M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: November 5, 2009

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Russell Weeks

RE: Proposed ordinance amending Section 6.08.084 and Section 6.08.120 exempting social clubs, taverns, brewpubs and microbreweries from certain City spacing regulations if those businesses are located within both Alcohol District A described in City Map No. 19372 titled *Alcohol License Districts* and within any of the following zoning districts: Central Business District (D-1); Downtown Support District (D-2); Downtown Warehouse Residential (D-3); and Secondary Central Business District (D-4).

CC: Cindy Gust-Jenson, David Everitt, Ed Rutan, Frank Gray, Wilf Sommerkorn, Mary De La Mare Schaeffer, Jennifer Bruno, Matt Lyon, Laura Kirwan, Janice Jardine

This memorandum pertains to a proposed ordinance that would exempt social clubs, taverns, brewpubs and microbreweries from certain Salt Lake City location spacing restrictions – if those businesses meet two criteria. They must be located within Alcohol District A described in City Map No. 19372 titled *Alcohol License Districts*, and they must be located within any of the following zoning districts: Central Business District (D-1); Downtown Support District (D-2); Downtown Warehouse Residential (D-3); and Secondary Central Business District (D-4).

The item is scheduled for a briefing at the City Council work session November 10. The work session is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. or immediately after the monthly meeting of the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors in Room 236 of the City & County Building, 451 South State Street. The item tentatively is scheduled for formal consideration at the City Council meeting November 17. It should be noted that *Salt Lake City Code Chapter 6*, which contains the spacing restrictions, regulates the sale of alcoholic beverages and the businesses that sell them. It is not a zoning ordinance, and the City is not required by law to hold a public hearing.

OPTIONS

- Adopt the proposed ordinance.
- Do not adopt the proposed ordinance.
- Amend the proposed ordinance.

POTENTIAL MOTIONS

- I move that the City Council adopt the ordinance amending sections 6.08.084 and 6.08.120 Salt Lake City Code, pertaining to the spacing of brewpubs and microbreweries, taverns and social clubs, if the businesses are located within both Alcohol License District A and a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D-4 zone.

- I move that the City Council consider the next item on the agenda.
- I move that the City Council adopt the ordinance amending sections 6.08.084 and 6.08.120 Salt Lake City Code, pertaining to the spacing of brewpubs and microbreweries, taverns and social clubs, if the businesses are located within both Alcohol License District A and a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D-4 zone with the following amendments: (Council Members may propose amendments).

KEY POINTS

- The proposed ordinance focuses its effect on perhaps a little more than half the geographical area of Alcohol License District A.

- According to the Administration, the spacing regulations in the City Code for downtown zones have "been a source of confusion for many property and business owners in the City."[i]

- The proposed ordinance also would "allow the location of alcohol establishments in downtown to be regulated through state law, the City's zoning ordinances, and spacing restrictions remaining in Chapter 6.08.120."[ii]

- One change in the proposed ordinance involves exempting social clubs and taverns that meet the ordinance's location criteria from being restricted to "no more than two licensed establishments located on any linear block." The current ordinance defines "linear block" as "both sides of a major street between two intersecting major streets." (6.08.120.1.a)

- Another change would eliminate a limit on the number of social clubs and taverns that could locate on the interior of a block. (6.08.120.C.3)

- A third change in the proposed ordinance exempting brew pubs and microbreweries from a restriction that limits those kinds of businesses to one "on either side of a major street between the intersections of two major streets." (6.08.084.B)

- According to the Administration, it is exploring future actions to address larger concerns … beyond the scope of this recommended ordinance." One of the items the Administration is exploring is "changing alcohol establishments in the D-2 and D-3 zones from permitted to conditional use" as part of revisions to zoning regulations.[iii] The future revisions are part of changes to *Salt Lake City Code Chapter 21A* – the zoning ordinance – and further changes to *City Code Chapter 6*. None of those proposed revisions have been forwarded to the City Council for considerations.

ISSUES/QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- According to the Administration transmittal, there is favorable sentiment for the amendments in the proposed ordinance. However, it should be noted that a significant number of responses cited were undeclared in either support or opposition.[iv]

- On October 20, The Downtown Alliance Downtown Development Committee adopted the following motion to forward to the Alliance Board of Directors for consideration at its November 9 meeting:

> The Downtown Alliance encourages the Salt Lake City Council to remove the business license overlay (alcohol map) that limits the number of liquor establishments in the downtown area to two-per-block-face. We recognize that this change will not increase the total number of bars permitted in the downtown area, but that it may create a greater concentration of restaurants, clubs and bars around the convention center and downtown hotels. We urge the council to move quickly to enact this simple change in city ordinance. We further encourage the City Council to consider the downtown business license matter separately from larger land use questions relating to liquor establishments in mixed use residential settings.

- One of the reasons given for the proposed amendment is to end a source of confusion for property and business owners in the City. Given that, how does adopting the amended ordinance and then changing a permitted use in D-2 and D-3 zones to a conditional use relate to that goal?

- Are there any of the zones that the City Council might consider dropping from the proposed ordinance?

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

As indicated earlier in this memorandum, the proposed ordinance would exempt social clubs, taverns, brew pubs and microbreweries from certain location restrictions in Alcohol License District A – if those businesses were located in areas designated either as the Central Business District (D-1); a Downtown Support District (D-2); a Downtown Warehouse Residential (D-3); or a Secondary Central Business District (D-4).

Council staff estimates the districts make up perhaps a little more than half of the main geographical area that makes up Alcohol License District A. As staff indicated in other City Council briefings pertaining to alcohol issues, Alcohol License District A is shaped somewhat like a funnel (or a pork chop) extending from North Temple Street to 2100 South. Its widest point extends along 400 South Street from the eastern edge of Interstate 15 to 900 East Street. However, the district rapidly starts to narrow at about 600 South Street and becomes a stem at about 900 South Street that continues to narrow until it concentrates between West Temple and State streets until 2100 South Street.

Within Alcohol License District A, "There shall be no more than two licensed establishments located on any linear block," if those businesses are taverns or social clubs. Restaurants that serve alcohol are not included in the ordinance. Again, the current ordinance defines "linear block" as "both sides of a major street between two intersecting major streets." In practice that means perhaps a business on each side of a street for one block. In theory, a single block could have up to eight taverns or clubs on its perimeter, if no similar businesses were on the four blocks surrounding it. In addition, the mayor or his or her designee may grant an exemption for tavern or social club operators to locate within the interiors of blocks – if doing that doesn't raise the total number of taverns or social clubs on a single block to nine. Moreover, "… no more than two (2) such establishments may be located on any street located in the interior of any such block, and no more than three (3) such establishments may be located within the interior of any block."[v]

Within Alcohol License District A, "only one brewpub or microbrewery may be located on either side of a major street between the intersections of two major streets," under the current ordinance.

As indicated, the proposed ordinance would exempt social clubs, taverns, brew pubs and microbreweries from the requirements – if those businesses were located in areas designated either as D-1, D-2, D-3, or D-4.

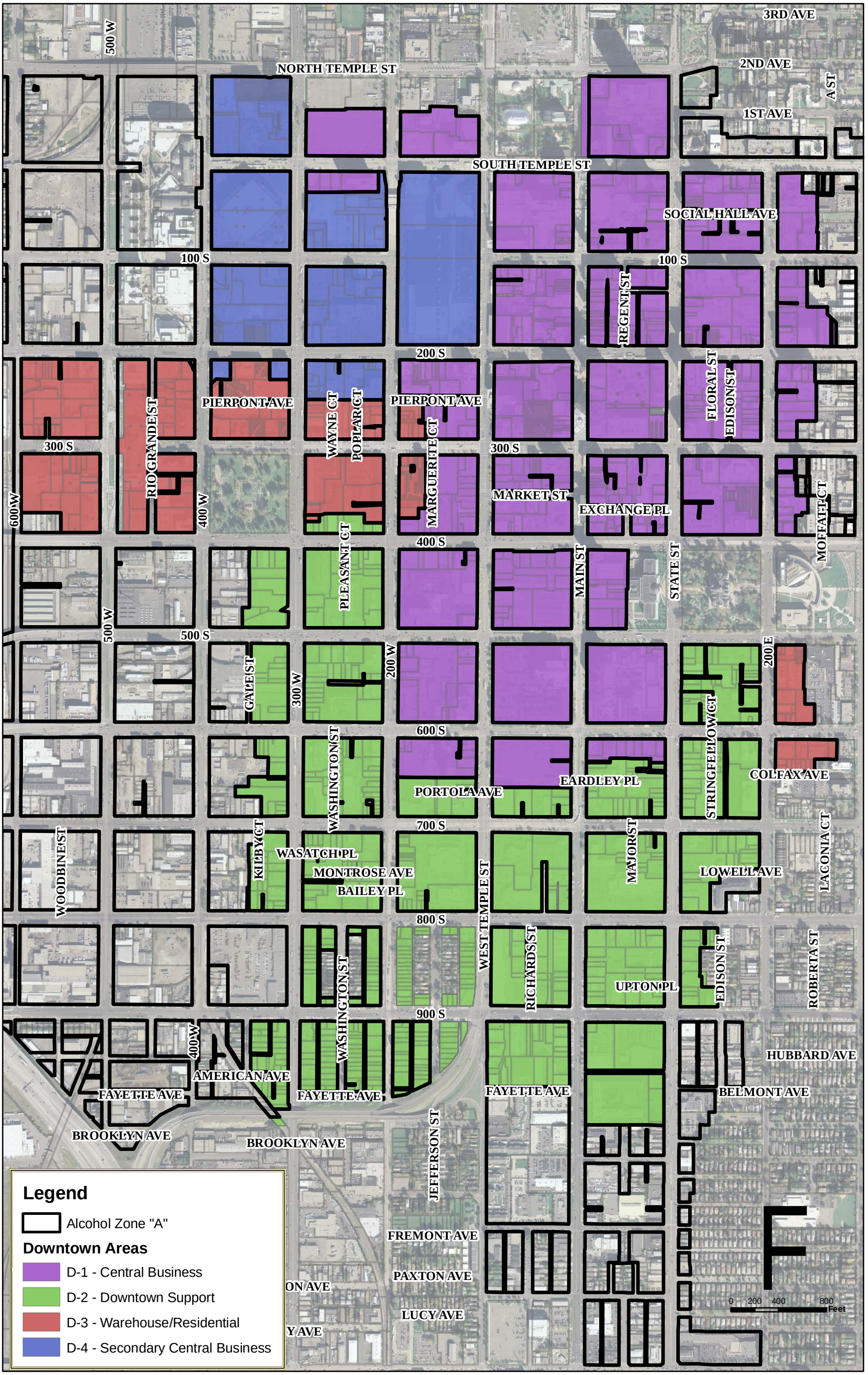
The restrictions would continue to apply to areas in Alcohol License District A that are not designated as D-1, D-2, D-3, or D-4. The four zones encompass an area roughly bordered by North Temple Street, 250 East, 1000 South and 600 West Street.[vi] Within that area, the current ordinance's restrictions would continue to apply in places designated as General Commercial (CG), Commercial Corridor (CC), Gateway Mixed Use (GMU), Residential Mixed Use (RMU), or as any variant of residential zones. In addition, the restrictions would continue to apply in the Sugar House Business District, the Brickyard Plaza area, the International Center, and the area on North Temple at about 2200 West North Temple. The areas all are part of the Alcohol License District A.

Given that, the scope the proposed ordinance's effect appears fairly narrow. It is narrowed even further by state and city laws involving restrictions on proximity to community locations such as churches, public or private schools, public libraries, and public playgrounds and parks.[vii]

In March, Council and Administration staff research indicated that Salt Lake City had 96 social clubs, 26 bars, taverns and brew pubs, and 203 restaurants that serve beer or other alcoholic beverages or both.[viii] Council staff estimates that, of those numbers, about 60 social clubs, a dozen taverns or brewpubs, and 75 restaurants that serve alcohol may fall into the proposed areas that would be exempted from restrictions in City Code 6.08.84 and 6.08.120.

However, three things should be noted. First, the map staff used to count the businesses depicted businesses within Alcohol License District A but did not differentiate among the various zones in the district. Second, the map appears to indicate that one business may have more than one alcohol license. Third, the market may have changed since the map used for reference was created.[ix]

[i] Administration transmittal letter, October 28, 2009, Page 1.
[ii] Ibid, Page 2.
[iii] Ibid, Page 3.
[iv] Administration transmittal, Proposed Alcohol Normalization, Public Comment Report, October 26, 2009, Page 4.
[v] Salt Lake City Code 6.08.120.C.3
[vi] Please see attached map.
[vii] Utah State Code Annotated 32A-1-105.
[viii] City Council Staff Memorandum, March 20, 2009, Russell Weeks and Gail Meakins, Page 9.
[ix] Map, Alcohol Outlets, Gail Meakins, February 27, 2009.



Legend

Alcohol Zone "A"

Downtown Areas

- D-1 - Central Business
- D-2 - Downtown Support
- D-3 - Warehouse/Residential
- D-4 - Secondary Central Business

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CITY COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL

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David Everitt, Chief of Staff

Date Received:
Date sent to Council: 10/28/09

TO: Salt Lake City Council
Carlton Christensen, Chair

DATE: October 28, 2009

FROM: David Everitt, Mayor's Office
Frank Gray, Community and Economic Development

SUBJECT: **Removal of per block-face regulations on alcohol establishments in the Downtown Area**

STAFF: Laura Kirwan, City Attorney, x7685
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DOCUMENT TYPE: ORDINANCE

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends the Salt Lake City Council adopt the proposed ordinance.

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

For over 100 years, Salt Lake City has heavily regulated the sale of alcohol. The scope and consistency of these regulations have varied widely over the century, and various revisions have, over time, resulted in a cluttered city code.

Specifically, Salt Lake City's restriction of the number of alcohol establishments per block face in the Downtown area is inconsistent with the City's economic development and Downtown revitalization goals. This regulatory scheme has also been a source of confusion for many property and business owners in the City. Salt Lake City is one of the few cities in Utah and the region that regulate alcohol establishments in this manner. Ogden is the only other city known by staff to have a similar regulation.

The proposed revision applies only to alcohol establishments that are a) in District A of the current alcohol map, and b) in the D-1, D-2, D-3, or D-4 zone. Specifically, the proposed

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ordinance exempts alcohol establishments within Downtown from the "two per block face" restriction, from the regulation that limits the number of alcohol establishments on the interior or exterior of any block, and from the requirement limiting only one brewpub or microbrewery per side of a major street. The changes are consistent with public comment and business interests in the Downtown Salt Lake City area. The change will allow the location of alcohol establishments in Downtown to be regulated through state law, the City's zoning ordinances, and spacing restrictions remaining in Section 6.08.120.

In response to public comment, the Administration is actively exploring the following future actions to address larger concerns that are beyond the scope of this recommended ordinance:

- Changing alcohol establishments in the D2 and D3 zones from permitted to conditional use as part of the upcoming land use alcohol reforms;
- Revisiting and adjusting the City's noise ordinances as they relate to commercial activities; and
- Developing a comprehensive approach to the City's smoking regulations.

Noise and smoking were two common themes discussed during the public comment period. The Administration is addressing each of these as part of the conditional use process in the alcohol land use reforms. However, since alcohol establishments are a permitted use in the Downtown zones, the conditional use process will not apply. It is believed a more comprehensive approach is necessary and the Administration is exploring potential options to address noise and smoking more holistically.

Nothing in the proposed changes are contrary to or will impact existing State law or other land use regulations. In addition, all Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (DABC) regulations, business licensing requirements, and land use restrictions under Salt Lake City Code Chapter 21A still apply to new and existing alcohol establishments.

PUBLIC PROCESS:

The public process for the proposed revisions has been extensive. The Administration has found the public input received to be very helpful in developing this proposal to eliminate the two per block face regulation downtown. Please see the attached materials for additional information.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. ___ of 2009: Amending Section 6.08.084 and Section 6.08.120, Salt Lake City Code, pertaining to spacing restrictions of certain alcohol establishments.
2. Public Process Summary
3. Alcohol Normalization Feedback Analysis
4. Downtown Neighborhood Discussion Group Summary and Responses
    a. Memorandum
    b. Neighborhood Discussion Report and Response
    c. Neighborhood Discussion Minutes – September 19, 2009
    d. Neighborhood Discussion Minutes – October 7, 2009

Ordinance No. _____ of 2009

(Amending Section 6.08.084 and Section 6.08.120, *Salt Lake City Code*, pertaining to spacing restrictions of certain alcohol establishments.)

An ordinance amending Section 6.08.084, *Salt Lake City Code*, pertaining to spacing of brewpubs and microbreweries, exempting those located within both liquor District A and a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D-4 zone from the requirement that only one brewpub or microbrewery may be located on either side of a major street; and amending Section 6.08.120, *Salt Lake City Code*, setting forth location restrictions for class C beer licenses and class B and C private club licenses, to eliminate spacing restrictions between licensed establishments that are within both liquor District A and a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D4 zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 6.080120, *Salt Lake City Code*, be amended as follows:

6.08.084: BREWPUBS AND MICROBREWERIES; LOCATION:

A. Brewpubs and microbreweries shall be located so as to front on a major street or be within a building the main entrance of which building fronts on a major street. This provision may be waived or modified in the same manner as for class C and class B private club licenses.

B. Only one brewpub or microbrewery may be located on either side of a major street between the intersections of two (2) major streets. This restriction does not apply to brewpubs or microbreweries located within a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D-4 zone within liquor District A, as described in Section 6.08.120(A).

6.08.120: LOCATION RESTRICTIONS:

A. Permissible Locations: The permissible locations of establishments licensed with either a class C beer license, a class B or C private club license, or a temporary class C beer license or a temporary class B or C private club license, or any combination thereof, shall be determined by geographical proximity, based upon the following criteria:

1. a. District A: There shall be no more than two (2) licensed establishments located on any linear block. A "linear block" means both sides of a major street between two (2) intersecting major streets. For the purposes of this section, a corner establishment having abutting front footage on two (2) major streets shall be included in the linear block in which the establishment has the greatest number of front footage abutting the major street, or, if such abutting footage is equal, then the address originally filed with the city shall determine in which linear block the establishment shall be located. This restriction does not apply to establishments located within District A and within a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D-4 zones.b. District B: No licensed establishment shall be located within six hundred feet (600') of another licensed establishment as measured from the nearest point on the property line of one establishment to the nearest point on the property line of the other establishment.

c. District C: No licensed establishment shall be located within two thousand feet (2,000') of another licensed establishment as measured from the nearest point on the property line of one establishment to the nearest point on the property line of the other establishment.

2. Major Streets: All major streets and districts will be those designated on official city map 19372, a copy of which shall be on file in the office of the city recorder. All such establishments holding a class C beer or a class B or C private club license must be

located so as to front on a major street or be within a building whose main entrance fronts on a major street.

B. Proximity To Park, School Or Church: No class C beer establishment and no class B or C nonprofit club may be licensed or operate under the provisions of this code which is in close proximity to a public park, public elementary, junior high or high school, or a church, without having first received approval from the mayor or the mayor's designee. Such approval shall be given only after:

1. The mayor or the mayor's designee has received recommendations regarding such an establishment from the planning division and the city police department; and

2. A public hearing has been held, with actual written notice having been given, where applicable, to the director of the public services, to the school superintendent or to the church, and with notice having been given to the city and the residents thereof by at least one publication in a paper of general circulation in Salt Lake County at least ten (10) days before the hearing, in each case stating the purpose, time, date and location of such hearing; and

3. A finding by the mayor or the mayor's designee that the proposed location will not materially interfere with the activities and functions of such parks or school, or interfere with church worship or church related activities. For the purposes of this section, a public park or public elementary, junior high or high school or church which is located six hundred (600) or more feet from the proposed establishment shall not be considered to be in close proximity to such establishment and no notices or hearings need be given or held prior to the granting of a class C beer license or class B or C private club license. With respect to the six hundred foot (600') limitation, it shall be measured from the nearest

entrance of the proposed establishment by following the shortest route of either ordinary pedestrian traffic, or, where applicable, vehicular travel along public thoroughfares, whichever is the closer, to the property boundary of the public school, church, public park.

4. The applicant shall pay an additional sum of sixty dollars ($60.00) to cover the cost of advertising the hearing. The fee shall be paid before such hearing shall be set or advertised.

5. A legally existing class F beer/brewpub, class F beer/microbrewery, class B private club, class C beer/tavern license, as defined in this chapter, shall not be deemed nonconforming for purposes of expansion, reconstruction or licensing (as long as the use is permitted in the base zoning district) if the only reason for such nonconformity is the subsequent location of a school, church or park within the spacing requirements. The subsequent location of a school, church or park within the spacing requirements of a brewpub, microbrewery, tavern or private club shall be deemed to be a waiver of spacing requirements as specified under city ordinances.

