rents collected by the owner or operator for the income-restricted units, with consideration of the severity of the noncompliance. If a subsequent review or audit required under (a) of this subsection for a given property finds continued substantial noncompliance with the program requirements, the exemption certificate must be canceled pursuant to **RCW 84.14.110**.
- (c) The department of commerce may impose and collect a fee, not to exceed the costs of the audit or review, from the owner or operator of any property subject to an audit or review required under (a) of this subsection.
- (4) The department of commerce must provide guidance to cities and counties, which issue certificates of tax exemption for multiunit housing that conform to the requirements of this chapter, on best practices in managing and reporting for the exemption programs authorized under this chapter, including guidance for cities and counties to collect and report demographic information for tenants of units receiving a tax exemption under this chapter.
- (5) This section expires January 1, 2058.

#### [2021 c 187 § 5; 2012 c 194 § 9; 2007 c 430 § 10; 1995 c 375 § 13.]

How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy or product to ensure it is the right solution?

#### Title 08 Taxation and Revenue

Chapter 08.15 Multiple-family Housing Property Tax Exemption

#### Section 08.15.100 Annual Certification and Affordability Certification

Within thirty days of the anniversary of the date the final certificate of tax exemption was recorded at the County and each year thereafter, for the tax exemption period, the property owner shall file a certification with the director, verified upon oath or affirmation, which shall contain such information as the director may deem necessary or useful, and shall include the following information:

- 1. A statement of occupancy and vacancy of the multi-family units during the previous year.
- 2. A certification that the property has not changed use and, if applicable, that the property has been in compliance with the affordable housing requirements as described in **SMC 8.15.090** since the date of filing of the final certificate of tax exemption, and continues to be in compliance with the contract with the City and the requirements of this chapter; and

- 3. If the property owner rents the affordable multi-family housing units, the property owner shall file with the City a report indicating the household income of each initial tenant qualifying as low and moderate-income in order to comply with the twenty percent requirement of **SMC 8.15.090(A)(2)(b)** and RCW 84.14.020(1)(ii)(B).
  - The reports shall be on a form provided by the City and shall be signed by the tenants.
    - b. Information on the incomes of occupants of affordable units shall be included with the application for the final certificate of tax exemption, and shall continue to be included with the annual report for each property during the exemption period.
- 4. A description of any improvements or changes to the property made after the filing of the final certificate or last declaration, as applicable.
- B. Failure to submit the annual declaration may result in cancellation of the tax exemption.

Date Passed: Monday, August 21, 2017 Effective Date: Saturday, October 7, 2017

ORD C35524 Section 8

Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others?

#### **Comprehensive Plan Land Use Policies:**

LU 1.4 Higher Density Residential Uses

LU 3.5 Mix of Uses in Centers

LU 4.2 Land Uses That Support Travel Options and Active Transportation

LU 4.6 Transit-Supported Development

#### **Comprehensive Plan Housing Policies:**

H 1.9 Mixed-Income Housing

H 1.4 Use of Existing Infrastructure

H 1.10 Lower-Income Housing Development Incentives

H 1.11 Access to Transportation

H 1.18 Distribution of Housing Options

#### **Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Policies:**

ED 2.4 Mixed-Use

ED 7.4 Tax Incentives for Land Improvement

#### **Council Subcommittee Review:**

Please provide a summary of council subcommittee review. If not reviewed by council subcommittee, please explain why not.

All Mutli-Family Tax Exemption conditional agreement applications appear before the Urban Experience committee on the consent agenda for approval to appear on the next available legistlative consent agenda.



## PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MULTIPLE FAMILY HOUSING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT

THIS CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT is between the City of Spokane, a Washington State municipal corporation, as "City", and No-Jeff LLC, as "Owner/Taxpayer" whose business address is 827 W 2ND AVE Spokane, WA 99201.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City has, pursuant to the authority granted to it by Chapter 84.14 RCW, designated various residential targeted areas for the provision of a limited property tax exemption for new and rehabilitated multiple family residential housing; and

WHEREAS, the City has, through Chapter 8.15 SMC, enacted a program whereby property owner/taxpayers may qualify for a Final Certificate of Tax Exemption which certifies to the Spokane County Assessor that the Owner/Taxpayer is eligible to receive the multiple family housing property tax exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Owner/Taxpayer is interested in receiving the multiple family property tax exemption for new multiple family residential housing units in a residential targeted area; and

WHEREAS, the Owner/Taxpayer has submitted to the City a complete conditional application form for no fewer than a total of four new multiple family permanent residential housing units to be constructed on property legally described as:

#### RAILROAD ADD L1 B19 and RAILROAD ADD L2 B19.

Assessor's Parcel Number(s) <u>35192.1201 and 35192.1202</u>, commonly known as 115 S JEFFERSON ST and 1121 W 1ST AVE, SPOKANE, WA.

WHEREAS, this property is located in the <u>Spokane Target Investment Area</u>, and is eligible to seek a Final Certificate of Tax Exemption post construction under the <u>12-yr</u> <u>Affordable Rentals (requires 30% of units to be income and rent restricted)</u> as defined in SMC 08.15.090.

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the improvements will, if completed as proposed, satisfy the requirements for a Final Certificate of Tax Exemption; -- NOW, THEREFORE,

The City and the Owner/Taxpayer do mutually agree as follows:

- 1. The City agrees to issue the Owner/Taxpayer a Conditional Agreement subsequent to the City Council's approval of this agreement.
- 2. The project must comply with all applicable zoning requirements, land use requirements, design review recommendations and all building, fire, and housing code

requirements contained in the Spokane Municipal Code at the time a complete application for a building permit is received. However, if the proposal includes rehabilitation or demolition in preparation for new construction, the residential portion of the building shall fail to comply with one or more standards of applicable building or housing codes, and the rehabilitation improvements shall achieve compliance with the applicable building and construction codes.

- 3. If the property proposed to be rehabilitated is not vacant, the Owner/Taxpayer shall provide each existing tenant with housing of comparable size, quality and price and a reasonable opportunity to relocate. At the time of an application for a Conditional Agreement, the applicant provided a letter attesting and documenting how the existing tenant(s) were/will be provided comparable housing and opportunities to relocate.
- (a). The existing residential tenant(s) are to be provided housing of a comparable size and quality at a rent level meeting the Washington State definition of affordable to their income level. Specifically, RCW 84.14.010 defines "affordable housing" as residential housing that is rented by a person or household whose monthly housing costs, including utilities other than telephone, do not exceed thirty (30) percent of the household's monthly income. The duration of this requirement will be the length of the tenant's current lease plus one year.
- 4. The Owner/Taxpayer intends to construct on the site, approximately <u>38</u> new multiple family residential housing units substantially as described in their application filed with and approved by the City. In no event shall such construction provide fewer than a total of four multiple family permanent residential housing units.
- 5. The Owner/Taxpayer agrees to complete construction of the agreed-upon improvements within three years from the date the City issues this Conditional Agreement or within any extension granted by the City.
- 6. The Owner/Taxpayer agrees, upon completion of the improvements and upon issuance by the City of a temporary or permanent certificate of occupancy, to file an application for a Final Certificate of Tax Exemption with the City's Planning and Economic Development Department, which will require the following:
- (a) a statement of the actual development cost of each multiple family housing unit, and the total expenditures made in the rehabilitation or construction of the entire property;
- (b) a description of the completed work and a statement that the rehabilitation improvements or new construction of the Owner/Taxpayer's property qualifies the property for the exemption;
- (c) a statement that the project meets the affordable housing requirements, if applicable; and
- (d) a statement that the work was completed within the required three-year period or any authorized extension of the issuance of the conditional certificate of tax exemption.
- 7. The City agrees, conditioned on the Owner/Taxpayer's successful completion of the improvements in accordance with the terms of this Conditional Agreement and on the Owner/Taxpayer's filing of application for the Final Certificate of Exemption with the materials

described in Paragraph 6 above, to file a Final Certificate of Tax Exemption with the Spokane County Assessor indicating that the Owner/Taxpayer is qualified for the limited tax exemption under Chapter 84.14 RCW.

- 8. The Owner/Taxpayer agrees, that once a Final Certificate of Tax Exemption is issued, to comply with all Annual Reporting requirements set forth in SMC 8.15.100 and contained in the annual report form provided by the City. Thirteen (13) months following the first year of the exemption beginning and every year thereafter, the Owner/Taxpayer will complete and file the appropriate Annual Report required by the terms of their Final Certificate of Tax Exemption with the City's Planning and Economic Development Department. The Annual Report is a declaration verifying upon oath and indicating the following:
- (a) a statement of occupancy, use of the property/unit, income and rents for qualifying 12-year and 20-year and vacancy of the multi-family units during the previous year;
- (b) a certification that the property has not changed to a commercial use or been used as a transient (short-term rental) basis and, if applicable, that the property has been in compliance with the affordable housing income and rent requirements as described in SMC 8.15.090 since the date of the filing of the Final Certificate of Tax Exemption, and continues to be in compliance with this Agreement and the requirements of SMC Chapter 8.15;
- (c) for affordable multi-family housing units, information providing the household income, rent and utility cost, of each qualifying as low and moderate-income, which shall be reported on a form provided by the City and signed by the tenants; and
- (d) a description of any improvements or changes to the property made after the filing of the final certificate or last declaration.
- 9. The parties acknowledge that the units, including any owner-occupied units are to be used and occupied for multifamily permanent residential occupancy and use. The parties further acknowledge that the certificate of occupancy issued by the City is for multifamily residential units. The Owner/Taxpayer acknowledges and agrees that the units shall be used primarily for multi-family housing for permanent residential occupancy as defined in SMC 8.15.020 and RCW 84.14.010 and any business activities shall only be incidental and ancillary to the residential occupancy. Any units that are converted from multi-family housing for permanent residential occupancy shall be reported to the City of Spokane's Planning and Economic Development Department and the Spokane County Assessor's Office and removed from eligibility for the tax exemption within 60 days. If the removal of the ineligible unit or units causes the number of units to drop below the number of units required for tax exemption eligibility, the remaining units shall be removed from eligibility pursuant to state law.
- 10. To qualify for the twelve-year tax exemption, the Owner/Taxpayer will be required to rent or sell at least 30%. of the multiple family housing units as affordable housing units to low and moderate-income households and will ensure that the units within the 12-yr program are dispersed throughout the building and distributed proportionally among the buildings; not be clustered in certain sections of the building or stacked; comparable to market-rate units in terms of unit size and leasing terms; and are comparable to market-rate units in terms of functionality and building amenities and access in addition to the other requirements set forth in the Agreement. The Owner/Taxpayer is further required to comply with the rental relocation

assistance requirements set forth in RCW 84.14.020 (7) and (8) and in SMC 8.15.090 (D).

- 11. The Owner/Taxpayer will have the right to assign its rights under this Agreement. The Owner/Taxpayer agrees to notify the City promptly of any transfer of Owner/Taxpayer's ownership interest in the Site or in the improvements made to the Site under this Agreement.
- 12. The City reserves the right to cancel the Final Certificate of Tax Exemption should the Owner/Taxpayer, its successors and assigns, fail to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement or of SMC Chapter 8.15.
- 13. No modifications of this Conditional Agreement shall be made unless mutually agreed upon by the parties in writing.
- 14. The Owner/Taxpayer acknowledges its awareness of the potential tax liability involved if and when the property ceases to be eligible for the incentive provided pursuant to this agreement. Such liability may include additional real property tax, penalties and interest imposed pursuant to RCW 84.14.110. The Owner/Taxpayer further acknowledges its awareness and understanding of the process implemented by the Spokane County Assessor's Office for the appraisal and assessment of property taxes. The Owner/Taxpayer agrees that the City is not responsible for the property value assessment imposed by Spokane County at any time during the exemption period.
- 15. In the event that any term or clause of this Conditional Agreement conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other terms of this Agreement, which can be given effect without the conflicting term or clause, and to this end, the terms of this Conditional Agreement are declared to be severable.
- 16. The parties agree that this Conditional Agreement, requires the applicant to file an application for the Final Certificate of Tax Exemption post the construction of the multiple family residential housing units referenced above and that the Final Certificate of Tax Exemption shall be subject to the applicable provisions of Chapter 84.14 RCW and Chapter 8.15 SMC that exist at the time this agreement is signed by the parties. The parties may agree to amend this Conditional Agreement requirements as set forth when the applicant applies for the Final Certificate of Tax Exemption based upon applicable amendments and additions to Chapter 84.14 RCW or Chapter 8.15 SMC if the requirements change between the issuance of the Conditional Agreement and the Application for Final Tax Exemption has been submitted.
- 17. Nothing in this Agreement shall permit or be interpreted to permit either party to violate any provision of Chapter 84.14 RCW or Chapter 8.15 SMC
  - 18 This Agreement is subject to approval by the City Council.

DATED this	day of	2024
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CITY OF SPOKANE	No-Jeff LLC
By:	Ву:
Interim City Administrator, Garrett Jones	lts:
Attest:	Approved as to form:
City Clerk	Assistant City Attorney



Agenda Sheet for City Council:		Date Rec'd	1/14/2025	
Committee: Finance & Administration Date: 01/27/2025 Committee Agenda type: Discussion		Clerk's File #	ORD C36638	
		Cross Ref #		
Council Meeting Date: 02/03	3/2025		Project #	
Submitting Dept	FINANCE, TREASURY &	ADMIN	Bid #	
<b>Contact Name/Phone</b>	JESSICA 625-6369		Requisition #	
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Agenda Item Type	Special Budget Ordinance			
Council Sponsor(s)	KKLITZKE JBING	GLE		
Sponsoring at Administrators Request NO				
Lease? NO	<b>Grant Related?</b> NO		Public Works? YES	
Agenda Item Name	0410 - SPECIAL BUDGE	T ORDINANCE –	- ANNUAL ENCUMBRA	ANCE CARRYOVER

### **Agenda Wording**

The result of the process is a Special Budget Ordinance (SBO) for City Council action at the February 3, 2025 meeting. The review of the encumbrances will begin January 17, 2025 and the preparation of the SBO is anticipated to take approximately two weeks.

# **Summary (Background)**

Following the close of Accounting's Period 13 for 2024, Finance staff will review all 2024 encumbrances citywide and identify valid encumbrances that will need budget authority carried forward into the 2025 budget. For some funds, including ARPA, this means nothing can be spent until this process is completed. Amount will be identified near January 30, 2025 after a hurried two week process shared between Accounting and Finance. Once identified, a memo will be prepared for review. For context, the five year average for the encumbrance carryover SBO has averaged approximately \$141.4 million across all City funds. The City's General Fund portion has averaged approximately \$3.3 million over the same period.

What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?
N/A - Recurring annual budget process
How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the
program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level,
disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?
N/A - Recurring annual budget process
How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy, or
product to ensure it is the right solution?
N/A - Recurring annual budget process
Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the
Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program,
<b>Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others?</b>
It allows all processes that hinge on funding to continue unimpeded.
Council Subcommittee Review

Fiscal Impact	
Approved in Current Year Bu	ıdget? NO
Total Cost	\$ To be determined
Current Year Cost	\$
Subsequent Year(s) Cost	\$

# **Narrative**

Amount will be identified near January 30, 2025 after a hurried two week process shared between Accounting and Finance.

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Select	\$	#

Funding Source Type Reserves

Is this funding source sustainable for future years, months, etc?

