



2022 Liquor Permit Annual Renewals

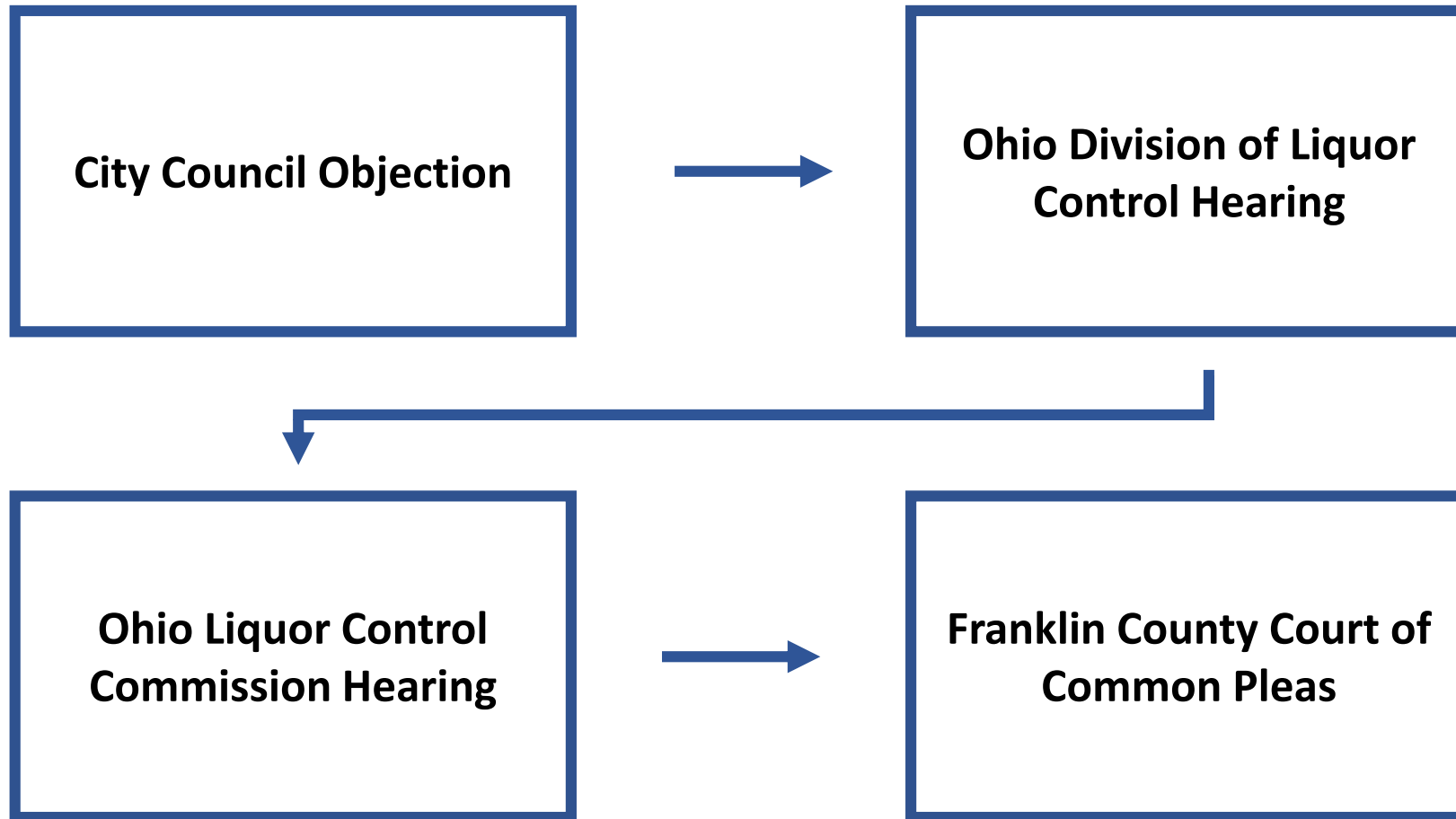
Presentation to the Public Safety & Governance
Committee of Cincinnati City Council

April 5, 2022

Process Overview

- Liquor permits are regulated by the State of Ohio, Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control
- Liquors permits are valid for one year – must be renewed annually
- City Council has the right to object to the renewal of liquor permits, under R.C. 4303.271
- Objections are usually on one of two grounds:
 - The permit holder has operated the business in disregard of the law [R.C. 4303.292(A)(1)(b)]
 - Renewal of the permit would substantially interfere with the “public decency, sobriety, peace or good order” of the neighborhood [R.C. 4303.292(A)(2)(c)]
- City Solicitor must approve the objection as having a legal basis