C. Exceptions: Class C beer establishments or class B or C private clubs may be allowed on streets other than those outlined in subsection A of this section, and may be allowed within the interior of a block, upon receiving approval from the mayor or the mayor's designee. Such approval shall be given only:

1. After the mayor or the mayor's designee has received recommendations from the planning division and the city police department; and

2. If the street is at least sixty feet (60') in width, or if, within the interior of the block, the entrance to the establishment is from a courtyard or mall like area with paved vehicular access and proper lighting; and

3. If the addition of such requested establishment would not cause the number of such licensed establishments to exceed nine (9) on the exterior and interior of any block, as defined in subsection A1a of this section. The foregoing notwithstanding, no more than two (2) such establishments may be located on any street located in the interior of any such block, and no more than three (3) such establishments may be located within the interior of any such block. This restriction does not apply to establishments located within District A and within a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D-4 zones;

4. After a public hearing has been held, with actual written notice thereof having been given to the abutting property owners, and public notice thereof having been given to the residents of the city by at least one publication in a paper of general circulation in the Salt Lake County at least ten (10) days before the hearing, in each case stating the purpose, time, date and location of such hearing; and

5. A finding by the mayor or the mayor's designee, after the holding of such hearing, that the proposed location for said establishment will not:

a. Create an undue concentration of class C beer establishments or class B or C private clubs;

b. Materially interfere with the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;

c. Create an undue burden in controlling and policing illegal activities in the vicinity;

d. Create a nuisance to the community; or

e. Adversely affect the health, safety and morals of the residents of the city.

D. Prior Location: The provisions of this section shall in no way affect the rights of the present licensees to continue their operations, so long as their licenses remain in good standing, and they continue to have their licenses reissued as provided by law until revoked or terminated for any reason.

E. Zoning Restrictions: Notwithstanding any of the provisions of subsection A of this section, all such class C beer or class B or C private club establishments must be located within commercial C-3 districts or less restrictive zoning districts or in an R-D district as an attendant use in a conference center.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this _____ day of _____, 2009.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to Mayor on _____.

Mayor's Action: _____Approved. _____Vetoed.

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MAYOR

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Ordinance No. _____ of 2009

(Amending Section 6.08.084 and Section 6.08.120, *Salt Lake City Code*, pertaining to spacing restrictions of certain alcohol establishments.)

An ordinance amending Section 6.08.084, *Salt Lake City Code*, pertaining to spacing of brewpubs and microbreweries, exempting those located within both liquor District A and a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D-4 zone from the requirement that only one brewpub or microbrewery may be located on either side of a major street; and amending Section 6.08.120, *Salt Lake City Code*, setting forth location restrictions for class C beer licenses and class B and C private club licenses, to eliminate spacing restrictions between licensed establishments that are within both liquor District A and a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D4 zone.

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B. Only one brewpub or microbrewery may be located on either side of a major street between the intersections of two (2) major streets. This restriction does not apply to brewpubs or microbreweries located within a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D-4 zone within liquor District A, as described in Section 6.08.120(A).

6.08.120: LOCATION RESTRICTIONS:

A. Permissible Locations: The permissible locations of establishments licensed with either a class C beer license, a class B or C private club license, or a temporary class C beer license or a temporary class B or C private club license, or any combination thereof, shall be determined by geographical proximity, based upon the following criteria:

1. a. District A: There shall be no more than two (2) licensed establishments located on any linear block. A "linear block" means both sides of a major street between two (2) intersecting major streets. For the purposes of this section, a corner establishment having abutting front footage on two (2) major streets shall be included in the linear block in which the establishment has the greatest number of front footage abutting the major street, or, if such abutting footage is equal, then the address originally filed with the city shall determine in which linear block the establishment shall be located. This restriction does not apply to establishments located within District A and within a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D-4 zones.

b. District B: No licensed establishment shall be located within six hundred feet (600') of another licensed establishment as measured from the nearest point on the property line of one establishment to the nearest point on the property line of the other establishment.

c. District C: No licensed establishment shall be located within two thousand feet (2,000') of another licensed establishment as measured from the nearest point on the property line of one establishment to the nearest point on the property line of the other establishment.

2. Major Streets: All major streets and districts will be those designated on official city map 19372, a copy of which shall be on file in the office of the city recorder. All such establishments holding a class C beer or a class B or C private club license must be

located so as to front on a major street or be within a building whose main entrance fronts on a major street.

B. Proximity To Park, School Or Church: No class C beer establishment and no class B or C nonprofit club may be licensed or operate under the provisions of this code which is in close proximity to a public park, public elementary, junior high or high school, or a church, without having first received approval from the mayor or the mayor's designee. Such approval shall be given only after:

1. The mayor or the mayor's designee has received recommendations regarding such an establishment from the planning division and the city police department; and

2. A public hearing has been held, with actual written notice having been given, where applicable, to the director of the public services, to the school superintendent or to the church, and with notice having been given to the city and the residents thereof by at least one publication in a paper of general circulation in Salt Lake County at least ten (10) days before the hearing, in each case stating the purpose, time, date and location of such hearing; and

3. A finding by the mayor or the mayor's designee that the proposed location will not materially interfere with the activities and functions of such parks or school, or interfere with church worship or church related activities. For the purposes of this section, a public park or public elementary, junior high or high school or church which is located six hundred (600) or more feet from the proposed establishment shall not be considered to be in close proximity to such establishment and no notices or hearings need be given or held prior to the granting of a class C beer license or class B or C private club license. With respect to the six hundred foot (600') limitation, it shall be measured from the nearest

entrance of the proposed establishment by following the shortest route of either ordinary pedestrian traffic, or, where applicable, vehicular travel along public thoroughfares, whichever is the closer, to the property boundary of the public school, church, public park.

4. The applicant shall pay an additional sum of sixty dollars ($60.00) to cover the cost of advertising the hearing. The fee shall be paid before such hearing shall be set or advertised.

5. A legally existing class F beer/brewpub, class F beer/microbrewery, class B private club, class C beer/tavern license, as defined in this chapter, shall not be deemed nonconforming for purposes of expansion, reconstruction or licensing (as long as the use is permitted in the base zoning district) if the only reason for such nonconformity is the subsequent location of a school, church or park within the spacing requirements. The subsequent location of a school, church or park within the spacing requirements of a brewpub, microbrewery, tavern or private club shall be deemed to be a waiver of spacing requirements as specified under city ordinances.

C. Exceptions: Class C beer establishments or class B or C private clubs may be allowed on streets other than those outlined in subsection A of this section, and may be allowed within the interior of a block, upon receiving approval from the mayor or the mayor's designee. Such approval shall be given only:

1. After the mayor or the mayor's designee has received recommendations from the planning division and the city police department; and

2. If the street is at least sixty feet (60') in width, or if, within the interior of the block, the entrance to the establishment is from a courtyard or mall like area with paved vehicular access and proper lighting; and

3. If the addition of such requested establishment would not cause the number of such licensed establishments to exceed nine (9) on the exterior and interior of any block, as defined in subsection A1a of this section. The foregoing notwithstanding, no more than two (2) such establishments may be located on any street located in the interior of any such block, and no more than three (3) such establishments may be located within the interior of any such block. This restriction does not apply to establishments located within District A and within a D-1, D-2, D-3 or D-4 zones;

4. After a public hearing has been held, with actual written notice thereof having been given to the abutting property owners, and public notice thereof having been given to the residents of the city by at least one publication in a paper of general circulation in the Salt Lake County at least ten (10) days before the hearing, in each case stating the purpose, time, date and location of such hearing; and

5. A finding by the mayor or the mayor's designee, after the holding of such hearing, that the proposed location for said establishment will not:

a. Create an undue concentration of class C beer establishments or class B or C private clubs;

b. Materially interfere with the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;

c. Create an undue burden in controlling and policing illegal activities in the vicinity;

d. Create a nuisance to the community; or

e. Adversely affect the health, safety and morals of the residents of the city.

D. Prior Location: The provisions of this section shall in no way affect the rights of the present licensees to continue their operations, so long as their licenses remain in good standing, and they continue to have their licenses reissued as provided by law until revoked or terminated for any reason.

E. Zoning Restrictions: Notwithstanding any of the provisions of subsection A of this section, all such class C beer or class B or C private club establishments must be located within commercial C-3 districts or less restrictive zoning districts or in an R-D district as an attendant use in a conference center.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this _____ day of _____, 2009.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to Mayor on _____.

Mayor's Action: _____Approved. _____Vetoed.

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Salt Lake City Alcohol Normalization – Public Process Summary
October 26, 2009

The City engaged in an extended public process regarding its proposed alcohol normalization ordinance changes during the summer and fall of 2009. The process sought to ensure that a full range of perspectives were heard, considered, and incorporated into in the proposed ordinance language. In addition to formal and informal conversations with stakeholders over the past year, the City gathered input on its proposals in the following ways:

Presentations to Relevant Boards

The proposed ordinance changes were presented and discussed with the Zoning Amendment Process Task Force on July 13, 2009 and the Business Advisory Board on August 12, 2009. The Planning Commission will review the relevant changes to the land use code when staff has completed its review and incorporated public comment into the proposal.

Presentations to Community Councils

All Community Council Chairs received a briefing on the proposed ordinance changes at their Community Council Breakfast with the Mayor on August 13, 2009. On invitation, Salt Lake City staff have also met with East Central, Greater Avenues, and People's Freeway Community Councils. A meeting has also been schedule with the Yalecrest Community Council and staff will continue to meet with interested communities as requested.

Open House

The proposed ordinance changes were presented at the Community and Economic Development Open House on September 17, 2009.

Telephone Survey

Dan Jones & Associates will be conducting a random sample telephone survey to gather general attitudes relating to alcohol zoning law reform in Salt Lake City.

Written Public Comment

On August 26, 2009, Mayor Becker formally requested written public comment on the proposed ordinance changes to title 21A.36.200: Alcohol Related Establishments. A policy summary of the proposed changes, including the changes to the Business Licensing and Downtown area was included with the request. The official public comment period was open until Friday, September 25, 2009. A full report of the written comments received can be found in the supplemental materials.

Neighborhood Group Discussions

The City hosted seven group discussions in late September and mid-October to facilitate discussion among local business owners, residents, and community leaders about any neighborhood-specific impacts and concerns arising out of the proposed alcohol ordinance changes. The purpose of these meetings was not to reach consensus but rather for issue identification. A summary of the discussion groups can be found in the supplemental materials. The invited participants for the discussions included a diverse and representative cross-section of the neighborhood. The neighborhood group discussions were held in the following areas:

- Avenues and 1300 East (University)
- Downtown
- Foothill & Parley's Way
- North Temple
- Sugar House and 1500 East / 1500 South
- 900 West Corridor
- 900 South / 900 East

Proposed Alcohol Normalization

Public Comment Report

Content analysis of public feedback received by the Office of the Mayor through October 2009.

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BACKGROUND

Mayor Ralph Becker issued the following press release on September 8, 2009 regarding Alcohol Normalization in Salt Lake City:

" The City has drafted a proposed ordinance that we believe supports local business development by clarifying zoning and business licensing regulations governing establishments that sell alcohol in Salt Lake City. The City would like any revisions of its code to be clear, sensible and balanced to support our shared vision for thriving, walkable commercial centers.

I am requesting your input on this important undertaking before a final proposed ordinance is transmitted to the City Council for action. You can find the DRAFT Alcohol Normalization Ordinance and additional information at www.slcgov.com.

…All comments will be included in the official public record."[1]

The following report contains analysis of the public comment received through October 2009.

FINDINGS

The Mayor's office received 169 responses to the proposal. Of those responses 130 stated explicitly that they supported or approved of the ordinance in its current form. 26 opposed or disapproved of it, and 13 were undeclared in their position regarding the measures being taken by the City. (*See figure 1.1).* The responses in their entirety are found in Appendices A, B, and C.

Figure 1.1

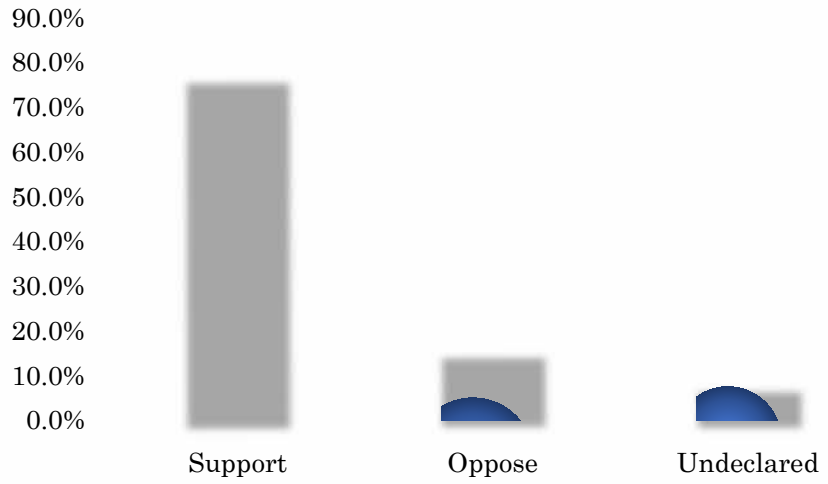


Figure 1.1

[1] Salt Lake City Corporation. Office of the Mayor. *Mayor Becker Requests Public Comment on Proposed Alcohol Normalization Ordinance. News*. Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, 08 Sept. 2009. Web. <http://www.slcgov.com/mayor/news/2009/090309alcohol.pdf>.

Subcategories

Given the nature and scope of the proposal--respondents commented on a variety of aspects of the proposal. *Most common* in those responses were remarks pertaining to the number of bars per block alteration and expansion of bars into neighborhoods. Comments relating to the number of bars per block are heretofore referred to as "Downtown," whereas those that referred to neighborhood expansion are categorized as "Neighborhood." Those that referenced both Downtown and Neighborhoods in their feedback are known as "Both." Details on both the aggregate and samples (support and oppose) are contained in *(figures 1.2 & 1.3)*. The "Undeclared," category consists of those who did not indicate or specify which aspect of the proposal they supported or opposed.

Figure 1.2- Support Sample Breakdown

*--Those that referenced both Downtown and Neighborhoods in their feedback

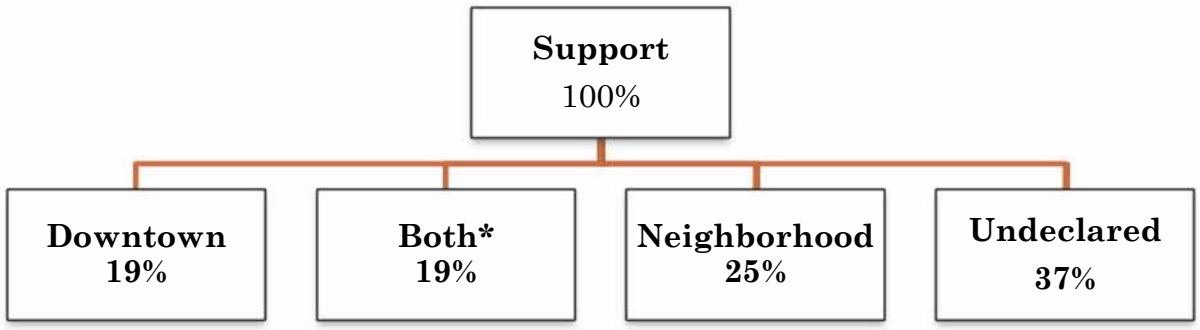
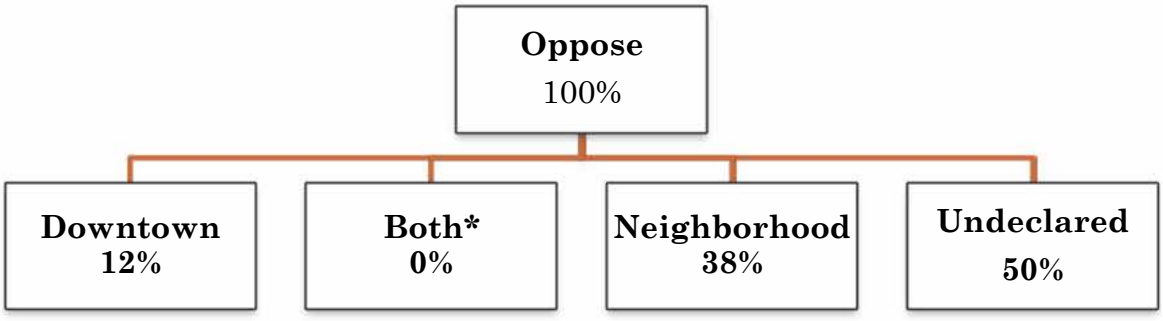


Figure 1.3- Oppose Sample Breakdown

*--Those that referenced both Downtown and Neighborhoods in their feedback



Observations

Comment Summaries

Respondents provided an array of perspectives and opinions as summarized in the following table. They felt the proposed ordinance could:

Figure 2.1

Support
• Enhance vibrancy of City (social, cultural, cosmopolitan atmosphere) • Attract more tourists • Grow the economy • Support local business, "Buy Local" • Correlate with Downtown Rising/accommodating of pending population increase • Lessen drunk driving (with walkability) • Utilize Trax/UTA, Taxis, and Streetcars • Cause events to be more marketable • Add variety to business • Would alleviate already crowded bars
Oppose
• Compromise public safety • Promote drunk driving • Revoke Utah's uniqueness • Contradict family friendliness • Increase violence • Increase panhandling • Foster addiction • Facilitate smoking in public places • Cause noise • Complicate parking • Increase vandalism & public drunkenness • Promote "slum" like atmosphere
Undeclared
• Increase gang activity • Need to coordinate UTA schedules with bars • Neglects Fraternities/Sororities

APPENDIX A
Support

I like the idea of neighborhood pubs, but I'd like to emphasize NEIGHBORHOOD.

If there were a pub in my 'hood, I'd like it to follow some of the crazy laws that we used to have at bars in town, particularly the memberships. I'd like neighborhood pubs to have no parking (requiring a person to walk), and require any members to live within a certain distance, or be accompanied by someone who does, facilitating a sense of accountability.

This would prevent the Hell's Angels from making someone else's neighborhood pub into their new crib. Granted, if the Hell's Angels were in their own neighborhood pub, they'd police it to ensure it was just the kind of establishment that fit.

I think that neighborhood pubs would help foster a sense of community, but only if there was an implicit policing by the members of that community. I don't know if memberships are the way to handle it, but that's the first thing that comes to mind.

Please let me know how these issues would be addressed.

Kevin Bell

Thank You Mr. Becker for addressing this issue. This is not just about drinking; this is about creating happy place to congregate, share ideas and BE in your neighborhood. The streets are wide... and without a major overhaul, they will remain wide. I would need a megaphone to say hello to my neighbors across 800 South... the little superhighway that runs through my life. The new gas station going in across the street isn't going to make it any cozier, either. Salt Lake is amazing in so many ways: I have room to live, do art, teach, and be a good citizen. However, sometimes I truly get frustrated by the fact that they don't trust me to have a drink in my 'hood.' 9th and 9th is begging for a local pub: something quaint and authentic, where I meet with my friends for a quick hello before bed to share the busy day we all just had and take a load off. And, by the time the bar opens, Rowland Hall students will be long gone. I wish you all the luck in creating a conducive atmosphere for friends to meet, making this city more accessible to all of us.

Suzi Montgomery

I support the changes to the Alcohol Normalization Ordinance for the following reasons:

It will help make the city more walkable and therefore reduce the potential number of drivers under the influence.

It will allow more businesses to locate themselves appropriately according to their market, therefore increasing their viability and reducing conflicting activities such as late night dance clubs in residential areas.

It will facilitate the accommodation of visitors who travel without a vehicle and therefore support the tourism industry.

Thank you,

Chamonix Larsen

YES...please get rid of the old, Mormon driven alcohol ban. It does not make any sense to keep adults from enjoying a legal beverage. Are we joining the rest of the country in celebrating adulthood? I hope so....

Thanks for helping us live better in Salt Lake.

Anne Albaugh

I support alcohol law reform in Salt Lake City. It is time to grow up Utah. And thank you for suggesting such changes. People will NOT drink more if there are more places to drink, we just want more options.

I also support allowing wine to be shipped to homes since our selection in the State is very limited.

terry martin

I believe that this State has such a closed mind, it is about time we are treated like adults. I agree with the changes the Mayor wants to make. I think this State reacts instead of looking at the whole picture. This country was based on freedom from persecution, State separate from religion; you would not know it in this State. I think it is time for the people to decide how alcohol should be bought in this State. Go Mayor……

Connie Virchow

My wife and I write to support the proposed alcohol normalization ordinance. We believe this ordinance will go a long way to making Salt Lake City a hospitable, friendly, and walkable city. Furthermore, we believe these proposed changes will go a long way toward helping the small businessman who would like to operate a neighborhood-friendly spot that can serve as a gathering place for neighbors.