**Expense Occurrence** One-Time

Other budget impacts (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)

Approvals		Additional Approvals	
Dept Head	STRATTON, JESSICA	<b>MANAGEMENT &amp;</b>	STRATTON, JESSICA
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# Council Briefing Paper Public Infrastructure, Environment & Sustainability Committee

Committee Date	1/23/2025
Submitting Department	0410-Finance
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Council Sponsor(s)	Klitzke & Bingle
Select Agenda Item Type	☐ Discussion Time Requested: 5min
Agenda Item Name	Special Budget Ordinance – Annual Encumbrance Carryover
Grant Item	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Proposed Council Action	☐ Approval to proceed to Legislative Agenda
Summary  What is the specific purpose or need for the	Background The annual encumbrance carryover process moves expenditure authority for goods or services, encumbered but unspent in the prior fiscal year, into the current fiscal year and is covered under RCW 35.33.151. Additionally, during
budget adjustment?	this annual process if it is discovered that funds were unable to be properly encumbered for various reasons, including a bid window still being open at year's end, items will be selected for re-budget.
What changes or developments have triggered this request?	The carryover process applies to any good or service ordered prior to December 31 of the most recent fiscal year which has not had final payment and needs budget authority carried forward into the current fiscal year to complete the transaction. Contracts, grants, and capital projects can also be encumbered through an executed contract signed by all parties involved and received by the City Clerk's Office prior to December 31.
	Summary Following the close of Accounting's Period 13 for 2024, Finance staff will review all 2024 encumbrances citywide and identify valid encumbrances that will need budget authority carried forward into the 2025 budget. The result of the process is a Special Budget Ordinance (SBO) for City Council action at the February 3, 2025 meeting. The review of the encumbrances will begin January 17, 2025 and the preparation of the SBO is anticipated to take approximately two weeks. For some funds, including ARPA, this means nothing can be spent until this process is completed.  Amount will be identified near January 30, 2025 after a hurried two week
	process shared between Accounting and Finance. Once identified, a memo will be prepared for review. For context, the five year average for the encumbrance carryover SBO has averaged approximately \$141.4 million across all City funds. The City's General Fund portion has averaged approximately \$3.3 million over the same period.
Fiscal Impact Approved in current year bud	get? □ Yes ⊠ No □ N/A

Total Cost: To Be Determined
Current year cost: Subsequent year(s) cost:
Funding Source ⊠ One-time □ Recurring □ N/A Specify funding source: Reserves
Is this funding source sustainable for future years, months, etc? Click or tap here to enter text.
Expense Occurrence ⊠ One-time □ Recurring □ N/A
Other budget impacts: (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)
Operations Impacts (If N/A, please give a brief description as to why)
<ul> <li>What are the net impacts this adjustment will have on the specifically affected line items?</li> <li>With carried over budget authority, unexpended appropriations will be able to be settled without</li> </ul>
eating into the 2025 budget.
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could dramatically impede operations and associated outcomes.
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What current racial and other inequities might this special budget ordinance address?
n/a – recurring annual budget process

#### **ORDINANCE NO C36638**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. C36626, PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 9, 2024, AND ENTITLED IN PART "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE," MAKING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, at the end of the 2024 fiscal year there were various unexpended appropriations for uncompleted programs, improvements in progress, unfilled orders for material, equipment & supplies and unfulfilled contracts for personnel services, properly budgeted and contracted for, or pending contract, and various outstanding grants, bond projects, and capital projects; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete such programs and pay such claims it is necessary that the various funds be re-appropriated in the 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been on file in the City Clerk's Office for five days;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That in the budgets of the various funds the following encumbrance carryover changes be made:



Section 2. That in the budgets of the various funds the following re-budget changes be made:



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SPOKANE Agenda Sheet for City Council:		<b>Date Rec'd</b>	12/26/2024	
Committee: Public Safety Date: 01/06/2025			Clerk's File #	ORD C36634
Committee Agenda type: Discussion		Cross Ref #		
Council Meeting Date: 01/27	/2025		Project #	
Submitting Dept	MAYOR		Bid #	
<b>Contact Name/Phone</b>	MAGGIE 675	3/6779	Requisition #	
Contact E-Mail	MYATES@SPOKANEC	TY.ORG/AMCD		
Agenda Item Type	First Reading Ordinance			
Council Sponsor(s)	ZZAPPONE BV	VILKERSON	PDILLON	
<b>Sponsoring at Adminis</b>	trators Request	NO		
Lease? NO	Grant Related? NO		<b>Public Works?</b>	NO
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# **Agenda Wording**

An ordinance relating to creating an Alcohol Impact Area within specific boundaries of the City of Spokane; adopting a new Chapter 10.82 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

# **Summary (Background)**

Due to internal and external regulatory gaps this administration recommends an alcohol impact area within the downtown police precinct area as a public safety policy with a documented track record of reducing violent crime, shrinking narcotics violations, and lessening waste and litter on streets and right of ways in the city of Spokane

What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?
See legislative findings.
How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the
program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level,
disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?
The City of Spokane intends to use emergency medical services data, crime statistics, and public health
information to establish a geographical area in the City of Spokane as a Community Health Impact Area to
target policy and programmatic resources that mitigate the disproportionate public health and secondary
neighborhood impacts of the addiction crisis.
How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy, or
product to ensure it is the right solution?
The City shall publish on the City website quarterly data from the community health impact area. Data shall
include but is not limited to likely overdose calls for service, crime statistics, and other relevant data.
Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the
Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program,
<b>Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others?</b>
This ordinance aligns with WAC 314-12.
Council Subcommittee Review

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#### ORDINANCE NO. C36634

An ordinance relating to creating an Alcohol Impact Area within specific boundaries of the City of Spokane; adopting a new Chapter 10.82 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

- WHEREAS, the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Section 314-12- 215 provides that, as a condition precedent to the City requesting that the Washington State Liquor Control Board enact additional restrictions on off premises alcohol sales within an area of the City adversely affected by chronic public inebriation or illegal activity associated with alcohol sales or consumption, an ordinance must designate such an area as an Alcohol Impact Area (AIA); and
- **WHEREAS,** the City seeks to establish a downtown AIA within the boundaries of the downtown police precinct area; and
- **WHEREAS,** illegal activity associated with alcohol sales and consumption within the AIA is contributing to the deterioration of the general quality of life within the AIA and threatens the welfare, health, peace, or safety of the area's residents and visitors; and
- **WHEREAS,** there is a pervasive pattern of alcohol-related incidents within the AIA and within 1,000 feet of licensed off-premises alcohol outlets documented in crime statistics, police reports, emergency medical response data, code enforcement reports, and other similar records maintained by law enforcement and public health agencies; and
- **WHEREAS,** alcohol-related incidents within the proposed AIA are up more than 60% over the last three years; and
- **WHEREAS,** the City's previous AIAs in downtown and in East Central were found by public health researchers to reduce crime including narcotic drug violations and assaults; and
- **WHEREAS,** over 30% of alcohol-related incidents between December 15, 2021, and December 15, 2024 took place between 12:00am and 2:00am; and
- **WHEREAS,** the City is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars addressing the litter and solid waste issues within the AIA where single-serve alcohol containers are a significant source of the litter; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City has met with neighborhood leaders, public health professionals, non-profit providers, and business organizations located within the proposed AIA for the purpose of developing solutions to the illegal activity associated with off-premises alcohol sales and consumption within the AIA; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Downtown Spokane Partnership, representing the downtown business improvement district, requests the [re]establishment of an alcohol impact area downtown to address illegal activity associated with off-premises alcohol sales; and

**WHEREAS,** the rationale for the City to establish an AIA is to reduce the illegal activities associated with alcohol sales and consumption within the proposed AIA in order to protect the public safety, health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to make good faith efforts for at least six months to mitigate the effects of chronic public inebriation and illegal activity associated with alcohol sales and consumption within the AIA through voluntary efforts that include coordinated and cooperative efforts with business, community and neighborhood associations to promote business practices that reduce chronic public inebriation and promote public welfare, health, peace, and safety; and

WHEREAS, notification has been given to all Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board off-premises liquor licensees selling single-serve containers and/or selling liquor between the hours of 12:00am and 2:00am about the proposed alcohol impact area and about the negative effects off-premises alcohol sales are having on residents and visitors in downtown Spokane; and

**WHEREAS,** additional notification will be given to all Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board off-premises liquor licensees within the AIA of voluntary remedies available to them to resolve the problem; and

**WHEREAS**, the City may meet with the off-premises sale licensees located within the AIA, as well with other interested parties, to develop and promote voluntary efforts to reduce chronic public inebriation and illegal activity associated with off-premises alcohol sales and consumption; and

**WHEREAS,** should the voluntary remedies fail to significantly reduce the impact of chronic public inebriation and illegal activity associated with alcohol sales and consumption within the AIA, the City will petition the Liquor and Cannabis Board to recognize the alcohol impact area.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, the City of Spokane does ordain:

**Section 1**. That a new Chapter 10.82 of the Spokane Municipal Code is created to read as follows:

#### **Chapter 10.82 Alcohol Impact Areas**

# Section 10.82.010 Purpose

The purpose of an Alcohol Impact Area is for local authorities to have a process to mitigate problems with chronic public inebriation or illegal activities linked to the sale or consumption of alcohol within a geographic area of their city, town or county, but not the

entire jurisdiction. An Alcohol Impact Area is designated by geographical boundaries as defined in Washington Administrative Code Chapter 314-12-015.

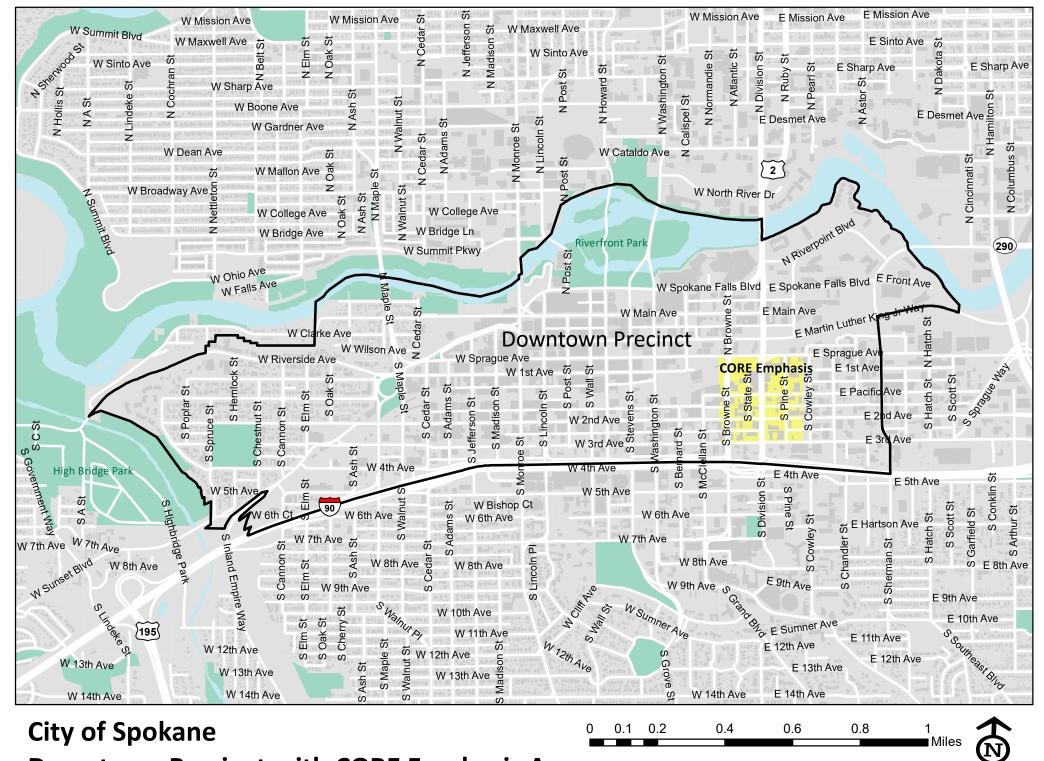
#### Section 10.82.020 Establishment of Alcohol Impact Areas

Upon the identification of problems related to chronic public inebriation or illegal activities linked to the sale or consumption of alcohol within a geographic area, the City may establish an alcohol impact area by first attempting a voluntary Alcohol Impact Area. If the voluntary Alcohol Impact Area does not reduce problems in that area, the City may then petition the Liquor and Cannabis Board to request that the Board adopt a resolution creating a state-recognized Alcohol Impact Area which is mandatory.

#### Section 10.82.030 Alcohol Impact Area in Spokane's Downtown Police Precinct

The geographical area encompassing the Spokane Police Department's Downtown Precinct is declared to be alcohol impact area as defined by WAC 314.12.215. This geographical area is shown in Exhibit A. The boundaries shall include properties located on both sides of the public right-of-way that constitute the boundaries of the alcohol impact area as further depicted on the attached map.

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**Downtown Precinct with CORE Emphasis Area** 

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# Memorandum

# Office of the Mayor

DATE: December 26, 2024

FROM: Adam McDaniel – Policy Advisor, Office of the Mayor

TO: Councilmember Paul Dillon – Chair, Public Safety and Community Health

Committee

RE: Alcohol Impact Area | Community Health Impact Area

This memo recommends potential public health and crime reduction strategies to address the secondary impacts of addiction. This memo identifies both internal and external regulatory gaps and ultimately recommends an alcohol impact area within the downtown police precinct area as a public safety policy with a documented track record of reducing violent crime, shrinking narcotics violations, and lessening waste and litter on streets and right of ways in the city of Spokane. This memo also recommends a policy for expanding naloxone distribution to address the overdose crisis impacting the downtown police precinct area.

# Executive Summary – Alcohol Impact Area

- I. **Background**: The previous administration inadvertently repealed a pre-existing alcohol impact area, which regulated the sale of certain single use alcohol products for off-premises consumption.
- II. **Issue**: The sale of single serve alcohol products for off-premises consumption creates dangerous public health and public safety outcomes, disproportionately impacting poor communities and communities of color.

#### III. Policy Recommendations

Reestablish an alcohol impact area for downtown Spokane to match the boundaries on the Spokane Police Department's downtown precinct.



2nd Avenue and Maple Street - October 23, 2024

# **Downtown Police Precinct Area**

Census Tract 35, Census Tract 36.01, Census Tract 36.02, and a small part of Census Tract 145 fall within the Spokane Police Department's downtown precinct area. The downtown precinct borders I-90 to the south, the Spokane River to the north, Latah Creek/High Bridge Park to the west, and Sherman Avenue to the east.



Census Tracts 35, 36.01 and 36.02 encompass the Riverside, Peaceful Valley, and Browne's Addition neighborhoods, respectively. Over 9,000 Spokane residents live in these three census



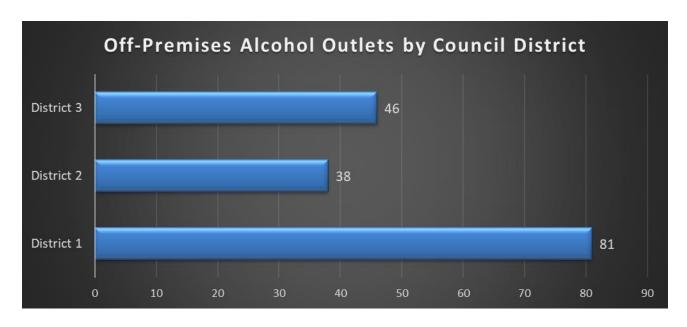
tracts – a population larger than the city of Medical Lake. These neighborhoods are racially more diverse than most other neighborhoods and have high Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) scores as measured by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 2024). Half of residents in the Riverside Neighborhood (Census Tract 35) live below the federal poverty line. Census Tract 35 has the lowest median household income of any census tract in the city, and all three neighborhoods have unemployment rates higher than the citywide rates.

Nearly 95% of Census Tract 35 residents are renters, and more than a quarter of residents in both Riverside and Browne's Addition neighborhoods lack access to a vehicle (U.S. Census Bureau, 2024). Most of the downtown area is considered a food desert (Spokane Food Policy Council, 2016). Some residents formerly utilized the Rite Aid along Howard Street for basic food and grocery items but the store's closure in 2023 necessitates many residents to depend on other off-premises alcohol outlets for basic food items. If Main Market Co-op closes, dependence on off-premises alcohol outlets for necessities will grow even greater (Billingham, 2024). Currently, nine of the fourteen SNAP retailers within the downtown police precinct area are convenience stores (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2024).

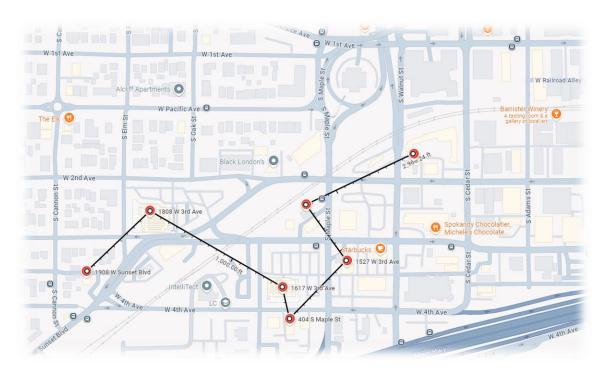
Historically, the Riverside Neighborhood suffered from the highest violent crime rate of any area in Spokane County while Browne's Addition had the fourth highest violent crime rate in the county (Spokane Regional Health District, 2017). Current crime statistics show a reduction in violent crime year-to-date within the downtown police precinct area, however downtown Spokane is perceived as being "unsafe" (Greater Spokane Inc., 2024). The perception that downtown Spokane is "unsafe" has compounding social capital impacts on the residents living in these neighborhoods (Theall, Scribner, Cohen, Schonlau, & Farley, 2009). This perception may slow the physical property investments critical to improving public safety and enhancing public health within the neighborhood (Walter, Acolin, & Marie, 2024).

