

CITY OF SALEM
Written Testimony
City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, June 11, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

4.e. [18-268](#)

Changes to Salem Revised Code Chapter 94 to allow permitting of restricted concessionaire sales of alcoholic beverages with 14 percent or more alcohol by volume at Riverfront Park and Bush's Pasture Park.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Recommendation:

Proceed to second reading of Ordinance Bill No. 9-18, which amends Salem Revised Code Chapter 94 to allow sales of alcoholic beverages with 14 percent or more alcohol by volume at Riverfront Park and Bush's Pasture Park if the alcoholic beverage is purchased from a concessionaire that is operating pursuant to a permit issued by the Director of Public Works and licensed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Attachments:

[Ordinance Bill No. 9-18](#)

[5-29-18 -Written Testimony 1](#)

[5-29-18 Written Testimony 2](#)

[Written Testimony Received through 6-6-18](#)

[Written Testimony](#)

[6-11-18 Written Testimony Received to 5:00 pm](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

Amy Johnson

From: Jayne Downing <jayne@hopeandsafety.org>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 4:43 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Sally Cook; CHRISTOPHER HOY
Subject: FW: Concerns with Hard Liquor in the Parks
Attachments: 20180611162400974.pdf

I am attaching a letter voicing concerns regarding hard liquor in the City parks. Thank you for asking for community input.

All my best,

Jayne Downing | Executive Director
Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service)
605 Center Street NE | Salem, OR 97301
503-378-1572 | www.hopeandsafety.org
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From: ricoh.scan@hopeandsafety.org [mailto:ricoh.scan@hopeandsafety.org]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Jayne Downing <jayne@hopeandsafety.org>
Subject:

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Center for HOPE & SAFETY



Formerly Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service

June 11, 2018

Mayor and City Council Members
City of Salem
555 Liberty Street SE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

The Center for Hope & Safety, located at 605 Center Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301 would like to voice concerns regarding the use of hard alcohol (anything above the city's current 14% by volume currently permitted) in public city parks.

The Center for Hope & Safety (CHS) has been in Salem for 45 years providing ongoing services to victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Human Trafficking. After working with tens of thousands of victims of violence, we know drugs and alcohol do not cause domestic or sexual violence. However, these substances are often used by abusers to create an excuse for their abusive behavior and victims are often fearful of the escalation of abuse when alcohol or drugs are in use.

Our primary concern has to do with the environment this will create for the families we serve. Many of the survivors in our program use the parks as a place to take time for themselves and as a place for them to spend time with their children. Our safe house serves anywhere from 300-500 people per year, with half of them being children at any given time. Survivors that come to our Advocacy Center located downtown will come to us seeking services and will take their children to the park before or after their visit with us.

After careful consideration and knowing what our clients' needs are, we feel having hard liquor in public parks is not in the best interests of children or adults in our community. Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns. If you have any questions or would like to contact me please feel free to do so at: Jayne@hopeandsafety.org or call me at 503-378-1572.

Sincerely,


Jayne Downing
Executive Director

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Amy Johnson

From: Britta Franz <brittafran@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 4:59 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: TONight's agenda..Re 14+% ALCOHOL in OUR PARKS !

Dear City Council Members,
I just learned "14% beverages in TWO Parks" is on tonight's agenda, 2cd reading.

I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED !!!

(I was an officially involved volunteer in the development, work & growth of BOTH Parks! with two mayors.)

BUSH Park, plus subsequently Riverfront Park have served our citizens, families and children safely and well for all these many many years.

NOW: In 2018, we are experiencing, and near-FUTURE anticipate, a HUGE influx of population. Predicgttable High Density residents in our lifetime, with- in our city limits, means OUR parks will soon be maxed with citizen users.

The impact of inserting High alcohol - a very Drastic Decision for the FUTURE of our community, into our two major community PARKS - is being taken much too lightly by everyone because it was rushed without sufficient citizen or COUNCIL MEMBER consideration.

TONIGHT ! URGENTLY ! I propose that the Ordinance be: tabled, adjusted, re-considered, or whatever is appropriate, for further consideration.

I believe the staff report does not cover sufficient information to have you make a well considered decision as our responsible, capable, City Council members.

YOU have not been given to opportunity to truly be our "City Father's and MOthers".as you spoke about at the recent Special Friday council meeting. !.

AT minimum I URGENTLY and sincerely propose

-) For ONLY THIS SUMMER not forever !!!
-) for ONLY ONE PARK not both at once
-) be re-evaluated: for more information on impact of %14 alcohol at special public events on our citizens, families, children, sports and recreation participants...
-) Limited permits have to each be evaluated & approved by qualified - not by the Public Works Director.

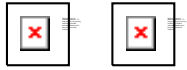
Please advise If you recommend that I appear at Council,..That it is Not too LATE ! .and not in vain. I would speak to mine or any possible appropriate proposals you might suggest.

'Else I will just sadly rest at home, still from my fabulous Birthday Party which took place on last Council Meeting's evening.

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purchased from a concessionaire that is operating pursuant to a permit issued by the Director of Public Works and licensed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Ordinance Bill No. "

Britta



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Amy Johnson

From: Britta Franz <brittafran@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 4:31 PM
To: citycouncil; Steve Powers; Kacey Duncan
Subject: My request re: 18-268 Tonight's Council Meeting

Dear City of Salem: City Council Members

Regarding "18-268 14 e Allowing permitting of restricted concession sales of alcoholic beverages with 14% or more alcohol at both Riverfront Park and Bush Pasture Park"

I request that you

Please specify that you review untoward effects after this summer.

Thank YOU

Britta Lion Franz



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Amy Johnson

From: Naomi Shantz <shantzne@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 3:53 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Ordinance Bill 9-18

Dear City Councilmembers,

As a nurse and military member for more than 20 years, service to others is an important part of my core values and something I attempt to instill in my children. I would like to thank each of you for caring enough about our community to have sought out public office; it is appreciated. Many aspects of Salem make it a wonderful community where we can grow and care for families, neighbors and our environment; important components needed for civilizations to thrive. Which is why I was rather disturbed by the amendment to allow sale of alcohol greater than 14% in Riverfront Park and Bush Park.

If the intent of holding events is to impart and instill community while introducing cultures, concepts, artistic endeavors and local entrepreneurs then the target should be all of the community, which to me means families. Demographically, families represent a greater portion of the community than any other and also provide stability. My perception of events serving hard liquor is there will likely be a harder edge to the clientele with perhaps less concern for what language is used. Just the mere fact that the OLCC outdoor sales requirements includes a need to maintain and adequately control the defined boundaries of the outdoor area designated for alcohol consumption reinforces this belief. Who is to adequately control those who have consumed alcohol and left the designated area?

A second area of concern is the gentle nurturing and growth of our local small businesses. They are another facet of community we ought to support. While hard liquor may increase advertising and sponsorship, what impact will it have on them? What message do we send? How do I teach my children that it is OK to change the rules as long as there is an increase to profit?

Previously I mentioned my roots as a nurse and military member so would like to note, I am no stranger to language of any variety and in many languages! However, I also know these are not events I knowingly take my children to. Take the World Beat for example. Previously we had attended but when hard alcohol began to be served, I was concerned and opted to not attend. The petition mentions the addition of hard liquor would increase the experience of participants. While this may be true of a small percentage of the population, I suspect much of the community would have a negative response as it would no longer be the culture we want expose our families and children to for a community event. Therefore, I urge you to vote against this petition.

Thank you for your time, consideration and continued dedication to our community.

Respectfully,
Naomi Shantz, RN
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