Unlike State Senator Waddoups, we do not believe that this city needs more fast food establishments. Quite the opposite -- we need places that we can walk to from our neighborhoods.

I lived in Chicago for many years, a city that is known for the flavors of its various

neighborhoods. How do you get this? Local, neighborhood gathering spots. Places where I can run into a neighbor, talk to him or her about local issues, sports, kids, you name it. Salt Lake is sorely lacking in places like these. What we would like is a place where adults can gather with their friends, catch up, talk, share a few laughs, and walk home. Get us out from our couches and televisions and into the community.

Now, I know that you will hear from the likes of the Utah MADD chapter (a chapter, by the way, that advocates for much stricter policies regarding drinking than the national MADD organization does) or modern day versions of the Women's Christian Temperance Union that this will only open the floodgates to children getting exposed to drinking earlier which leads to them drinking in bars which (somehow) will lead to death. I urge you to ignore the hyperbole. I actually think that neighborhood pubs would go a long way toward decreasing drunken driving because people can now walk to a pub instead of hopping into a car to drive 15 blocks to the nearest pub. This will also open opportunities for the local business man or woman. A local business could open up and provide jobs for people in the community. And, this will only make the city more attractive to people looking to buy homes. You might hear that such an ordinance will decrease property values. I don't buy it. Did the Paris Bistro and Mazza hurt property values? Did Pago hurt the 9th and 9th property values? You know what will hurt property values, a Wendy's (like the one that Sen. Waddoups wants).

We are not asking for Chicago's Rush & Division neighborhood (an area with rowdy bars) we're asking for facilities that will fit the character of the neighborhoods in which they would reside.

We're excited that our city might make the leap toward becoming a big league city. Please fight hard for this ordinance.

Mark Kittrell & Ashley Armour

Mayor Becker, I approve of your initiative to allow neighborhood bars and get rid of the 2 bars per block limit. Let's make our communities walkable.

--
Tim Roberts

Dear Mr. Mayor, thank you for your efforts to reform or modernize our alcohol laws. Please continue to work for reform in this issue. Utah needs to take steps to get into the 21st century. Our state is heavily reliant on tourism and our liquor laws are well known throughout the country, and not as a positive for that matter. Eliminating the private clubs laws is a step in the right direction.

Thank you, Ross Kirkley

Grow up and get rid of LDS principles. Alcohol is here, like it or not. Maintain traditional LDS standards concerning alcohol consumption is archaic and counter productive. Put wine on the

shelves of grocery stores and let adults be adults. The free-market economy that LDS conservatives maintain is an objective of their form of government requires that individual have a choice. The choice is now decided by a religious, moralistic few who who persist in the false idea that Utah and Salt Lake City is Mormon territory. That cease being the case when Deseret became Utah.

I think Salt Lake City's restrictive alcohol laws scare tourists and potential residents from enjoying our beautiful city and state. In addition, by restricting/limiting businesses that sell alcohol from residential neighborhoods, residents must drive to find alcohol, increasing the risk of drunk driving. In any other city, residents walk to their local pub to enjoy alcohol and the camaraderie of their neighbors. Here, the bars are dark, secretive looking places that are generally far from where people live and thus attract far less business. The strict and ridiculous alcohol laws are yet another way the LDS church is pushing away the "non-believers" to strengthen their grasp on the "holy land."

Sincerely yours,
Heather Dracht

I think it is time for Utah to lighten up on their antique alcohol laws. It helps with tourism and conventions that bring money into the state. Keep the LDS laws out of state business.

n.m.m.

My name is Michael Gibbs and I am 28 years old and have been a resident of Salt Lake City my entire life. I wanted to express my support to abolish the outdated bar zoning laws we currently have on the books for the following reasons. I have been a part of the local music scene for several years and I have seen the local live music venues dwindle drastically in recent years and I at first couldn't understand why they struggled to stay in business when Salt Lake has some of most talented and innovative musicians I have seen. After traveling extensively over the last couple of years and experiencing the music scene in several cities such as Seattle, Vancouver, Denver, Chicago and New York City I realized the problem. Each city I traveled to has centralized most of their music venues to one area where if I want to experience some live music I just make my way to the "live music district" and can see several bands in one night and almost always find something that I really enjoy. The problem with seeing live music in Salt Lake is that our music venues are scattered across the entire valley and unless you are familiar with the band performing it's not very practical to show up to these clubs when you don't know what to expect and then are limited to that venue because you obviously shouldn't be driving from club to club. I think the overwhelming success of the thursday night twilight series at the Galavan center shows the great desire of Utahns to have a place where they can congregate, socialize and enjoy great music. In my opinion allowing clubs to centralize would have no down side since it would if anything

reduce the number of people getting behind the wheel when intoxicated and it would certainly bring new life and energy to our city. Not to mention that it would greatly help some of our extremely talented local musicians gain larger fan bases and also bring more people into the city center which would of course positively effect many other non-bar businesses as well.

Thank you for taking my opinions into consideration,

Michael Gibbs

I am strongly in favor of your proposed overhaul of the alcohol laws in SLC. I would love to be able to live our shared vision of a downtown bar and entertainment district, and enjoy a pint or a mixed drink at a neighborhood bar.

Having spent two and a half years in Seattle where both of these were well-documented, I strongly encourage SLC leaders to do the same here. With an entertainment district, Taxis know where to prowl and parking is more difficult--encouraging drinkers to rideshare or take cabs. This can only be a good thing for people all across the board.

Thanks for taking the time to review these laws and try to put some sense into them!

Sincerely,

Jason Esplin

At your request I am submitting my comments about the proposal by Salt Lake City to normalize alcohol ordinances.

The comments given in the Salt Lake Tribune of our liquor laws being contradictory is being kind. As a life long Utah resident and having lived in Salt Lake City for the past 12 years I have found our liquor laws to be arcane and just plain stupid. As an adult I chose to move from the suburbs of what is now Cottonwood Heights in favor of Sugar House because of the pedestrain nature of this area. I continue to push for more pedestrian access for my community and live 1 block from the business district area. I have welcomed the presence of neighborhood bars and have rarely come across issues where this is a problem. I believe the more credit we give adults and normalize access to alcohol the less conflicts will arise. Even

though it is easier to patronize establishments that serve alcohol we still have a long way to go.

The issue of permits is also a hold over from an out of date policy that makes little sense. Salt Lake City is a destination for many people throughout the valley and a major tourist destination. To base the number of permits solely on a cities population limits our ability create dynamic neighborhoods and thriving businesses.

Thank you for your efforts to get us into the NOW.

Amy Barry

Done properly with style and class SLC benefits would

include...

A 21st. century image.

Increased revenue

Positive fallout to other businesses

A draw from other communities to come to SLC. i.e. Ogden, Layton etc.

Just think- After a game or social event there would be a large selection to choose from!

It's not just about the drinking. There's the food and the social aspect involved.

Mike Rios

I am in support of revising the statutes and ordinances regarding alcohol zoning in Salt Lake City. I look forward to seeing new regulations that help improve walkability and improve the economies of local neighborhoods and business owners. Thank you for pushing this forward and hope the legislation passes!

Matt Riding

I moved from Illinois to Utah 2 years ago for a change of scenery and what I think to be the greatest state for outdoor recreation. Not that I need to tell you, but there is not another state in America that changes geographically more from north to south and has a clean city so close to amazing mountains full of great recreational activities.

Yet, despite the beauty and 5 National Parks, everyone I told about my moving here had one thing to talk about, the alcohol laws.

The recent changes have been great and I think they are on the proper path towards normalcy. The Twilight Concert series at the Gallivan Center, and the various other festivals in Salt Lake are incredible and I think Salt Lake is becoming quite the hidden gem of a city.

I support the proposed change in the zoning laws. I think the change will bring about an increase in tourism, limit drunk-driving and create a neighborhood feel within a city where this is lacking.

Chicago and New York both have famous neighborhoods within their cities. Sugarhouse seems to be the only area in Salt Lake that has it's own feel. One of the things I miss most about living where I did in Illinois, was the ability to walk to restaurants, shops and bars.

Allowing these businesses to exist where they were previously banned would allow more people to walk to and from them, which, should decrease drunk-driving. It actually could decrease driving as a whole. If these neighborhoods start cropping up, people will be able to walk to get groceries, grab a bite to eat, or meet for a cocktail without the need to drive. I understand this might be a stretch, but re-zoning could actually be good for the environment and alleviate traffic.

I also think they next thing to 'normalize' would be the low-alcohol beer. It makes no sense to limit the alcohol in beer sold in one store, and then sell 'full strength' beer across the street in another store, that also happens to sell hard alcohol.

I don't understand this distinction.

People from other states ask about this law, as much as they asked about the private club laws. I think it would be another boost in tourism to simply allow beer companies to distribute full strength beer to bars and stores. I'm sure the beer companies would be ecstatic about not having to send a separate shipment to our state. And the difference in alcohol level isn't really large enough that it's going to make a huge difference in consumption.

In the end, none of these laws do anything to actively curb drunk driving. People ultimately need to take responsibility for their actions. The laws simply frustrate the residents and tourists that are used to the laws in other states. They create mini-hurdles that don't accomplish the task they were meant and instead taint the nation's view of our great state.

Thanks for your time and you have my support,

Joshua DeRosa

I would like to see our liquor laws be brought into the 21st century. The people in this state who are concerned about too many bars don't drink anyway. It would revitalize downtown. I remember in 2002, when the Olympics were here, how much fun visiting downtown was. We are all adults and should be treated like ones. People who are worried about their kids being influenced are likely bad parents anyway. Their bad parenting should not be MY burden. I would

like to see a variety of clubs open up downtown. Have you ever been to downtown Boise, ID? Their bar scene is excellent. You can go from bar to bar to see different bands or whatever you wish. It much more relaxed there than it is here. And one last thing: Didn't Brigham have a distillery? Didn't he make beer? That makes that a state tradition. We all like those kinds of traditions. I live in South Salt Lake so I don't even know if my comments matter to you. I just wanted to put my input in (redundant?) Thank you Mayor Becker.

As a resident of Salt Lake City, I would like to thank you for moving our city towards more normalized standards in both the way everyone is treated, as well as letting the market dictate the viability of different zoning types. I am an adult, and would like to be treated as such by being allowed to make my own decisions with regard to when and where I spend my time and money. As I am sure you are aware, these rules an antiquated and had a specific intent in mind; an intent which has long lost its relevance in the 21st century. The archaic alcohol laws are stifling the wonderful city that is on the cusp of being one of the greatest in the nation.

I would like to voice my support for the direction that all three ordinances will take our city. Mixed-use neighborhoods are a very important concept to the health of our community, and I look forward to more dynamic neighborhoods throughout the city. As more people embrace the lifestyle that diversity in our zoning and conditional use will allow, we can embrace the new economic development and health that will be cultivated, as our neighborhoods become more comprehensive and accessible.

As a resident of the Sugar House neighborhood, I look forward to more local, diverse development so that I don't feel I need to go downtown every time I want to enjoy myself past 9pm. I also look forward to my property value increasing as the inherent value of these changes make our proximity to vitality more valuable.

Thank you for your consideration,

Deb Henry

It's Time to let Adults be Adults with out the supervision of the LDS Church, Lets bring Utah into the 21st Century !

I am Starting to see positive signs downtown regardless of the Interference of Legislators from other Districts, Like TV if they dont like it they dont have to come Downtown at night. It's all about Choice and I for one dont need someone else making those decisions for me.

Thank you for considering a revision of the bar rules in Salt Lake City. I live at 1200 E 624 S, and would love to have a neighborhood pub at 9th and 9th. We already have two restaurants that serve wine, and there haven't been any unwanted side effects. It would be nice to have a small quiet place to walk to with my wife. We often patron the Desert Edge at Trolley Square, and its one of the "anchors" keeping

the block alive during its remodel. I think it would be important to

mark a distinction between a place that hosts bands and has a large area, and a small neighborhood pub. I also think it would be nice to allow patrons to stroll outside with alcohol, but I am uncertain of the state laws that pertain to such an activity.

My wife and I support this plan, and look forward to safer streets.

We have both a 5 and a 10-year-old attending Bonneville Elementary.

They sometimes cross 13th east, which can be a corridor for University people returning from Sugarhouse bars.

I would like to say YES to getting rid of 18th century rules and welcome the new century. I am planning on creating a night club in Utah which will be one of the best because it will show top of the line sound and light systems. I will be bringing musical rock bands from the nation as well as Latin spanish rock bands. One concern is getting a liquor license and this is why I am 100% for this proposal because it will make it easier for me to open up my business in Utah and help create new jobs. Otherwise, I will most likely move to another state and open up my business there. So make these changes now!

I.N

Being originally from the East Coast (PA), neighborhood pubs were a fixture of the neighborhood, not for their serving of alcoholic beverage but for their proclivity of assembling portions of the neighborhood in a non-threatening, friendly atmosphere. Many of the neighborhood pubs had back rooms that were used for serving meals to families or had games, juke boxes and TVs, allowing for kids to be in that part of the establishment. The bar area was always for the adults, although it's not a law, and young and old would discuss politics or religion or the latest news story to the nth degree. A lot of the local pubs would have dart, pool, shuffleboard and even football or softball teams and they'd play other neighborhood pubs for a beat-up trophy that had been played for many times over many years but it was a neighborhood pride and bragging right until next season when everyone would be "gunning" for the champ. Additionally, it was not uncommon for the pub owner to coordinate a bus with food and drinks and discount tickets (because we were buying them as a group) to attend a sporting or concert event.

Another aspect of the neighborhood pub, probably the most important one, was that neighbors got to know each other and, thus, got to care for each other. When someone was sick or had a relative that passed away, the local pub patrons would take up a collection or physically help out. In many of today's neighborhoods, this aspect of "knowing your neighbor" is non-existent and isolationist. And, because the pub was a neighborhood asset, none of the residents put up with any shenanigans from patrons. Noise on the street was quickly quashed with an open door and a tongue-lashing. If there was a continuing problem, the residents would approach the pub owner (they all knew the owner) with their issue and the pub owner would make the effort to insure that the neighborhood didn't suffer because of its presence.

I understand the opposition's POV. They picture a neighborhood pub as a place of heretical debauchery on every corner, instead of what is planned, which is a nice place you might see a neighbor, have a bite and a pint, watch a sporting event and WALK home. They don't understand this application of the positive aspect of neighborhood solidarity because they are focusing on alcohol, which isn't the main idea of a neighborhood pub. It would be very wise if detractors looked past the prejudice of alcohol and see what the residents are truly interested in implementing.

Lastly, I would like to commend you on requesting input from your constituents. It shows a mature functionality of the Mayor's office and reflects positively on you and your Administration. More importantly, it shows respect for the residents' opinion and intelligence concerning issues that affect them directly. Thank you for that respect.

Respectfully yours,

Don Smyrl

I moved to the city a year ago from Draper. I live near 100 S and 1100 E. I feel making the city more of a walkable city is a great idea. By making a few changes to the liquor laws, I'm sure there will be more businesses attracted to the area, and some of the blighted areas will go away.

I think you should also consider having a special TRAX train depart the downtown area at 2:00 AM on Weekends for both lines. This would encourage more people to use TRAX.

Stan Rodriguez

My name is James Pagan and I have lived in Utah for over 10years. I find Utah's current bar rules are archaic and have established a desperate need to be updated. I am glad the Mayor Ralph Becker has proven himself to be adaptive and foward-thinking enough to

propose these new rules along with other discrimination proposals that will help not only Salt Lake City but all of Utah to be viewed as modern and with-the-times instead of how Utah is viewed now.

Mayor Becker has my complete and unwavering support of these new bar rules and they have secured my vote for him and many of his other projects.

Keep up the good work,

James

As a European living in Salt Lake City it's embarrassing explaining the moronic alcohol laws to friends I have come visit me. The sooner this change can be made to incorporate a district with a decent availability of nightlife options including bars/nightclubs (perish the thought) the better. I like Utah and Salt Lake City but after 7 yrs I'm tired of having people with no frame of reference of life outside their zip codes dictate my lifestyle. One of the main reasons I voted for you was because of this issue and your promise to change it. Mr. Huntsman lead the way with improvements in state laws. I'm embarrassed to take my family who are here with me right now downtown on a weekend night. The last time they were over they were amazed that the place was a ghost town at 9pm on Saturday.

I heartily approve of your plans to try to change the two-bar-per-block rule downtown and to implement neighborhood bars. I recently bought a home less than a block from 15th and 15th, and I would love to be able to walk to a neighborhood bar for a drink at night. I'm sure you and your colleagues will make sure the rules are written to encourage orderly behavior from the bar-goers and bar-owners, and that you'll back up those rules with reasonable monitoring.

Thanks for making this big move, and good luck!

Erin Bean

I agree with the proposed alcohol normalization ordinance.

I think that the city should not be spending resources enforcing alcohol-related laws that are already established by state law.

In addition, I am highly supportive of any changes to city ordinances that promote more businesses within walking distance of residents.

Thank you,

Joseph Snyder

Saw you riding your bike the other day. Keep your chain clean...

Anyway, I am all for the normalization of the liquor laws in SLC.

I would love to walk over to 9th and 9th for a cold beer and watch the game.

But it goes hand in hand, we will need a larger police presence to keep the ham-fisted mouth breathers at bay.

I look forward to the new Public Safety Complex, and hope it will mean that we see more police cruising the streets.

I thought it was quite telling the Waddoups proposes a Wendys at 9th and 9th rather than a tavern.

I need to see if I get to vote for that guy.

Thanks for all of your good work,

Marshall Palm

I am definitely for repealing the ban on no more than two bars per block. I think this would be a huge benefit to the tourist and convention industry. Allowing more than two bars per block would allow for an entertainment district to be created, ideally around the Salt Lake Palace. I think a lot of people do not realize how much revenue these conventions can bring into a city. Not only helping to lower taxes but also increasing the profits for other businesses like hotels, restaurants, and even smaller stores in the area which is a positive thing during a slow down in the economy. Any time you have money from outside the state flowing into the state, it is a positive cash flow. So, I am all for a repeal on the ban on no more than two bars per block. I hope you can continue SLC's path to normalcy which will only serve to improve the quality of life in Utah.

Ryan Towner

I'm 34, I grew up in Phoenix, LDS. I am not LDS now. I went to graduate school in Denver, and that city had an energy to it that Salt Lake has not been able to touch on most weeknights and weekends. I loved living there because on any night of the week, you could go out for a drink, and the place you went would not be a ghost town, as if a tumbleweed ought to blow past you. In part, it was because you didn't have to be a member, or pay a cover usually to get it. Also, there were lots of young urban professionals who liked to live life, not just for the weekend. I was big on authentic jazz bars mostly. Going to LoDo allowed myself and friends to go to three or four new places in one night on foot. It made parking less of a hassle, greatly reduced drinking and driving, and made the novelty of each new place a draw, as opposed to one place where staying put and maybe drinking one or two more drinks that night would occur.

My point is good people go out to bars, not just the few random drunks. The easier it is to

open a bar, the more entrepreneurial people will be. If one person opens a bar, maybe another friend of his decides he should also start a business of a different sort. And as the new bar makes money, it ups the tax base in that area. The better business is, hopefully one day we can be one of the least taxed states instead of the most taxed (when you consider gas taxes, property taxes, state income, sales and more).

There is a building across from the old post office in Sugarhouse on 1100 East, and I see a space that would be perfect for a nightclub. Does the thought enter my mind to actually open one there? Not with all the hoops and pitfalls associated now with trying something like that. So the space will sit empty as it has the last couple years...

Keep up the good work, push for change, and please put in a limit on how much property taxes can rise from year to year like parts or all of California. We'd like to retire here, but not if our paid for home could still cost us $2,000-$3,000 in taxes in a modest neighborhood and at a modest size.

One important thing I want to see, though, is the same standard in terms of bar density applied to poorer neighborhoods as nice neighborhoods. I did a paper in graduate school about the frequency of alcohol billboards in poor neighborhoods, and they are much more dense and aggressive in terms of content. They have no recourse in terms of legal protection it seems, unless the neighborhood could somehow vote them as "obscene content." Let's not see bad neighborhoods have a bar on every corner to compound their social problems unfairly. There is a difference between providing access and opportunity and being predatory. We have a long way to go until the other extreme is an issue though.

Don Holm

My wife and I have recently parted ways with the LDS church, and as a result of our new outlook on life, we have had a few opportunities to venture into the Salt Lake City bar scene. As newcomers, we are not only getting used to the nuances of nightlife in general, but also becoming aware of the specific laws and rules of drinking in Salt Lake City and accordingly, we now feel that I have some perspective on the subject.