#### **Off-Premises Alcohol Outlets (Liquor Stores/Convenience Stores)**

Off-premises alcohol outlets include liquor stores and convenience stores selling liquor and high-octane alcohol products where patrons buy the alcohol to be consumed off-premises. As of early October 2024, there were 145 off-premises alcohol outlets licensed by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) or going through the licensing process in the city of Spokane. More than half of all off-premises alcohol outlets were in City Council District 1.



Multiple studies show that off-premises alcohol outlets are disproportionately located in communities with lower incomes and in neighborhoods with a higher percentage of non-white residents (Romley, Cohen, Ringel, & Sturm, 2007). The Riverside and Browne's Addition neighborhoods have nearly three off-premises alcohol outlets for every 1,000 residents. Contrast this with the Southgate neighborhood, which boasts only 0.38 off-premises alcohol outlets for every 1,000 residents and Indian Trail which has 0.50 off-premises alcohol outlets for every 1,000 residents.



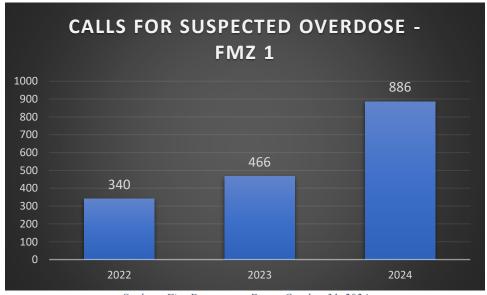
Seven Off-Premises Alcohol Outlets within 0.5 miles in downtown Spokane



Census Tract 145 has nearly four off-premises alcohol outlets for every 1,000 residents. Like the Riverside neighborhood, nearly half of residents in Census Tract 145 (East Central) live below the federal poverty line.

Alcohol and drug-related deaths continue to rise in Spokane County (Starks, Sharkova, Leibenguth, & Huber, 2024) Off-premises alcohol outlets have a significant effect on crime and the quality of life in neighborhoods (Fitterer, Nelson, & Stockwell, 2015). Off-premises alcohol outlets are associated with shootings (Osborne, Duggan, Shulman, & Cabeza, 2024), assaults (Miller, 2024), and robberies (Frint, 2024). There is even a strong association between off-premises alcohol outlets and the rate of pedestrian injuries (Nesoff, et al., 2018). The density of off-premises alcohol outlets in neighborhoods is a risk factor for youth and young adult substance use (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 2016).

Off-premises alcohol outlets in downtown Spokane are also places where drug activities take place (Sanford, We spent a weekend at Spokane's most notorious intersection. Here's what we saw., 2023). Unsurprisingly, public health research finds the proliferation of off-premises alcohol outlets is associated with higher rates of drug overdose. A study of the city of Baltimore published in the International Journal of Drug Policy found "each additional off-premises alcohol outlet was associated with a 16.6% increase in neighborhood overdose rate" (Nesoff, et al., 2021). The City of Spokane's Fire Management Zone 1 serves the downtown police precinct area east of Lincoln Street to I-90 to the south and the Spokane River to the north. There are eight off-premises alcohol outlets within Fire Management Zone 1. Fire Management Zone 1 has seen an alarming increase in overdose calls over the last 3 years.



Spokane Fire Department Data - October 31, 2024

#### Off-Premises Alcohol Outlets in Downtown Spokane

There are seventeen active and licensed off-premises alcohol outlets in the downtown police precinct area and one licensee pending approval from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. Most of these off-premises alcohol outlets are traditional convenience retailers except for four supermarkets (Rosauers Supermarket, Downtown Grocery Outlet, Main Market Co-op, and PM Jacoy's), a specialty wine shop (Vino! A Wine Shop), and a hotel (Best Western Plus City Center).

Off-Premises Licensee (Tradename)	Address	Hours
7-ELEVEN STORE #32703B	177 S DIVISION ST	24 Hours
BAINS LIQUOR MART MAPLE	404 S MAPLE ST	24 Hours
BAINS MART 2ND AVE	1428 W 2ND AVE	24 Hours
BEST WESTERN PLUS CITY CENTER	33 W SPOKANE FALLS BLVD	N/A
CITY FUEL	1527 W 3RD AVE	6:00am – 10:00pm
CONOCO FOOD MART	1602 W 3RD AVE	24 Hours
DIVINE 11 MIDCITY	822 W 2ND AVE	6:00am – 1:00am
DIVISION EXPRESS	3 EAST 3RD AVE	6:00am – 12:30am
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP	10 N POST ST STE 102	6:00am – 12:00am
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP 2	10 N POST ST STE 16	6:00am – 12:00am
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP III <sup>1</sup>	501 W SPRAGUE AVE	
DOWNTOWN SPOKANE GROCERY OUTLET	1617 W 3RD AVE	8:00am – 9:00pm
MAIN MARKET CO-OP	44 W MAIN AVE	8:00am – 8:00pm
P M JACOY'S	402 W SPRAGUE AVE	7:00am – 7:00pm
ROSAUERS SUPERMARKETS #2	1808 W 3RD AVE	6:00am – 10:00pm
SUNSET GROCERY	1908 W SUNSET BLVD	24 Hours
THE PIGGY MART	932 W 3RD AVE	5:00am – 2:00am
VINO! A WINE SHOP	222 S WASHINGTON ST	10:00am – 7:00pm

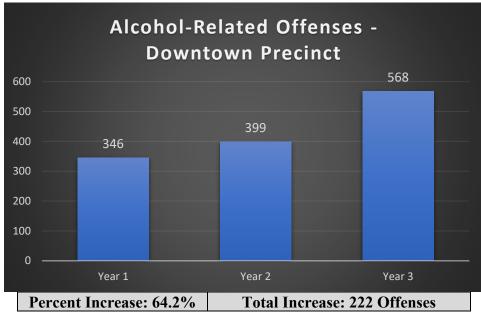
Although crime is down year-to-date in the downtown police precinct area overall, alcohol-related incidents in the area have grown 64% over the last three years.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Off-Premises liquor license is currently pending.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ernst, Spokane Police Department; **Method:** All police report offenses were reviewed using the FBI NIBRS flag "Offender suspected of using Alcohol". Any offenses where that flag was set to Yes were included. Additionally, all statutes in the system were reviewed for key terms like "alcohol", "liquor", "open container", and "DUI". If the statute reflected alcohol use but the "Offender suspected of using Alcohol" flag was set to No or Unknown, the offense was counted anyway.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Year 1 is 10/1/2021 to 9/30/2022. Year 2 is 10/1/2022 to 9/30/2023. Year 3 is 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024





Specifically, alcohol-related offenses within 1,000 feet of ten off-premises alcohol outlets within the downtown police precinct area are up over the same 3-year period.

<u>Licensee</u>	Percent Increase – 3 Year Period
7-ELEVEN STORE #32703B	108%
BAINS LIQUOR MART MAPLE	4%
CONOCO FOOD MART	30%
DIVINE 11 MIDCITY	44%
DIVISION EXPRESS	154%
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP 1 & 2	106%
DOWNTOWN SPOKANE GROCERY OUTLET	23%
P M JACOY'S	114%
THE PIGGY MART	39%

#### **Alcohol Impact Areas (AIA)**

The purpose of an alcohol impact area is for local governments to mitigate illegal activities linked with the sale or public consumption of alcohol within a geographic area of their jurisdiction (Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, 2024). Certain conditions and

restrictions may be implemented on off-premises alcohol outlets including the limitation of hours of operation for off-premises sales, banning of certain alcohol items, and a prohibition on the sale of single-serve containers (Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, 2019).

As of October 2024, most of the off-premises alcohol outlets within the downtown police precinct area were selling high-octane alcohol products that were previously restricted less than two years ago within the downtown alcohol impact area.

Importantly, the petitioning local government is responsible for suggesting the conditions and restrictions for consideration of the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board per Washington Administrative Code 314-12-215. In addition to LCB-adopted conditions and restrictions, local governments are given sixty days to register objections under RCW 66.24.010 to new liquor license applications within alcohol impact areas versus only twenty days for licenses outside of an alcohol impact area. Implementation of an alcohol impact area requires adoption of an ordinance by the Spokane City Council executing a six-month voluntary compliance period. The City will communicate to all off-premises alcohol outlet licensees in the area with a request to voluntarily comply with the conditions and restrictions. The LCB may formalize the conditions and restrictions if the licensees fail to comply with the conditions and restrictions placed by the voluntary alcohol impact area.

There are mandatory alcohol impact areas in large cities across Washington. All four cities with current alcohol impact areas have alcohol impact areas in their downtown core.

<u>City</u>	# of AIAs	Year Established
Seattle	2	1999
Tacoma	3	2008
Olympia	1	2014
Everett	1	2016

The first alcohol impact area was approved in Seattle's Pioneer Square. In addition to certain product bans, the Pioneer Square alcohol impact area restricted the sale of off-premises alcohol between 6:00am and 9:00am and prohibited the sale of single serve containers (Nguyen, n.d.).

There is also a voluntary alcohol impact area in the city of Vancouver (City of Vancouver Washington, 2008). These large Washington cities have had multiple opportunities to end their alcohol impact area designations and have chosen not to repeal them. Reports published by law enforcement from these cities are clear: alcohol impact areas reduce crime. A report from the City of Seattle reviewing a five-year period from 2017-2022 found alcohol impact areas continue to have, "significant and positive effects on curbing the problems associated with chronic inebriation and public safety". An external study of the City of Seattle's alcohol impact areas supports the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods findings (Tarnai, 2009). Community organizations such as the Downtown Seattle Association and Chinatown-International District Business Improvement Area strongly advocated for the renewal of Seattle's alcohol impact areas in 2022 (City of Seattle - Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, 2022). Similarly, the City of Everett also saw a decrease in alcohol-related incidents after the implementation of their alcohol impact area (Templeman, 2022).



The City of Spokane previously had two mandatory alcohol impact areas: Downtown, East Central, and one voluntary area: West Central. The downtown alcohol impact area's previous perimeter was from Cannon Street as the west boundary to Scott Street to the east and Spokane Falls Boulevard as the north boundary to Fifth Avenue as the south boundary. The downtown alcohol impact area was officially adopted by the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board in 2010. The West Central voluntary alcohol impact area was created in 2011 and subsequently repealed by the City Council in 2012 after neighborhood pushback (Brunt, Alcohol impact area dropped, 2012). The Downtown and East Central alcohol impact areas existed until 2022, when they were inadvertently repealed by the previous administration and City Council in Emergency Ordinance C36289.

A year before the downtown and East Central alcohol impact areas were repealed, researchers from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health published a study on the crime reduction success of alcohol impact areas in Tacoma as well as downtown and East Central in Spokane. Crucially, one of the most significant reductions of crime within the alcohol impact areas were narcotic drug violations. Other crimes, including assaults, also decreased significantly (Jones-Webb, et al., 2021). This study matches Washington State University research published in 2009 that established the efficacy of the City of Seattle's alcohol impact areas. The WSU study found the rate of drug-related EMS incidents declined after implementing the alcohol impact area (Tarnai, 2009).

A five-year analysis of the downtown alcohol impact area completed and published by the Spokane Police Department showed the downtown alcohol impact area to have a "consistent and lower rate of increase in calls for service than the City [sic] of Spokane as a whole (Meidl, 2020)".



Downtown AIA - City of Spokane

The East Central alcohol impact area drew praise from the East Spokane Business Association as having an almost immediate impact (Hewitt, 2012 Annual Report - East Central AIA, 2013):

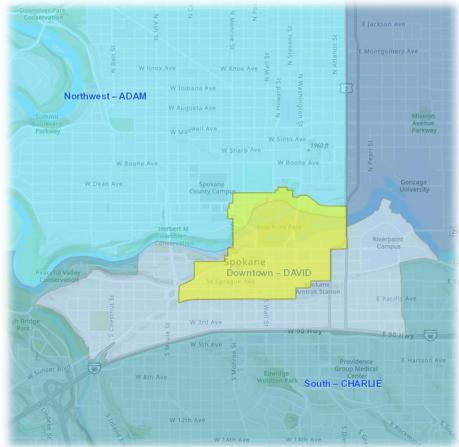
"The East Central Alcohol Impact Area (AIA) has made a significant impact in the very short time it has been in effect. The East Central Neighborhood, Spokane International District and South Perry Street District have seen decreases in public intoxication, littering, loitering and disorderly conduct. The East Spokane Business Association is pleased with the immediate and positive impact the AIA has made in this neighborhood" - Jack-Daniyel Strong, Former ESBA President

Opponents of alcohol impact areas see the implementation of an alcohol impact area as designating that neighborhood a 'problem' zone (Brunt, Restrictions on alcohol sales get fresh look, 2012). Critics of alcohol impact areas also argue the criminal and nuisance activities reduced by an alcohol impact area simply get pushed to other neighborhoods (Hewitt, Retired Neighborhood Resource Officer - Spokane Police Officer, 2024). There is no evidence that supports the alcohol impact areas in East Central or downtown shifted chronic inebriation and other alcohol-related illegal activities to other neighborhoods. The Washington State University study of the City of Seattle alcohol impact areas found no evidence of dispersion of alcohol-related incidents to other neighborhoods. Furthermore, the study found no evidence of decline in retail sales for the retailers with liquor licenses within the alcohol impact area. In fact, retailers saw stable growth during the study period after the alcohol impact area was implemented (Tarnai, 2009).

Mitigating the data collection and reporting requirements of the alcohol impact area is an important consideration as the resources necessary to implement and maintain the designation could outweigh potential benefits (Anderson, 2024). To maximize crime reduction and public health benefits and to streamline data collection, a restored downtown alcohol impact area should match the boundaries of the downtown police precinct area (Census Tract 35, Census Tract 36.02, and western portion of Census Tract 145). This area is slightly smaller than the previous downtown alcohol impact area.

The Downtown Spokane Partnership recently added the restoration of the downtown alcohol impact area to their 2025 local legislative priorities. The downtown police precinct area covers most of the downtown business improvement district (BID) boundary.





Downtown BID Boundary overlayed on the Downtown Police Precinct Area

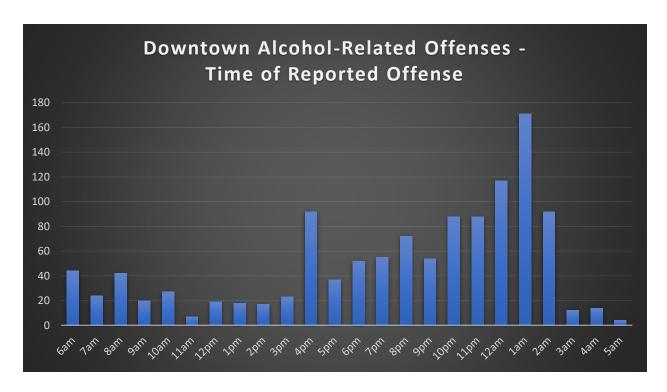
#### **Off-premises Alcohol Retail Sales Hours**

Washington state law prohibits the sale of alcohol from 2:00am to 6:00am <u>unless restricted by local government</u> (State of Washington, 2001). Local governments must restrict *all* operating hours within the jurisdiction equally unless the licensees are within a Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board-recognized alcohol impact area.

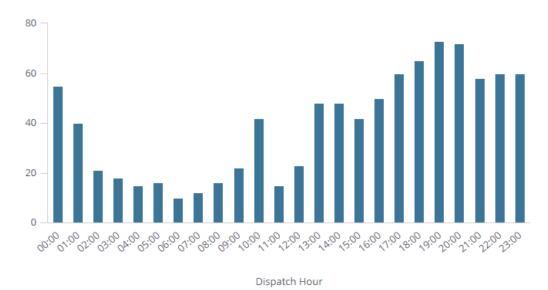
Spokane Police Department data over the last three years show more than 30% of all alcohol-related incidents<sup>4</sup> downtown take place between midnight and 2:00am.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> NIBRS "Offender Suspected of Using Alcohol" value set to "Yes".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Data pulled by Shawna Ernst from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



Likewise, the Spokane Fire Department responded to nearly 1500 calls for service and transported 363 individuals to the emergency department between 2022 and 2024 for alcohol-related incidents just within Fire Management Zone 1.



Calls for service related to alcohol peak between 7:00pm and 8:00pm within Fire Management Zone 1, however, many EMS calls also come between 12:00am and 2:00am.<sup>6</sup> Calls for service drop significantly between 2:00am and 6:00am when alcohol sales are prohibited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> It is likely that this data is underreported. Based on information provided by the Spokane Fire Department, it is possible that many additional calls have an alcohol component but were documented as a trauma. For example,



Limiting hours when alcohol can be sold and served is a proven public health intervention and public safety strategy (Jernigan, Sparks, Yang, & Schwartz, 2013). This public health and safety strategy is endorsed by the World Health Organization (World Health Organization, 2017) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 2022). A recent study from Baltimore found that shortening overnight sales of alcohol reduced violent crime in the immediate and surrounding areas and saved the City of Baltimore millions of dollars in annual costs (McKoy, 2024).

