



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Public Safety Committee

Agenda

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. [CB 120956](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the regulation of after-hours nightlife lounges; defining after-hours nightlife lounges; establishing operational and safety requirements for such businesses; describing enforcement mechanisms; and adding a new Chapter 10.10 to the Seattle Municipal Code.**

Supporting Documents:

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

[Central Staff Memo](#)

[City Attorney's Office Presentation](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote (30 minutes)

Presenters: Tamaso Johnson and Ketil Freeman, Council Central Staff

2. **OPA Director Search Process Update**

Briefing and Discussion (15 minutes)

Presenter: Andrew Myerberg, Mayor's Office

E. Adjournment



Legislation Text

File #: CB 120956, **Version:** 1

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to the regulation of after-hours nightlife lounges; defining after-hours nightlife lounges; establishing operational and safety requirements for such businesses; describing enforcement mechanisms; and adding a new Chapter 10.10 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, Donald “Donnie” Chin, the director of the International District Emergency Center was shot and killed at approximately 3 a.m. on July 23, 2015, while trying to protect his community from shootings and fight disturbances connected to after-hours nightlife activity in the International District; and

WHEREAS, Nadia Kassa, Jonathan Bishu, and Trevis Bellard were killed and six more were injured at approximately 4:30 a.m. on August 19, 2023, in a shooting at an after-hours nightlife lounge on Rainier Avenue South; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Escatell was killed at approximately 3 a.m. on August 17, 2024, in a shooting inside of an after-hours nightlife lounge in the SODO neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, there have been dozens of shootings and homicides that have occurred in connection with after-hours nightlife lounges that operate between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Police Department reports that nightlife-related shootings, particularly in connection with after-hours nightlife lounges, account for over ten percent of all shootings in the City; and

WHEREAS, some of these after-hours nightlife lounges reportedly serve alcohol without a liquor license from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle regulates businesses as an exercise of its police power to protect and preserve the public peace, health, safety, and welfare; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Chapter 10.10 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

Chapter 10.10 AFTER-HOURS NIGHTLIFE LOUNGES

10.10.010 Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter 10.10:

“After-hours nightlife lounge” means a business, nonprofit, or club establishment open between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. and whose purposes in those hours include socializing and either smoking or dancing. “After-hours nightlife lounge” does not include businesses whose principal purpose between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is operating as a restaurant; businesses with an all-ages dance license issued under Chapter 6.295; businesses with an adult entertainment premises license issued under Chapter 6.270; or theater and spectator sports facilities as defined in Section 23.84A.010.

"Director" means the Director of Finance and Administrative Services.

“Liquor” has the same meaning as in chapter 66.04 RCW.

“Restaurant” means a food business with an active permit from Public Health - Seattle & King County that operates at the same location for more than 21 consecutive days.

"Written safety plan" means a written document produced by an after-hours nightlife lounge operator that includes at minimum the following information about the lounge:

1. The number and location of all security personnel;
2. The after-hours nightlife lounge’s identification checking and patron search procedures;
3. Procedures for ensuring that only persons 21 years or older are served alcohol;
4. The after-hours nightlife lounge’s procedures for handling violent incidents, other emergencies, and calling the Seattle Police Department;
5. A description of the training provided or completed by security and other personnel, including conflict de-escalation training;

6. The after-hours nightlife lounge's procedures for crowd control and preventing overcrowding; and

7. Current contact information for the person or position responsible for addressing safety, security, or City Code related complaints by patrons or neighborhood residents.

10.10.020 General provisions

A. No after-hours nightlife lounge may:

1. Operate without a valid liquor license with an extended hours added activity issued pursuant to chapter 66.24 RCW;

2. Be open between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m.;

3. Sell, give, or otherwise supply liquor to any person between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.; or

4. Allow the consumption of liquor on the premises between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

B. An after-hours nightlife lounge shall:

1. Obtain and comply with all other required state and City permits and licenses necessary for operation of the establishment;

2. Employ at least two security personnel during operating hours between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. to maintain order and ensure compliance with the law. All security personnel must have received formal training in crowd control and event management;

3. Operate video surveillance at each point of entry and maintain all recordings for at least 96 hours;

4. Take steps such as metal detectors, metal-detecting wands, or pat-downs to detect weapons and prevent them from entering the premises; and

5. Prepare a written safety plan:

a. After-hours nightlife lounge operators shall file their written safety plans with the Director, who shall distribute them to the Chief of Police. For existing after-hours nightlife lounges, safety

plans shall be filed within 45 days of the effective date of this ordinance. New after-hours nightlife lounges shall file safety plans no later than the date they open to the public.

b. After-hours nightlife lounges subject to this Chapter 10.10 shall have an updated copy of their safety plan reviewed by personnel employed by the after-hours nightlife lounge. The safety plan shall be made available upon request by City nightlife enforcement staff, patrons, or neighborhood residents.

c. After-hours nightlife lounge operators shall file an updated written safety plan annually with the Director. If there have been no material changes to an after-hours nightlife lounge's programming, operation, ownership, or size, the updated written safety plan may take the form of a letter from the after-hours nightlife lounge operator to the Director certifying that there have been no such material changes.

