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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 6, 2026

TO: Judicial and Administration Committee

FROM: Sergeant D. Mandujano 

SUBJECT: 2nd Quarter of 2025/2026 Alcohol License Year

COPIES TO: None

Quarterly Alcohol Enforcement Report

Reporting Period: October 1st through December 31st, 2025

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Follow-Up Information

Tequila's

Synopsis:

Tequila's met with the La Crosse Police Department and the City Attorney's Office and agreed to an abatement plan. This abatement plan went into effect October 1st.

The components of the abatement plan 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

Follow-Up Actions:

- *25-44736 – Trouble with Party:* On October 1st, Tequila's employees contacted law enforcement to report suspected underage individuals attempting to gain entry. Three underage individuals (ages 17–20) were issued citations for possession of false identification.
- *25-50173 – Bar Check:* On November 4th, officers conducted a bar check and found no violations.
- *25-54331 – Bar Check:* On December 4th, officers conducted a bar check in partnership with the Department of Revenue – Division of Alcohol Beverages. Several violations were identified. Education was provided regarding the violations; no enforcement action was taken.

Miscellaneous:

Tequila's did not submit customer logs which was agreed upon for their abatement plan for the months of October, November, and December until requested by law enforcement. When asked why they stated they did not have copies of the log which was furnished to them at the abatement meeting. Copies were provided and reports were submitted late.

Compliance Checks

During this quarter, the La Crosse Police Department continued promoting responsible alcohol sales, purchases, and consumption within the community. Recognizing the impact alcohol-related issues have on public safety, the department prioritized education,

enforcement, and community engagement. In partnership with the Department of Revenue – Division of Alcohol Beverages, compliance checks were conducted at both Class A and Class B licensed establishments.

- **Total Compliance Checks:** 33 (October 1st – December 31st)
- **Failures:** Each establishment had one or more failures; most were addressed through education and corrective guidance.

Notable Violations:

- Cheap Andy's: No licensed bartender or agent was present at the time of inspection. A citation was issued for failure to have a licensed bartender (Ordinance 4-110).
- Citgo – State Road: Multiple violations were identified. While some items located were legal, they raised significant concerns:
 - Sale of glass pipes
 - Sale of Nitrous Oxide containers (“whippets”) in multiple sizes
 - Sale of mushroom products, THC Delta-8, and THC-A products
- **Total Bar Checks:** 88 bar checks conducted between October 1st and December 31st.

Education and Outreach

- **Alcohol Compliance Training:** Four officers received training through the Department of Revenue – Division of Alcohol Beverages to assist with future compliance checks in 2026.

Enforcement

Comparative Analysis:

- Enforcement activity increased compared to the same quarter of the previous license year.
- **Bar Checks:**
 - 2024: 73
 - 2025: 88
 - Approximate 20% increase year to year (includes compliance checks)

Citations Issued: 23

Observations:

Enforcement actions involving licensed establishments continue to increase, with a sustained focus on compliance, education, and corrective measures.

Concerning Establishment

Citgo

Over the past year, the La Crosse Police Department has received Crime Stoppers tips indicating that underage individuals know Citgo as a known location for purchasing alcohol and other concerning items. In September, Citgo failed a compliance check after selling alcohol to a minor and was cited for Ordinance 4-6.

During the most recent compliance check, Citgo was also found to be in violation of invoice maintenance requirements and was educated on proper record-keeping practices. In addition, several concerning items were located within the establishment.

Legal Items (Concerning):

- Numerous glass pipes. While legal to possess, these items are commonly used by individuals to consume illegal substances.
- Several large (2KG) “Exotic Whip” Nitrous Oxide containers, along with thousands of single-use flavored Nitrous Oxide containers. These items are commonly referred to as “whippets” and are frequently used to “huff” in order to experience a psychoactive effect.
- A variety of mushroom products and THC Delta-8 or THC-A products. These items are currently legal and synthetically produced to provide effects similar to illegal substances, such as THC Delta-9.

Illegal Items:

- 175 Malegra 200mg tablets (Sildenafil/generic Viagra), a prescription-only medication in the United States. These tablets were located beneath the counter, seized by officers, and the cashier admitted they were being sold for \$7 per tablet. A report was completed and forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review.

Follow-Up Actions:

- After speaking with the District Attorney further investigation will be conducted to determine if the owner of Citgo knowingly knew the prescription was only available by prescription to determine if criminal charges will be filed.
- Provide formal written notice to the license holder documenting identified violations, compliance concerns, and expectations for corrective action.
- Coordinate with the Cigarette, Tobacco, and Vape Agent and the appropriate licensing agent to review potential violations and assess the sale of legal but high-risk items.
- Conduct additional compliance checks during the next quarter to monitor corrective actions and ongoing compliance.
- On going communication with the City Attorney's and City Clerk's Offices.

Summary

Throughout this reporting period, the La Crosse Police Department continued to carry out alcohol compliance and enforcement initiatives in furtherance of public safety and regulatory accountability. Through increased inspections, targeted enforcement actions, and coordination with our state partners, compliance concerns were identified and addressed, and establishments requiring continued oversight were documented. These efforts will remain ongoing in the upcoming quarter, with continued emphasis on preventing underage access and mitigating alcohol-related impacts within the community.