Off-Premises Licensee (Tradename)	Weekday Hours	Weekend Hours
7-ELEVEN STORE #32703B	24 Hours	24 Hours
BAINS LIQUOR MART MAPLE	24 Hours	24 Hours
BAINS MART 2ND AVE	24 Hours	24 Hours
BEST WESTERN PLUS CITY CENTER	N/A	N/A
CITY FUEL	6:00am – 10:00pm	6:00am – 10:00pm
CONOCO FOOD MART	24 Hours	24 Hours
DIVINE 11 MIDCITY	6:00am – 11:00pm	6:00am – 1:00am
DIVISION EXPRESS	6:00am – 10:00pm	6:00am – 12:30am
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP	6:00am – 12:00am	6:00am – 12:00am
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP 2	6:00am – 12:00am	6:00am – 12:00am
DOWNTOWN SPOKANE GROCERY OUTLET	8:00am – 9:00pm	8:00am – 9:00pm
MAIN MARKET CO-OP	8:00am – 8:00pm	8:00am – 8:00pm
P M JACOY'S	7:00am – 7:00pm	7:00am – 7:00pm
ROSAUERS SUPERMARKETS #2	6:00am – 10:00pm	6:00am – 10:00pm
SUNSET GROCERY	24 Hours	24 Hours
THE PIGGY MART	5:00am – 2:00am	5:00am – 2:00am
VINO! A WINE SHOP	10:00am – 7:00pm	10:00am – 7:00pm

Extending the prohibition of overnight off-premises retail sales of alcohol from 2:00am to 12:00am would reduce the current alcohol sales periods for eight off-premises alcohol outlets in the downtown police precinct area. Extending the overnight sales prohibition by two hours would reduce the five twenty-four-hour stores daily alcohol sale period by two hours each day. Division Express would reduce its alcohol sale period by 30 minutes on weekends. Divine 11 MIDCITY would reduce its alcohol sale period by 1 hour on weekends. The Piggy Mart would reduce its alcohol sale period a total of two hours each day.

when a patient falls from intoxication and 911 is activated, that call could get recorded as a trauma. Also, if the Fire Department arrives on a scene and a person is intoxicated and is requesting detox services the call could be recorded as a public assist.

Off-Premises Licensee (Tradename)	Weekday Alcohol	Weekend Alcohol
	Retail Hours Reduced	Retail Hours Reduced
7-ELEVEN STORE #32703B	2 Hours	2 Hours
BAINS LIQUOR MART MAPLE	2 Hours	2 Hours
BAINS MART 2ND AVE	2 Hours	2 Hours
CONOCO FOOD MART	2 Hours	2 Hours
DIVINE 11 MIDCITY	0 Hours	1 Hour
DIVISION EXPRESS	0 Hours	30 minutes
SUNSET GROCERY	2 Hours	2 Hours
THE PIGGY MART	2 Hours	2 Hours

Importantly, this condition would not require businesses to change their retail hours. This condition would simply prohibit the sale of alcohol during the overnight hours.

#### **Single-Serve Alcohol Containers**

Single-serve/ready-to-drink alcohol beverages have grown in popularity over the last several years. Nationally, flavored malt beverage products such as Twisted Tea<sup>7</sup>, Mike's Harder Lemonade, and Smirnoff products are second only to regular beer in beer-based beverage sales at convenience stores. Flavored malt beverages also have the largest gross profit margins among beer-based beverages at off-premises alcohol outlets such as convenience stores (Conway, 2024). Collectively, these multi-billion-dollar beverage companies engage in marketing that public health professionals contend target youth and vulnerable communities (O'Brien, Mathieu, Bikomeye, Busalacchi, & Borisy-Rudin, 2023).

Single-serve alcohol bottles, ready-to-drink (alcopops), tall boy cans, and miniatures (also known as 'nips') are also a significant source of litter and trash in the downtown core. Elected leaders in cities such as Boston (Jonas, 2023) have sought to prohibit the outright sale of miniatures and single-serve alcohol containers because of the detrimental waste impacts (Thys, 2023). The City of Spokane is currently spending hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars addressing litter and trash in the downtown core where single-serve alcohol containers are a significant source of litter<sup>8</sup>.

The following photos are a snapshot informal trash survey of single-serve containers found within the downtown police precinct area along  $2^{nd}$  Avenue and  $3^{rd}$  Avenue on October 26, 2024.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Owned by the Boston Beer Company

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Special Budget Ordinance C36520





































The single-serve containers seen above are inexpensive and have a higher alcohol by volume than traditional beer. Earthquake High Gravity Lager was the product most noticeable during the October 26, 2024, informal trash survey. Earthquake High Gravity Lager is also the product with the highest alcohol by volume content at the lowest price identified during the survey. Earthquake High Gravity Lager was previously restricted for purchase downtown under the downtown alcohol impact area.

<b>Product</b>	Purchase Price in \$	Alcohol/Volume	Number of U.S. standard drinks <sup>9</sup>
Earthquake High Gravity	\$1.99	10%	4.0 Drinks
Lager			
Hurricane High Gravity	\$2.39	8.1%	3.4 Drinks
Mike's Harder (Mango)	\$4.35	8%	3.2 Drinks
Smirnoff Ice Smash	\$3.69	8.1%	3.2 Drinks
Fireball Miniature	\$1.19	16.5%	0.5 Drinks
99 Brand Peaches	\$1.19	15%	0.4 Drinks

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> https://rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov/tools/calculators/drink-size-calculator

#### **Alcohol Impact Area Process**



The Alcohol Impact Area process is lengthy and will require commitment from multiple departments including the Spokane Police Department, Code Enforcement, and City Attorney's Office. The City will be required to conduct multiple litter/trash surveys, obtain letters of support from neighborhood councils and business organizations, and provide evidence of the City's good faith efforts to address the problems voluntarily. If the petition to the LCB is successful, the City will publish a Year One Report on the effectiveness of the alcohol impact area followed by an assessment every five years.



# Executive Summary - Naloxone Distribution and Smoking Paraphernalia

I. **Background**: The State of Washington preempts the field of drug paraphernalia except for ordinances regulating harm reduction practices.

II. **Issue**: Downtown Spokane is suffering from its highest overdose rate on record. Data suggests that people who use drugs and/or witness overdoses do not have adequate access to naloxone to reverse an opioid overdose. There are multiple businesses in downtown Spokane selling products such as pipes and foils used to consume illicit substances creating negative externalities for taxpayers and residents in the Riverside and surrounding neighborhoods.

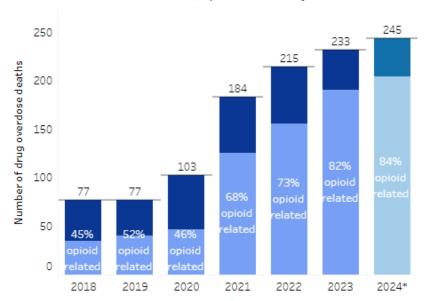
#### **III. Policy Recommendation**

Prohibit the sale of smoking paraphernalia within the downtown police precinct area unless providing naloxone for free during every transaction involving smoking paraphernalia.

#### **Downtown Spokane Overdose Crisis**

Preliminary numbers from Spokane County death certificate data indicate 245 people have died from drug overdose in 2024 in Spokane County. Spokane continues to see an alarming increase in drug overdose deaths with most of those deaths caused by opioids.

#### Overdose Deaths Over Time, Spokane County



The 2024 death data are preliminary and are expected to change.

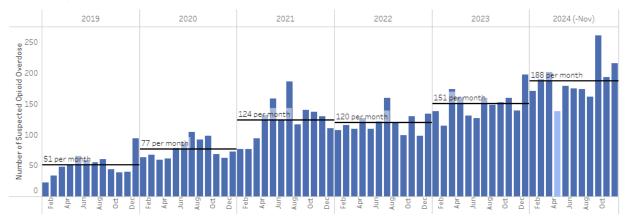
\*Data were updated as of 12/16/2024.

Source: Death Certificate Data

Spokane County Opioid Dashboard

In September, Spokane County saw its highest number of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls for suspected overdose on record. Spokane County's non-fatal overdose emergency department visits also outpace the state rate.





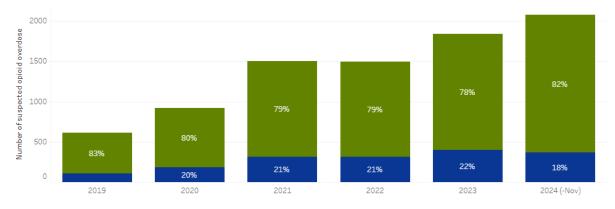
Source: Washington Emergency Medical Services Information System (WEMSIS) (As of 12/05/2024)

Note: The April 2024 EMS Opioid Overdose report data are incomplete. Interpret with caution. The reporting issues are due to the transition between ePCR vendors and to the NEMSIS V3.5 data standard. The estimated % of EMS responses reported to WEMSIS in Spokane County in April 2024 was 39% as compared to nearly 100% in other months.

Paradoxically, the percentage of people experiencing opioid overdoses in Spokane who were administered naloxone *prior* to EMS arrival is also the lowest it has been since 2019.



#### Naloxone administered prior to EMS arrival (Spokane only)



Source: Washington Emergency Medical Services Information System (WEMSIS) (As of 12/05/2024)

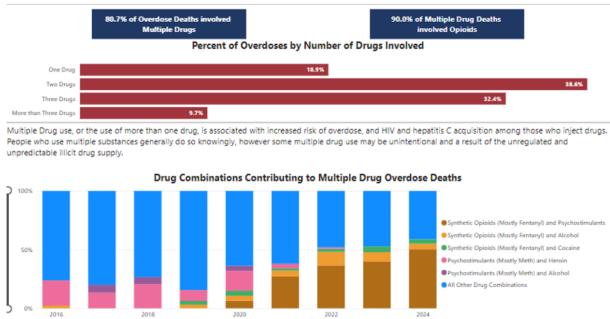
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#### **Smoking Supplies/Drug Paraphernalia**

Smoking is the most common way individuals consume both fentanyl and methamphetamine (Singh, Banta-Green, & Kingston, 2022). Foil is the most used smoking equipment for fentanyl followed by glassware such as pipes. A report published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in February 2024 found that smoking was the predominant method of consumption that resulted in overdose deaths in the Western United States. In fact, almost 80% of overdose deaths showed no signs of injection/intravenous use (Tanz, et al., 2024).

The Spokane Regional Opioid Task Force (SROTF) reports synthetic opioids like fentanyl and carfentanil are showing up in other drugs including methamphetamine, cocaine, MDMA, and molly (Spokane Regional Opioid Task Force (SROTF), n.d.). A combination of fentanyl and psychostimulants, such as methamphetamine, are responsible for more than half of all overdose deaths in Spokane County.



Washington Department of Health - Opioid and Drug Use Data

There are multiple retail outlets in the city of Spokane that sell smoking paraphernalia such as butane torches, pipes, and foils. These businesses are primarily off-premises alcohol outlets, marijuana outlets, or smoke shops. There are five off-premises alcohol outlets selling torches, pipes, and foils within the downtown police precinct area (not including marijuana retailers). While marijuana retailers selling pipes and smoking paraphernalia are regulated by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board and are age restricted to minors<sup>10</sup>, off-premises alcohol outlets selling the same smoking paraphernalia are not age restricted.

<sup>10</sup> RCW 69.50.357

Foils are also sold at many off-premises alcohol outlets downtown. New studies suggest that the re-use of foil for smoking may increase the risk of overdose (Ciccarone, et al., 2024). Burned foil is also a significant source of litter in downtown Spokane. Littered foils with drug residue are dangerous for animals and have led to multiple incidents involving pets who required overdose reversal medication after consuming littered foils (Sanford, It's not just humans — dogs in Spokane are also overdosing on drugs, 2024).





It is a Class 1 civil infraction under Washington state law to sell drug paraphernalia. <sup>11</sup> Washington's drug paraphernalia law provides that "[In determining whether an object is drug paraphernalia under this section, a court or other authority should consider, in addition to all other logically relevant factors, the following:] (6)[(f)] *Direct or circumstantial evidence of the intent of an owner, or of anyone in control of the object, to deliver it to persons whom he or she knows, or should reasonably know, intend to use the object to facilitate a violation of this chapter; the innocence of an owner, or of anyone in control of the object, as to a direct violation of this chapter shall not prevent a finding that the object is intended or designed for use as drug paraphernalia." Simply, these outlets are either breaking state law and subject to a Class 1 civil infraction, or they are selling products that may be subject to regulation by local governments utilizing their policing power (Spitzer, 2000).* 

The outlets selling pipes, torches, foils, and other smoking supplies market the paraphernalia for legal use only despite common sense and acknowledgement by local (Lawrence-Turner, 2008) and federal law enforcement (Drug Enforcement Agency, 2023) that these products are generally used for consuming illicit substances. Historically, some major gas companies have ended their

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<sup>11</sup> RCW 69.50.4121



relationship with Washington state convenience stores over the sale of drug paraphernalia (Schiffner, 2008).



Downtown Quick Stop 2 Window Display (Riverside Avenue – Riverside Neighborhood)

Although the State of Washington has preempted the entire field of drug paraphernalia, cities may enact ordinances relating to the establishment or regulation of harm reduction services concerning drug paraphernalia. Tobacco products and vapor products are regulated exclusively by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. Cities like Vancouver have attempted to tackle the prevalence of smoking paraphernalia by prohibiting its display to minors (City of Vancouver Washington, 2014) – an ordinance that was modeled after the City of Spokane's Ordinance C34213 adopted in 2008 and subsequently repealed by the Council in 2022 through the adoption of RCW criminal statutes by reference in Ordinance C36289. Other communities like Boise (Idaho Press, 2024) and Philadelphia (City of Philadelphia Licenses and Inspections, 2023) have used a mix of law enforcement and zoning to address the proliferation of stores selling smoking paraphernalia.

#### **Naloxone Distribution**

Public health leaders advocate "saturating" a community with naloxone. The goal of saturation is to eliminate lack of access to naloxone as a reason for overdose deaths (Bennett & Elliott, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> RCW 69.50.612

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> RCW 82.26.010(21)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> RCW 70.345.010.

Naloxone, also commonly known as NARCAN, is a medication that saves lives by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose. The Washington State Department of Health recommends that people who use drugs, friends and family of people who use drugs, and those who interact with people who use drugs carry naloxone (Washington State Department of Health, n.d.). The City of Spokane's first responders carry naloxone.



Despite some access to naloxone within the city of Spokane, it is clear from the local EMS data that we are nowhere near naloxone saturation. Stigma and an inability to reach those most at risk are barriers to naloxone distribution. The reduction in injection/intravenous drug use also creates a gap in harm reduction distribution in Spokane, which has traditionally been carried out by syringe service programs (Wohlfeil, 2022). Spokane Regional Health District's syringe service program currently does not provide injective alternatives such as glass, pipes, and foils.

Naloxone is available for free at the Spokane Regional Health District Syringe Service Program and a handful of community-based organizations<sup>15</sup> within in the city of Spokane (stopoverdose.org, n.d.). Naloxone is covered by Medicaid and may be dispensed in Washington state with or without a prescription due to a statewide standing order (Washington State Department of Health, 2024). There is no certification or training required to use naloxone and individuals are generally protected under Washington's Good Samaritan Law from civil liabilities as well as charge and prosecution for possession of a controlled substance (stopoverdose.org, 2024). Stopoverdose.org has free materials such as posters and wallet cards that could be used to distribute information about the Good Samaritan Law.