C. All peace officers of the City and the Director shall have free access to public areas of after-hours nightlife lounges when guests, patrons, or club members are present for the purpose of inspection and to enforce compliance with the provisions of this Chapter 10.10.

10.10.030 Penalties

A. A violation of Section 10.10.020 shall constitute a civil violation and shall be enforced by the Director under the citation provisions set forth in this Section 10.10.030.

B. Citation

1. If after investigation the Director determines that a person has violated or failed to comply with Section 10.10.020, the Director shall issue a citation to the person responsible for the violation. The citation shall include: (1) the name and address of the person to whom the citation is issued; (2) a reasonable description of the location of the property on which the violation occurred; (3) a separate statement of each standard or requirement violated; (4) the date of the violation; (5) a statement that the person cited must respond to the citation within 15 days after service; (6) a space for entry of the applicable penalty; (7) a statement that a response must be sent to the Hearing Examiner and received not later than 5 p.m. on the day the response is due; (8) the name, address, and phone number of the Hearing Examiner where the citation is to

be filed; (9) a statement that the citation represents a determination that a violation has been committed by the person named in the citation and that the determination shall be final unless contested as provided in this Chapter 10.10; and (10) a certified statement of the Director's representative issuing the citation, authorized by RCW 5.50.050, setting forth facts supporting issuance of the citation.

2. The citation may be served by personal service in the manner set forth in RCW 4.28.080 for service of a summons or sent by first class mail, addressed to the last known address of such person(s). Service shall be complete at the time of personal service, or if mailed, three days after the date of mailing. If a citation sent by first class mail is returned as undeliverable, service may be made by posting the citation at a conspicuous place on the property and service shall be complete on the date of posting.

C. Response to citation. A person must respond to a citation in one of the following ways:

1. Paying the amount of the monetary penalty specified in the citation, in which case the record shall show a finding that the person cited committed the violation;

2. Requesting in writing a mitigation hearing to explain the circumstances surrounding the commission of the violation and providing an address to which notice of such hearing may be sent; or

3. Requesting a contested hearing in writing specifying the reason why the cited violation did not occur or why the person cited is not responsible for the violation, and providing an address to which notice of such hearing may be sent.

A response to a citation must be received by the Office of the Hearing Examiner no later than 15 days after the date the citation is served. When the last day of the appeal period so computed is a Saturday, Sunday, or federal or City holiday, the period shall run until 5 p.m. on the next business day.

D. Failure to respond. If a person fails to respond to a citation within 15 days of service, an order shall be entered by the Hearing Examiner finding that the person cited committed the violation stated in the citation, and assessing the penalty specified in the citation.

E. Mitigation hearings

1. Date and notice. If a person requests a mitigation hearing, the mitigation hearing shall be held within 30 days after written response to the citation requesting a hearing is received by the Hearing Examiner. Notice of the time, place, and date of the hearing shall be sent to the address specified in the request for hearing not less than ten days before the date of the hearing.

2. Procedure at hearing. The Hearing Examiner shall hold an informal hearing that shall not be governed by the Rules of Evidence. The person cited may present witnesses, but witnesses shall not be compelled to attend. A representative from the Department may also be present and may present additional information, but attendance by a representative from the Department is not required.

3. Disposition. The Hearing Examiner shall determine whether the person's explanation justifies reduction of the monetary penalty. Factors that may be considered in whether to reduce the penalty include whether the violation was caused by the act, neglect, or abuse of another.

4. Entry of order. After hearing the explanation of the person cited and any other information presented at the hearing, the Hearing Examiner shall enter an order finding that the person cited committed the violation and assessing a monetary penalty in an amount determined pursuant to subsection 10.10.030.H. The Hearing Examiner's decision is the final decision of the City on the matter.

F. Contested hearing

1. Date and notice. If a person requests a contested hearing, the hearing shall be held within 60 days after the written response to the citation requesting such hearing is received.

2. Hearing. Contested hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the procedures for hearing contested cases contained in Section 3.02.090 and the rules adopted by the Hearing Examiner for hearing contested cases, except as modified by this Section 10.10.030. The issues heard at the hearing shall be limited to those that are raised in writing in the response to the citation and that are within the jurisdiction of the Hearing Examiner. The Hearing Examiner may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

3. Sufficiency. No citation shall be deemed insufficient for failure to contain a detailed statement of the facts constituting the specific violation which the person cited is alleged to have committed or by reason of defects or imperfections, provided such lack of detail or such defects or imperfections do not prejudice substantial rights of the person cited.

