



Denver's 4 a.m. Bar Opening Proposal Ignites Debate

Description

A plan in Denver could let some places stay open until 4 a.m. This has mixed reactions from people. City officials believe it might make things safer. Others think it could create more risks.

The plan says that places will stop serving alcohol at 2 a.m. This is the law in Colorado. However, nightclubs can stay open for two more hours. They can serve food and drinks that do not have alcohol. This will help people leave slowly.

City officials want to reduce large crowds leaving together. In busy areas like LoDo, big crowds can lead to fights and problems. Eric Escudero from the city says they want to stop violence and support businesses.

The plan is part of changing the rules for entertainment. This is the first big update in 40 years. It will change 14 types of licenses into three: adult entertainment, limited entertainment, and nightclub licenses.

Some business owners are unsure. They feel some places may gain more customers, but costs could go up. Opponents worry that later hours may lead to more drunk driving. They also mention there is not enough late-night public transport. The city is asking for feedback and will update the plan before presenting it to the City Council in June. If the Council approves it, new rules could start on January 1.

Vocabulary List:

1. **licenses** //ˈlaɪsənsɪz// (noun): official paper giving permission to do something
2. **opponents** //əˈpəʊnənts// (noun): people who disagree with an idea or plan
3. **reduce** //rɪˈdus// (verb): make something smaller in size or amount
4. **entertainment** //,ɛntərˈteɪnmənt// (noun): something that amuses or interests people
5. **transport** //ˈtrænspɔːrt// (noun): vehicles or systems that move people or goods
6. **violence** //ˈvaɪələns// (noun): use of physical force to hurt people

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What time could some places in Denver potentially stay open until?



- Option: 2 a.m.
- Option: 3 a.m.
- Option: 4 a.m.
- Option: 5 a.m.

2. Who believes that the plan might make things safer?

- Option: City officials
- Option: Nightclub owners
- Option: Opponents
- Option: Residents

3. According to the plan, when will places stop serving alcohol?

- Option: Midnight
- Option: 1 a.m.
- Option: 2 a.m.
- Option: 3 a.m.

4. How many types of licenses will the new rules change into?

- Option: 10
- Option: 5
- Option: 3
- Option: 2

5. Which area is mentioned as a place where big crowds can lead to problems?

- Option: LoDo
- Option: Downtown
- Option: Uptown
- Option: Capitol Hill

6. What will the new plan help people to do?

- Option: Stay longer
- Option: Leave slowly
- Option: Drink more
- Option: Party harder

True-False

7. The plan allows nightclubs to serve alcohol until 4 a.m.



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8. City officials are concerned about large crowds leaving together.
 9. This is the first big update to the rules in the past 20 years.
 10. Some business owners believe that costs may go up with the new plan.
 11. The city is not seeking any feedback about the proposed plan.
 12. New rules could potentially start on January 1.

Gap-Fill

13. Nightclubs can stay open for two more hours and serve food and drinks that do not have alcohol to help people leave _____ slowly.
14. The city is asking for feedback and will update the plan before presenting it to the City _____ in June.
15. Some opponents worry that later hours may lead to more drunk _____ driving.
16. This plan is the first big update in _____ years.
17. City officials want to reduce large crowds leaving together to stop violence and support _____ .
18. The new rules will change 14 types of licenses into three: adult entertainment, limited entertainment, and _____ licenses.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 4 a.m. 2. City officials 3. 2 a.m. 4. 3 5. LoDo 6. Leave slowly
True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True
Gap-Fill: 13. slowly 14. Council 15. driving 16. 40 17. businesses 18. nightclub

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