



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 260250

Submitted Department/Preparer: Law

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Amending Chapter 10, Code of Ordinances, Alcoholic Beverages, enacting a new sections 10-216 and 10-336 for the purpose of designating certain geographic areas within the City experiencing acute detrimental public safety and public health impacts from the retail package sale of alcohol as "Retail Alcohol Impact Areas" and placing certain conditions on retail package licenses within such designated areas.

Discussion

The City has received numerous reports from residents, neighborhood associations, public safety partners, and City personnel, and the Kansas City Police Department concerning recurring public safety and public health concerns in specific corridors. The sale of alcoholic beverages can present a unique risk the quality and character of neighborhoods and collective public safety. Research shows that when concentrated in specific areas, retail practices like selling cheap, single serve high alcohol content products can unintentionally contribute to unsafe and unstable neighborhood conditions, including but not limited to increased crime, including violent crime, increased and/or repeated calls for police and emergency services, increased loitering, public intoxication, public disorder, and higher levels of litter.

The Multidisciplinary Public Safety Task Force routinely recommends that retailers in impacted areas refrain from such sales to reduce nuisance activity, and public safety and disorder concerns. The purpose of a retail alcohol impact area plan is to provide the City with an additional tool to mitigate problems with neighborhood stability, public safety, chronic public inebriation, and illegal activities linked to the sale or consumption of alcohol within a geographic area. Research shows that alcohol-related nuisance and disorder often extend into adjacent blocks near retail package outlets, and studies on alcohol outlet density demonstrate that these impacts frequently affect the surrounding street network, making it necessary for the City Council to define retail alcohol impact areas broadly enough to prevent displacement into immediately adjoining areas.

City Council finds that restricting the retail package sale of certain alcohol products within narrowly tailored geographic areas, while leaving undisturbed the operation of restaurants, taverns, and other on-premises establishments, is a reasonable and necessary measure to promote public safety, public health, and neighborhood stability.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? Yes No
2. What is the funding source?
This ordinance has no direct fiscal impact.
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
This ordinance has no direct fiscal impact.
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
This ordinance has no direct fiscal impact.
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
This ordinance has no direct fiscal impact.

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. Yes No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. Yes No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. Yes No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

This ordinance has no direct fiscal impact.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)

2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Public Safety (Press tab after selecting.)

3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):

- Engage the community and community partners to focus on evidence-based approaches to public safety.
- Focus on violence prevention among all age groups, placing an emphasis on youth.
- Increase fairness, justice, and responsiveness of our municipal criminal justice system to support the best possible outcome for offenders and victims of crime.
- Reduce recidivism through prevention, deterrence, including detention, and re-entry services.
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Prior Legislation

N/A

Service Level Impacts

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Law

Select One: Sponsored
 Directive: Res/Ord # 260250

Select One: Recommend
 Do Not Recommend
 Not Applicable

Click or tap here to provide reasoning.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
Positive impact to surrounding neighborhoods and communities currently suffering negative impacts from the retail sale of certain alcoholic beverage products.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
Public engagement through communication with applicable neighborhood groups and organizations.
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
N/A
4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)
Please provide reasoning why not:
This ordinance does not seek to authorize an agreement for which CREO review is applicable.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
No(Press tab after selecting)