NARCAN (naloxone) can be bought online through Amazon.com, NACARAN.com, and other online retailers. The City maintains an online list of NARCAN providers on the Emergency Management webpage on the City of Spokane website along with training videos (City of Spokane, n.d.). NARCAN also available for purchase at retailers within the city of Spokane (Emergent Devices Inc., n.d.).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Peer Spokane; Compassionate Addiction Treatment; M.H.A. Speakout Speakup; West Spokane Wellness Partnership



Online NARCAN (naloxone) Retailers
CVS.com
Instacart.com
Kroger.com
Riteaid.com
Target.com
Walgreens.com
Walmart.com
Wegmans.com

NARCAN (naloxone) Retailers	Address	Phone	Neighborhood
CVS Pharmacy	4915 S Regal Street	509-822-3275	Southgate
CVS Pharmacy	9770 N Newport Highway	509-466-7226	Shiloh Hills
Rite Aid	810 E 29 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	509-838-3508	Comstock
Rite Aid	2215A W Wellesley Avenue	509-328-7887	Audubon/Downriver
Rite Aid	2929 E 29 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	509-535-9056	Lincoln Heights
Target	4915 S Regal Street	509-822-3290	Southgate
Target	9770 N Newport Highway	509-466-3006	Shiloh Hills
The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy	902 W Indiana Avenue	509-327-1504	Emerson/Garfield
Walgreens	1708 W Northwest Boulevard	509-323-0309	Emerson/Garfield
Walgreens	2830 S Grand Boulevard	509-455-3736	Manito/Cannon Hill
Walgreens	327 W 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	509-838-0175	Riverside
Walmart	2301 W Wellesley Avenue	509-327-0404	Audubon/Downriver
Walmart	9212 N Colton Street	509-464-2173	Shiloh Hills

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# **Agenda Wording**

An ordinance implementing a Community Health Impact Area and public health measures to mitigate the impacts of addiction; adopting a new Division VII and Chapter 10.81 to the Spokane Municipal Code.

# **Summary (Background)**

The City of Spokane recognizes the opioid crisis as a national public health epidemic and community safety issue. Due to record numbers of opioid overdoses in Spokane and the effectiveness of naloxone in reducing deaths from these overdoses, the City of Spokane seeks to prohibit any person or business selling or distributing smoking paraphernalia in downtown Spokane unless also providing overdose risk reduction supplies (naloxone) at no cost upon a transaction that includes smoking supplies.

What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?
See legislative findings.
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program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level,
disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?
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Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the
Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program,
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This ordinance aligns with Executive Order 2024-0006.
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#### ORDINANCE NO. C36635

An ordinance implementing a Community Health Impact Area and public health measures to mitigate the impacts of addiction; adopting a new Division VII and Chapter 10.81 to the Spokane Municipal Code.

- **WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane recognizes the opioid crisis as a national public health epidemic and community safety issue requiring an integrated response that includes overdose prevention, access to additional behavioral health and treatment resources, law enforcement action against illegal drug traffickers and dealers, and the revitalization of neighborhoods decimated by this crisis; and
- WHEREAS, Death Certificate Data compiled by the Spokane Regional Opioid Task Force (SROTF) found that opioids accounted for 46% of overdose deaths in 2020, 68% in 2021, 73% in 2022, 82% in 2023, and 84% in 2024 (preliminary data); and
- **WHEREAS,** preliminary data through December 16th, 2024, suggests 205 people in Spokane County have already died from opioid overdose in Spokane County this year; and
- **WHEREAS,** In September 2024, Spokane County saw its highest number of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls for suspected overdose on record and its emergency department visit rate for non-fatal overdoses continues to outpace the state rate; and
- **WHEREAS,** the percentage of people experiencing opioid overdoses in Spokane who were administered naloxone prior to EMS arrival is the lowest it has been since 2019; and
- **WHEREAS,** smoking foil and pipes is the most common way individuals consume both fentanyl and methamphetamine; and
- **WHEREAS**, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in February 2024 found that smoking was the predominant method of consumption that resulted in overdose deaths in the Western United States; and
- **WHEREAS**, there are multiple retail outlets in downtown Spokane that sell smoking supplies such as pipes, and foils marketed for legal use only despite acknowledgement by law enforcement that these products are generally being used for consuming illicit substances including synthetic opioids; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane seeks to prohibit any person or business selling or distributing smoking paraphernalia in downtown Spokane unless also providing

overdose risk reduction supplies (naloxone) at no cost upon a transaction that includes smoking supplies.

## The City of Spokane does ordain:

**Section 1.** There is enacted a new chapter 10.81 to Title 10 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Division VII	City of Spokane Community Health Programs
Chapter 10.81	Community Health Impact Areas
SMC 10.81.010	Scope and Purpose
SMC 10.81.020	Community Health Impact Area in Spokane's Downtown
	Police Precinct Area
SMC 10.81.030	Definitions
SMC 10.81.040	Overdose Risk Reduction Products Required
SMC 10.81.050	Violation and Penalties

# **Chapter 10.81 Community Health Impact Areas**

# Section 10.81.010 Scope and Purpose

A. The City of Spokane recognizes the addiction crisis as a public health and community safety issue requiring an integrated crisis response that includes overdose prevention, access to additional behavioral health and treatment resources, law enforcement action against illegal drug traffickers and dealers, and the revitalization of neighborhoods decimated by the addiction crisis. The City of Spokane finds that residents within some neighborhoods suffer disproportionately from the impacts of the addiction crisis and seeks to implement public health programs and strategies to mitigate these impacts.

B. The City of Spokane intends to use emergency medical services data, crime statistics, and public health information to establish a geographical area in the city of Spokane as a Community Health Impact Area to target policy and programmatic resources that mitigate the disproportionate public health and secondary neighborhood impacts of the addiction crisis.

# Section 10.81.020 Community Health Impact Area in Spokane's Downtown Police Precinct Area

A. The geographical area encompassing the Spokane Police Department's Downtown Precinct is declared to be a community health impact area. This geographical area is shown in Exhibit A. The boundaries shall include properties located on both sides of the public right of-way that constitute the boundaries of the community health impact area as further depicted on the attached map.

B. The City shall publish on the City website quarterly data from the community health impact area. Data shall include but is not limited to likely overdose calls for service, crime statistics, and other relevant data.

#### Section 10.81.030 Definitions

- A. "Agency" means the state of Washington, a county, municipal corporation, health district, school district, special taxing authority, postsecondary institutions, or federally-recognized Indian tribe.
- B. "Distribute" or "Distribution" means to furnish, give away, exchange, transfer, deliver or supply, whether or not for monetary gain
- C. "Foils" also known as aluminum foil or tinfoil includes aluminum sheeting or leaves used for smoking tobacco, to cover or wrap food, or to line cooking equipment.
- D. "Health care provider" means a person who is licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized by the State of Washington to provide health care in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession.
- E. "Nonprofit Corporation" or "Nonprofit Organization" means a corporation, organization or limited liability corporation:
  - 1. Formed and organized under chapter 24.03 RCW, and
  - 2. In accordance with Internal Revenue Code sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), and as hereafter amended.
  - 3. Where the term nonprofit organization is used, it is meant to include a nonprofit corporation or nonprofit limited liability corporation.
- F. "Overdose risk reduction supplies" means at least one unopened box or package of Naloxone HCl Nasal Spray containing at least two single-dose nasal spray devices. Instructions for use shall be included in each unopened box.
- G. "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, joint venture, government, governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or commercial entity.
- H. "Pharmacy" means every place properly licensed by the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission where the practice of pharmacy is conducted as defined by RCW 18.64.011(32).
- I. "Smoking supplies" means any equipment, product, or material of any kind which is used, intended for use, designed for use, to package, repackage, store, contain, conceal,

ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce tobacco of any form into the human body including, but not limited to:

- 1. Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, or ceramic pipes with or without screens, permanent screens, hashish heads, or punctured metal bowls;
- 2. Water pipes;
- 3. Carburetion tubes and devices;
- 4. Smoking and carburetion masks;
- 5. Roach clips, meaning objects used to hold burning material, such as a cigarette, that has become too small or short to be held in the hand;
- 6. Chamber pipes;
- 7. Carburetor pipes;
- 8. Electric pipes;
- 9. Air-driven pipes;
- 10. Chillums;
- 11. Bongs;
- 12. Ice pipes or chillers; and
- 13. Foils

"Smoking supplies" does not include cigarettes, cigars, matches, lighters, tobacco products as defined by RCW 82.26.010(21) or vapor products as defined by RCW 70.345.010.

- J. "Supermarket", as designated by the North American Industry Classification System, means a business where the primary business activity is retailing a general line of food, such as canned and frozen foods; fresh fruits and vegetables; and fresh and prepared meats, fish, and poultry. It does not include Convenience Retailers or Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores as defined by the North American Industry Classification System.
- K. "Transaction" means a purchase, sale, loan, gift, transfer, transmission, delivery, trade, exchange, extension of credit, or any other method of acquisition or disposition of smoking supplies.

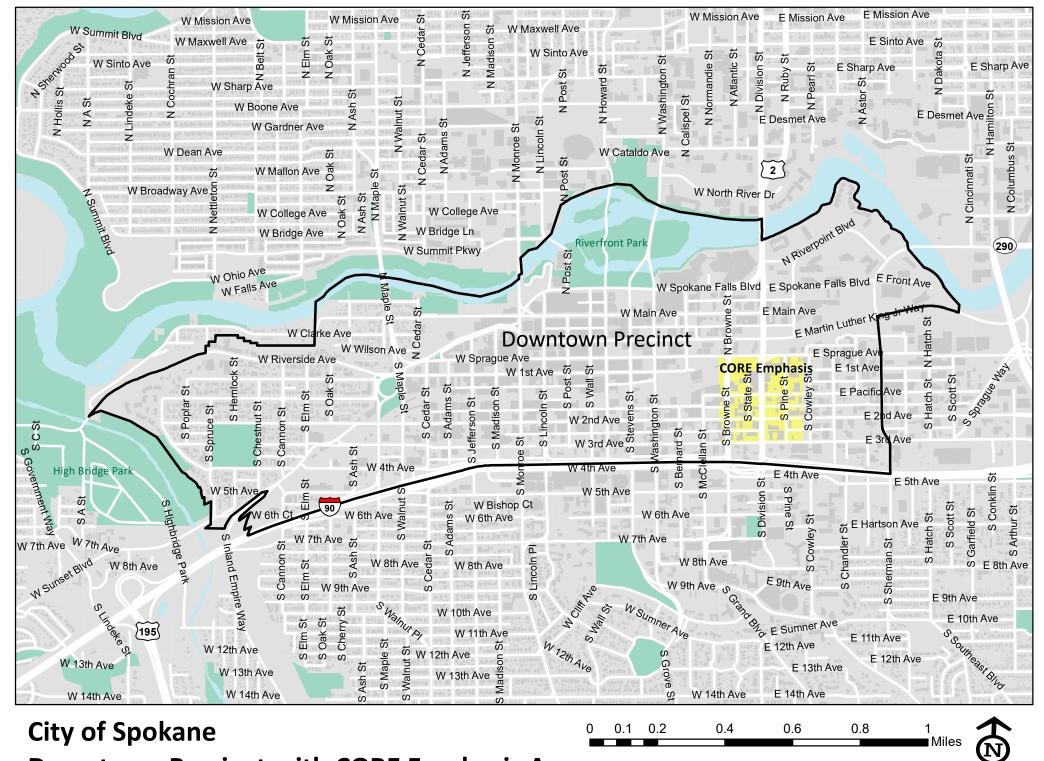
## Section 10.81.040 Overdose Risk Reduction Products Required

- A. A person shall not distribute, sell or permit to be sold smoking supplies within a community health impact area unless the person also provides overdose risk reduction supplies at no cost upon a transaction that includes smoking supplies.
- B. This section shall not apply to any agency, health care provider, pharmacy, supermarket, retail outlet regulated by RCW 69.50.357, or any nonprofit providing addiction treatment, harm reduction services, or distributing overdose risk reduction supplies.

#### 10.81.050 Violation and Penalties

Any person violating this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 Civil Infraction. It shall not be a defense to an alleged violation that overdose risk reduction supplies were unavailable to the person distributing, selling or permitting the distribution or sale of smoking supplies.

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**Downtown Precinct with CORE Emphasis Area** 

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# Memorandum

# Office of the Mayor

DATE: December 26, 2024

FROM: Adam McDaniel – Policy Advisor, Office of the Mayor

TO: Councilmember Paul Dillon – Chair, Public Safety and Community Health

Committee

RE: Alcohol Impact Area | Community Health Impact Area

This memo recommends potential public health and crime reduction strategies to address the secondary impacts of addiction. This memo identifies both internal and external regulatory gaps and ultimately recommends an alcohol impact area within the downtown police precinct area as a public safety policy with a documented track record of reducing violent crime, shrinking narcotics violations, and lessening waste and litter on streets and right of ways in the city of Spokane. This memo also recommends a policy for expanding naloxone distribution to address the overdose crisis impacting the downtown police precinct area.

# Executive Summary – Alcohol Impact Area

- I. **Background**: The previous administration inadvertently repealed a pre-existing alcohol impact area, which regulated the sale of certain single use alcohol products for off-premises consumption.
- II. **Issue**: The sale of single serve alcohol products for off-premises consumption creates dangerous public health and public safety outcomes, disproportionately impacting poor communities and communities of color.

#### III. Policy Recommendations

Reestablish an alcohol impact area for downtown Spokane to match the boundaries on the Spokane Police Department's downtown precinct.



2nd Avenue and Maple Street - October 23, 2024

# **Downtown Police Precinct Area**

Census Tract 35, Census Tract 36.01, Census Tract 36.02, and a small part of Census Tract 145 fall within the Spokane Police Department's downtown precinct area. The downtown precinct borders I-90 to the south, the Spokane River to the north, Latah Creek/High Bridge Park to the west, and Sherman Avenue to the east.



Census Tracts 35, 36.01 and 36.02 encompass the Riverside, Peaceful Valley, and Browne's Addition neighborhoods, respectively. Over 9,000 Spokane residents live in these three census



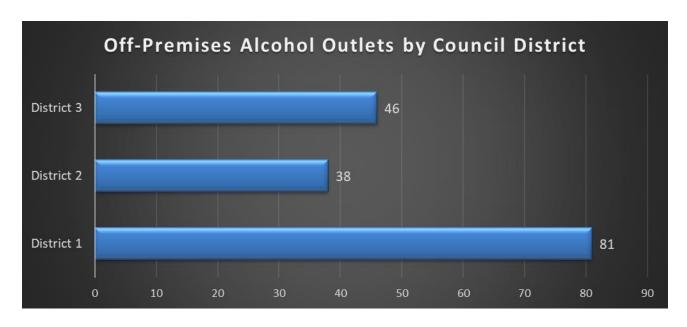
tracts – a population larger than the city of Medical Lake. These neighborhoods are racially more diverse than most other neighborhoods and have high Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) scores as measured by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 2024). Half of residents in the Riverside Neighborhood (Census Tract 35) live below the federal poverty line. Census Tract 35 has the lowest median household income of any census tract in the city, and all three neighborhoods have unemployment rates higher than the citywide rates.

Nearly 95% of Census Tract 35 residents are renters, and more than a quarter of residents in both Riverside and Browne's Addition neighborhoods lack access to a vehicle (U.S. Census Bureau, 2024). Most of the downtown area is considered a food desert (Spokane Food Policy Council, 2016). Some residents formerly utilized the Rite Aid along Howard Street for basic food and grocery items but the store's closure in 2023 necessitates many residents to depend on other off-premises alcohol outlets for basic food items. If Main Market Co-op closes, dependence on off-premises alcohol outlets for necessities will grow even greater (Billingham, 2024). Currently, nine of the fourteen SNAP retailers within the downtown police precinct area are convenience stores (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2024).

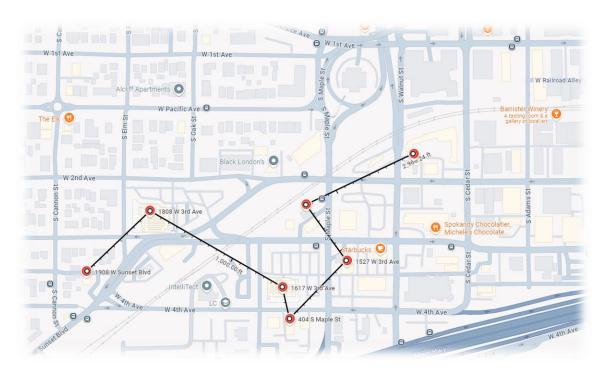
Historically, the Riverside Neighborhood suffered from the highest violent crime rate of any area in Spokane County while Browne's Addition had the fourth highest violent crime rate in the county (Spokane Regional Health District, 2017). Current crime statistics show a reduction in violent crime year-to-date within the downtown police precinct area, however downtown Spokane is perceived as being "unsafe" (Greater Spokane Inc., 2024). The perception that downtown Spokane is "unsafe" has compounding social capital impacts on the residents living in these neighborhoods (Theall, Scribner, Cohen, Schonlau, & Farley, 2009). This perception may slow the physical property investments critical to improving public safety and enhancing public health within the neighborhood (Walter, Acolin, & Marie, 2024).

#### **Off-Premises Alcohol Outlets (Liquor Stores/Convenience Stores)**

Off-premises alcohol outlets include liquor stores and convenience stores selling liquor and high-octane alcohol products where patrons buy the alcohol to be consumed off-premises. As of early October 2024, there were 145 off-premises alcohol outlets licensed by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) or going through the licensing process in the city of Spokane. More than half of all off-premises alcohol outlets were in City Council District 1.



