

November 18, 1991

REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND SAFETY

EXPANSION OF FORTIFIED WINES ORDINANCE

Chairman Pratt has requested a formal response to the Public Services and Safety Committee on an earlier question regarding extension of restrictions on the sale of fortified wine to the central and southeast areas of the City of San Diego. Presently there are restrictions in the Gaslamp Quarter on sales of wine with an alcohol content greater than fifteen percent (15%) by volume. San Diego Municipal Code section 103.0408(F)(3)(b)(5).

A memorandum from this office dated March 13, 1991 addressed this question and is attached for your convenience. As noted, certain findings on the relevant health and safety issues would have to be considered through the public hearing process. In addition, the recommendation was made that input be obtained from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC).

We will explore this matter further if you so desire, with specific procedures to be followed, if an ordinance extending such restrictions is desired.

Respectfully submitted,
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