I read through the documentation, and it appears that the primary change will be removing the “2 bars per block” rule. I think that removing this restriction is a good change for Salt Lake. We live South of Salt Lake, and when my wife and I have gone out, our usual plan is to ride tracks downtown, walk around, get some food, visit a few bars then get back on tracks and go home. Since we (and presumably many others) walk everywhere we go downtown, the more business within walking distance of each other, the better.I think such changes have the potential to be good for incentivizing foot-traffic and business downtown, plus it is a step in allowing the free-market to decide what sort of business it will support!

Locally, most of those who would oppose such changes tend to agree with the idea of allowing people their “free-agency” to do what they want. As long as the changes to the laws improve

the quality of downtown nightlife, I don't see how anyone can, in good conscience, argue with removing the laws.

We have really enjoyed Salt Lake since we have started going downtown for our date nights, and from what I have heard, the recent changes to the alcohol laws have been very successful. As someone who previously would have been against such changes I now welcome any attempts to change the overly-restrictive laws to allow people to enjoy alcohol responsibly in Salt Lake City.

Cody Rees

I encourage any advancement on allowing this city to become more neutralized and less controlled by the church.

There are some interesting points on both sides of the argument on letting the ban lift and to allow bars to enter some neighborhoods, but in a way I feel like most comments I've read have a fear of change tone to them. I agree with closer bars so I don't have to drive. I agree with a more "lively, walkable city" (I do too much driving in this city!). But when lifting these bans please take into account (as I'm sure you will) that not everyone wants to live next to a bar so the location would have to be very critical.

Thank you for your attention.

Eve Tyler-Hanig

I've read the Salt Lake City Alcohol Normalization Information Sheet and I support the DRAFT Alcohol Normalization Ordinance. I'm a Draper resident who has lived in Utah since 2005. My husband and I are in our mid-thirties and we (responsibly) enjoy the nightlife and restaurants of Salt Lake City several times a month. Yet there aren't many choices for us to meet friends for a nice glass of wine. We'd like a more vibrant scene that still reflects the clean-cut values of Utah. I believe the ordinance as drafted would lift artificial market restrictions allowing more and better establishments to thrive. It seems reasonable and it retains the all of the State and community safeguards. Please pass this ordinance for your residents and others like us who love to visit Salt Lake City. We just want what is standard in other American cities.

Thank you,

Shaina Miron Quinn

Thank you for your efforts to change liquor laws. This state has been run by religious extremists long enough. Keep up the good work.
Nathan Stock

I am positive you have been to Lower Denver and seen the area surrounding Coors field. A former run down crime ridden part of the city is now a thriving bar district filled refurbished upscale housing, lively night life, cultural attractions, and people. It is one of the main reason I love to travel to Denver. But it would be nice if I could have that same experience in my own backyard.

Removing the barriers to creating a similar area in Salt Lake is an important step in remaking our ghost town into a downtown. Please repeal this pointless law regardless of what the legislature says.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gibbs

I am LDS however I feel alcohol should be available to satisfy the development/increase in travel to SLC for conventions, etc. I also feel strongly about the image SLC needs to maintain as a LDS community that has earned the respect of travelers and adjoining states. It is a delicate issue, but prudent management of the alcohol use could benefit and grow our state's desirability for visitors.

Robert M. Dodge

Regarding the issue of having bars locations limited due to the proximity of each other, I strongly feel the laws should not be changed from what they are currently and have bars allowed to be located where the owner would like to have one. I, like thousands of Salt Lake City residents, am a responsible adult. Having the ability to "walk" to different bars is a MUCH better alternative than being forced to have the added expense of a taxi, drive, etc...because of yet another restriction imposed upon me. It has been an embarassment with the many laws Utah has had and making this as an additional restriction is going the wrong way.

Thank you Mayor Becker for asking my opinion.\

Sincerely,
Juliann Hilton

I think it's a great idea! This city has a lot to offer tourist's, but doesn't get to as much as it should or could. It's time for Salt Lake to shake it's bad reputation as a closed-off city of religion.

I work at a bar in SLC airport so I get to deal with everything concerning SLC's controversial image, etc. Feel free to contact me for any more info concerning these matters, I would happy to help.

Thanks,

Casey Buxton

As a Salt Lake City resident and advocate of active involvement in the community, I am pleased to write you with my support of your recent proposal to end the ban on having more than two bars per block. I also support the allowance of bars in neighborhoods.

Not only will this change alleviate stress and confusion for tourists, which our beautiful state receives a lot of, it will help the city and its residents in many ways. The city will benefit from increased revenue as well as open the door for more employment opportunities. The residents will have more options downtown, and will be able to park their car and leave it there for the night. Additionally, adding a few bars in neighborhoods would benefit those living nearby, since it would be within reasonable walking distance from home, which reduces the opportunity for drunk driving as well as reduces the use of limited resources and emissions.

Salt Lake City is a wonderful place and I believe that we can collaborate as a community to cater to our diverse culture by providing appropriate venues that provide safe and convenient services.

I applaud you for your movement toward expanding the culture and diversity of this great city.

Maggie Kelley

Being a Sugarhouse resident, I am all in favor of adopting this. I frequently visit the local shopping district in Sugarhouse, as well as 9th and 9th, 15th and 15th, and downtown in general. With the new trolley system going in effect soon, hopefully, I look forward to being able to walk to the trolley and go downtown to visit any number of small quiet bars to hang out with my friends/family. Or maybe we would just walk to the local shopping district in Sugarhouse and spend a night out relaxing, then proceed to walk home. Either way, no driving involved means less cars crowding downtown, less pollution, and also no chance of DUI.

I wholeheartedly support the end of the ban on having more than two bars per block. I also support allowing bars in neighborhoods. Allowing bars in neighborhoods would increase community unity and create a lively, walkable city.

Sincerely, Jacquelyn Simonis

A recent news article said you were seeking public feedback on your proposal to relax the city's liquor laws.

I enthusiastically support your proposal to update Salt Lake's liquor laws. Please don't let the loud-mouthed zealots fool you into thinking that their high volume level is a result of a high number of people who think like them. It's not. Their high volume level comes only

because those few people are shouting so very loudly. The majority of us support you, even though we may not make as much noise as the others.

The exact same comments apply to your efforts to defend the rights of gay people. You're doing right. Please don't back down.

Douglas Hendricks

I am not a consumer of alcohol but I strongly support your idea of allowing community taverns and more bars per block. SLC has a huge lack of nighttime entertainment, thus our streets are ghost towns after 5pm. If there were sites to draw people after work hours, I believe it would help all business and give SLC a feeling of community.
Thank you for your efforts.
Mike Walton

I wanted to add my voice to support the proposed loosening of bar rules enabling neighborhood bars to open. My husband is from England where they have what they call the "local," where those who live nearby can walk to their neighborhood pub. Because there are so many "locals," people can walk to their pub and don't need to drive.

I used to live in Rose Park and now am in South Jordan, where bars are pretty much nonexistent. My husband and I need to go downtown if we want to go to a bar or a pub, and cabs from here to SLC and back are very expensive. We would love to have a "local" to go to where we could meet up with friends and then walk home.

I realize a lot of the concern with with this proposal is noise, smoke and, oddly enough, drunk driving. The latter makes no sense because people would be able to walk rather than drive, and even a cab there would be cheaper than going to an existing bar in the designated "bar" areas.

I really hope we can make some more changes to our liquor laws that make sense, because the existing laws are only encouraging binge drinking and drunk driving. I know this because I've seen it firsthand and used to work at a pub.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Jennifer Hunter

I know that you are seeking public comments on the alcohol ordinance. I'll make it short: I'm 100% in favor of lifting the ban of only two bars per block downtown. I would love to see a more lively, walkable city!

Alicia Hamby

I strongly support alcohol normalization in Salt Lake CIty. I think it will have a positive effect on the vibrancy and livlihood of our city. Now that the silly club rule has been

abolished, it is time to work on other laws which may have been well-meaning but which have had unintended consequences (stymied downtown growth, tourism repellent),

I live in the 9th and 9th area and would very much welcome a pub such as The Bayou. It would be an asset to the small commercial district and would make the neighborhood even more attractive and liveable.

Jacquie Bernard

I just read the Salt Lake Weekly article "SLC Alcohol Normalization Proposal Released."

Thank you so much for soliciting input on this topic!

Salt Lake City is a beautiful, diverse city and I am grateful to live here. It is too bad that the County has been somewhat shackled by state laws concerning the sale of beer. I'm something of a "beer snob" and as such am inconvenienced by the 3.2 rule. Having to go to a state liquor store with their limited selection, unusual business hours, and sort of draconian refusal to refrigerate is at best inconvenient. How great would it be to be able to pick up a six-pack of Fat Tire or Sam Adams with my groceries? Chilled no less?

Also, I would love to see our local pubs be able to run regular, adult beer through their taps. Right now taps are also under the constraints of the 3.2 rule, which means I can't get some of Squatter's best beers on tap--I have to order a bottle. Sounds like no big deal, but any real beer drinker will tell you, a fresh local beer off the cask tastes ten times better than anything that's been sitting in a bottle.

That's my two cents. Thank you again for soliciting public opinion! I really appreciate the chance to be heard and won't forget it.

John Pecorelli

It is a great idea to allow more than one bar/club per city block. It is great to travel to other states and be able to WALK to different clubs to hear various bands, different drink specials, or just to experience a different atmosphere. Thanks for all that you are trying to accomplish.

Brian Kretschmar

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed alcohol normalization ordinance.

I am not a resident of Salt Lake City, however, several of my employees from Doba, based in Orem, are. Doba was the fastest growing company in UT from 2003-2006. A key diver of our growth has been our ability to recruit from out of state. And the largest barrier for that recruitment was concern over Utah's abnormal alcohol provisions.

I was very supportive of the recent state changes, and from what I understand, the plans to change Salt Lake City code under this proposed ordinance is something I would support as well, especially based on conversations I've had with my employees. I think allowing these bars to be closer would result in people being able to walk instead of drive, as well as create new little areas of bars, restaurants, and shops to support the economic vitality of Salt Lake City. And I know it'd help continue to address on of the negatives of recruiting the talent we need in Salt Lake and UT to help our high growth industries continue to succeed.

Again, appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Jeremy

I have never actually made a special comment to a public official before, so forgive me if I do it wrong.

I am completely in favor of any regulation that 'normalizes' Salt Lake City'. I am a native son of Salt Lake City who 'got back' about 8 years ago. In my circle of friends, I am the only person that is from here. Everyone else, whenever we discuss it with friends or family,

is of the opinion that many of the rules here are ridiculous. I

won't spend too much time telling you stories about how annoying it is to explain to two european parents that they can't have a proper beer from the tap. I'll just say that anything that allows the market to dictate what should be allowed in a particular area I am in support of. Any time we do away with an arbitrary rule made by people who do not drink, progress has been made. When I can walk to a bar in my neighborhood, and have a pint of Guinness Extra Stout from draught or have the bartender pour me a proper 4 oz martini, Salt Lake will have arrived. Any revision that gets us closer to that situation will receive my full support.

Thanks for listening.

Erich Diener

What a perfect time to create a "neighborhood" like Broadway (300 South from 300 West to 400 East) where restaurants and nightclubs can be in close proximity/walking distance to the Convention Certer, theatre, downtown hotels, and parking lots.
It would benefit business visitors, conventioneers, locals, food industry and help change the perception visitors have of Salt Lake City.
Eric and Mary Ann Biedermann

I think the changes make sense, and should be implemented.

Judi Short

This is a complete no-brainer. Salt Lake desperately needs to change rules that stifle entertainment areas downtown. Every city I visit - San Diego, Denver, St Louis, etc is so much more fun to enjoy the downtown. We need neighborhood pubs for gatherings, we need "districts" that can be walked and enjoyed and not hindered by having to be spread out and broken up. It's time for Salt Lake to grow up.

Bob Burks

I am writing you to indicate I am totally in favor of your proposed ordinance normalizing alcohol regulations. I grew up in western Pennsylvania in the Pittsburgh area. One of the cherished traditions in this area was the neighborhood tavern. Every neighborhood had at least one of them. They were the gathering places for families. When I say families, I mean families - men, women and **children.** Yes - I mean children. These were places one went to socialize and have dinner or lunch (and maybe have a beer) with friends and family from the neighborhood. As a result they were full of normal people doing normal things. If one were driving around in an unfamiliar area and wanted something to eat and you wanted a friendly environment, you just stopped in at any neighborhood tavern. They all had one thing in common, they were full of normal friendly people.

One thing I quickly learned after I moved to Utah was that one didn't just go into any bar. Since going to a bar, almost by definition, meant that one was a social outcast, not surprisingly many bars in Utah were filled with social outcasts and hence one needed to find out what type of social outcasts occupied the bar in question before entering. I quickly lost interest going to taverns.

A couple of final notes. I am not advocating changing the regulations allowing children in taverns. Although the law/tradition in Pennsylvania allowed children to come into a tavern accompanied by their family, I think this might be a bit of a stretch in Utah at present. Also I am a non-drinker so I am not supporting this from a personal standpoint. Rather I think it would promote cohesive vibrant neighborhoods which would be of great benefit to Salt Lake City.

Best regards

Bill Davis

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Alcohol Normalization. I think this ordinance revision is a long time coming. I salute John Galivan for donating land to all of us Salt Lake Citizens with the stipulation that alcohol could be consumed and purchased at his namesake. I am a drinker and come from a long line of alcohol consumer, except on my mom's side. Gramma and Pop were big-time Presbyterian tea-totallers, but we forgave them. Liquor is as important to our family life-style as guns and hunting are to the life-style of others.

I grew up in downtown Chicago. As a kid, I lived directly across from the Monte Carlo and less than 200 ft down the street from Flo's Tavern. There was another joint across a diagonal street from us. I can't remember the name then but it is the Wise Fools Pub now, a nationally recognized Blues venue. My strongest memories of these bars after almost 50 years ago, are of some poor old sot throwing up in the alleyway next door to the Monte Carlo

and starting to hemorrhage. This was in the afternoon and the blood was everywhere. The drunk died and was swept away, but I'll never forget watching him trying to hold himself up against the brick wall, bent over heaving, and the blue of his face as blood poured out of his mouth and nose. And him falling down and over like a sack.

I got over that and other big city realities. It really is just life and that is what makes the fabric of a big city. Salt Lake City is no stranger to these sights. So I'm not sure I like seeing brewpubs or what other euphemisms in the CN regions of my neighborhood. I live near the 9th South corridor and we have the potential for 12 taverns along that street from State to 10th East. I get all warm and cuddly when I think of taverns. Generations sitting at the bar. Dad and Gramps sipping their brews, me sipping a root-beer. But we don't drink like that in Salt Lake. My wife and I go out drinking with my 26-yr old daughter, but she and her friends slam down the shooters. That style is suited to industrial areas and downtown. Keep it out of the neighborhoods.

And to great measure, that is what the draft ordinance has done. So I support it. And I like what has been going on at 9th & 9th. Massa's and Pago's sell wine with food (and I hope aperitifs, though I haven't ordered any). I love walking to restaurants with fun wine lists and great food. I don't like wading through a bunch of young toughs smoking outside the door to show my wife a good time. I don't see that fitting anywhere along the 9th South corridor. Fortunately, the draft ordinance allows conditional use of taverns, et al, in our CN areas. A liquor store or brewpub in the CB area at Smith's Food King is acceptable to me because there is so much distance between the face of the building and neighboring homes. This is not the case along 9th South. Restaurant and booze is the way to go in our few blocks of the City. Please don't exercise the conditional approval of social clubs along 9th South.

Bill Komlos

Thank you for your efforts to bring the rules on neighborhood bars and alcohol consumption in SLC into at least the 20th century, if not the 21st. I enjoy the responsible consumption of adult beverages, and would welcome the opportunity to do so in a pleasant neighborhood "watering hole" from time to time. Revising the rules to permit multiple bars within close proximity to one another in entertainment districts will help make portions of our city vibrant and much more livable, will make the city more tourist/visitor friendly and enjoyable, and will promote commerce among small businesses who will "feed" off each other in an entertainment district.

I firmly believe your proposals will enhance safety. Allowing patrons to walk from one location to another will alleviate driving from one to the other, keeping them off the streets until presumably (and hopefully) getting their ride home at the end of the evening. It is common sense and logical that those partaking are much more likely to arrange one ride at the end of the evening than to arrange a multitude of travel options throughout the evening. Neighborhood bars would eliminate the need for any driving where patrons can simply walk to and from the establishment to enjoy a bit of after-work relaxation. Anything that permits responsible alcohol use and eliminates outright prohibition or imposition of unreasonable obstacles to its enjoyment is a positive step.

Please count me among those staunchly supporting your efforts to improve SLC's nightlife, and to bring it, such as it is, more into the mainstream, while preserving the ideals of responsible consumption, safety and neighborliness. Thank you for your efforts.

Ed Havas

Mayor Becker -- I enthusiastically support your proposed changes to alcohol regulations in Salt Lake City. We also need to work to get additional liquor licenses issued. It is rather silly to have them tied closely to the population size when Utah's economy depends so heavily on tourism -- on large numbers of people who are not Utah residents. Thank you for your efforts to normalize the liquor laws here in the city.

--Sheryl

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reading the new outlines for the alcohol ordinances. It looks like you are heading in the right direction. The idea of putting the establishments close to public transit stations is a great way to help get the drunks off the road. Also it might still be a good idea to keep drinking establishments away from residential areas, this seems that if there are these establishments in residential areas that will bring more drunk drivers into neighborhoods and in the middle of the day with children present could pose a problem.

I am a young man that is living in and has grown up in Salt Lake City, I have been of legal drinking age for over a year now and enjoy going to bar for a drink with friends now and then but would appreciate a better selection of establishments to choose from, I have friends that come to town occasionally and are surprised by the low amount of choices we have to offer compared to the size and quality of our city, I understand that alot of people living in this great city are not drinkers and don't support alcohol, but that shouldn't affect those who do choose to drink. I absolutely support the ordinance to allow more than two bars per block not only because of the expanded selection of bars to choose from, but I feel that it would help our city grow towards the design of other major cities where you can rely on public transit and less on cars, and allow bars to be in more centralized locations thus cutting back on the need to drive around town to go from bar to bar, cutting back on drunk driving.

As a resident of Salt Lake City, living at 1400 S. Ambassador Way, I am writing to indicate my favor in lifting the ordinance which limits the number of bars permissible per city block. I very much agree with your vision to create a more walkable, enjoyable, visitor-friendly city, and I feel strongly that creating such an atmosphere begins by assimilating our city to a more mainstream culture. Thank you for your service, time, and consideration.

Spencer W. Young

It is about time SLC has decided to try and normalize their liquor laws. Everywhere I've ever lived there have been neighborhood bars that people could walk to and socialize. It builds a sense of community and, guess what, you don't need to drive! What a novel concept!

9th and 9th, 15th and 15th and 13th East by the University need to have neighborhood bars. Change the 600 ft distance from schools and churches if need be (it is Utah after all, there is a church or school practically on every corner). They can be quiet gathering places... no need for music or anything else. Just small hangout areas, see Portland neighborhoods as an example. Small, low key bars are all over the place there and people don't go there to get hammered, they go to have a beer or 2 and casual conversation.

Speaking of beer, can we get normal beer on tap? This 3.2 stuff has good to go. For all those who don't "imbibe", the taste difference is like drinking a diet coke instead of a real coke.

Thanks for your hard work,

Gary Vance

I am writing IN SUPPORT OF the proposed new alcohol regulations that will enable neighborhood bars and eliminate the current 2 bars per block for downtown SLC.

I also am IN SUPPORT OF the mayor's extension of work place civil rights for workers who currently are vulnerable due to gender issues that the majority may find troublesome.

Thank you for your good work.

Mary Gracia

I would like to send a simple reply that I completely agree with your proposal. I feel that it is certainly a fair compromise between those who would like to see changes to the alcohol ordinances and the neighbors of these future establishments. I certainly would not like to create a nuisance to my own Liberty Park neighborhood but I'm confident with the limitations that are proposed that it should not be a problem.

Thanks for the hard work that you do for the citizens of Salt Lake City.

John Anderson

I am in favor of a non-discrimination ordinance. I am likewise in favor of an ordinance that would further normalize the city's alcohol regulations. We need more neighborhoods with their own distinctive character.

Thank you,

Richard Koehn

I think this is a great idea. Salt lake has a lot of culture but no night life or downtown atmosphere. I think this would greatly benefit the city as a whole by increasing the quality of life and helping to create a better sense of community.