4. Amendment of citation. A citation may be amended prior to the conclusion of the hearing to conform to the evidence presented if substantial rights of the person cited are not thereby prejudiced.

5. Evidence at hearing. The certified statement or declaration authorized by RCW 5.50.050 shall be prima facie evidence that a violation occurred and that the person cited is responsible. The certified statement or declaration authorized under RCW 5.50.050 and any other evidence accompanying the report shall be admissible without further evidentiary foundation. Any certifications or declarations authorized under RCW 5.50.050 shall also be admissible without further evidentiary foundation. The person cited may rebut the Department evidence and establish that the cited violation(s) did not occur or that the person contesting the citation is not responsible for the violation.

6. Disposition. The Hearing Examiner shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether the violation occurred. If the Hearing Examiner determines that the violation occurred, the citation shall be sustained and the Hearing Examiner shall enter an order finding that the person cited committed the violation and imposing the applicable penalty. If the Hearing Examiner determines that the violation did not occur, the Hearing Examiner shall enter an order dismissing the citation.

7. Final decision. The Hearing Examiner's decision is the final decision of the City.

G. Failure to appear for hearing. Failure to appear for a requested hearing will result in an order being entered finding that the person cited committed the violation stated in the citation and assessing the penalty specified in the citation. For good cause shown and upon terms the Hearing Examiner deems just, the Hearing Examiner may set aside an order entered upon a failure to appear.

H. Penalties

1. First violation. The first time a person is found by the Director to have violated Section 10.10.020, the person shall be subject to a penalty of \$1,000.

2. Second and subsequent violations. Any second or subsequent time a person is found by the Director to have violated Section 10.10.020 within a five-year period, the person shall be subject to a penalty of \$5,000.

I. Collection of penalties. If the person cited fails to pay a penalty imposed pursuant to this Chapter 10.10, the penalty may be referred to a collection agency. The cost to the City for the collection services will be assessed as costs, at the rate agreed to between the City and the collection agency, and added to the penalty. Alternatively, the City may pursue collection in any other manner allowed by law.

J. Each day a separate violation. Each day a person violates Section 10.10.020 may be considered a separate violation subject to the penalties of this Section 10.10.030.

10.10.040 Additional relief

The Director may seek legal or equitable relief to enjoin any acts or practices when necessary to achieve compliance, including denial, revocation of, or refusal to renew a business license pursuant to Chapter 6.208.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2025, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2025.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Dept. Contact:	CBO Contact:
LEG	Freeman – 206.684.8178	NA

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the regulation of after-hours nightlife lounges; defining after-hours nightlife lounges; establishing operational and safety requirements for such businesses; describing enforcement mechanisms; and adding a new Chapter 10.10 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

The proposed legislation would create new safety regulations for lounges that are open between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Regulated businesses would not be able to remain open past 2:00 am unless they:

1. Have extended hours permission as part of a valid liquor license issued by the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board;
2. Maintain minimum security requirements, including having at least two security personnel, taking steps to prevent patrons with weapons from entering the establishment, preparing a written safety plan, and operating video surveillance; and
3. Allow access to public areas of the business by City enforcement staff during business hours.

The proposed regulations would not apply to restaurants, licensed adult entertainment establishments, licensed all-ages dance venues, and theater and sports and recreation facilities.

Violation of the regulations could result in civil citations and escalating penalties. Continued violations could ultimately result in suspension or revocation of a City business license. Businesses that receive a citation could request a mitigation hearing or contested case hearing before the City Hearing Examiner.

The legislation is intended to help address public safety events at and around after-hours lounges by establishing uniformly applicable safety regulations.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?

Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? Yes No

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

The proposed legislation could require after-hours enforcement by Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) license and standards inspectors and other City staff. Those inspectors may be required to work during non-regular business hours to perform inspections, which could require overtime. Additionally, FAS would need to develop outreach and engagement materials in multiple languages to educate affected business about new regulatory requirements.

Costs associated with those activities are uncertain and depend on the number of regulated businesses. FAS estimates that ongoing costs could be as high as \$100,000 for overtime and outreach. In 2025 that cost could be absorbed by departmental underspend. After 2025, ongoing costs could require additional appropriation authority.

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.

See above.

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.

The Seattle Police Department, Seattle Fire Department, and other departments currently spend a significant amount of time responding to incidents associated with after-hours nightlife lounges. Those responses have significant costs. Not implementing this legislation could mean continuing police and fire responses to several dozen serious public safety incidents per year.

Please describe how this legislation may affect any City departments other than the originating department.

See above.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

b. Is publication of notice with The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times required for this legislation?

