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# **After-Hours Nightlife Safety Legislation**

**March 2025**

- 17 shooting incidents 2025 YTD associated with nightlife
- 47 shooting incidents 2024 associated with nightlife
- Most common time for shooting events is in the 2am hour:

Shooting and Shots Fired by the Time of Day and Day of the Week, YTD 2025

Time of the Day

Weekday of Offense Date	11 PM	12 PM	1 AM	2 AM	3 AM	4 AM	5 AM	6 AM	7 AM-10 PM
Mon	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wed	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Thu	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fri	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sat	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sun	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	0
YTD - 2025	2	1	3	6	0	3	0	2	0



# Shootings at After-Hours Locations

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GO #	Date	Time	Casings	Guns
2020-000244	01/01/20	3:13	20	2
2021-189489	07/25/21	3:29	0	1
2021-221942	08/25/21	23:29	3	1
2021-223996	08/28/21	1:44	4	1
2021-294739	11/06/21	4:16	6	1
2021-308541	11/21/21	2:18	0	1
2022-089902	04/10/22	22:35	4	1
2022-263505	10/02/22	2:35	29	3
2022-270753	10/09/22	3:48	21	6
2023-031919	02/03/23	1:18	1	1
2023-081621	03/26/23	0:24	9	1
2023-104085	04/18/23	1:43	0	1
2023-160910	06/10/23	1:59	21	2
2023-161961	06/11/23	2:41	96	3
2023-216083	07/30/23	2:57	15	5
2023-238573	08/19/23	6:16	2	1
2023-239656	08/20/23	4:24	11	5
2023-247162	08/27/23	3:47	1	1
2023-354495	12/10/23	3:39	18	2
2023-362271	12/17/23	20:40	16	1
2024-039316	02/11/24	4:00	15	2
2024-128759	05/12/24	4:04	1	1
2024-142573	05/26/24	3:50	68	5
2024-148346	06/01/24	5:01	121	11
2024-149391	06/02/24	8:51	7	1
2024-202422	07/22/24	2:27	47	3
2024-223269	08/10/24	0:24	38	3
2024-230924	08/17/24	3:09	2	1
2024-303765	10/26/24	4:20	80	8
2024-344033	12/07/24	3:48	27	3
2025-000114	01/01/25	1:25	10	2
2025-017204	01/19/25	4:14	13	3
2025-036013	02/08/25	6:20	97	7
2025-057006	03/02/25	6:18	0	1
			<b>803</b>	<b>91</b>

- 35+ shootings connected to select after-hours locations, many with multiple shooting events
- 800+ bullet casings collected by SPD at these events representing 91 different firearms
- In 2025, shootings at two after-hours locations which were illegally serving alcohol (without a license and after 2am)



- Proposed legislation provides additional tools to improve security at after-hours nightlife locations
- After-hours nightlife lounge means a business, nonprofit, or club establishment open between the hours of 2am and 6am and whose purposes in those hours include socializing and either smoking or dancing.
- Requires After-Hours Nightlife Lounges to:
  - Obtain and comply with all city permits and licenses
  - Employ at least two security personnel
  - Operate video surveillance
  - Prevent weapons from entering premises
  - Have a safety plan
  - Allow entry by all City peace officers during operating hours (same as any establishment with a liquor license)



- The bill will be enforced by the Finance and Administrative Services Department (FAS)
- The first violation results in a \$1,000 civil citation; second \$5,000
- Businesses may contest a citation before a hearing examiner
- Authorizes City Attorney to seek legal and equitable relief from establishments that remain out of compliance
- The bill will not disrupt the activity of after-hours locations that currently have an LCB endorsement for extended hours
- The bill will not impact restaurants, bars, or clubs that close at or before 2am (most LCB-licensed establishments)
- The bill will not impact after-hours activities in private homes



**Questions?**



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