Steve Gourley

A neighborhood bar has the capacity to establish the togetherness of a community as much as any church or community center. Many bars are very active in philanthropic community service, they allow neighbors to get to know each other irregardless of social status or religious/political views and provide localized job opportunities within neighborhoods. In addition walkable "bar districts" allow visiting and local peoples to easily locate and enjoy the nightlife of a city with little effort, hard to do when bars are spread out two to a block.

I am in support of the alcohol reforms on the table at this time for many reasons, but above all I'd like Salt Lake to resemble the types of cities I love to visit, cities with vibrant night life, culture not only on display but flaunted for visitors to revel in. There is a great need for Salt Lake to temper its obscure laws and its enforced religious dogmas, please help these reforms go through!

Thank you,

Beau Uriona

My father, Mr. Colin McRae, was involved for over 25 years in town, county and state politics in IL. I learned a lot from him in terms of how city/county government is run and its unique challenges. One thing he always was a proponent of was the following: local business growth, promoting people of diverse cultures to interact, and protecting our environment. I am writing as I now live and reside in SLC. I am greatly in favor of allowing distribution centers (not state owned) to supply liquor to our local bars/restaurants. I am also greatly in favor of eliminating the 2 bars per block limit in SLC. These restrictive laws hinder local and national business growth from the entertainment industry. Our laws give us a national reputation as "weird." For example, I know people who would choose to hike, ski or recreate anywhere other than UT or SLC because we have the reputation of being restrictive, intolerant of other (non LDS) viewpoints, and quite frankly, boring. It is time to promote UT as being the wonderful state it is!! How can we do that if no one will come visit due to restrictive laws/viewpoints? I came here for a job, and I sometimes wonder why I am here! It is hard to interact with and meet people when you cannot even enjoy the downtown area without being LDS! Please take the concerns of the public and local businesses into account and fight for change!

Thank you so much for giving us access to voice our opinions,
Dr. Lynne McRae

Please normalize the alcohol laws. A neighborhood tavern would be an addition to Sugar House. I came from the East Coast and the laws here are stupid... and they make us look foolish.. Thanks for trying to fix it!

Maggie Shaw

I'd like to show my support for the City's proposed new ordinance clarifying zoning and business licensing regulations for alcohol-selling organizations here in Salt Lake City. As many SLC residents, I am a transplant. While I appreciate the positive impact that the LDS church has had on economic development, safety and cleanliness of our city, and general peace among neighbors and citizens, I believe that one religion should not have such broad reach as to impact our city's reasonable and modern laws and regulations.

Let's encourage people – local residents, suburbanites, and tourists alike – to visit our city, stay awhile, enjoy themselves responsibly, and contribute to the local economy. That there are currently NO licenses available to businesses that would like to serve alcohol and beer/wine defies all rationality! Especially during these tough economic times when we should be encouraging small businesses to thrive.

With regard to possible opposition, I am sure that your office will ensure that ample opportunity for community interaction and feedback exists in any proposed plan. Increasing the number and/or proximity of locations that serve alcohol (including restaurants!) does not statistically lead to a) more drunk driving/drunk driving accidents, b) higher rates of alcoholism, or c) more underage people drinking. Our current restrictions mean that people are getting into their cars more often than necessary (driving from a restaurant to a bar for an after-dinner drink, for example, or having to drive from home vs. walking a few blocks down the street). I'm sure that we can address this and other issues by allowing some 'normalization' of current regulations.

Thank you for your work on this issue,

Virginia Gowski

I'm one who helped vote you in just so you know and I think you are doing a ok job except for some heavy handed parking enforcement in the neighborhoods on the east side and around the baseball park on 13th S. and W. Temple.

So I understand you want some input about the bars in town. I for one am very much indeed in support of neighborhood bars and the crazy thing about only two bars per block downtown ahould also be jettisoned. So thats that. It would be nice to have a nice pub over here in Glendale where I now reside. We really got nothing of the sort and always but always have to travel a-bit for a brew or cocktail. Back in a younger life we had a place in St. Paul called Sweeney's Champagne Bar & Grill and it was really the hub of the neighborhood. It was no big deal to walk in for dinner and see August Wilson, Greg (folk singer) Brown, Garrison Keillor of someone like Willie Murphy (R&R hall of famer) tickling the ivories. You know, culture in the neighborhood. Can't be found here like that for sure, unless you count the wardhouse, which I don't.

One last thing on my mind. I would not mind at all in supporting your desire for a new cop shop but the only way I'm going to vote positive on this for you is..... it has to be located on the West Side. We need it more than another downtown palace. If not near the corner of 4th S. and 9th W., then near the Mormon liquor citidel on 9th W. & 17th S. would work for me - or- even in the industrial park West of Redwood but the only way I'm going to vote "yes" is if it is over here.

That's it.

michael kauffman

Greetings from the 15th and 15th area. I would like to show my support for the overhaul of the Utah stringent alcohol laws. My girlfriend and I have longed for a place to go that we can walk to for a beer or glass of wine and some appetizers. We love walking the dog and checking out the neighborhood. Wepicked this area to live-in because of its walkablility We do not want to get in the car and drive, it pollutes the air and increases our carbon footprint as well as takes away from our exercise. Think of a snowy night, frollicking in the park with the dog, walking down to 15th and 15th to a warm spot for a libation. Its normal... not extreme. Lets get away from the extremes, I want to be out in my community, meeting the neighbors, making friends in my area, walking and keeping a safe eye on the streets, without having to get in my car. I am from Ohio and have lived in this various states through my life. This is a creature comfort that brings people together. We need more community... breaking down the walls that divide our neighborhoods.

Thanks for working towards making this state a better community to live in.

Sincerely,

Brian James Lohnes

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed alcohol normalization ordinance.

I think the new proposal is a benefit to Salt Lake City. The "conditional use" seems to provide a more useful and fair process to establishments in our community.

Thank you,

Tracie Kirkham

I am in favor of the proposed alcohol normalization ordinance. I would like to see more density of clubs and restaurants, as well as the development of neighborhood pubs.

Sincerely,

Susan Lyons

As a resident and homeowner in the Harvard/Yale area, I say HOORAY!...and It's about time! Being a Utah native, but having recently moved back from Boston, I have seen the gems that neighborhood bars can be. The bars back in Boston were small, quaint, and well run. The neighbors delighted in having somewhere to go, to mingle with friends, have a

drink, and have it all at a close distance to their homes.

Some in Utah may hear the word "bar" and instantly think of some neon lit Vegas dive, or Hooters-like establishment. Nothing could be further from what is envisioned for Utah. The tasteful establishments that are proposed seem reminiscent of the halls that the greats of yesterday gathered in. One could see C.S. Lewis and Tolkien in their neighborhood tavern in Oxford. Or Samuel Adams and Ben Franklin in their pub in New England. Great minds of the past have seen the wisdom in a neighborhood watering hole. Who are we to argue with such wisdom?

Ashley Hoopes

I commend you on your efforts to overhaul downtown Salt Lake City bar/restaurant restrictions.

My wife and I just spent 3 days in your city, walking, Trax-ing, and to a very limited extent driving our way around the downtown core looking for casual entertainment and interesting places to dine and wine.

Whenever we have company from out of state, and we attempt to entertain them by showing off SLC, they always ask the same question; "When is someone going to fix these incredibly stupid alcohol laws?"

Our stay this weekend was to see the effects of the removal of the private club law from this past session. We found a vast improvement in our ability to visit a variety of locales to sample tastes of the city's restaurants and bars, in addition to visiting the Farmer's Market, the Greek Festival, and reading the many historical markers on the sidewalks.

Our challenge to you is to continue to remove restrictions on restaurant/bars so that areas of concentration can be increased and patrons such as ourselves don't have to walk/ride your half-mile city blocks to go from one nice place to another.

We spent a weekend in Boise, ID. very recently and loved that we could walk out of our hotel and access Boise's Green Belt, Boise's downtown, and Boise's bars/restaurants all within a very, very short walk. We will return to Boise.

This weekend(5 days actually) we are going to Seattle, WA. to enjoy what I am certain that you already know as a wonderfully vibrant downtown core of entertainment and tourist sites.

I won't go on because I believe you know how badly Salt Lake City is missing the tourist as well as the resident entertainment dollar$.

And so, I am writing to urge you to continue your efforts in this area.

Salt Lake City belongs in the same club as Boise, Seattle, and so many, many more.

Thank you for your efforts.

No response is necessary.

10/26/2009

Jim & Mary Brown

I am writing in response to your solicitation re: neighborhood bars.

I strongly support this idea, in my neighborhood (the Avenues) and elsewhere. I am a recent transplant to Salt Lake City from Boston, where neighborhood pubs played a crucial role in reinforcing neighborly relations. I believe that neighborhood pubs strengthen communities and, if implemented correctly, reduce drunk driving and do not interfere with the lives of nearby families.

I am also a strong supporter of your initiative to increase the density of bars and restaurants downtown. I am certain that such a change would improve our reputation as a tourist destination immensely.

Yours truly,

John A. White

I feel that these are meaningful steps towards a more rational and economically advantageous use of our downtown area and regulatory authority. I wholeheartedly endorse the changes to existing law outlined in these draft proposals and look forward to the day that all of the alcohol related regulations are brought into line with those of other first tier cities in the nation. I believe these draft proposals represent exactly the sort of pragmatic solutions to entrenched (and frankly, embarrassing) regulatory issues that I have come to expect from this mayoral administration. I wish you all luck in making them law.

Sincerely,

Jeff Nielsen

I have to admit that I was very interested by the article I read in the newspaper on September 4 asking for public comment on the alcohol ordinance. I appreciate your invitation for people to share their thoughts on this issue.

I have traveled a great deal throughout my life and lived in many different areas in the United States. I would agree that Salt Lake's downtown area is not very lively or walkable. However, I do not feel that the creation of more bars will help change this situation.

Throughout my travels, the places I have enjoyed the most were those that had interesting areas to explore. Those areas usually consisted of live music, unique shops, and diverse restaurants. Some of my favorite cities include: San Diego, San Francisco, Boston and Waikiki because they possess these areas. For example: Old Town, Little Italy, The International Market, Seaport Village, Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square, etc.

In these areas, the lively atmosphere is present because there are vendors selling their goods, musicians playing on the street corner, mimes acting out vignettes, diverse restaurants lining the streets, quaint shops to visit and hundreds of people milling about.

I hope that in the future, we can create more areas like these in the Salt Lake Valley instead of adding more of what we already have.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Shalisa Goates

Neighborhood taverns have long been a binding fabric of neighborhoods.

Just as locally owned coffee shops have come to greatly enhance neighborhood areas over the last several years, so to may local "watering holes". However, these establishments should come with tighter regulation than existing centralized bars.

Last call should be no later than 10 pm, the structures should tightly fit a form based on community context, and capacity should be to a scale of the area the facility is serving.

Thanks for taking comments,

JP Goates

Please continue to bring our
laws into line with the rest of the U.S.
It is time we stop being the laughing stock of the nation.
I want my family to be proud of living here,
not embarrassed when friends come
from out of state to vacation.
(Herbert is a step in the wrong direction.)
Thank you for all that you are doing for civil rights too!
C.M.E.

Not sure what specific comments you might be looking for, but I support any changes that would allow me as an Avenues single family home owner and resident more access to eating/drinking establishments within walking distance of my residence. We've enjoyed access to Wild Grape and would encourage additional establishments to be allowed within the area. I could envision the lower E St. and S. Temple area similar to a "Fillmore type" neighborhood if you are familiar with that San Francisco neighborhood. Might be farfetched but would be desirable to me.

Matt Medura

I just wanted to show you support for the normalization of Utah liquor laws. Its about time we start heading in a new direction in this state. It is so nice to have the private club law gone and we just need to keep moving forward. But of all the liquor laws in this state the one that confuses me the most is the law that requires breweries to have to sell beer to the state and then by it back to sell in their stores. Its just weird.

Thank You,

Cody Wagner

I am a resident of Salt Lake City and would like to voice my support for updating and clarifying the city's liquor laws. I also enthusiastically support the idea of having bars in neighborhood commercial areas or mixed use zones and allowing more than 2 bars per block. I've noticed that a lot of newer condo developments in the city include both business and residential components. If bars weren't allowed to set up business in these areas, we'd soon find ourselves with only a very few, very crowded and noisy places to grab a drink.

Thanks,

Megan L. Smith

I am writing in response to your request for citizens of Salt Lake's feedback on the Alcohol Ordinance Laws and Normalization issues. I am currently a resident of Salt Lake City, and have been for a year and a half. I am not originally from Utah, nor have I been a resident here for more than 3 years. I would first like to state a few issues that I see with the outdated liquor laws and ordinances that surround them. Coming from a state that has an abundance of bars and nightclubs in the downtown area, I have seen a huge amount of city & economic growth. I am from Denver Colorado and in the last fifteen years, downtown Denver has grown immensely, and has become such a nice place to live now. There are so many places and events that serve alcohol that have brought new resident and tourists alike to Denver, that I consider it a fun and clean place to live and play. Upon moving to Salt Lake, I was disappointed on how the downtown scene was so barren. I hardly ever want to do anything on the weekends downtown, and sadly I live downtown. I leave the area to go south to Sandy or Murray for any kind of entertainment. There is so much potential for Salt Lake to grow and become a cultural epicenter for events, restaurants, and nightlife. I do not go out and drink much, but I have many friends that come to visit from Colorado and California. It is so hard getting them to even want to come to Salt Lake for the mere fact that the liquor laws and regulations are so imposing on them, that they lose the interest to even visit Utah. I do not condone being drunk in public by any means, but I have a view on the importance of letting more bars within a block radius. In other states, it is easy to "barhop" and leave one place for another without having to track down a cab or drive 3-4 miles for another decent place., I have been out with friends that refuse to wait for 45 minutes for a taxi to take them from West Temple and 3rd South, all the way to another popular spot at the Trolley Square. (being that the bars in Utah are only open til 1:00 AM) Unfortunately,

my friends will drive, intoxicated. It is hard to show people different places for a good time, when none of them are even close to each other. It is a weak excuse for changing Salt Lake's laws, but many people including myself are turned off by how strict things are here. Utah should be all about progression, not recessing into old, outdated laws.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

With Great Regards,

Alexa S.

I moved here 10 years ago from Minneapolis. Every time I go back there to visit, I return here wishing that Salt Lake City could have the same sort of vibrant entertainment scene that Minneapolis has. I think that making the changes that are being proposed to the alcohol laws would be a step in the right direction.

Thank you - Tami Nabor

I strongly support the changes outlined on the slcgov.com website. I would like to see SLC thrive and act like a big time city since we are moving in that direction. It only makes SLC more attractive to visitors which in turn makes our local economy stronger.

Thanks,

Cameron Draper.

I completely **support** your proposed ordinances aimed at normalizing alcohol regulations within SLC. I have been frequently discouraged by the zoning restrictions for bars and clubs in our city. In my opinion, they do very little to promote public safety, stifle economic development and help create the stigma to outsiders that SLC doesn't have culture or a nightlife. Much like the old private club law, these ordinances seem antiquated and appear to many SLC residents as remaining in place for moral/religious reasons as opposed to serving to a legitimate public need. They make very little sense. SLC's demographics have changed over the years, and consequently, so have the wants and needs of its citizens. The city needs to develop a mentality of making itself hospitable and enjoyable to all of its diverse population, as well as the many tourists and conventioneers that visit from out of state. Accordingly, normalizing these ordinances, as you have proposed, is GOOD public policy. It will benefit SLC citizens as well as improve the city's image.

Sincerely,

Craig Christensen

I commend you on your efforts to normalize alcohol regulations in SLC. I grew up in Pittsburgh PA and moved to SLC at the age of 24. I work for Saturn of Salt Lake and recently purchased my first home in Glendale. Being an avid snowboarder since age 8 and a mechanic, SLC was the obvious choice for my career and hobby. One of the few drawbacks of SLC is the alcohol laws. In Pittsburgh, bars and clubs are within walking distance everywhere and it would be nice to see that happen here. It is a much safer and normal

situation coming from an outsiders perspective. I think there is a long way to go such as allowing the sale of kegs and regular beer but its nice to see progress.

Keep up the good work!

Jason Hindman

I have been a resident of the wasatch front for the past six years and can say without doubt that we live in one of the most amazing places in the world. One of few complaints I have had against the area is in regard to the strange regulations placed on alcohol serving establishments. These regulations make purchasing alcoholic beverages relatively difficult, and also limits the economic impact that the entertainment industry might one day have in this great city.

Not only would changing these regulations provide the potential for a much needed social center in Salt Lake City, but also allow for those of us who productively contribute to society the opportunity to have drinking establishments within walking distance of our homes.

Since relocating to the area I have seen the city and state take great strides to improve the lives of its residents. I strongly believe that this would be one more step in the right direction for Salt Lake City.

Sincerely,

Bradley Gehrig

In regards to "normalizing" Salt Lake City's alcohol ordinances, I am heavily in favor of change. I frequent cities such as Portland and Seattle on a regular basis for business and personal travel. After each visit I am always impressed with the variety of bars and restaurant options, which combine to make a very vibrant and pleasant experience. Salt Lake has enormous potential on offering such a lifestyle, but without a change in infrastructure and ordinances, consumers and entrepreneurs are very limited. We currently have great bars and restaurants in Salt Lake City and are always pleased to entertain clients from out of state, however, Salt Lake City seems to lack the neighborhood option, as well as a clustering option that evolves in an organic way. Gateway, The City Creek Development are all great options, but these are fabricated lifestyle centers, full of chains, and not one single bar. I currently live in the avenues and would love to see neighborhood bar/pub, the wild grape, sawadee are great, but would not offer the same environment a bar would.

A Change is urgently needed.

Thank you,

Rheda Fouad

Good afternoon, I read the normalization ordinance information and praise the proactive thinking that is now moving into action in Salt Lake City. I did not see it listed and maybe does not fit in this effort, but the only addition I would suggest is the removal of the drivers license scanning that now takes place at what were the private clubs. It is really an invasion of privacy in my opinion and to what benefit I have yet to identify. I'd be in favor of what is proposed otherwise.

Secondly to truly normalize Utah's notorious liquor laws, this type of ordinance really needs to flow to other cities, not just SLC. Unless there was a pub created during the founding days of the city, it is a state of disgrace that pubs/taverns cannot be created in cities outside SLC. I would highly encourage any support of this effort that you may be able to provide to help other cities realize their shortcomings in this realm. It is really the only way to lose the stigma associated with this state and it's liquor rules.

Thank you,

Chris Raemer

I just wanted to say I support this idea. I go to the local bars infrequently but I do feel it would be good to update the laws.

Thanks for working for us,

~Kim Sawtelle

As a former resident of Chicago, IL, I am asking that the liquor laws of this great state be normalized so that we can all enjoy our personal freedoms with respect for the differences in our faiths. I am not LDS, and it is not against my religion to drink as an adult. I miss this personal freedom that I took for granted in Chicago, and so do my friends when they come to visit--it just seems strange to the rest of the world. I encourage and support any efforts made in the normalization of liquor laws.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lindsay Wilner Rooney

I fully support these changes as they will allow for safer drinking practices. with the current laws if you have been at one bar and want to go to another they are spaced out enough such that impaired people may choose to drive. I believe by allowing the commercial demand to drive the locations it would allow for safer walking access to these other bars that isn't currently available.

Matt Primavera

I am a resident of Salt Lake City and an advocate to the "normalization" of the City's liquor laws. Change is sometimes slow and also, on occasion, difficult to accept for many people; however, I have noticed some rather progressive changes in Utah's liquor/alcohol laws over the past few years – starting with Governor Huntsman's success in promoting a leaner and more efficient system of service (i.e., eliminating the requirement for club memberships and adding 0.5 ounces to a pour). Though the State's Laws are still confusing and possibly arbitrary, I believe there have been efforts to advance Utah beyond the ice-age when it comes to alcohol sales and service how alcohol is served.

In my visits to many other cities, one major thing I noticed about bars, pubs, and taverns outside of Utah, is that they are accepted establishments within mixed-use residential neighborhoods. Typically these establishments are conversions from old neighborhood markets or other small service use(s) – and most often located on corners - and within these older structures the available space is rather small and intimate. As is true in many older neighborhoods or districts, parking is usually a difficult matter to tackle, but if one of the goals in this normalization process is to promote walk-ability and safety – many patrons will reside within close proximity to the neighborhood bar, tavern, or pub and would therefore have no need to drive. Trust me, if my neighborhood in Sugar House had a local alcohol establishment (and not simply a restaurant that happens to serve alcohol), I would see absolutely no need to drive or appropriate a taxi to go elsewhere unless I was looking for a change of scenery and/or pace. My point here is that many residents accept and want these types of establishments in their neighborhood, or at least would like the option of walking a small distance rather than driving simply to be served a drink. I understand the hard truth about the naysayers to such a proposal but honestly I think there are just as many people out there that are entirely in support of normalization as there are disparagers – but as you may well know, the vocal detracting few can very well over shadow the supporting majority, particularly when the discussion is alcohol and the venue is a City Council public hearing.