Multiple studies show that off-premises alcohol outlets are disproportionately located in communities with lower incomes and in neighborhoods with a higher percentage of non-white residents (Romley, Cohen, Ringel, & Sturm, 2007). The Riverside and Browne's Addition neighborhoods have nearly three off-premises alcohol outlets for every 1,000 residents. Contrast this with the Southgate neighborhood, which boasts only 0.38 off-premises alcohol outlets for every 1,000 residents and Indian Trail which has 0.50 off-premises alcohol outlets for every 1,000 residents.



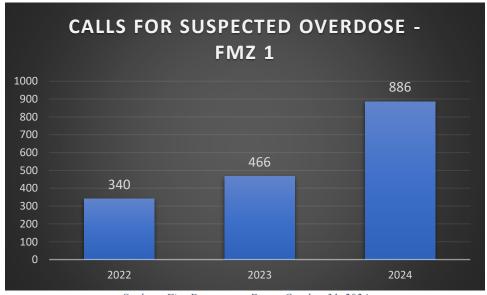
Seven Off-Premises Alcohol Outlets within 0.5 miles in downtown Spokane



Census Tract 145 has nearly four off-premises alcohol outlets for every 1,000 residents. Like the Riverside neighborhood, nearly half of residents in Census Tract 145 (East Central) live below the federal poverty line.

Alcohol and drug-related deaths continue to rise in Spokane County (Starks, Sharkova, Leibenguth, & Huber, 2024) Off-premises alcohol outlets have a significant effect on crime and the quality of life in neighborhoods (Fitterer, Nelson, & Stockwell, 2015). Off-premises alcohol outlets are associated with shootings (Osborne, Duggan, Shulman, & Cabeza, 2024), assaults (Miller, 2024), and robberies (Frint, 2024). There is even a strong association between off-premises alcohol outlets and the rate of pedestrian injuries (Nesoff, et al., 2018). The density of off-premises alcohol outlets in neighborhoods is a risk factor for youth and young adult substance use (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 2016).

Off-premises alcohol outlets in downtown Spokane are also places where drug activities take place (Sanford, We spent a weekend at Spokane's most notorious intersection. Here's what we saw., 2023). Unsurprisingly, public health research finds the proliferation of off-premises alcohol outlets is associated with higher rates of drug overdose. A study of the city of Baltimore published in the International Journal of Drug Policy found "each additional off-premises alcohol outlet was associated with a 16.6% increase in neighborhood overdose rate" (Nesoff, et al., 2021). The City of Spokane's Fire Management Zone 1 serves the downtown police precinct area east of Lincoln Street to I-90 to the south and the Spokane River to the north. There are eight off-premises alcohol outlets within Fire Management Zone 1. Fire Management Zone 1 has seen an alarming increase in overdose calls over the last 3 years.



Spokane Fire Department Data - October 31, 2024

## Off-Premises Alcohol Outlets in Downtown Spokane

There are seventeen active and licensed off-premises alcohol outlets in the downtown police precinct area and one licensee pending approval from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. Most of these off-premises alcohol outlets are traditional convenience retailers except for four supermarkets (Rosauers Supermarket, Downtown Grocery Outlet, Main Market Co-op, and PM Jacoy's), a specialty wine shop (Vino! A Wine Shop), and a hotel (Best Western Plus City Center).

Off-Premises Licensee (Tradename)	Address	Hours
7-ELEVEN STORE #32703B	177 S DIVISION ST	24 Hours
BAINS LIQUOR MART MAPLE	404 S MAPLE ST	24 Hours
BAINS MART 2ND AVE	1428 W 2ND AVE	24 Hours
BEST WESTERN PLUS CITY CENTER	33 W SPOKANE FALLS BLVD	N/A
CITY FUEL	1527 W 3RD AVE	6:00am – 10:00pm
CONOCO FOOD MART	1602 W 3RD AVE	24 Hours
DIVINE 11 MIDCITY	822 W 2ND AVE	6:00am – 1:00am
DIVISION EXPRESS	3 EAST 3RD AVE	6:00am – 12:30am
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP	10 N POST ST STE 102	6:00am – 12:00am
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP 2	10 N POST ST STE 16	6:00am – 12:00am
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP III <sup>1</sup>	501 W SPRAGUE AVE	
DOWNTOWN SPOKANE GROCERY OUTLET	1617 W 3RD AVE	8:00am – 9:00pm
MAIN MARKET CO-OP	44 W MAIN AVE	8:00am – 8:00pm
P M JACOY'S	402 W SPRAGUE AVE	7:00am – 7:00pm
ROSAUERS SUPERMARKETS #2	1808 W 3RD AVE	6:00am – 10:00pm
SUNSET GROCERY	1908 W SUNSET BLVD	24 Hours
THE PIGGY MART	932 W 3RD AVE	5:00am – 2:00am
VINO! A WINE SHOP	222 S WASHINGTON ST	10:00am – 7:00pm

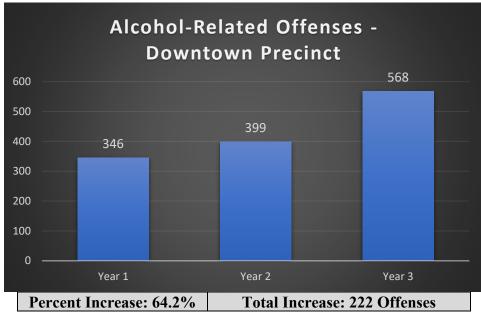
Although crime is down year-to-date in the downtown police precinct area overall, alcohol-related incidents in the area have grown 64% over the last three years.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Off-Premises liquor license is currently pending.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ernst, Spokane Police Department; **Method:** All police report offenses were reviewed using the FBI NIBRS flag "Offender suspected of using Alcohol". Any offenses where that flag was set to Yes were included. Additionally, all statutes in the system were reviewed for key terms like "alcohol", "liquor", "open container", and "DUI". If the statute reflected alcohol use but the "Offender suspected of using Alcohol" flag was set to No or Unknown, the offense was counted anyway.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Year 1 is 10/1/2021 to 9/30/2022. Year 2 is 10/1/2022 to 9/30/2023. Year 3 is 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024





Specifically, alcohol-related offenses within 1,000 feet of ten off-premises alcohol outlets within the downtown police precinct area are up over the same 3-year period.

<u>Licensee</u>	Percent Increase – 3 Year Period
7-ELEVEN STORE #32703B	108%
BAINS LIQUOR MART MAPLE	4%
CONOCO FOOD MART	30%
DIVINE 11 MIDCITY	44%
DIVISION EXPRESS	154%
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP 1 & 2	106%
DOWNTOWN SPOKANE GROCERY OUTLET	23%
P M JACOY'S	114%
THE PIGGY MART	39%

## **Alcohol Impact Areas (AIA)**

The purpose of an alcohol impact area is for local governments to mitigate illegal activities linked with the sale or public consumption of alcohol within a geographic area of their jurisdiction (Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, 2024). Certain conditions and

restrictions may be implemented on off-premises alcohol outlets including the limitation of hours of operation for off-premises sales, banning of certain alcohol items, and a prohibition on the sale of single-serve containers (Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, 2019).

As of October 2024, most of the off-premises alcohol outlets within the downtown police precinct area were selling high-octane alcohol products that were previously restricted less than two years ago within the downtown alcohol impact area.

Importantly, the petitioning local government is responsible for suggesting the conditions and restrictions for consideration of the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board per Washington Administrative Code 314-12-215. In addition to LCB-adopted conditions and restrictions, local governments are given sixty days to register objections under RCW 66.24.010 to new liquor license applications within alcohol impact areas versus only twenty days for licenses outside of an alcohol impact area. Implementation of an alcohol impact area requires adoption of an ordinance by the Spokane City Council executing a six-month voluntary compliance period. The City will communicate to all off-premises alcohol outlet licensees in the area with a request to voluntarily comply with the conditions and restrictions. The LCB may formalize the conditions and restrictions if the licensees fail to comply with the conditions and restrictions placed by the voluntary alcohol impact area.

There are mandatory alcohol impact areas in large cities across Washington. All four cities with current alcohol impact areas have alcohol impact areas in their downtown core.

<u>City</u>	# of AIAs	Year Established
Seattle	2	1999
Tacoma	3	2008
Olympia	1	2014
Everett	1	2016

The first alcohol impact area was approved in Seattle's Pioneer Square. In addition to certain product bans, the Pioneer Square alcohol impact area restricted the sale of off-premises alcohol between 6:00am and 9:00am and prohibited the sale of single serve containers (Nguyen, n.d.).

There is also a voluntary alcohol impact area in the city of Vancouver (City of Vancouver Washington, 2008). These large Washington cities have had multiple opportunities to end their alcohol impact area designations and have chosen not to repeal them. Reports published by law enforcement from these cities are clear: alcohol impact areas reduce crime. A report from the City of Seattle reviewing a five-year period from 2017-2022 found alcohol impact areas continue to have, "significant and positive effects on curbing the problems associated with chronic inebriation and public safety". An external study of the City of Seattle's alcohol impact areas supports the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods findings (Tarnai, 2009). Community organizations such as the Downtown Seattle Association and Chinatown-International District Business Improvement Area strongly advocated for the renewal of Seattle's alcohol impact areas in 2022 (City of Seattle - Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, 2022). Similarly, the City of Everett also saw a decrease in alcohol-related incidents after the implementation of their alcohol impact area (Templeman, 2022).



The City of Spokane previously had two mandatory alcohol impact areas: Downtown, East Central, and one voluntary area: West Central. The downtown alcohol impact area's previous perimeter was from Cannon Street as the west boundary to Scott Street to the east and Spokane Falls Boulevard as the north boundary to Fifth Avenue as the south boundary. The downtown alcohol impact area was officially adopted by the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board in 2010. The West Central voluntary alcohol impact area was created in 2011 and subsequently repealed by the City Council in 2012 after neighborhood pushback (Brunt, Alcohol impact area dropped, 2012). The Downtown and East Central alcohol impact areas existed until 2022, when they were inadvertently repealed by the previous administration and City Council in Emergency Ordinance C36289.

A year before the downtown and East Central alcohol impact areas were repealed, researchers from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health published a study on the crime reduction success of alcohol impact areas in Tacoma as well as downtown and East Central in Spokane. Crucially, one of the most significant reductions of crime within the alcohol impact areas were narcotic drug violations. Other crimes, including assaults, also decreased significantly (Jones-Webb, et al., 2021). This study matches Washington State University research published in 2009 that established the efficacy of the City of Seattle's alcohol impact areas. The WSU study found the rate of drug-related EMS incidents declined after implementing the alcohol impact area (Tarnai, 2009).

A five-year analysis of the downtown alcohol impact area completed and published by the Spokane Police Department showed the downtown alcohol impact area to have a "consistent and lower rate of increase in calls for service than the City [sic] of Spokane as a whole (Meidl, 2020)".



Downtown AIA - City of Spokane

The East Central alcohol impact area drew praise from the East Spokane Business Association as having an almost immediate impact (Hewitt, 2012 Annual Report - East Central AIA, 2013):

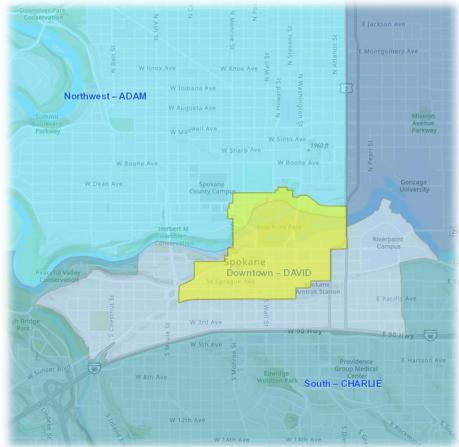
"The East Central Alcohol Impact Area (AIA) has made a significant impact in the very short time it has been in effect. The East Central Neighborhood, Spokane International District and South Perry Street District have seen decreases in public intoxication, littering, loitering and disorderly conduct. The East Spokane Business Association is pleased with the immediate and positive impact the AIA has made in this neighborhood" - Jack-Daniyel Strong, Former ESBA President

Opponents of alcohol impact areas see the implementation of an alcohol impact area as designating that neighborhood a 'problem' zone (Brunt, Restrictions on alcohol sales get fresh look, 2012). Critics of alcohol impact areas also argue the criminal and nuisance activities reduced by an alcohol impact area simply get pushed to other neighborhoods (Hewitt, Retired Neighborhood Resource Officer - Spokane Police Officer, 2024). There is no evidence that supports the alcohol impact areas in East Central or downtown shifted chronic inebriation and other alcohol-related illegal activities to other neighborhoods. The Washington State University study of the City of Seattle alcohol impact areas found no evidence of dispersion of alcohol-related incidents to other neighborhoods. Furthermore, the study found no evidence of decline in retail sales for the retailers with liquor licenses within the alcohol impact area. In fact, retailers saw stable growth during the study period after the alcohol impact area was implemented (Tarnai, 2009).

Mitigating the data collection and reporting requirements of the alcohol impact area is an important consideration as the resources necessary to implement and maintain the designation could outweigh potential benefits (Anderson, 2024). To maximize crime reduction and public health benefits and to streamline data collection, a restored downtown alcohol impact area should match the boundaries of the downtown police precinct area (Census Tract 35, Census Tract 36.02, and western portion of Census Tract 145). This area is slightly smaller than the previous downtown alcohol impact area.

The Downtown Spokane Partnership recently added the restoration of the downtown alcohol impact area to their 2025 local legislative priorities. The downtown police precinct area covers most of the downtown business improvement district (BID) boundary.





Downtown BID Boundary overlayed on the Downtown Police Precinct Area

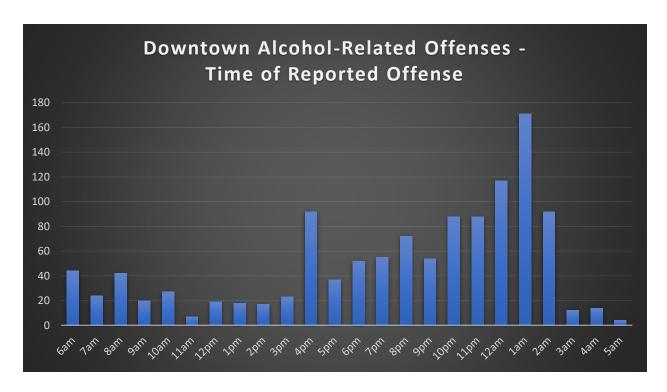
#### **Off-premises Alcohol Retail Sales Hours**

Washington state law prohibits the sale of alcohol from 2:00am to 6:00am <u>unless restricted by local government</u> (State of Washington, 2001). Local governments must restrict *all* operating hours within the jurisdiction equally unless the licensees are within a Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board-recognized alcohol impact area.

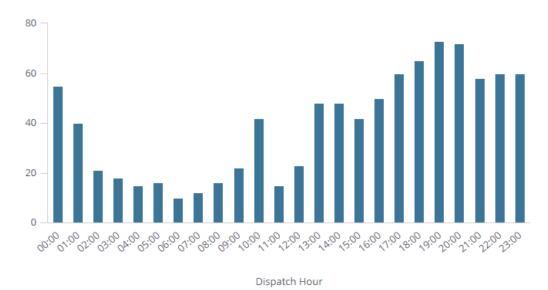
Spokane Police Department data over the last three years show more than 30% of all alcohol-related incidents<sup>4</sup> downtown take place between midnight and 2:00am.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> NIBRS "Offender Suspected of Using Alcohol" value set to "Yes".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Data pulled by Shawna Ernst from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



Likewise, the Spokane Fire Department responded to nearly 1500 calls for service and transported 363 individuals to the emergency department between 2022 and 2024 for alcohol-related incidents just within Fire Management Zone 1.



Calls for service related to alcohol peak between 7:00pm and 8:00pm within Fire Management Zone 1, however, many EMS calls also come between 12:00am and 2:00am.<sup>6</sup> Calls for service drop significantly between 2:00am and 6:00am when alcohol sales are prohibited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> It is likely that this data is underreported. Based on information provided by the Spokane Fire Department, it is possible that many additional calls have an alcohol component but were documented as a trauma. For example,



Limiting hours when alcohol can be sold and served is a proven public health intervention and public safety strategy (Jernigan, Sparks, Yang, & Schwartz, 2013). This public health and safety strategy is endorsed by the World Health Organization (World Health Organization, 2017) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 2022). A recent study from Baltimore found that shortening overnight sales of alcohol reduced violent crime in the immediate and surrounding areas and saved the City of Baltimore millions of dollars in annual costs (McKoy, 2024).

