

Alcohol Control Bylaw 2015 Submissions

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Name: Nathan Morgan

Organisation (if applicable): Western Community Centre

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- **24/7 ban in Te Rapa area:** Yes

Name: Adip Desai

Organisation (if applicable):

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- **24/7 ban in Central City area:** Yes
- **24/7 ban in Te Rapa area:** Yes
- **10pm-6am City wide ban:** No

Name:

Organisation (if applicable):

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Name: Sean Farrar

Organisation (if applicable):

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Comments: I believe a 24/7 alcohol ban should be in place in all streets within the HCC district. This would be for the vulnerable communities where alcohol consumption, particular irresponsible consumption, is prevalent. From what I gathered in the bylaw, it is possible to consume alcohol between 6am and 10pm in parks/reserves, and streets. If this is not the case, and this is prohibited, or also considered public space, then clarifying that in the proposal would be helpful. Otherwise, a good proposal.

Name: Susan Stevenson

Organisation (if applicable):

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Do you have any other comments? - Do you have any other questions?

I think there need to be tighter controls on people leaving bars with bottles or drinking out of bottles and then smashing them in the CBD area

Name: Thomas Henderson

Organisation (if applicable):

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Comments: yes continue the ban

- **24/7 ban in Te Rapa area:** Yes

Comments: yes continue the ban

What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you agree with and why?

The central city needs to have strict alcohol bans because there is an element that think its cool to drink where they can be seen in their particular part of the central city - play the hero etc This doesn't make for a great city, it makes for a ghetto and slum-like conditions where other people are afraid to visit, live or park their car !!

Name: Brian Wilcock

Organisation (if applicable):

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Name: Ciane Ellen Lawrey

Organisation (if applicable): Brampton Holdings Ltd

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Do you have any other comments? - Do you have any other questions?

The by-law would be improved greatly if it was to include sports grounds in its 24/7 total liquor ban. Living next to a sports field I am constantly horrified at the abuse leveled a club officials by the people boozing on the sidelines. After talking to the club chairman he also would like the drinking to stop, but feels powerless to in force any change to the status quo. The drinkers also leave behind their empties on the sports ground and the surrounding streets creating a hazard of glass bottles that then become broken glass. For years now elderly members of our community have taken it upon themselves to remove this rubbish, but their health is failing and they can no longer preform this community service.

A total ban on liquor will not only make our community safer but it will provide better role modeling to the children present (which there are many) that watching and taking part in a sporting community does not involve 'getting boozed' at every opportunity.

Name: Ningning Su

Organisation (if applicable):

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Name: Shona McClinchy

Organisation (if applicable): n/a

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What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you agree with and why?

I agree with the stated proposed bylaw.

What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you disagree with and why?

I do not disagree.

Do you have any other comments? - Do you have any other questions?

Anything to reduce the harm caused by alcohol would receive my support. This does not only cover the physical damage to health, unwarranted use of hospital facilities, accidents, dangerous driving, abusive behaviour but also the environmental effect of excessive noise.

Name: Andrew Jones

Organisation (if applicable): The Phoenix Group

The bylaw proposes to continue the current alcohol ban areas with no changes. Do you support continuing to ban the consumption and possession of alcohol in the following areas:

- **24/7 ban in Central City area:** Yes

Comments: I support the status quo.

- **24/7 ban in Te Rapa area:** Yes

Comments: I support the status quo.

- **10pm-6am City wide ban:** Yes

Comments: I support the status quo.

What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you agree with and why?

I support the status quo.

What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you disagree with and why?

I support the status quo.

Do you have any other comments? - Do you have any other questions?

I support the status quo.

Name: Lance Kendrick

Organisation (if applicable): The Social & Ecumenical Action Committee within the Parish Council of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hamilton

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Comments: The rights and enjoyment of responsible drinkers should not be overly-curtailed. Under this night time-only city-wide ban, residents can still enjoy a picnic in a public park with a bottle of wine amidst the glories of nature.

What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you agree with and why?

We approve of most of the draft Bylaw.

The city is right to seek a balance between "individual responsibility" and freedom on the one hand, and appropriately-controlled drinking and non-drinking environments on the other (due to the effects of alcohol-related harm). We need to protect and promote public health and community safety.

What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you disagree with and why?

Unopened containers are one of the greyest matters in any liquor ban area. The draft Bylaw states in DEFINITIONS SECTION 4.2: "Explanatory notes are for information only. They do not form part of this bylaw, and may be made, amended, revoked or replaced by the Council at any time without a formal process." In other words, Explanatory Notes cannot be fully relied upon. Therefore, PERMANENT ALCOHOL BANS, SECTION 5, EXPLANATORY NOTE 2 (p.3) is insufficient to protect innocent persons. Exemption for unopened alcohol containers should be more-clearly listed with the other Exemptions in Section 6 and so form an official part of this actual Bylaw. Indeed, the wording to be taken from Explanatory Note 2 of Section 5 and put in Section 6 Exemptions should be expanded to cover the scenario in your own Fact Sheet: "Can I carry alcohol home or to a BYO restaurant, through alcohol ban areas? Yes, provided the container is unopened when being transported through the alcohol ban area."

Do you have any other comments? - Do you have any other questions?

This draft Alcohol Control Bylaw makes no reference to a Local Alcohol Policy which may govern aspects of the operation of on-licences and on-licences within the bounds of local authorities (as permitted under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012). Hamilton city should have two policies as companion-pieces, in order to complete "the big picture" for our city.

Name: Jacqui Graham

Organisation (if applicable): Wise Group

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What aspects of the proposed bylaw do you disagree with and why?

The bylaw proposes to continue the current alcohol ban areas with no changes. We seek to have the current alcohol ban area extended to include the Hamilton East shopping precinct including Steel Park. The reason we request a ban on the consumption and possession of alcohol in this area is due to the following well known on-going issues;

- groups of people gather in Steel Park winter and summer with numbers increasingly in the summer months. They congregate for hours on end, often the whole day openly consuming alcohol. There are often children with them and dogs. Both the children and the dogs roam largely unsupervised.
- these people are not from this area and often drive here. We suspect the proximity of the liquor outlet, Mc Donalds, the park, toilets and seating makes the area attractive for this purpose.
- these groups take over all seating and the family rest facility
- as a business we overlook the park and are constantly witnessing shouting, pushing, public urination and intimidation. As the level of alcohol intake increases the behaviour deteriorates and only when the fights break out do we call the Police.
- our staff feel intimidated and feel unable to use either the toilet or park facilities. This has restricted particularly their ability to use the park for exercise and recreation. They are often hassled as they go to lunch in the shops in the area.
- We have three schools in close proximity of this area, two being primary schools and the level of intoxication by this group and subsequent behaviour around 3pm when children leave school is of concern.

Even if this ban was just Monday to Friday during working hours it would increase the safety for both the people who work in the area and the school age children.

Do you have any other comments? - Do you have any other questions?

This is not a new problem and at times when situations have escalated this has resulted in an increased Police presence. This has resulted in some relief on some days but has never been a sustainable solution. We are strongly of the view that a restricted liquor ban would stop this group and all the people who tag along with them congregating in this neighbourhood.

We also note that the situation has been further exacerbated due to the provision of free meals in the park area. This makes Hamilton East a destination to drink all day in the park and then stay until early evening to get a free meal.