No

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No

d. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

- i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

The proposed legislation would require that regulated after-hours venues comply with uniformly applicable safety regulations. Regulated business could include hookah lounges and other types of businesses that are owned and operated immigrant and refugee communities.

Many victims of violence associated with after-hours venues are from historically disadvantaged communities. Those victims include Donnie Chin, Nadia Kassa, Jonathan Bishu, Trevis Bellard, and Francisco Escatell.

- ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

Not applicable.

- iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

FAS will develop explanatory outreach materials for regulated businesses consistent with the City's Language Access Program ([Language Access Program - IandRaffairs | seattle.gov](#)) administered by the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

e. Climate Change Implications

- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

Not applicable.

- ii. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

Not applicable.

- f. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

The legislation is intended to help address public safety events at and around after-hours lounges by establishing uniformly applicable safety regulations. The effectiveness of the legislation could be measured by changes in public safety calls for service and significant public safety events, like gun violence, in or around regulated businesses

- g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments:

March 20, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Public Safety Committee
From: Tamaso Johnson and Ketil Freeman, Analysts
Subject: Council Bill 120956 – Regulation of After-hours Nightlife Lounges

On March 25th the Public Safety Committee (Committee) will have an initial discussion and briefing on [Council Bill \(CB\) 120956](#), which would establish new safety regulations for certain types of nightlife establishments that are open between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 p.m.

This memorandum (1) provides background on current regulations applicable to most after-hours nightlife establishments, (2) describes what CB 120956 would do, and (3) discusses next steps.

Current City Regulations Applicable to Nightlife Establishments

Large nightclubs, including those open after 2:00 a.m., are currently required to have a written safety plan that addresses security, crowd control, and procedures for ensuring that underage patrons are not served alcohol.¹ Safety plans are filed with, and reviewed by, the Department Finance and Administrative Services (FAS). Current regulations apply to nightclubs that serve liquor and have a certificate of occupancy that allows 200 or more persons to be in the establishment.²

Other types of nightlife establishments that may be open after 2:00 a.m. are also regulated by FAS. Specifically, all-ages dance venues are required to obtain a regulatory license and meet minimum security requirements, including the provision of security personnel,³ and adult entertainment premises must similarly obtain a regulatory license and meet minimum security requirements.⁴ Current regulations require that adult entertainment establishments close by 2:30 a.m.⁵

In addition to specific regulations, the City Attorney's Office reviews and advises on liquor license applications ([Understand the Liquor License Review](#)) and the Office of Economic Development provides resources to current and prospective nightlife establishments related to understanding city, county, and state regulations and maintaining good relationships with near-neighbors ([Nightlife Establishment Handbook](#)).

¹ See [Seattle Municipal Code \(SMC\) Chapter 10.11](#).

² [SMC Section 10.11.010.C](#).

³ [SMC Ch. 6.295](#).

⁴ [SMC Ch. 6.270](#).

⁵ [SMC Section 6.270.130](#).

CB 120956

The proposed bill would create new safety regulations for nightlife lounges that are open between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. for the purposes of socializing and either smoking or dancing.

Regulated businesses would include both venues open to the public and private clubs. Restaurants, adult entertainment establishments, all-ages dance venues, entertainment venues like theaters and spectator sports facilities, and businesses whose purposes do not extend to socializing and either smoking or dancing would be exempt from the regulations.

Regulated businesses would not be able to remain open past 2:00 a.m. unless they:

1. Have extended hours permission as part of a valid liquor license issued by the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board;
2. Maintain minimum security requirements, including having at least two trained security personnel on site when the business is open after 2:00 a.m., taking steps to prevent patrons with weapons from entering the establishment, preparing a written safety plan, and operating video surveillance; and
3. Allow access to public areas of the business by City enforcement staff during business hours.

Violation of the regulations could result in civil citations and escalating penalties. Continued violations could ultimately result in suspension or revocation of a City business license. Businesses that receive a citation could request a mitigation hearing or contested case hearing before the City Hearing Examiner. FAS would be primarily responsible for enforcing the new regulations. Initial enforcement staffing could be accomplished through paid overtime to existing inspectors for after-hours work.

FAS estimates the cost for overtime staffing and development of outreach materials could be \$100,000 in 2025. That cost could be absorbed by annual department underspend. Depending on the number of regulated businesses, additional appropriations and position authority could be required for future enforcement. Future costs could be recovered through increases in business license fees.

Next Steps

The Committee will have an initial briefing and discussion on March 25th. The Committee may vote on a recommendation to the Full Council at its meeting on April 8th.

cc: Ben Noble, Director
Yolanda Ho, Deputy Director



**SEATTLE CITY
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
ANN DAVISON**

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

Slide 3

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
			803	91

- 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)



Seattle City Attorney's Office

Ann Davison, City Attorney

March 2025

- 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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