As for the proposed ordinance, conditionally allowing alcohol service establishments in more of the City's zoning districts is a move in the right direction, where I believe that the benefits will most assuredly outweigh the costs. In this normalization of the code, the following benefits could transpire:

Possible increase to tourism and convention business;

Change in perception by locals and out-of-stater's that State and City liquor laws are archaic, burdensome …(I think everybody knows of the word "quirky" when discussing our State and City liquor laws);

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The allowance for more uses in more zoning districts accomplishes many things; among them: (1) establishment of new uses in either underutilized or vacant buildings that would otherwise remain vacant due to saturation in the market or restrictive zoning codes not allowing such uses; and, (2) providing a potential boost to the current economic situation by allowing more options to an expanded population; and,

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Tim Anger

As an event marketing and management professional I wholeheartedly support the proposed alcohol ordinances. I believe that their passage will help Salt Lake City attract and secure additional conferences, conventions and meetings. It will also contribute toward the development of a healthy and vibrant downtown business and entertainment district for those of us that live here year round.

Thank you for taking the lead on this issue.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Bruno

Please consider my request of normalization of alcohol in Utah and Salt lake county. I subscribe to no politics, but am a responsible drinker. I really would like to see Utah become more relaxed like other states.

Thank you for your consideration,
Eric Olsen

As a resident of Salt Lake City (the Avenues) I feel that the changes suggested on the Alcohol Normalization Information Sheet are very practical and indeed necessary to allow Salt Lake to become a vibrant hub of the Intermountain West.

To change the zoning and allow a higher concentration of Bars per block is reasonable to offer choice to travelers as well as residents.

In addition, there have been a growing number of vacant business locations downtown. Why not allow some of the zoning changes to fill these spaces up? Knowing that alcohol sales in Utah are up, these businesses could be very lucrative to the state and city.

I understand objections raised especially in residential areas regarding the noise, or the safety of bars and pubs however these types of businesses are successfully nestled into residential

neighborhoods all over the country. Remove the stigma, expect your

citizens to be responsible adults and they will respond favorably.

There are always exceptions, but this is where conditional use permits would come in.

Salt Lake is on the map now as a growing, thriving city in the West.

I support the Alcohol Normalization Ordinance changes to allow us to remove our worldwide stigma and come into line with other successful cities.

Best regards,

Karima Fouad

I'm fully in favor of dropping the various existing regulations in favor of regulation through the zoning laws and conditional use process. It can only help to revitalize downtown SLC. Take the city of Boise, ID for example - its downtown is absolutely thriving.

SLC would do well to revise its regulations and subsequently stimulate its nightlife in a similar fashion.

Jason Medeiros

I think your progress with modernizing the liquor laws of Salt Lake City is fantastic and you should be commended. I do know a fair share about it and it would be shocking if the general public knew that SLC liquor law is currently has more arcane than the DABC. I feel that aligning yourself with the state, offering neighborhood bars as well as allowing more bars per block will only:

1 - help increase revenue for the city and state, which we know is needed in this economic climate.

2 - create an environment where the roads would truly be safer. People could walk or ride their bike to their neighborhood bar, or they could take trax or get a taxi to an area of downtown and feel good about getting dinner, dancing or a play and a drink without having to drive throughout the city.

I think Park City, overall, is a fine example. Before I moved here in 1998, my family has been skiing and visiting PC since 1986. To this day I still talk with people who fly into SLC, drive up to PC and never touch the ground in SLC. That is opportunity that we can't afford to lose.

Good luck!

Darin Piccoli

I am writing to express my support for alcohol law reform. I support allowing more than two establishments to sell alcohol on a single block and I also support allowing establishments to sell alcohol in more areas including "neighborhood bars" in residential areas.

I believe that allowing bars to open in residential areas will promote walking to bars and prevent drunk driving. I also believe that this promotes social interaction in communities that creates a more vibrant and engaged community center where residents can interact with one another.

In these tough economic times it is also in our best interest to promote laws and regulations that encourage people to get out and enjoy local businesses. I believe that current alcohol policy in the city, county, and state often times discourage citizens and visitors from patronizing businesses, primarily alcohol-serving businesses. It's about time we begin to change how we are viewed amongst ourselves and others and develop a standard more in-

line with the rest of the country. This can only help improve economic vitality and strengthen our tax base.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

-Chris Price

I am in favor of the proposal to allow the revision of zoning and licensing of establishments that sell alcohol. I believe this will be a beneficial addition to Salt Lake City, especially in the neighborhoods where restaurants and small businesses abound.

Salt Lake City offers so many spots to enjoy delicious food and one-of-a-kind shopping, it would be very pleasant to drop in and have a glass of wine while shopping with a friend. Kinda like being on vacation somewhere else.

Thank you for your progressive governing.

Irene Rampton

I'd like to submit a hearty "YES" vote in favor of the proposed changes...As a resident of the Avenues, I think we are desperately in need of social gathering places that do not require driving/cabbing/cycling in winter etc. just to step out and socialize. I love this town, but for my wife and I, our social life exists solely in the living rooms of our friends and at neighborhood block parties.

I have three co-investors in a proposed break-even venture to establish a cocktail lounge in our neighborhood. We are anxious to move forward and would be planning on doing so in the next 3-5 years if the laws allow...I think we would add great value to the neighborhood, and would help foster a sense of community...

Bill Gowski, MD

I have recently become a local resident of downtown Salt Lake City and i agree that there need to be some changes to the Alcohol Ordinances.

I moved here almost a year ago from Dallas,Texas where i was certainly content with my job, living situation and social situation. Here i am having difficulty adapting to the workforce and social living. housing accommodations are satisfactory. I am currently working 2 jobs still making less then i was in Dallas,TX and paying more for rent however...I can live with this condition as it was my decision to live here. Although it has been rough adapting to the pay cuts it is harder to adapt to a different way of life being that i have to pay more for me and some friends to go out drinking and pay more for less alcohol when we have all been law abiding citizens and respectfully, either walked to a venue or had a designated driver to saftely get to and from venues and respect others on our nights out supporting local businesses and local bands. we have all contributed to local radio stations and local venues to keep up the good work and support the town we reside in. Being that i used to live in a wealthier economic community in Dallas, I have adapted to spending well over 1/2 my paycheck at local bars in Dallas, Addison, Plano, Grapevine, Ft. Worth, Denton and so on. Here it is likely that i will buy 1 beer and go home. it seems i am incapable of "over-

spending" due to the alcohol restrictions therefore lowering the economic high-rise that other cities are experiencing. Now, I am all for spending half of my paycheck at a bar or venue...tipping the host/hostess making sure they are provided a better way of life but what am i gaining....? nothing.

nothing.

I work just as hard as they do and i still want to help...help in this time of crisis. but what can i do when there is nothing being done for me...my friends...my family? I could spend spend spend and not because i am an irresponsible adult, but because i work so hard i feel i deserve the chance to go out and have fun...but i dont get that here.

all i get is over priced beer with a low alcohol content with service stopping at midnight and for what reason? the mormon church has control over the local government so because im not mormon i et punished for such issues??? do you think this is fair?? you do dont you? why.....? do you sleep better at night knowing that your community is struggling to live just because you dont want to serve alcohol past midnight? just because you think people in YOUR community wont approve of you raising the alcohol content or serving oz's?

that....helps you? what about the people serving those drinks...buying those drinks...making money to keep their lives a float to support THEIR families!!!

Here is a small example:

I was a regular at a local bar in dallas. I had a $200 tab at least once a week. every time i had a $200 tab I tipped $200! 100%!!!

because i knew all the bartenders and waitresses and they ALL had families to support!!! and i...a local citizen...helped them with their everyday lives just by buying a few beers for me and some friends. how harmless is that when we ALL lived in walking distance from the bar or had a designated driver?

think about it.

Thank you for your time and efforts to resolve this issue, Andrea Straight concerned citizen

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I have been a Salt Lake City resident for the last 12 years. This is a fantastic place to live and raise a family. My wife and I have three young children and have no intentions of moving any time soon. In addition, I am also a small business owner.

The proposed changes you intend to make to Salt Lake's alcohol ordinances (neighborhood bars/pubs - move bars per block) are fantastic. These changes would be positive on the economic development, community connection, tourism and many, many other fronts.

Neighborhood gathering spots that serve alcohol are a way of life in nearly any other mid-size city in America. Now is the time to make Salt Lake a part of this list. Having some conditions on the books is a good way to go and gives the City some latitude to extract problem establishments.

Why we do not have more than two bar type establishments per block is a puzzler to me. I am not in favor of creating a "zone" per se that limits the natural growth of downtown areas. This is not something that should be forced. I am in favor of allowing areas to grow by energized businesses, not by lines on a map. Again, this can be conditional and give the City some room to manage the growth.

I commend the State of Utah for taking the first bold step on the alcohol issue. Now it is Salt Lake City's turn.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the citizens of Salt Lake City.

Chris

The alcohol proposal looks like a step in the right direction, and I fully support it.

I wish it contained an amendment for citizens to purchase micro keg beer.

It would reduce waste dramatically, and encourage "buying local".

Byron Williams

I am in favor of more than 2 bars per block. Let's make Salt Lake a fun city. I come back here after visiting New Orleans and the downtown looks sterile.

Kathleen Packard

I would like it be known that I stand in favor of having more than two bars per block in SLC. I also think that neighborhood bars are acceptable.

I am so thrilled that the city is re-looking at the alcohol ordinances. We really appreciate you taking the time to hear from the people and form a decision that will best work for our community. I WHOLE HEARTEDLY support neighborhood bars for a few reasons.

1. Less drunk driving. Every day there are so many people zooming around the city after having a few, or many, drinks. I would love the opportunity to be able to walk and from my neighborhood bar.

2. I would also love to keep my money in my neighborhood. I love the community that I live in and having a neighborhood bar would only increase the community feeling. This would increase the chance of getting to know my neighbors and forming long term friendships with the bar owners, workers, and patrons. Thus leading to a happy and together community. More bars would create more jobs that would hopefully be filled with employees that live in the neighborhood. This reduces transportation costs and hazards. And those employees would be likely to re-spend their wages in the neighborhood.

3. Walking instead of driving to a bar increase personal health as well as the health of our city. Being able to walk to my neighborhood bar decreases emissions from automobiles and

ultimately saves our planet. This large issue has so many cascading wonderful effects. Less driving means less pollution. Less driving would save our snow. Something that Utah depends on! Less driving would mean a healthier population resulting in lower health care costs.

This can work even though there may be many people against it. A great example form my own neighborhood is the Blue Boutique. When the Blue Boutique had to move from it's old Highland Drive location because of construction, people were in an uproar over the proposed location across from Sugarhouse Park. Luckily they were still able to move there and I don't think it's been a problem since. The owners have kept a tasteful and attractive exterior and have not created a "bad hangout" like many people thought. Now it just blends into the neighborhood as if it was always there.

Vote YES for neighborhood bars!

Thanks,
Savannah

I support allowing Salt Lake City to have more than 2 alcohol serving establishments per block. With the downtown renovation we have the opportunity to become a world class destination. However, that will not happen without good restaurants, and good restaurants can not survive without revenue from alcohol.

I would also like to say that I am a non-drinking resident of Salt Lake City. I am not worried that increasing the number of alcohol serving establishments will increase drinking in Salt Lake. Those who drink, drink. Those who don't, don't.

-Stephanie

I am a resident of District Five (East Liberty Park/9th & 9th). I have reviewed the proposed ordinance and other information contained on the City's website. I concur with, and support, the proposed changes to the alcohol-related ordinance(s). Having moved to the 9th & 9th neighborhood in order to live in a vibrant and walkable area, I have wished that changes could be made to foster a controlled and mindful development of the area, including establishment of a neighborhood pub. While I do not know if the current state regulations governing bars will permit a pub at 9th & 9th, your proposed ordinance is certainly a step in the right direction.

Best regards,

Brett P. Johnson

Please, let's normalize our alcohol laws and treat our citizens as the responsible adults the vast majority of them are. We do not need laws that restrict or limit alcohol for adults 21 and over.

Alison Looney-Swillinger

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the Proposed Alcohol Normalization Ordinance. In all my years living in the city (11 total) I have never had any trouble with the patrons of local bars. Where alcohol tends to get out of hand is at private residences. The city should do everything it can to encourage people to do their drinking responsibly at local bars under the professional supervision of our marvelous bar tenders and wait staff.

N. Shane Cutler

I apologize for missing the 9/25 deadline for public input. But, hopefully, this feedback will still be useful.

I very strongly support your efforts to change the existing liquor laws to allow for more than 2 establishments per city block to serve alcohol. As a resident of the 9th & 9th neighborhood, I feel establishing entertainment districts that include culture, dining establishments, and bars would enhance the quality of cultural life in our city. I do not foresee any harm in Salt lake City having a more cosmopolitan atmosphere. If anything, it will enhance our appeal as a tourist destination (which will help grow the economy) as well as facilitate community spirit amongst local residents.

Thank you for hearing my feedback.

Jim Struve

I apologize for writing this past the September 25th deadline but I was out of town. I am in support of the recent normalization practices the city is gathering interest on:

Draft Alcohol Regulations

- Draft Chapter 21A.36.200 – Alcohol Related Establishments
- Draft Definitions
- Draft Land Use Tables

As a person who has lived in Minneapolis, I believe these changes will create a more vibrant downtown corridor similar to other large metropolitan areas. Brian

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9/09/09

Mayor Ralph Becker

Mr. Mayor

I am writing this letter in regards to the issue of neighborhood bars in Salt Lake City. Although I have spent most of my life here I just returned from living in Washington, D.C. for the last 2 years. Living in Washington has its issues but one of the things I enjoyed most was being able to walk to a neighborhood bar and enjoy some of the evening with some wine or a beer.

I think there is a general misconception as to what a neighborhood bar is here in Salt Lake City. I get the impression that some of the public considers all bars rowdy and noisy, and that is not the case. Neighborhood bars have no outside music and are no noisier than a coffee shop.

I live in the 15th and 15th area and would really love to see a neighborhood bar open up in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

James Brannan

1455 Sherman Ave.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84105

APPENDIX B
Opposition

Constituent called – left no name or phone number – would like to advise the mayor against neighborhood bars, or more bars in general.

She is a recovering alcoholic and feels placing bars closer to people can pose a problem for those in recovery. In her experience more bars mean more domestic violence, traffic accidents, and human tragedy. Want to encourage Mayor Becker to promote more alcohol free activities in neighborhoods.

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I cannot see why you and others are so determined to be like many other cities who have a bar on every corner and a murder and or thefts/muggings in every block taking up the local police force time and efforts, terrorizing the populace in general. I am from the East and moved here to get away from just that senerio. Whats wrong with being different than others does this
scare you? It doesnt scare me only you are scaring me with these kind of plans. All for the mighty dollar?.....Ray

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I am opposed to pubs, taverns or breweries in CN zones. I live just south of the intersection at 1300 South and 1700 East and a serious drinking place in the neighborhood is a horrible idea when the parking is already so bad at the 13th and 17th intersection. Once the new building goes in on the northeast corner the parking will be twice as bad.

Couple the parking problems with the booze and I will be afraid to let my kids walk to Emigration Market or Jolleys anymore. Please think how these decisions impact the residents before making a blanket decision. The parking debacle is evidence that we are not being listened to. Please don't exacerbate the problem with a tavern or pub. Smoking will occur outside the establishments, destroying the fresh air and making our little intersection even less appealing.

I don't care if they serve alcohol at the restaurants, but I don't want a pub, brewery or tavern in the CN zones, specifically the one near me.

Sincerely,

Mark Reed

We are against loosening of the alcohol “normalization.” Tightened alcohol regulations have been beneficial to Utah and Salt Lake City residents for over a century. Regulations are

already too “loose” in our opinion. We own a home in Salt Lake City’s east bench, and a condo in downtown Salt Lake as well, and do not wish to see changes which relax restrictions on alcohol.

Paul & Lynette Sharp

If you, as mayor, want a bar next door to your home, shame on you.

Maybe friends of yours look to Salt Lake City as a place that's wide open like Las Vegas but friends of mine think of this place as unique. If it's more difficult to get a "drink" here, so be it. There ought to be places that don't resemble Chicago, Detroit, or Los Angeles.

There are very few instances of violence outside a church; such is not the case outside a bar.

A bar in the 15th and 15th area is not appropriate. Keep bars in very restricted areas; we don't have enough police to monitor the activities around bars already.

Shame on you, Mayor Becker!

I think it is a poor idea to increase the number of bars allowed on a block within the city and to allow bars in neighborhood commercial districts. It would only increase the number of bars and ultimately create more harm than good. Alcohol is a dangerous substance and causes too many deaths and injuries each year. Alcohol addiction will lead to many other harmful and immoral practices that our society doesn’t need, such as spousal abuse, auto accidents, job loss, divorce, or adultery. I have yet to hear of a positive affect from alcohol addiction. We need to help people get over their alcohol addictions, not enable them. These ordinance changes will also increase the opportunities for our children to participate in underage drinking. This is the wrong path for our future leaders. There will most likely be more individuals and teenagers driving under the influence of alcohol which will lead to more deaths and serious injuries. I personally don’t want to drive amongst more drunk drivers. I want to keep my family safe and I strongly recommend that you do not alter the existing ordinances.

Thanks,
Chris Kellett

You requested feedback from the Salt Lake community about your proposal to end the ban on having more than two bars per city block. As a citizen of downtown Salt Lake, I would like you to know that I am opposed to removing this ban. I have lived in cities in other states which allow multiple bars per block. These bars contributed to a slum factor that is thankfully missing in my Salt Lake neighborhood. I appreciate the current restrictions and would like to keep bars out of my neighborhood.

Thank you,
Jonathan Eicher

No to more bars. We don't need more drunks running around. You don't have to make these liberal chances. Also you look stupid with your suspenders. No offence.

I am strongly opposed to any law that will increase alcohol consumption in Salt Lake City. It is a fundamentally flawed assumption that alcohol is necessary for productive life. Quite the contrary, alcohol increases violence, divorce, driving accidents,and health problems. It may produce short-term economic benefits but there is a hidden cost that few bother to calculate. Our state needs laws that help people stay sober.

When we say we need more bars to attract more tourists we are making a degrading assumption that people come to our city to drink. I sure hope they have better reasons to come here and that those reasons would still be there even their alcohol consumption during the trip is reduced. If not, I'd rather have them go somewhere else. If they are that desperate for a drink, then I do not want their money. I'd rather go hungry than profit from somebody's addiction.

Sasha Pachev

The proposed new ordinance is nothing more or less than a deregulation of bars in Salt Lake City. It was tried before in SLC and resulted in one street that was called Whisky Street and a plethora of bars elsewhere.

To go backwards to the nineteenth century like this would be a big mistake. It would not improve the city and not make it more liveable or a more desirable place to visit. It would simply create new areas of the city in need of renewal.

Please don't deregulate bars in SLC.

Sincerely,

Steven Staker

I am in favor of limiting alcohol availability in the vicinity of living creatures in possession of a liver or a brain or a family. One of my ancestors was involved in a trial in Cache Valley involving liquor, Indians, and a fight. The verdict came in against the person who sold the liquor. That sounds just right to me.

Leah Overson

I live adjacent to a CN zone and am strongly opposed to allowing brew pubs, taverns or social clubs, even on a conditional basis, in this zone. Residents in the abutting single-family neighborhoods already have to put up with egregious and continual violations of Salt Lake

City parking code as well as the Salt Lake County noise ordinance regarding hours of operation. Mayor Becker, the only solutions your administration has offered is for the residents to report the violations. You have done nothing to require businesses to operate within the boundaries of these ordinances. Even after the residents do the work of enforcement, the violations continue. There is no incentive for the businesses to be good neighbors. None. Zero. Zip.

Where is the walkability in your plan for walkability? Make businesses provide bike racks and park benches? I can tell you as a resident of a neighborhood with bike racks and park benches that it has done nothing to lower the volume and negative impact of out of area commercial traffic. Further, you have done nothing to **discourage** people from driving. How about providing residental permit programs for those streets that become parking lots for the commercial businesses? In my case, not only is there no place to park on my street, but patrons of the commercial businesses use our driveways for their turnarounds. And are they friendly and vibrant?....not in the least....they are aggressive and belligerent. They litter and loiter and yell. And now you want to allow brew pubs, taverns and social clubs in my neighborhood? No way. You need a reality check. This is what will happen: 1) liquored-up patrons aren't ready to call it a night at 10pm when the bar closes, 2) they will after party in the parking lot and on the street (and where will they relieve themselves???), 3) they will wander through the residental neighborhood looking for their car because the bar is not required to provide any on-site parking. Is this your idea of vibrancy?