Off-Premises Licensee (Tradename)	Weekday Hours	Weekend Hours
7-ELEVEN STORE #32703B	24 Hours	24 Hours
BAINS LIQUOR MART MAPLE	24 Hours	24 Hours
BAINS MART 2ND AVE	24 Hours	24 Hours
BEST WESTERN PLUS CITY CENTER	N/A	N/A
CITY FUEL	6:00am – 10:00pm	6:00am – 10:00pm
CONOCO FOOD MART	24 Hours	24 Hours
DIVINE 11 MIDCITY	6:00am – 11:00pm	6:00am – 1:00am
DIVISION EXPRESS	6:00am – 10:00pm	6:00am – 12:30am
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP	6:00am – 12:00am	6:00am – 12:00am
DOWNTOWN QUICK STOP 2	6:00am – 12:00am	6:00am – 12:00am
DOWNTOWN SPOKANE GROCERY OUTLET	8:00am – 9:00pm	8:00am – 9:00pm
MAIN MARKET CO-OP	8:00am – 8:00pm	8:00am – 8:00pm
P M JACOY'S	7:00am – 7:00pm	7:00am – 7:00pm
ROSAUERS SUPERMARKETS #2	6:00am – 10:00pm	6:00am – 10:00pm
SUNSET GROCERY	24 Hours	24 Hours
THE PIGGY MART	5:00am – 2:00am	5:00am – 2:00am
VINO! A WINE SHOP	10:00am – 7:00pm	10:00am – 7:00pm

Extending the prohibition of overnight off-premises retail sales of alcohol from 2:00am to 12:00am would reduce the current alcohol sales periods for eight off-premises alcohol outlets in the downtown police precinct area. Extending the overnight sales prohibition by two hours would reduce the five twenty-four-hour stores daily alcohol sale period by two hours each day. Division Express would reduce its alcohol sale period by 30 minutes on weekends. Divine 11 MIDCITY would reduce its alcohol sale period by 1 hour on weekends. The Piggy Mart would reduce its alcohol sale period a total of two hours each day.

when a patient falls from intoxication and 911 is activated, that call could get recorded as a trauma. Also, if the Fire Department arrives on a scene and a person is intoxicated and is requesting detox services the call could be recorded as a public assist.

Off-Premises Licensee (Tradename)	Weekday Alcohol	Weekend Alcohol
	Retail Hours Reduced	Retail Hours Reduced
7-ELEVEN STORE #32703B	2 Hours	2 Hours
BAINS LIQUOR MART MAPLE	2 Hours	2 Hours
BAINS MART 2ND AVE	2 Hours	2 Hours
CONOCO FOOD MART	2 Hours	2 Hours
DIVINE 11 MIDCITY	0 Hours	1 Hour
DIVISION EXPRESS	0 Hours	30 minutes
SUNSET GROCERY	2 Hours	2 Hours
THE PIGGY MART	2 Hours	2 Hours

Importantly, this condition would not require businesses to change their retail hours. This condition would simply prohibit the sale of alcohol during the overnight hours.

#### **Single-Serve Alcohol Containers**

Single-serve/ready-to-drink alcohol beverages have grown in popularity over the last several years. Nationally, flavored malt beverage products such as Twisted Tea<sup>7</sup>, Mike's Harder Lemonade, and Smirnoff products are second only to regular beer in beer-based beverage sales at convenience stores. Flavored malt beverages also have the largest gross profit margins among beer-based beverages at off-premises alcohol outlets such as convenience stores (Conway, 2024). Collectively, these multi-billion-dollar beverage companies engage in marketing that public health professionals contend target youth and vulnerable communities (O'Brien, Mathieu, Bikomeye, Busalacchi, & Borisy-Rudin, 2023).

Single-serve alcohol bottles, ready-to-drink (alcopops), tall boy cans, and miniatures (also known as 'nips') are also a significant source of litter and trash in the downtown core. Elected leaders in cities such as Boston (Jonas, 2023) have sought to prohibit the outright sale of miniatures and single-serve alcohol containers because of the detrimental waste impacts (Thys, 2023). The City of Spokane is currently spending hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars addressing litter and trash in the downtown core where single-serve alcohol containers are a significant source of litter<sup>8</sup>.

The following photos are a snapshot informal trash survey of single-serve containers found within the downtown police precinct area along  $2^{nd}$  Avenue and  $3^{rd}$  Avenue on October 26, 2024.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Owned by the Boston Beer Company

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Special Budget Ordinance C36520





































The single-serve containers seen above are inexpensive and have a higher alcohol by volume than traditional beer. Earthquake High Gravity Lager was the product most noticeable during the October 26, 2024, informal trash survey. Earthquake High Gravity Lager is also the product with the highest alcohol by volume content at the lowest price identified during the survey. Earthquake High Gravity Lager was previously restricted for purchase downtown under the downtown alcohol impact area.

<b>Product</b>	Purchase Price in \$	Alcohol/Volume	Number of U.S. standard drinks <sup>9</sup>
Earthquake High Gravity	\$1.99	10%	4.0 Drinks
Lager			
Hurricane High Gravity	\$2.39	8.1%	3.4 Drinks
Mike's Harder (Mango)	\$4.35	8%	3.2 Drinks
Smirnoff Ice Smash	\$3.69	8.1%	3.2 Drinks
Fireball Miniature	\$1.19	16.5%	0.5 Drinks
99 Brand Peaches	\$1.19	15%	0.4 Drinks

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> https://rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov/tools/calculators/drink-size-calculator

#### **Alcohol Impact Area Process**



The Alcohol Impact Area process is lengthy and will require commitment from multiple departments including the Spokane Police Department, Code Enforcement, and City Attorney's Office. The City will be required to conduct multiple litter/trash surveys, obtain letters of support from neighborhood councils and business organizations, and provide evidence of the City's good faith efforts to address the problems voluntarily. If the petition to the LCB is successful, the City will publish a Year One Report on the effectiveness of the alcohol impact area followed by an assessment every five years.



#### Executive Summary - Naloxone Distribution and Smoking Paraphernalia

- I. **Background**: The State of Washington preempts the field of drug paraphernalia except for ordinances regulating harm reduction practices.
- II. **Issue**: Downtown Spokane is suffering from its highest overdose rate on record. Data suggests that people who use drugs and/or witness overdoses do not have adequate access to naloxone to reverse an opioid overdose. There are multiple businesses in downtown Spokane selling products such as pipes and foils used to consume illicit substances creating negative externalities for taxpayers and residents in the Riverside and surrounding neighborhoods.

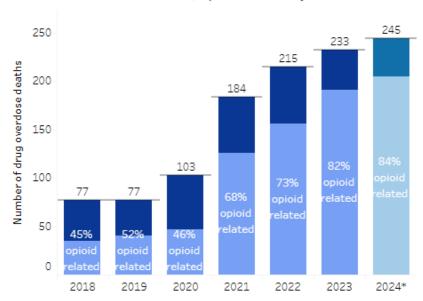
#### **III. Policy Recommendation**

Prohibit the sale of smoking paraphernalia within the downtown police precinct area unless providing naloxone for free during every transaction involving smoking paraphernalia.

#### **Downtown Spokane Overdose Crisis**

Preliminary numbers from Spokane County death certificate data indicate 245 people have died from drug overdose in 2024 in Spokane County. Spokane continues to see an alarming increase in drug overdose deaths with most of those deaths caused by opioids.

#### Overdose Deaths Over Time, Spokane County



The 2024 death data are preliminary and are expected to change.

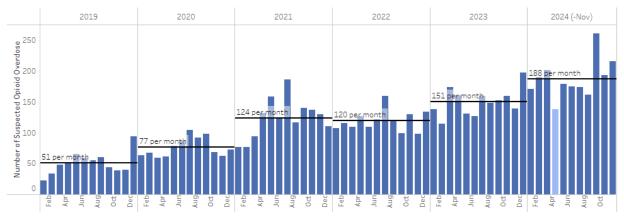
\*Data were updated as of 12/16/2024.

Source: Death Certificate Data

Spokane County Opioid Dashboard

In September, Spokane County saw its highest number of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls for suspected overdose on record. Spokane County's non-fatal overdose emergency department visits also outpace the state rate.





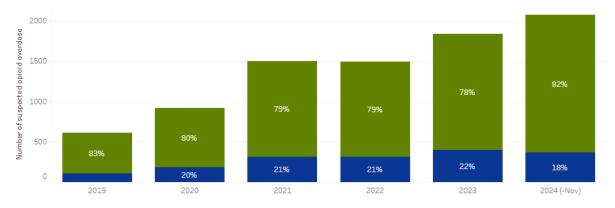
Source: Washington Emergency Medical Services Information System (WEMSIS) (As of 12/05/2024)

Note: The April 2024 EMS Opioid Overdose report data are incomplete. Interpret with caution. The reporting issues are due to the transition between ePCR vendors and to the NEMSIS V3.5 data standard. The estimated % of EMS responses reported to WEMSIS in Spokane County in April 2024 was 39% as compared to nearly 100% in other months.

Paradoxically, the percentage of people experiencing opioid overdoses in Spokane who were administered naloxone *prior* to EMS arrival is also the lowest it has been since 2019.



#### Naloxone administered prior to EMS arrival (Spokane only)



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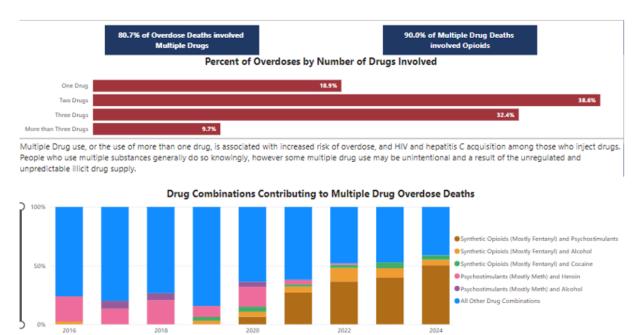
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#### **Smoking Supplies/Drug Paraphernalia**

Smoking is the most common way individuals consume both fentanyl and methamphetamine (Singh, Banta-Green, & Kingston, 2022). Foil is the most used smoking equipment for fentanyl followed by glassware such as pipes. A report published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in February 2024 found that smoking was the predominant method of consumption that resulted in overdose deaths in the Western United States. In fact, almost 80% of overdose deaths showed no signs of injection/intravenous use (Tanz, et al., 2024).

The Spokane Regional Opioid Task Force (SROTF) reports synthetic opioids like fentanyl and carfentanil are showing up in other drugs including methamphetamine, cocaine, MDMA, and molly (Spokane Regional Opioid Task Force (SROTF), n.d.). A combination of fentanyl and psychostimulants, such as methamphetamine, are responsible for more than half of all overdose deaths in Spokane County.



Washington Department of Health - Opioid and Drug Use Data

There are multiple retail outlets in the city of Spokane that sell smoking paraphernalia such as butane torches, pipes, and foils. These businesses are primarily off-premises alcohol outlets, marijuana outlets, or smoke shops. There are five off-premises alcohol outlets selling torches, pipes, and foils within the downtown police precinct area (not including marijuana retailers). While marijuana retailers selling pipes and smoking paraphernalia are regulated by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board and are age restricted to minors<sup>10</sup>, off-premises alcohol outlets selling the same smoking paraphernalia are not age restricted.

<sup>10</sup> RCW 69.50.357

Foils are also sold at many off-premises alcohol outlets downtown. New studies suggest that the re-use of foil for smoking may increase the risk of overdose (Ciccarone, et al., 2024). Burned foil is also a significant source of litter in downtown Spokane. Littered foils with drug residue are dangerous for animals and have led to multiple incidents involving pets who required overdose reversal medication after consuming littered foils (Sanford, It's not just humans — dogs in Spokane are also overdosing on drugs, 2024).





It is a Class 1 civil infraction under Washington state law to sell drug paraphernalia. <sup>11</sup> Washington's drug paraphernalia law provides that "[In determining whether an object is drug paraphernalia under this section, a court or other authority should consider, in addition to all other logically relevant factors, the following:] (6)[(f)] *Direct or circumstantial evidence of the intent of an owner, or of anyone in control of the object, to deliver it to persons whom he or she knows, or should reasonably know, intend to use the object to facilitate a violation of this chapter; the innocence of an owner, or of anyone in control of the object, as to a direct violation of this chapter shall not prevent a finding that the object is intended or designed for use as drug paraphernalia." Simply, these outlets are either breaking state law and subject to a Class 1 civil infraction, or they are selling products that may be subject to regulation by local governments utilizing their policing power (Spitzer, 2000).* 

The outlets selling pipes, torches, foils, and other smoking supplies market the paraphernalia for legal use only despite common sense and acknowledgement by local (Lawrence-Turner, 2008) and federal law enforcement (Drug Enforcement Agency, 2023) that these products are generally used for consuming illicit substances. Historically, some major gas companies have ended their

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<sup>11</sup> RCW 69.50.4121



relationship with Washington state convenience stores over the sale of drug paraphernalia (Schiffner, 2008).



Downtown Quick Stop 2 Window Display (Riverside Avenue – Riverside Neighborhood)

Although the State of Washington has preempted the entire field of drug paraphernalia, cities may enact ordinances relating to the establishment or regulation of harm reduction services concerning drug paraphernalia. Tobacco products and vapor products are regulated exclusively by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. Cities like Vancouver have attempted to tackle the prevalence of smoking paraphernalia by prohibiting its display to minors (City of Vancouver Washington, 2014) – an ordinance that was modeled after the City of Spokane's Ordinance C34213 adopted in 2008 and subsequently repealed by the Council in 2022 through the adoption of RCW criminal statutes by reference in Ordinance C36289. Other communities like Boise (Idaho Press, 2024) and Philadelphia (City of Philadelphia Licenses and Inspections, 2023) have used a mix of law enforcement and zoning to address the proliferation of stores selling smoking paraphernalia.

#### **Naloxone Distribution**

Public health leaders advocate "saturating" a community with naloxone. The goal of saturation is to eliminate lack of access to naloxone as a reason for overdose deaths (Bennett & Elliott, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> RCW 69.50.612

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> RCW 82.26.010(21)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> RCW 70.345.010.

Naloxone, also commonly known as NARCAN, is a medication that saves lives by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose. The Washington State Department of Health recommends that people who use drugs, friends and family of people who use drugs, and those who interact with people who use drugs carry naloxone (Washington State Department of Health, n.d.). The City of Spokane's first responders carry naloxone.



Despite some access to naloxone within the city of Spokane, it is clear from the local EMS data that we are nowhere near naloxone saturation. Stigma and an inability to reach those most at risk are barriers to naloxone distribution. The reduction in injection/intravenous drug use also creates a gap in harm reduction distribution in Spokane, which has traditionally been carried out by syringe service programs (Wohlfeil, 2022). Spokane Regional Health District's syringe service program currently does not provide injective alternatives such as glass, pipes, and foils.

Naloxone is available for free at the Spokane Regional Health District Syringe Service Program and a handful of community-based organizations<sup>15</sup> within in the city of Spokane (stopoverdose.org, n.d.). Naloxone is covered by Medicaid and may be dispensed in Washington state with or without a prescription due to a statewide standing order (Washington State Department of Health, 2024). There is no certification or training required to use naloxone and individuals are generally protected under Washington's Good Samaritan Law from civil liabilities as well as charge and prosecution for possession of a controlled substance (stopoverdose.org, 2024). Stopoverdose.org has free materials such as posters and wallet cards that could be used to distribute information about the Good Samaritan Law.

