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**TO:** Judicial and Administration Committee  
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**SUBJECT:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2025/2026 Alcohol License Year  
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**Quarterly Alcohol Enforcement Report**  
**Reporting Period:** January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
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### **Follow-Up Information**

#### **Tequila's**

##### **Synopsis:**

Tequila's continues on their abatement plan which included the following requirements:

- Check ID of those who appear 30 years of age or younger.
- Verification of two forms of identification for entry
- Immediate contact with law enforcement regarding suspicious activity
- Submission of a monthly customer log

They have failed to produce a monthly customer log since January despite Officers stopping in monthly requesting. Latest request/reminder was given in February.

##### **Follow-Up Actions:**

- *26-08242 – Bar Check:* On February 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 Officers were conducting bar checks around the campus area after receiving complaints about underage individuals consuming alcohol around campus. Two underage individuals were served alcohol despite being under 21. Tequilas was cited for serving to underage individuals. This has not been heard in municipal court yet.

##### **Miscellaneous:**

During this quarter three citations related to underage consumption were taken to court. One was upheld and two were dismissed by the municipal judge. These are being appealed in circuit court and are set for hearing in April. If upheld, they will be subject to revocation or non-renewal of their liquor license.

#### **Citgo**

##### **Synopsis:**

Following last quarter's discovery involving the sale of illegal prescription medications, several compliance checks were conducted. Multiple violations related to tobacco and vape products were identified. The Department of Revenue – Tobacco/Vape unit confiscated several illegal vape products, and the establishment was cited for failure to post required signage for THC products (Ordinance 32-165). As mentioned last quarter, they continued to sell concerning legal items such as:

- Glass pipes

- Nitrous Oxide containers (“whippets”) in multiple sizes
- Mushroom products, THC Delta-8, and THC-A products

During a compliance check, 22 Sildenafil (generic Viagra) tablets—available only by prescription—were located. This discovery followed a prior warning to the establishment regarding the unlawful sale of prescription medication without proper licensure. Consultation with Mayo Clinic confirmed the medication is prescription-only and not authorized for over-the-counter sale in the United States. After review with the District Attorney’s Office, the owner of Citgo was charged with two counts of Delivery of Prescription Medication (Wis. Stat. § 450.11(7)(g)), a Class H felony, for this incident and a prior violation last quarter.

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### Compliance Checks

During this quarter, the La Crosse Police Department continued promoting responsible alcohol sales, purchases, and consumption within the community. We recognize the impact alcohol-related issues have on public safety and have continued to prioritize education, enforcement, and community engagement. We continue our partnership with the Department of Revenue – Division of Alcohol Beverages (DOR). Our department has recently established a new partnership with the Department of Revenue – Division of Tobacco and Vape. We conducted random compliance checks at several tobacco and vape and Class B licensed establishments.

- **Total Joint Compliance Checks:** Six alcohol and four tobacco/vape.
- **Failures:** Each establishment had one or more failures; most were addressed through education and corrective guidance.

#### Notable Violations:

- Rolling Tress (444 Main St.): Did not have a valid seller’s permit. Large inventory of vape products were confiscated by DOR – Tobacco/vape
- Chucks Bar: Bouncer allowed and served underage individuals during a compliance check. Three citations were issued related to underage consumption. See below for further information regarding Chronic Nuisance Property (CNP).

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### Education and Outreach

- **Alcohol Compliance Training:** Captain Wenger and I delivered a one-hour alcohol compliance training to command staff, with the goal of standardizing and disseminating a proactive approach to bar and compliance checks among frontline personnel.
- **Outreach:** Our Department has been coordinating with the La Crosse County Health Department to establish a partnership focused on underage tobacco use, with plans to formalize this collaboration next quarter.

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### Enforcement Comparative Analysis:

- Enforcement activity increased compared to the same quarter of the previous license year.
- **Total Bar Checks:**
  - 2024: 88
  - 2025: 123
  - Approximate 40% increase year to year

**Citations Issued:** 24

#### Observations:

Enforcement activity involving licensed establishments continues to increase, with an ongoing focus on compliance, education, and corrective action. We’ve also continued to build our partnership with the Department of Revenue, which has improved coordination and overall enforcement efforts on with both alcohol and tobacco/vape.

### Chronic Nuisance Property Establishment Chucks:

Chuck's Bar has had three calls for service resulting in enforcement action within a 12-month period, meeting the threshold for designation as a Chronic Nuisance Property. After consultation with the City Attorney's Office, it has been determined that we will proceed with the Chronic Nuisance Property process to ensure a consistent and equitable approach to licensed establishments.

- 9/4/25, Case 25-39608 – One citation from a compliance check failure resulting in allowing underage in bar. The trial is scheduled for May 2026.

Summary of check: On 09/04/25 Officer Abraham was working with underage individuals to conduct citywide compliance checks. The two underage individuals attempted to get into the bar and the bouncer asked for their IDs. The volunteers provided their real IDs which were valid and had the correct birthday. Despite them being under the age of 21 they were granted access into the bar. Bouncer was cited for 4-7.

- 9/6/25, Case 25-39973 – Six UA related citations for 4-10 and 4-9. All six of these were found guilty/paid.

Summary of check: On 09/06/25 Officers conducted a random bar check at Chucks Bar. Upon entry into the bar Officers observed several individuals who appeared underage with drinks in their hands walk quickly away to the back of the bar. Officers contacted three individuals who were underage and admitted to consuming alcohol. Two of those three provided fake IDs. All were cited for 4-9 and 4-10 and released.

- 2/25/26, Case 26-08261 – Three citations, compliance check failure resulting in citations for 4-10 (x2) and 4-6. The underage in bar has been paid. The two for the bartender are scheduled for court in April.

Summary of check: On 02/25/26 Officer Jelinski was conducting compliance checks with underage individuals. The two underage individuals provided their real IDs from WI and MN. The bartender noticed one was underage and asked her if she had a "fake ID to show me". She informed him he did not and allowed her to stay on the premises. He then served the male underage male a Busch Light beer. When Officer Jelinski walked in, he observed a large group of individuals who appeared to be underage quickly exit the bar upon seeing law enforcement. Officer Jelinski caught up with a male who was identified as underage and stated his ID was never checked and gained entry by walking through the unsupervised back door. He was cited for 4-10. The bartender was cited for 4-10 and 4-9.

### **Quarterly Summary**

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the La Crosse Police Department continued proactive alcohol compliance checks and enforcement efforts aimed at reducing underage consumption and enhancing public safety. Through ongoing bar checks and focused enforcement, compliance issues were identified and addressed, with particular attention given to establishments requiring continued oversight.

The Department has also continued to strengthen our partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, improving coordination and supporting more effective enforcement of alcohol, tobacco, and vape regulations. This partnership will remain a priority, with a continued focus on deterrence, compliance, and community education.