If you want my support of these changes here is what you can do 1) create residential parking permit areas in the residential neighborhoods adjacent to the commercial zones to discourage people from driving. 2) Enforce hours of operation.....that means all business related activity.....delivery, garbage collection, after closing clean up....nothing before 7am or after 10pm. If the City would offer some protection to the residential neighorhoods surrounding these commercial areas then you would have our support. Everything you have done has expanded the rights of businesses at the expense of the residents. You have done nothing to protect the residents quality of life, safety and property values.

Respectfully,

Virginia Hylton

I am strongly against you lifting the ban of our current law of not having two bars per block, and that you are considering to allow two bars per block and then also allowing bars in neighborhood commerical districts.

The reason why people move here to Utah is because of our family friendly state in which we live by a higher standards then other states. Yes the state of Utah is different and that is why the people of Utah love living here. Living these higher standards is what has made Utah a better and safer place to live for everyone.

When you start allowing these laws to be changed that has made Utah what it is, then you

will start having the same kind of problems that other states are having with crime and violence. That has been proven by other states.

Allowing people easier access to alcohol will only increase the type of problems that are associated with alcohol incidents and this affect the safety of the people in the state of Utah.

The laws here in Utah are for the people who live here, not for those who will only be visiting here for a few weeks. Here in Utah we don't mind being different. That is what has made Utah a better and safer place to live, and that is why people love living here.

Please, keep the law the way it is!!

Thank you!

Colleen Mecham & Dr. Elden Mecham & Mary Mecham

The City of Salt Lake is constantly set apart from other large cities in the United States as one of the best places in the Nation to live- a clean, wholesome, economically and environmentally friendly place- a place to raise children, a place to build a business, a place where you can find a great workforce. What you propose to do is make Salt Lake City just like every other large city in the United States. There are those who drink responsibly, but there are those who refuse to drink responsibly. I don't want the latter in my neighborhood walking or driving back and forth to the local pub or bar or social club.

I live in close proximity to fraternities and sororities. I just had someone from a sorority contact me asking for my help because the girls in her sorority are often dead drunk and passed out. I don't want bars and social clubs and pubs near these houses to further encourage the binge drinking that I see going on from Thursday to Sunday morning. It is clearly understood that it is not a good idea to have social clubs or pubs or bars within close proximity to one another. Yet here fraternities and sororities are one on top of the other. Why don't these houses qualify as social clubs, as this is the exact purpose that they are used for with on terrible exception? Unlike social clubs that are regulated, 18 year olds can come to these social clubs and get smashed any time they want. I've seen enough drunk people to last me a lifetime.

I oppose this ordinance.

Beverly Nelson

Thank you for this opportunity to send you feed back on the proposed re-zoning and licensing of establishments that sell alcohol.

I live near 900 south and 900 east, one place where I understand could possibly be effected by this change if adopted. I strongly oppose this option in my neighborhood in any form.

On another topic, why when the road was finished on 1300 East was it taken from 2 lanes to one? This is absolute lunacy, It needs to be taken back to 2 lanes.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Bruce Casper

Holding no religious affiliation, my comments regarding the Alcohol Normalization Ordinance are purely based on common sense. Alcohol offers no socially redeeming value, does not expand a person's mental acuity, or strengthen physical prowess. Alcohol is a weakening agent, a poison as great as any illegal drug, and increased accessibility is juxtaposed with increased crime in the form of domestic violence, driving while intoxicated, and senseless vandalism, not to mention the burden on the health care system.

I realize these points fall short when measured against the increased revenue for the city, but over the long term the cost will outweigh the benefit. Please do more research before implementing this ordinance, or better yet, please do not implement such an ordinance at all. Another piece of Salt Lake's greatness will be lost with such a conformity.

Thank you for reading my comments,

Thomas Hill

City administrators have managed to turn Gallivan Plaza into a gigantic open-air saloon several times a week all summer long for the past several years. The crowds, the noise, and the beer consumption surpass what my wife and I witnessed during Oktoberfest in 1956 in Heidelberg, Germany, where I was stationed in the U.S. Army.

What we have seen in past summers, two or more times a week, is thousands of people, most of them with giant-size plastic containers of beer, many of them with children tagging along or with babes in arms. When we ventured there or near there our ears were pierced with the loudest music [?] on the planet, bouncing off the Marriott on the east and the Walker Bank and parking terraces on the north. There was little relief in our home in American Towers. The screeching continued, at the very earliest, until 10 p.m. and often past that hour. Nothing we could do would block out the clamor.

And I have wondered: 1) don't city ordinances or state laws forbid the presence of children in public places where alcoholic beverages are served and consumed? and 2) how many DUI arrests have been made and how many traffic accidents have occurred because of drivers who tanked up on beer in the center of our city? and 3) how many teenagers are getting soused on city premises in city approved "concerts"? These issues are worthy of your consideration.

Now, recognizing that I may be comparing apples to oranges, I am deeply concerned with your proposal to encourage the establishment of more taverns along our city's streets. Have you considered the public safety issues? There seems to be scant police presence in Gallivan Plaza. Why should we think laws will be better enforced when more bars open?

One example: The Beerhive Pub recently opened on Main Street between 100 and 200 South. In a fenced off area immediately outside the door, customers eat, swig their drinks, and light up their cigarettes. Several other similar establishments are in the downtown area. Doesn't Utah law prohibit smoking within 25 feet of an entrance to a building? Is the city winking at law violations?

There is absolutely no limit on the decibels that barrage our eardrums from Gallivan Plaza. Why should anyone believe you are really serious about regulating the sound emanating from the bars you propose to add to our fair city? Have you put a stop to noise blaring forth from the new Gracie's on West Temple, between 300 and 400 South?

Respectfully,

Jerry Cahill

I think that alcohol usage is a blight on society. Apparently it is becoming increasingly so in Utah.

I believe that there are better and more worthy things to do in life than imbibe alcohol, such as visiting a museum, attending a piano recital, reading a book, or rendering service to someone in need.

What's more, I don't think that the community should have to support and suffer the consequences of alcohol dependence (what it really is, if we're honest about it) in the name of a "Vibrant Downtown," or, a so- called Salt Lake City "Night Life."

I therefore am in favor of Utah and Salt Lake City having among the strictest alcohol-related ordinances in the world. Alcoholics, and others who don't have the imagination to do anything else at "night,"

can go somewhere else, as far as I'm concerned.

We do not need more places selling liquor> Right now there are to many drunk drivers on the road and you will have more if you allow this to happen. It will be on your head if it does happen

I would like to state my objection to the proposed changes in city liquor laws which would (1) allow more bars per city block and (2) allow bars, even with different requirements than other bars, in commercial areas near residential areas. I live near one such are, Ninth and Ninth, and I do not support these changes that would allow any type of bar near residential areas. I strongly urge that the present laws pertaining to these two issues remain the same. Thank you. Jan Hamatake

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Please do not go forward with these new laws. Studies show over and over again that increase in availability to alcohol is directly related to increase in underage drinking, DUI, motor vehicle accidents related to alcohol, alcohol-related crimes (rape, violence, etc.). Loosening the laws to make alcohol more readily accessible will cost our city (and state) more than the value of increasing tourism! Other states are going in just the opposite direction--they are trying to make more stringent laws about alcohol. Why would we go backwards? Salt Lake has 7% of the population and 40% of the bars. Although Utah may have the reputation of having limited access to alcohol, it is simply not accurate. What needs to change is the misperception rather than the laws. If anything, changes should be made to change the perception of availability rather than allowing more bars per block.

Writing to you as a citizen and resident of Salt Lake,

Erin Johnson

Our family lives at 1205 East 300 South in Salt Lake City. Two months ago at 3:00 on a Sunday morning, an uninsured intoxicated driver making his way westbound from 1300 East on 300 South crashed his relatively new Chevy Silverado into two of our vehicles, my Jeep Grand Cherokee and our daughter's Ford Mustang. All three vehicles were totaled. Although no family member was injured, the intoxicated driver's carelessness cost us tens of thousands of dollars in property damage.

The proposed ordinance appears to liberalize licensing of social club/tavern type establishments in neighborhoods where such establishments have previously not been allowed. To encourage that type of establishment in our residential communities is irresponsible. Not only would such establishments irreparably alter the nature of our residential communities, they would put our lives, families, and property at risk.

Some suggest placing such establishments within our neighborhood would reduce the number of intoxicated drivers by encouraging individuals to walk to have a drink. I do not want intoxicated individuals walking around my yard scaring and assaulting my spouse and children, urinating in my bushes, sleeping on my porch, and causing mischief. Despite stringent noise and other ordinances those advocating the adoption of the proposed ordinance believe will exist, those problems will still exist. If individuals want to drink, they can do so inside their own homes. We have enough challenges with the drug dealers, the rapists, the car thieves, the registered sex offenders, the fraternities, the student parties, and the homeless in our neighborhood. Do not exacerbate the negative aspects of living in our area by encouraging these types of establishments in our neighborhood.

The 1946 film, *It's a Wonderful Life,* shows the enormous impact one man can have on a town, its citizens, and his family. With George Bailey, the town of Bedford Falls had wonderful housing and commercial establishments. In the alternate world without George Bailey, Bedford Falls is turned into Pottersville. Pottersville is a slum with sleazy bars where life is hard and grim.

Ralph, you could be the one man who makes a difference. As Mayor, it is your duty to keep all the citizens of Salt Lake City safe and protect their property. You will do that by protecting our neighborhoods from the proposed ordinance.

To: Mayor Ralph Becker

I am very concerned about the proposed changes to the liquor laws which would allow "social clubs" in the neighborhood commercial districts

The public process has been flawed. The rhetoric about the proposed changes has been centered on the changes in downtown and has minimized the part of the ordinance which will take place in the neighborhoods The long range plan is not being addressed and we are being told that it will not have a great affect because there are only two liquor licenses still available. This implies that there will always be only two licenses available. However, the ordinance is being put in place so when more become available (and I understand that an increase is under consideration), it will be easy to slip the opening of the social clubs/bars into the neighborhood areas. A more honest approach would be to wait until the licenses are available and then let the public respond to the immediate possibility that a social club could be opening in their neighborhood.

Having social clubs/taverns in the local neighborhoods puts walkable neighborhoods at risk. Since walkable neighborhoods are one of the major objectives of Salt Lake City, it seems counterintuitive to introduce social clubs/taverns into the neighborhood commercial districts. Social clubs are not family friendly and if you want a walkable neighborhood then social clubs would not be included in these districts. The social clubs generate a high proportion of the police calls at night, making it less safe for people to be walking and mingling. It would severally limit the type of persons who would live close to the social club whereas restricting them to the downtown district would continue to make it more desirable for every type of person to inhabit the neighborhood.

Out neighborhood already has a disproportionate share of problems, i.e. drug rehab houses, half way houses, medical offices, apartment houses, fraternities, sororities, and severe parking impacts (in spite of the parking permit system). This just adds another layer of problems.

Many safeguards can be written into the ordinance but we know from past experience with the 13th East business district that enforcement cannot keep up with the problems which occur.

An increase in the number of social clubs in the already designated areas may benefit the city. To introduce them into neighborhood business districts will not be beneficial to the citizens of the neighborhoods.

You have an opportunity to protect our neighborhoods. Please withdraw this part of the "normalization" changes. Normalization is not necessarily good.

Arla W. Funk

10/26/2009

I live at 54 South 1200 East, Salt Lake, in easy walking distance to the business area on 200 South and l3th East. I have lived here since 1949, and have always been a good neighbor and a responsible tax payer.

I want you to know that I am definitely upset with the idea of allowing a business selling alcohol - either by the drink or the bottle - to come into this neighborhood. This is not something that would add to the welfare or happiness of the people who live here. There are many permanent home owners in the area and we get along well with the businesses that are presently operating, but we do not want a business that degrades the people, and puts our lives in danger from drunken drivers and wild actions.

It is well documented that people who have consumed alcohol do not have control of their thoughts or actions. They do wild and dangerous things. It is difficult for me to understand why you think that these individuals or groups add to the peace and security of this city. It makes no sense to me. We have always felt safe here and feel at peace with the people who live here. Let us continue in this way.

We have little children growing up here who deserve to live in a respectable neighborhood, and this is what I am asking you to preserve in this wonderful part of Salt Lake City.

Sincerely, Farol H. Thackeray

APPENDIX C
Undeclared

I saw the article on KSL about you looking for input about the SLC alcohol ordinance. I just wanted to say that I see both sides of the argument here:

On the one hand it helps to increase SLC's appeal to people visiting or moving to the city from other regions of the country. This can have all sorts of benefits ranging from increased tourism to a more diverse city population.

On the other, the more SLC becomes like other cities from everywhere else, the less it feels like anything special. We just slowly become just another American metro area full of pavement, big buildings, and a non-family friendly night life.

Just something to think about that crossed my mind. Good luck on your decision whatever it may be!

Brian Miller

After a quick reading of the proposal I have the following comments...

1. It looks like the proposal addresses noise, trash, and graffiti. Is it proper to discuss the graduated penalties (up to loss of license) to be assessed to the establishment if these requirements are not met?

2. Is it appropriate to discuss the responsibility of the owner of the establishment to "monitor" those leaving the premises as to their ability to safely drive a car? Would it also be possible to require that the owner (or, certainly, his agent) immediately notify police of the license plate number and automobile make and color if a patron declines a request by the owner to take a taxi, etc? If an owner was required to monitor the condition of his patrons as a condition of keeping his license, one would think he could easily explain his reasons to his customers. Owner liability should be only to notify the police immediately and <u>not</u> extend to the results of an alcohol related accident. The responsibility for an accident should be solely the responsibility of the drunk driver. It might not hurt to require that an initial release be signed by the patron expressing his understanding that an operator is required by law to report those who appear to have a diminished capacity to drive as a condition of having a license to serve alcohol. Such a release could be considered a safety issue as the patron warrants that he has no known medical conditions that would be exacerbated by drinking alcohol.

3. I have a concern about that very small percentage of people who might gather in a drinking establishment to consider some sort of criminal activity. If the owner was required to maintain a database of those releases (see #2 above) with a thumb print and a scanned replica of whatever ID would be considered appropriate, there would, at least, be a data trail of who gathered in the same establishment and when. If such a database was linked to national and local police databases, the police could drop by if there happened to be an outstanding warrant for arrest or if an ID was reported as stolen. Such scanning devices are not outrageously expensive. Many doctors offices scan a copy of an insurance card as part of their billing routine. It seems the owners would welcome such a requirement as it would help ensure that the patrons who visit their establishments are not wanted criminals whose intent could just as easily be targeted at the establishment itself. Owner liability for maintaining such a system would extend to only operating the system. The owner should not even know whether or not an individual was wanted by police nor should his system notify him of such. Security cameras (high definition) like those in any convenience store should also be required and maintained of those visiting the establishment. The owner could then verify that a customer appeared capable when leaving the establishment.

4. Secret shopper type police officers could verify that such procedures were being followed.

Best of luck with this. I'll bet you get a ton of comments.

There's a tendency toward polemics in relation to liquor in Utah. I hope Salt Lake City errs on the side of reason, rather than following either hardline teetotalers or face-in-the-gutter alcoholics.

Despite much in-print hoopla, Salt Lake's drinking laws are moderate. I think it's a good idea to keep bars in areas zoned for restaurants and businesses and out of residential neighborhoods. I also think it's reasonable to restrict the proximity of bars to schools and churches.

Sincerely,

Christian Arial

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1. The 3.2 beer is awful tasting. It's a chore to drink just one. We need real AMERICAN beer.

2. Wine: We shouldn't have to drive an hour across town to get some Zinfandel for our dinner tables,
when we have supermarkets only 5 minutes away.

THis is an event in close together bars in Pittsburgh. They use them for charity events throughout the year and many people are more religous than in SLC.

I am considering a move there for cost, quality of adult and family life and housing cost. Nicer homes for half of what they go for here.

Many of these bars in the downtown Pittsburgh, and the burbs are on the same streets. People can walk to them safely and take the train or buses homes. Pitt. is a very walkable city and it hosting the G20 this month.

They have a thing called the bar strip. Turns out Pittsburgh has less food food places but many people simply eat and socialize in the bars there young and old and they hold many events there. Some are very upscale some are just avg but all have atmosphere, what many local bars or clubs do not have.

They tend to also attract a higher end, higher educated class of people while some of the local bars do not.

My two cents.

Thank you for asking for my input on this matter of increasing the availability of alcohol serving establishments in Salt Lake City and decreasing regulations on establishments that currently serve alcoholic beverages.

The result of any person's ingestion of alcoholic beverages is some decrease in judgment, inhibitions, and self control. Increasing the availability of alcohol will result in more people drinking alcoholic drinks. As a resident of Salt Lake City, and a member of the Central City Community Council and the West Liberty Neighborhood Watch, I don't see any reason to increase the number and availability of places that serve alcohol and there by cause more people I meet in the community to have less good judgment and less self control.

Salt Lake City and Utah are well known in the tourist industry as destinations for good clean family fun. Since alcoholic beverages cause mental retardation in developing brains, children should not be in places that serve alcohol. So by definition a place that serves alcohol divides a family from doing healthy family activities with children and encourages adults to spend time away from their children. Increasing the availability of alcohol so we can attract more conventions full of participants that want to fill their hours with alcohol related activities doesn't improve the quality of their life and encourages out-of-towners to do things in our community that they would not do in their own community which can decrease the peace of our community. Many convention attendees who don't find alcohol readily available currently spend their time and money enjoying our mountains, cultural events, and other sites of interest. They leave Salt Lake City with an appreciation for doing different things with their time and they want to come back with their family.

As a real estate agent some of the best clients I have are the people who want to move back to Utah after working in some other state because they want to come to an environment that is more family-friendly where basic Judaic Christian values are honored and not trodden underfoot. We are a state that still has an influx of people coming to enjoy our

relatively low crime, industrious, family-oriented life style. I do business with investors all over the country that are surprised not to find ghetto areas in a city the size of ours. Our ability to be a unique, refreshing, and wholesome city is only hurt by becoming a city where alcohol can be consumed in more and more commercial and mixed use areas.

The new Alcohol Ordinance is named the Alcohol Normalization Ordinance. This definition of "Normalization" is normal for whom. Removing the restriction that taverns or private clubs be at least 660 feet apart in most of Salt Lake City, and allowing liquor-dispensing establishments to move into Residential Business, Residential Mixed Use, Residential Office, Mixed Use, Neighborhood Commercial, and Commercial Business Zones where they have not been allowed is not normal for those areas. Being able to live and do business in these areas free from the increased affects of alcohol on people's behavior as more businesses serve alcohol, is normal for this area. If people want to create Salt Lake to be like some other common city, why don't they live in some other city instead of changing the beauty and uniqueness of Salt Lake City as it is?

I have heard people who say that the increased availability of alcohol doesn't lead to more victims of crime, or more alcohol related traffic problems, or more dysfunctional families. Those people are only fooling themselves. Any time people impair their ability to make wise judgments and decrease their physical and mental abilities with alcohol consumption, the more mistakes they will make and the more problems will arise for themselves and others.

I have also heard from business owner's and city officials who say that they need the money that will be given from consumers of alcohol so they can succeed. So more business owners will sell alcohol and the city will get more taxes but the person who drank the alcohol and their family suffers from that lack of income and the change in behavior of the adult while under the influence of alcohol.

As far as confusion between City and State alcohol laws, I don't see any change in the State Law that says that current zoning restrictions for places that provide alcohol need to be removed. State alcohol law changes refer to different regulations within existing establishments that serve alcohol and establish rules for new places, but don't state that current restrictions on where those new establishments that serve alcohol are located should be removed.

I would like to finish with two comments that were blogged at the end of an article about the new State Alcohol Laws back in April of this year. Nancy is a venue operator.

Nancy on April 13th 2009 said, "I think this legislation is a step in the right direction, but they're ignoring an even bigger problem: nightclub violence. Underage drinking is obviously important to prevent, but violence constitutes a far greater risk to entire communities because it hurts everybody, including the victims, taxpayers, and makes cities even more vulnerable to major crime when so many cops are deployed to a single venue because of a major fight or shooting. My venue participates in the "Club Watch Community Connection" (google it) for this very reason. Since we joined, our underage drinking and violence problems have been reduced by at least 60% in less than a month. No simple ID scanner is going to achieve those kinds of results. As a venue operator, I hope more people in Utah participate in

the program because it keeps all our venues safe from both underage drinking and more severe crime and violence."

James, on April 14th, 2009 said: "I know that in the bar I work for we were already planning on putting the Club Watch Community Connection to work for us. I think this change in law just got the owners to go a head and order it from their website."