NARCAN (naloxone) can be bought online through Amazon.com, NACARAN.com, and other online retailers. The City maintains an online list of NARCAN providers on the Emergency Management webpage on the City of Spokane website along with training videos (City of Spokane, n.d.). NARCAN also available for purchase at retailers within the city of Spokane (Emergent Devices Inc., n.d.).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Peer Spokane; Compassionate Addiction Treatment; M.H.A. Speakout Speakup; West Spokane Wellness Partnership



Online NARCAN (naloxone) Retailers		
CVS.com		
Instacart.com		
Kroger.com		
Riteaid.com		
Target.com		
Walgreens.com		
Walmart.com		
Wegmans.com		

NARCAN (naloxone) Retailers	Address	Phone	Neighborhood
CVS Pharmacy	4915 S Regal Street	509-822-3275	Southgate
CVS Pharmacy	9770 N Newport Highway	509-466-7226	Shiloh Hills
Rite Aid	810 E 29 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	509-838-3508	Comstock
Rite Aid	2215A W Wellesley Avenue	509-328-7887	Audubon/Downriver
Rite Aid	2929 E 29 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	509-535-9056	Lincoln Heights
Target	4915 S Regal Street	509-822-3290	Southgate
Target	9770 N Newport Highway	509-466-3006	Shiloh Hills
The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy	902 W Indiana Avenue	509-327-1504	Emerson/Garfield
Walgreens	1708 W Northwest Boulevard	509-323-0309	Emerson/Garfield
Walgreens	2830 S Grand Boulevard	509-455-3736	Manito/Cannon Hill
Walgreens	327 W 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	509-838-0175	Riverside
Walmart	2301 W Wellesley Avenue	509-327-0404	Audubon/Downriver
Walmart	9212 N Colton Street	509-464-2173	Shiloh Hills

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Agenda Sheet for City Council:  Committee: Urban Experience Date: 01/13/2025  Committee Agenda type: Consent		Date Rec'd	12/13/2024
		Clerk's File #	ORD C36636
		Cross Ref #	
Council Meeting Date: 02/03	/2025	Project #	
Submitting Dept	DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER	Bid #	
<b>Contact Name/Phone</b>	ELDON BROWN 6305	Requisition #	
Contact E-Mail	EBROWN@SPOKANECITY.ORG		
Agenda Item Type	Emergency Ordinance		
Council Sponsor(s)	JBINGLE LNAVARRETE		
<b>Sponsoring at Adminis</b>	trators Request NO		
Lease? NO	<b>Grant Related?</b> NO	Public Works? NO	
Agenda Item Name	4700 - AMENDING ORDINANCE C22382		

# **Agenda Wording**

Amending Ordinance C-22382 to release easements.

# <u>Summary (Background)</u>

In April of 1974 City Council approved the vacation of Calispel Street via Ordinance C-22382 and reserved easements within the vacation ordinance for public and private utilities. The property owner of 316 W Cora Ave would like to build apartments across the site however the existing easements are encumbering the property. Easement holders have been contacted and are in agreement to release the easements. DSC is proposing a new ordinance that would modify Ordinance C-22382, amending it to release the easements.

What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?
How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the
program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level,
disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?
How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy, or
product to ensure it is the right solution?
<u></u>
Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the
Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program,
Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others?
Council Subcommittee Review
Council Subcommittee Review

Fiscal Impact			
Approved in Current Year E	Budget?	N/A	
Total Cost	\$		
Current Year Cost	\$		
Subsequent Year(s) Cost	\$		
Narrativo			

#### **Narrative**

Amount	Budget Account
Neutral	\$ #
Select	\$ #

# **Funding Source**

Funding Source Type Select

Is this funding source sustainable for future years, months, etc?

# **Expense Occurrence**

Other budget impacts (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)

<u>Approvals</u>		Additional Approvals
Dept Head	PALMQUIST, TAMI	
<b>Division Director</b>	MACDONALD, STEVEN	
<b>Accounting Manager</b>	ZOLLINGER, NICHOLAS	
Legal	SCHOEDEL, ELIZABETH	
For the Mayor	PICCOLO, MIKE	
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# **Committee Agenda Sheet Urban Experience Committee**

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Committee Date	January 13, 2025		
Submitting Department	Developer Services		
Contact Name	Eldon Brown		
Contact Email & Phone	ebrown@spokanecity.org (509) 625-6305		
Council Sponsor(s)	Please enter the name of the Council Sponsor(s)		
Select Agenda Item Type	☐ Consent ☐ Discussion Time Requested:		
Agenda Item Name	Amending Ordinance C-22382		
Proposed Council Action	☐ Approval to proceed to Legislative Agenda ☐ Information Only		
*use the Fiscal Impact box below for relevant financial information	In April of 1974 City Council approved the vacation of Calispel Street via Ordinance C-22382 and reserved easements within the vacation ordinance for public and private utilities. The property owner of 316 W Cora Ave would like to build apartments across the site however the existing easements are encumbering the property. Easement holders have been contacted and are in agreement to release the easements. DSC is proposing a new ordinance that would modify Ordinance C-22382, amending it to release the easements.		
Approved in current year budget? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A  Total Cost:_Click or tap here to enter text.  Current year cost: Subsequent year(s) cost:  Narrative: NA  Funding Source ☐ One-time ☐ Recurring ☒ N/A  Specify funding source: Select Funding Source*  Is this funding source sustainable for future years, months, etc? Click or tap here to enter text.			
Expense Occurrence   One	e-time   Recurring   N/A		
Other budget impacts: (revenu	e generating, match requirements, etc.)		
Operations Impacts (If N/A, please give a brief description as to why)			
What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities? <u>NA</u>			
How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level, disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities? NA			
How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy or product to ensure it is the right solution? NA			
Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others? NA			

City of Spokane Development Services Center 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane, WA 99201-3343 (509) 625-6300

## ORDINANCE NO. C36636

An ordinance amending Ordinance C22382 that vacated Calispel Street from the north line of Cora Avenue to the south line of Glass Avenue, City and County of Spokane, Washington.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Spokane having found that the public use and benefit will be served; -

NOW, THEREFORE,

The City of Spokane does ordain:

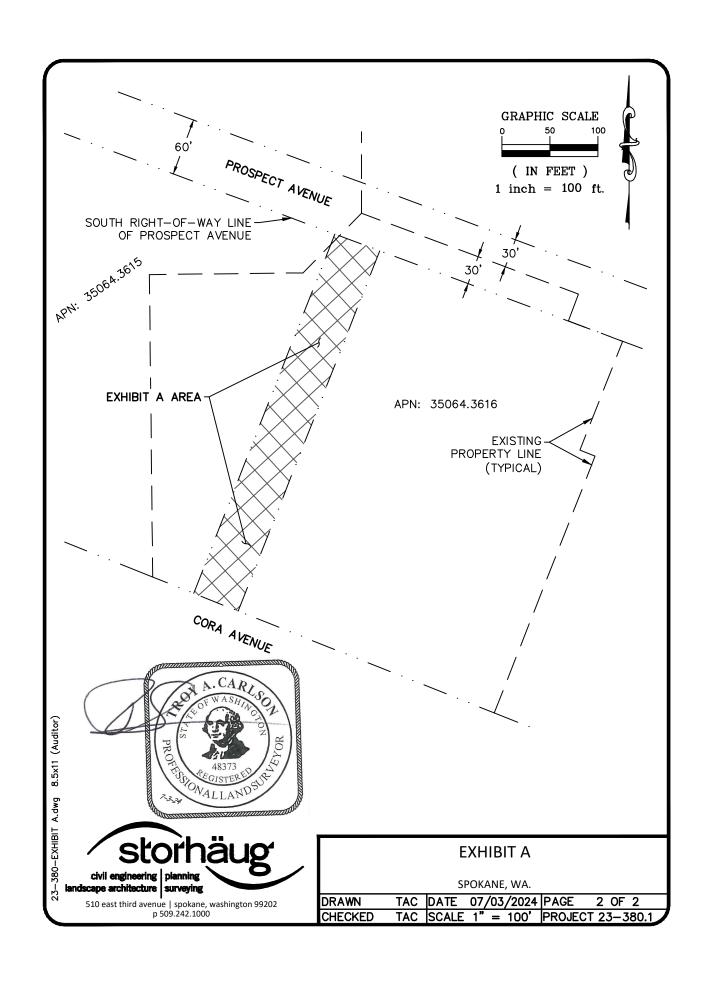
Section 1. That Calispel Street from the north line of Cora Avenue to the south line of Glass Avenue, in the City and County of Spokane, Washington, be, and the same is hereby vacated, subject to the reservation of easements for the construction, repair and maintenance of public and private utilities and services over the entire vacation area, except for that portion of the Southeast Quarter of Section 06, Township 25 North, Range 43 East, Willamette Meridian, more particularly described in Exhibit A

Passed by City Council	il on
	Council President
Attest:	Approved as to form:
City Clerk	City Attorney
Mayor	Date
	Effective Date

#### Exhibit A

That portion of Calispel Street lying Northerly of said North line of Cora Avenue and Southerly of the South Right-of-Way line of Prospect Avenue as shown on the Plat of Resurvey of Whiting's Second Addition as recorded in Book A of Plats, Page 203, records of Spokane County, Washington.

Situate in the City of Spokane, County of Spokane, State of Washington.



Agenda Sheet for City Council:  Committee: PIES Date: 12/16/2024  Committee Agenda type: Consent		Date Rec'd	11/26/2024
		Clerk's File #	ORD C36632
		Cross Ref #	
Council Meeting Date: 01/13	/2025	Project #	2024071
Submitting Dept	ENGINEERING SERVICES	Bid #	
<b>Contact Name/Phone</b>	DAN BULLER 625-6391	Requisition #	
Contact E-Mail	DBULLER@SPOKANECITY.ORG		
Agenda Item Type	First Reading Ordinance		
Council Sponsor(s)	BWILKERSON JBINGLE	KKLITZKE	
Agenda Item Name	0370 - CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE FOR SHAWNEE BOOSTER STATION SITE		

## **Agenda Wording**

Condemnation Ordinance for the acquisition of 4500 square feet of land, a portion of parcel 26143.0513 for the Shawnee Booster Station site.

#### **Summary (Background)**

The City and the private property owner have agreed on the purchase of approximately 4500 SF of land for a booster station site. There is a greenbelt easement that is part of the drainage way and is a restrictive covenant on the Plat. The only practical way to remove this easement is by condemning the property, due to the fact that the easement is a covenant in the plat where the property is situated, and agreement of all homeowners subject to the plat for a plat alteration is likely impossible.

Lease?	NO	Grant related?	NO	Public Works?	NO
<u>Fiscal</u>	<u>Impact</u>				
Approve	Approved in Current Year Budget? YES				
Total Co	st	\$			
Current	Year Cost	\$			
Subsequ	ent Year(s) Cost	\$			
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#### **Narrative**

Amount		Budget Account
Select	\$	#
	\$	#
	\$	#



# Continuation of Wording, Summary, Approvals, and Distribution

<u>Agenda Wording</u>
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# Summary (Background)

Approvals		Additional Approvals	
Dept Head BULLER, DAN			
<u>Division Director</u>	FEIST, MARLENE		
<b>Accounting Manager</b>	ALBIN-MOORE, ANGELA		
Legal	SCHOEDEL, ELIZABETH		
For the Mayor	PICCOLO, MIKE		
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# **Committee Agenda Sheet**

# **Public Infrastructure, Environment & Sustainability Committee**

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Committee Date	12-16-24			
Submitting Department	Engineering Services			
Contact Name	Dan Buller			
Contact Email & Phone	dbuller@spokanecity.org, 625-6391			
Council Sponsor(s)	Wilkerson, Bingle, Klitzke			
Select Agenda Item Type				
Agenda Item Name	Shawnee Booster Station Site Acquisition – Condemnation			
Proposed Council Action	☑ Approval to proceed to Legislative Agenda ☐ Information Only			
*use the Fiscal Impact box below for relevant financial information	<ul> <li>The city and the private property owner have agreed on the purchase of approx. 4500 SF of land for a booster station site for the price of \$70,000. The location can be seen on the attached exhibit.</li> <li>There are two obstacles to use the property for a booster station.</li> <li>The first obstacle is that this area serves as a stormwater drainage way. This obstacle is not complicated and can be addressed by proper engineering.</li> <li>The second obstacle is that a greenbelt easement is part of the drainage way, and is a restrictive covenant on the Plat. The only practical way to remove this easement is by condemning the property, due to the fact that as the easement is a covenant in the plat where the property is situated, and agreement of all homeowners subject to the plat for a plat alteration is likely impossible.</li> <li>Condemnation is a process typically utilized to acquire property from an unwilling property owner. But in this case, the property owner is entirely willing to sell the city the parcel for the agreed upon \$70,000. The property owner agrees with this "friendly" condemnation process as the only practical way to address the greenbelt easement. The other owners of the plat will receive notice of the lawsuit in one manner or another, which is still to be determined, and would have the right to object. Since the purpose of the easement is to channel water, as set forth in the covenant and the plat, we do not believe any potential claims are apparent at this time from any other plat parcels, approximately 44, or would be very minimal, if any, as long as the City preserves the drainage/culvert, or improves it.</li> <li>Engineering Services is requesting council approval of a condemnation ordinance in order to move ahead with the acquisition of this property.</li> </ul>			
Fiscal Impact Approved in current year budget? □ Yes □ No □ N/A				
Total Cost: \$74,000				

Current year cost: \$74,000 Subsequent year(s) cost: None

**Narrative:** Please provide financial due diligence review, as applicable, such as number and type of positions, grant match requirements, summary type details (personnel, maintenance and supplies, capital, revenue), impact on rates, fees, or future shared revenue

Funding Source Specify funding source Is this funding source Expense Occurrence Other budget impact	sustainable for fu	ture years, mon  ☐ Recurring	<ul><li>N/A</li><li>ths, etc? Click or tap here to enter text.</li><li>N/A</li><li>uirements, etc.)</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Operations Impacts (If N/A, please give a brief description as to why)</li> <li>What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?</li> <li>Public works services and projects are designed to serve all citizens and businesses. We strive to offer a consistent level of service to all, to distribute public investment throughout the community and to</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>respond to gaps in services identified in various City plans.</li> <li>How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level, disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?</li> <li>N/A</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy, or product to ensure it is the right solution?</li> <li>Public Works follows the City's established procurement and public works bidding regulations and policies to bring items forward, and then uses contract management best practices to ensure desired outcomes and regulatory compliance.</li> </ul>				
Sustainability Resolutions,	Action Plan, Capi and others?	tal Improvement	City Policies, including the Comprehensive Plan, t Program, Neighborhood Master Plans, Council tegies to limit costs and approved projects in the 6-	
·			ittee review. If not reviewed by a council	



#### ORDINANCE NO. C36632

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DOMAIN OF CERTAIN LANDS NECESSARY FOR WATER BOOSTER PUMP STATION IN THE VICINITY OF N. WIEBER DRIVE AND W. SHAWNEE LANE, LOCATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SPOKANE, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

#### RECITALS

- 1. The City of Spokane, Washington (the "City") is a first class charter city duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and Charter of the City.
- 2. The laws of the State of Washington, RCW 35.92.010, provide that the City may operate waterworks and perform acts relating thereto, including specifically the power of condemnation of private property for public use as may needed therefore.
- 3. The Constitution of the State of Washington, Article I Section 16 and the laws of the State of Washington RCW 35.22.280(6) allow the City to purchase or appropriate private property for public use upon making just compensation to the owners pursuant to RCW Chapter 8.12.
- 4. The City Department of Water & Hydro-electric has determined that it requires certain private property to situate a water booster pump station in the vicinity of N. Wieber Drive and W. Shawnee Lane and must construct necessary improvements to result in providing an adequate and necessary flow of water at required pressure in the surrounding water distribution system.
- 5. The City Department of Public Works has negotiated in good faith for the acquisition of the property identified in Exhibit A, and the parties have agreed upon the purchase price and the owner has participated in negotiations for acquisition of the premises.
- 6. The Property on Exhibit "A" is subject to an easement identified on the Plat and elimination of the easement is necessary to complete the project, and condemnation is necessary for that purpose.
- 7. Pursuant to RCW 8.25.290, the City has caused notice to be mailed to each and every property owner of record, as indicated on the tax rolls of Spokane County according to such addresses shown on such rolls, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the City Council taking final action on this ordinance, including publication of notice of this ordinance in the Spokesman Review for two (2) consecutive weeks before final action by the City Council.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Spokane does ordain:

<u>Section 1</u>. The public use and necessity requires the acquisition by the City of Spokane, a Washington municipal corporation, of the land and property described on Exhibit A for public

purposes to situate a water booster pump st temporary construction easements as are deer to complete the Water Booster, all as set fort	med necessary by City staff, for pu	ablic purposes in order
Section 2. The City Attorney is her actions in the Superior Court of Spokane C Spokane, to acquire and take by eminent dor set forth herein, the lands to be so taken situal State of Washington, and more specifically reference made a part hereof, together with seconstruction easements as are deemed necessitions.	ounty, State of Washington, in the main the lands necessary to be acquite in the City of Spokane, County y described in Exhibit A attaches such amendments thereto and such	e name of the City of juired for the purposes of Spokane, all in the ed hereto and by this a additional temporary
	e City of Spokane fund of the City of Spokane and funds w	account number which are allocated for
PASSED by the Spokane City Counc	cil this day of	, 2025.
	COUNCIL PRESIDEN	
Attest:		
City Clerk		
Approved as to form:		
Assistant City Attorney		
Attachment: Exhibit A		

# **EXHIBIT A**

# LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF TAKE AREA

Acquisition (Portion of Assessor's Parcel No. 26143.0513)

