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### **Mayor Nickels' Nightlife Premises Ordinance SeattleNMA Talking Points & Areas of Concern**

- The new proposal expands the definition of establishments subject to the “Nightlife Premises License.” Over 300 bars, taverns and nightclubs will be affected. It is unclear to date exactly how the City will identify which establishments are subject to the legislation.
- The ordinance includes severe penalties for violating the proposed operating standards. Such penalties include suspension of the Nightlife Premises License for exceeding capacity, excessive noise, and liquor violations. These suspensions range from one week to one year to a permanent suspension.
- An establishment applying for a license will be required to submit a detailed operating plan outlining how they will ensure compliance of the operating standards. The city could deny a license if they feel the operating plan does not adequately prevent violations of the standards.
- If this legislation were to pass, establishments subject to the ordinance have only 60-days to submit a completed application, which includes an operating plan. If affected establishments do not submit the application within 60-days, the city could subject owners to a civil penalty of \$1,000 per day and possible criminal charges.
- Operating plans will be circulated to various city agencies including the Seattle Police Department, Department of Neighborhood, and Department of Planning and Development. They will have a year to review initial Nightlife Premises License applications and will be requested to comment on operating plans to determine if it adequately addresses all issues. The city could license based on their comments.
- Establishments subject to the Nightlife Premises License will be required to pick up litter within 50-feet of your establishment between the hours of 30-minutes after closing and 8:00 AM. If found in violation of this standard, owners would be subject to a fine.
- A new noise standard has been proposed. Violation of this new standard could result in a suspension or revocation of the Nightlife Premises License.