This venue operator and a different venue employee of places that serve alcohol realize that changes in who is now allowed into these establishments will result in more "nightclub voilence". And increasing the number of venues that serve alcohol exposes more neighborhoods to have to put up with these problems. The web site for the Club Watch Community Connection has the following information :

Communities: You can use the free messaging service on this website to communicate in real-time directly with any venue that might be causing problems in your community. Phones at venues are often busy or go unanswered, but your messages from the Club Watch Community Connection go directly to the owners and general managers of the venues who have the authority to take immediate action to resolve your concerns. And it's very important to communicate your concerns directly to the venues to give them a chance to resolve your concerns instead of wasting your taxpayer dollars by unnecessarily calling the police and demanding city council intervention. Connect to a venue or learn more by clicking anywhere in the "Safe Communities" area above or tell the world you don't like nightclub crime and violence in your community now.

As stated above, communities that contain establishments that serve alcohol suffer from increased violence and disturbances as well as needing an increase in police action to control the violence. I ask that the city not remove the current zoning restrictions for places that serve alcohol.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these concerns.

Julianne Smith, Central City Community Council member, West Liberty Neighborhood Watch member.

I just want to say that I think it is unfair to people who do drink that the majority of our liquor laws are made and inspired by people who do not drink. These people who don't drink shouldn't really have any say. It's like letting Canada choose our president of the United States. I find it offensive that many people here think that the non-drinkers need to make these laws because the drinkers are supposedly irresponsible.

Chelsea B.

I think the new law is a good idea. However this means there are going to be more people drinking and more people are going to need a way home. Why is the Tracks last run at midnight when last call is 1:00am and the bars close at 2:00am? There should be a train that

leaves downtown at 1:30am that would allow people to take the train after last call. It would entice more people to take tracks downtown on the weekends and not have to drink and drive. I would rather pick up someone from the tracks station at 2:00am than downtown at a bar or have to bail someone out! I like the idea of having a more centralized Bar and Restaurant area. Like Denver has. I have always imagined having Main St. being a walking area with outside restaurant patios with no street traffic during the night hours except for Tracks.

These are just some ideas of mine

Sage Harmsen

I think this state should consider that when a tourist comes into town they should have the same alcohol content as most states. I don't know why the content of 5.5% would make a difference? I feel people will make the responsible decisions regardless of what our laws our even if we have a bar on every corner! Its nice to know that we don't have to be a member of a bar or (private club) now that has been great!

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Sent from my iPhone

David Luca Piccoli, Sr.

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Please consider.

Thank you

Sarah Reale

10/26/2009

Hello Ralph, The other day I was thinking about you while driving near the Inter-Mountain Model. The city has taken a very run down part of town and turned it into a real jewel. But what I was thinking was that the building next door was still draped with worn out old and torn banners proclaiming the city's investment in redevelopment. I have a banner printer and would volunteer a new sign for the development. Anyway believe it or not there you were standing at the tracks station with a some folk. I was going to stop and say hi but then saw the camera men and figured you were probley on a tight schedule. Reading the news I see your looking for comments on the bar scene downtown. In San Antonio there is a district called the Saint Mary's Strip where there are at least 8 bars in a row. It's was great because you could walk from club to club and listen to a great variety of music. The area made up of clubs with patios etc. Wonderful fun for every one but the neighbors. Who complained about the noise and traffic in there neighborhood. Turns out the place attracted gang activity, that resulted in the murder of a young man and the death of the area. So much for the news from Gregg.
Gregg Chamberlain

Memo

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Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development

From: Chase Carlile
Research Intern, Community and Economic Development

Date: October 22, 2009

cc: Michele Straube, Salt Lake City Solutions
Matt Lyon, Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Re: Downtown Alcohol Neighborhood Discussion Groups Summary and Response

Salt Lake City held two neighborhood discussion groups for residents and business owners in Downtown Salt Lake City to discuss the proposed alcohol normalization ordinance. These meetings were held on September 18, 2009 and October 7, 2009. The meetings were focused specifically on alcohol related establishments in the downtown area. Participants included area residents, Community Council chairs, and representatives from The Downtown Alliance, The Utah Hospitality Association, The Downtown Merchants Association, The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The Leonardo, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and small and large businesses located in Downtown.

The purpose of these meetings was to educate the participants about the proposal and to get their feedback concerning the proposed changes. The City did not seek to reach or develop consensus on the proposal. The groups were held for information gathering purposes only.

Attached are summaries of each discussion group. There are two main sections in each report. The first is a list of comments made by participants. The second section lists the types of conditions that participants recommended to mitigate any perceived impacts related to the proposed changes.

Because the discussion groups were intended to gather information, some of the comments may contradict other comments made during the meeting. Additionally, in creating these summaries, no weight was given to one particular individual, group, perspective, or viewpoint. The summary accurately reflects all views and opinions mentioned by any or all of the participants, regardless of the amount of support or opposition a viewpoint received.

To ensure all major issues, comments, and conditions were accurately summarized and included, a number of Salt Lake City staff members present at the meetings have reviewed and commented on the report.

Attachments:

1. Downtown Neighborhood Discussion Group Comment Summary and Response
2. Downtown Neighborhood Discussion Group Minutes – September 18, 2009
3. Downtown Neighborhood Discussion Group Minutes – October 7, 2009

Downtown Discussion Group Summary and Response

As a permitted use under Downtown land-use code, alcohol establishments are required to conform with City and State Code and are not subject to the conditional use process as outlined in Chapter 21A.54 of the Salt Lake City Code. Below are concerns, thoughts, and ideas expressed by participants during two different discussion groups held regarding the alcohol normalization proposal for the Downtown area. **The purpose of these meetings was not to reach a consensus on the issue. It was to discuss the proposal and catalogue the issues and concerns that the community had regarding the proposal so that The City could address the community's concerns before the formal public hearings.** The comments noted are a summary of what facilitators heard from participants; they do not represent consensus or agreement, nor are the comments weighted or prioritized.

In response to the comments received, Salt Lake City has attempted to note how the comments were address and/or incorporated into the proposed policy.

Issue	Comments from the Downtown Discussion Groups	Salt Lake City Response
Bars May Look "Sleazy"	• Require that a large percentage of the building that fronts the sidewalk be transparent glass so that you can see what is going on inside.	Chapter 21A.30 of the Salt Lake City code requires a specific percentage of glass on the first floor elevation that faces the street. The exact percentage is dependent on the zone and location of the property. Currently, alcohol establishments are permitted uses in the Downtown zones (although outdoor areas are a conditional use). The changes in business licensing do not affect the land use code. However, as the Administration continues normalizing Salt Lake City's alcohol code, buffer zones between alcohol establishments and residential areas will be seriously considered and incorporated into those changes. Additionally, Salt Lake City is exploring changing alcohol establishments from permitted to conditional use in the D2 and D3 zones during as part of the proposed land use alcohol changes.
Buffer Zone	• Areas that are primarily residential should be protected in order to maintain the quality of life that already exists. • Create a buffer zone to protect residential areas in Downtown.	

Community Council Involvement	• Community Council notification and polling should occur before a new alcohol establishment permit is issued.	All residents of Salt Lake City can research building permits online using Accela. If the alcohol establishment requires a conditional use permit, the community councils will be notified pursuant to section 2.62 of the Salt Lake City Code and the regular conditional use process.
Community Safety	• Instead of being concerned with the availability of alcohol, we should be focusing on the safety issues associated with over-consumption. • Alcohol establishments are places where people go to get drunk. These businesses do not foster economic development, and they do not create jobs. • Putting bars in a walking distances from each other will keep the community safer because people will be able to walk from bar to bar, or walk home instead of having to drive while under the influence. • We don't want establishments in Downtown that attract "undesirable elements."	Public safety is always a top priority. The Salt Lake City Police and Prosecutors Office take DUI issues very seriously. For the past several years, Salt Lake City Prosecutor Sim Gill has made DUI issues a priority and will continue to actively pursue enforcement.

Concentration of Alcohol Establishments	• Instead of eliminating the spacing requirement, create a new graduated requirement where establishments that primarily serve food be allowed closer together, while establishments that primarily serve alcohol be spaced further apart. • Downtown should not become another French Quarter • Removing the 2-per-blockface requirement could open the city to a proliferation of bars. • The market will help determine the number of alcohol establishments in Downtown. • There should be a minimum of one business between alcohol establishments • If the 2-per-blockface requirement is removed, how can the city ensure that the areas surround Downtown that are zoned RMU remain mixed use, and not become overrun by alcohol related uses.	As part of the proposal, Salt Lake City is seeking to develop a clear and direct policy that is easily understandable by the public and business community. The proposal also seeks to simplify the business licensing process and further the goal of creating a vibrant and active Downtown. It is believed by the Administration that the concentration of alcohol establishments in the Downtown area will be sufficiently regulated by the State licensing requirements, the availability and cost of land in the Downtown area, and as a function of supply and demand in the free market.
Goal of Proposed Changes	• If the goal of the changes is to provide "neighborhood hangouts" why can't restaurants serve this purpose?	The goal of the proposed changes is much broader than simply to provide "neighborhood hangouts." Salt Lake City is looking to create a vibrant Downtown and provide gathering places for the community. The City is also seeking to normalize its approach to alcohol establishment regulation, bringing it in line with State law and consistent with other municipalities in the region.
Increased Enforcement	• Increase in police presence to enforce alcohol laws.	Salt Lake City monitors the need for additional police in all of the City's neighborhoods. This will be assessed as part of the normal procedures and processes.

Lighting	• Lighting should make the surrounding area more desirable. • Dark or dimly lit establishments might attract the wrong crowd.	As a permitted use, establishments must meet a minimum lighting safety standard. Bright lights must be aimed in a direction that will not cause a nuisance to the surrounding properties.
Mitigate Negative Effects of Outdoor Smoking	• Require a smoking area off to the side of the establishment so that smokers don't have to be on the sidewalk in front of the establishment. • Remove cigarette butts out of the planter boxes around the establishment	As a permitted use, establishments must conform to state law which prohibits smoking inside a place of public access. Salt Lake City currently regulates smoking in public places sporadically throughout its code. Additionally, the issue of smoke and cigarette butts is not isolated to bars. Coffee shops, restaurants, and other public areas often have smoking areas on or near public right-of-ways. In response to public comment, the Administration has begun researching ways to address the issue holistically on a citywide basis.
Mitigation of Parking Problems	• Parking restrictions should enacted to encourage patrons to use public transportation	The city encourages people in the Downtown area to take public transit. However, there is a coordinated parking program that allows for public parking. Currently permitted uses in the Downtown zones can change from one permitted use to another permitted use without parking requirements changing. The proposal does not change this.

Noise	• Noise controls should be put in place. • Focus on decibel levels	All establishments in the D1, D2, D3, and D4 zones are subject to noise regulations as outlined in Chapter 9.28 of the Salt Lake City Code and Regulation #21 of the Salt Lake Valley Health Department. Under current law, the decibel level at the property line has to generally fall between 50 and 60 decibels depending on the zones of the surrounding property and time of day. The discussion groups revealed a need on behalf of Salt Lake City to reassess its noise ordinances, regulations, and enforcement mechanisms. The Administration has committed to conducting this process.
Security and Maintenance	• Require property owners to keep the outside of their facility clean. • Require a security and maintenance plan. • Maintain the outside of the property and surrounding area. • How can we guarantee security and the maintenance of the facility?	Chapter 9.12 of the Salt Lake City Code requires property owners or lessees to keep the exterior of their property free from litter, as well as keeping the sidewalk and strips between the sidewalk and street free from litter. Additionally, section 9.36.040 prohibits “any brewery, distillery, tannery, livery stable, barn, laundry or factory of any kind, place or premises, to permit the same to become noisome, foul or offensive.” Requiring a security and maintenance plan as part of the conditional use process is being considered as Salt Lake City finalizes its land use changes related to alcohol establishments.

Tourism Concerns	• Convention visitors are surprised by how far away alcohol establishments currently are from Downtown hotel accommodations, and at the distance between alcohol establishments (making it difficult to sample multiple establishments in one evening). • Maintaining the current 2-per-blockface requirement will make it difficult to establish an entertainment district Downtown.	Tourism is a significant economic factor for Salt Lake City and the administration has worked closely with the tourism industry to promote a tourism friendly environment. Following Governor Huntsman's lead, Salt Lake City's alcohol normalization effort attempts to address these concerns.
"Unfriendly" or Intimidating Feeling Downtown	• One participant said, "I am glad the establishments are spaced the way they are." Their feeling was that the spacing requirement will make Downtown more inviting. • We should balance the community needs with regional needs. • For the City Creek development to be successful, the surroundings need to attract people from all over the region, and a large percent of the population in the immediate region is LDS. Therefore, the Downtown area should be an area where all people feel safe and comfortable. • Keep the Downtown an area that is comfortable for Temple Square visitor, while meeting the needs of convention visitors. • "Downtown should not become a tourist's playground."	One goal of Salt Lake City, in conjunction with other organizations is to create an environment that will allow Downtown to become a vibrant, energized area that is welcoming to all Salt Lake City residents and visitors. The Administration has and will continue to work closely with the many stakeholders of the Downtown area, including residents, business, visitors, and tourists.

Vibrancy in Downtown	• The changes need to promote a vibrant Downtown that will attract many different types of visitors. • The proposed changes should affect development in a positive rather than a negative way. • Currently the boarded-up buildings and vacant areas of Downtown provide an environment where undesirable activities such as panhandling, drug dealing, and vagrancy can occur. To alleviate these problems, the focus should be on increasing the occupancy rates in Downtown. As more storefronts become occupied, vibrancy will return and the questionable activities will move away from Downtown. This in turn will help visitors throughout the region to feel safe and comfortable while visiting Downtown. • Downtown needs to be energized and become a draw for younger visitors. One example that was discussed was LoDo in Denver, Colorado.	Salt Lake City is actively working with residents, businesses, tourism organizations, and the LDS Church to create a welcoming and vibrant Downtown community. The alcohol reforms are one piece of this process. Coupled with the opening of City Creek, expansion and development of an arts and culture district, and the completion of major office and residential buildings, City leaders are optimistic Downtown will soon return to life. In fact, this year alone over 29 new businesses have opened on or around Main Street.

Condition Summary: As part of the discussion group discussion, participants were asked what conditions, if any, could Salt Lake City place on alcohol establishments to make the participant more comfortable with the City moving forward with its proposal. Salt Lake City did not require or ask participants to direct their ideas towards a specific concern, although many of the conditions parallel the issues discussed by participants.

Issue	Comments from Discussion Groups	Salt Lake City Response
Potential Conditions	• Master Plan consistency. • Good Neighbor Agreements. • Buffer zones. • Lighting requirements. • Mitigate negative effects of outdoor smoking • Mitigate parking problems. • Increase enforcement • Mitigate noise • Require Security and Maintenance Plans • Community Council notification and polling before a new alcohol establishment is permit is issued. • Minimum of 1 business between alcohol establishments • Require a certain percentage of transparent glass on the building front	Conditional uses are land-use concerns, which are not addressed in the current proposal. Each of these concerns will be considered as Salt Lake City finalizes its land use changes related to alcohol establishments.

Downtown Neighborhood Discussion Group
September 18, 2009
City and County Building, Room 126

The Downtown Neighborhood Discussion group was attended by 22 individuals representing the following interests: The Downtown Alliance, The Utah Hospitality Association, The Downtown Merchant's Association, The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The Leonardo, The LDS Church, downtown area residents, and small and large businesses operating downtown. In addition to the 22 participants, 2 members of the Salt Lake City Council, as well as representatives from the Mayor's office and the SLC Department of Community and Economic Development were present as observers.

After staff presented a brief overview of the proposal, and how the proposed changes would affect the downtown area, time was turned over to the participants. Although the objective of the meeting was to get feedback and not to gain consensus, there was a general consensus among participants that because Salt Lake City is a capital city, it is very important to remember the needs of regional visitors and to balance their needs with the needs of the local community.

The following notes capture the major comments made by individual participants; because consensus was not the goal of the discussion, the notes may reflect conflicting views:

- Convention visitors are surprised by how far away alcohol establishments currently are from downtown hotel accommodations, and at the distance between alcohol establishments (making it difficult to sample multiple establishments in one evening).
- Maintaining the current 2-per-block-face requirement will make it difficult to establish an entertainment district downtown.
- We should balance community needs with regional needs.
- The changes need to promote a vibrant downtown that will attract many different types of visitors.
- Downtown should not turn into another French Quarter.
- For the City Creek development to be successful, the surroundings need to attract people from all over the region, and a large percent of the population in the immediate region is LDS. Therefore, the downtown area should be an area where all people feel safe and comfortable.
- Removing the 2-per-block-face requirement could open the city to a proliferation of bars.
- Instead of being concerned with the availability of alcohol, we should be focusing on the safety issues associated with over-consumption.
- Alcohol establishments are places where people go to get drunk. These businesses do not foster economic development, and they do not create jobs.
- The proposed changes should affect development in a positive rather than a negative way.

- How do these changes compare with regulation of alcohol establishments in other cities in Utah?
- Putting bars in a walking distance from each other will keep the community safer because people will be able to walk from bar to bar or walk home instead of having to drive while under the influence.
- Currently the boarded-up buildings and vacant areas of downtown provide an environment where undesirable activities such as panhandling, drug dealing, and vagrancy can occur. To alleviate these problems, the focus should be on increasing the occupancy rates in downtown. As more storefronts become occupied, vibrancy will return and the questionable activities will move away from downtown. This in turn will help visitors throughout the region to feel safe and comfortable while visiting downtown.
- The market will help determine the number of alcohol establishments in downtown so the risk of becoming another French Quarter is low.

As the group discussed what conditions they would like to see placed on new alcohol establishments that would be allowed under the proposal, the following specific suggestions were made:

- Parking restrictions
    - Those frequenting the establishment should use public transportation
- Community Council notification and polling before a new alcohol establishment permit is issued
- Increase in police presence to enforce alcohol laws
- Noise restrictions focusing on decibel levels
- Requiring property owners to keep the outside of their establishments clean and well kept, e.g. remove cigarette butts out of the planter boxes around the establishment
- There must be a minimum of one business between alcohol establishments
- Establishments enter into "good neighbor agreements" with neighborhood

There was some discussion about the state laws regulating the availability of liquor licenses. The City's proposal does not change or affect state licensing laws in any way.

Follow-up Downtown Neighborhood Discussion Group
October 7, 2009
City and County Building, Room 126

A follow-up Downtown Neighborhood Discussion group was held on October 7, 2009 in the Salt Lake City and County Building. 20 participants were invited and 6 individuals representing the following interests attended: The LDS church, small and large businesses operating in downtown Salt Lake, and Ski Utah. In addition to the 6 participants, representatives from the Mayor's office and the SLC Department of Community and Economic Development were present as observers.

After staff presented a brief overview of the proposal, and how the proposed changes would affect the downtown area, time was turned over to the participants. A common concern expressed by many of the participants is that removing the 2-per-blockface requirement in downtown could open the city up to areas with large concentrations of bars. The group also felt it was important to keep downtown "family friendly" while creating an atmosphere that incentivizes people to stay in downtown after dinner. Participants observed that people will visit downtown for dinner, but after 9 pm they move to The Gateway or other areas of the city to pursue other entertainment options.

The following notes capture the major comments made by individual participants; because consensus was not the goal of the discussion, the notes may reflect conflicting views:

- If the 2-per-blockface requirement is removed, how can the city ensure that the area's surrounding downtown that are zoned RMU remain mixed use, and not become overrun by alcohol related uses.
- Areas that are primarily residential should be protected in order to maintain the quality of life that already exists.
- Noise controls should be put in place.
- Ensure that the future development is consistent with the master plan of the area
- Keep downtown an area that is comfortable for Temple Square visitors, while meeting the needs of convention visitors.
- If the goal of the changes is to provide "neighborhood hangouts" why can't restaurants serve this purpose?
- One participant said "I am glad the establishments are spaced the way they are." The feeling was that a spacing requirement will make downtown more inviting.
- "Downtown should not become a tourist's playground."
- Downtown needs to be energized and become a draw for younger visitors. One example that was discussed was LoDo in Denver, Colorado.

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- Create a buffer zone to protect residential areas in downtown.
- Lighting requirements to make the surrounding area more desirable.
- Require a smoking area off to the side of the establishment so that smokers don't have to be on the sidewalk in front of the establishment.
- Maintain the outside of the property and surrounding area.
- Require a security and maintenance plan.
- Require that a large percentage of the building that fronts the sidewalk be transparent glass so that you can see what is going on inside.
- Instead of eliminating the spacing requirement, create a new graduated requirement where establishments that primarily serve alcohol have to remain further apart, but those that serve less alcohol and more food be allowed closer together