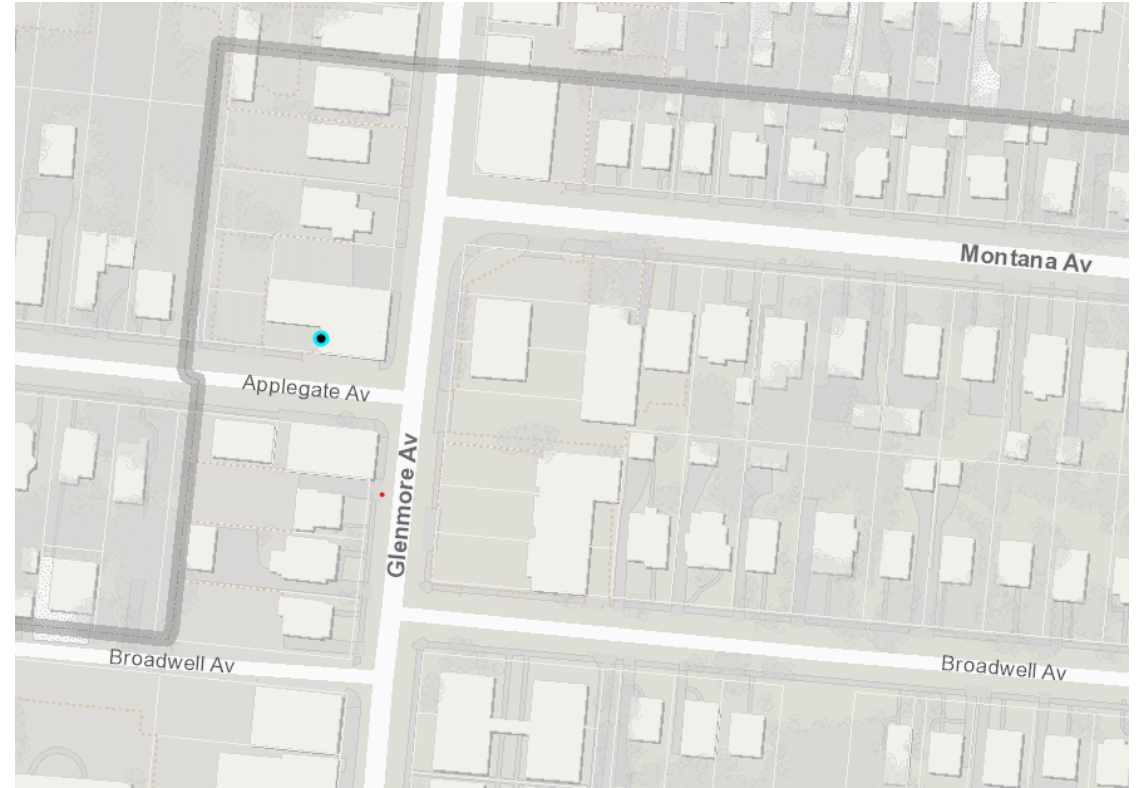
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2022 Recommended Liquor Objections

- Babe's Café, 3389 Glenmore Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211
Westwood
- B.P., 3740 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205
East Price Hill
- Dive Bar, 2608 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
Corryville

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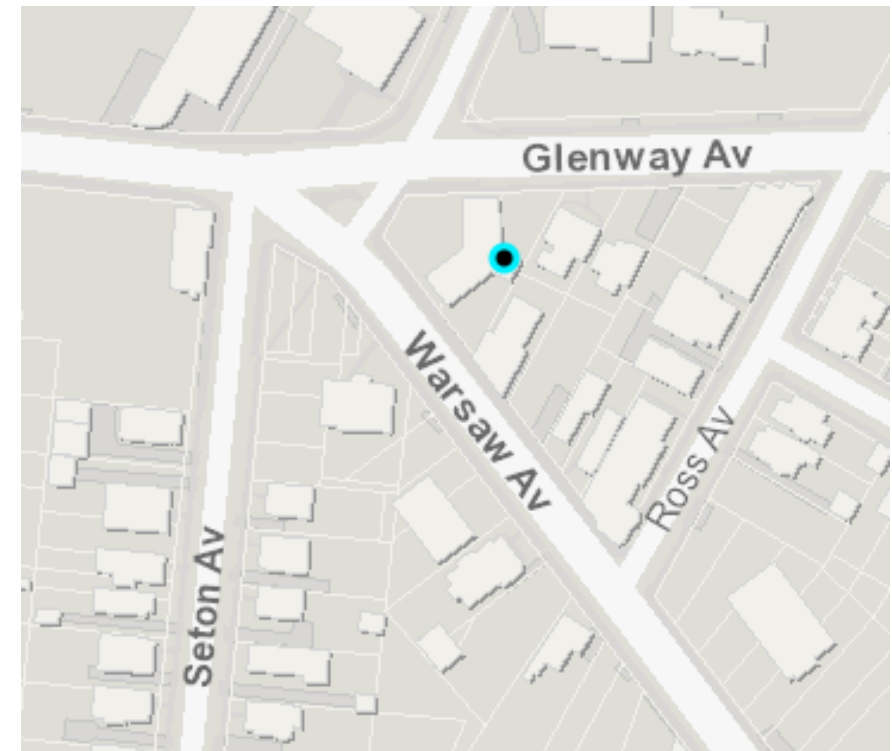
Drug Trafficking

- Four controlled buys of cocaine from bartenders (6/18/21; 7/15/21; 7/21/21; 7/29/21)

Violence

- Shooting immediately in front of bar on 7/13/21
- Six assaults (three felonious) since 1/1/21
- 39 calls for service since 1/1/21, including 3 fights, 2 gun reports, 1 shooting, 1 stabbing, 1 shots fired, 1 heroin overdose, and 1 weapon report

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Violence

- Homicide (double shooting) on 12/19/21
- Seven assaults on the property since 1/1/21

Drug Trafficking by Employee

- Employee arrested on 3/24/22 for trafficking drugs inside the store

B.P. (3749 Glenway Avenue)

Violations of Liquor Law

- Underage sales on 1/24/22 and 1/26/22

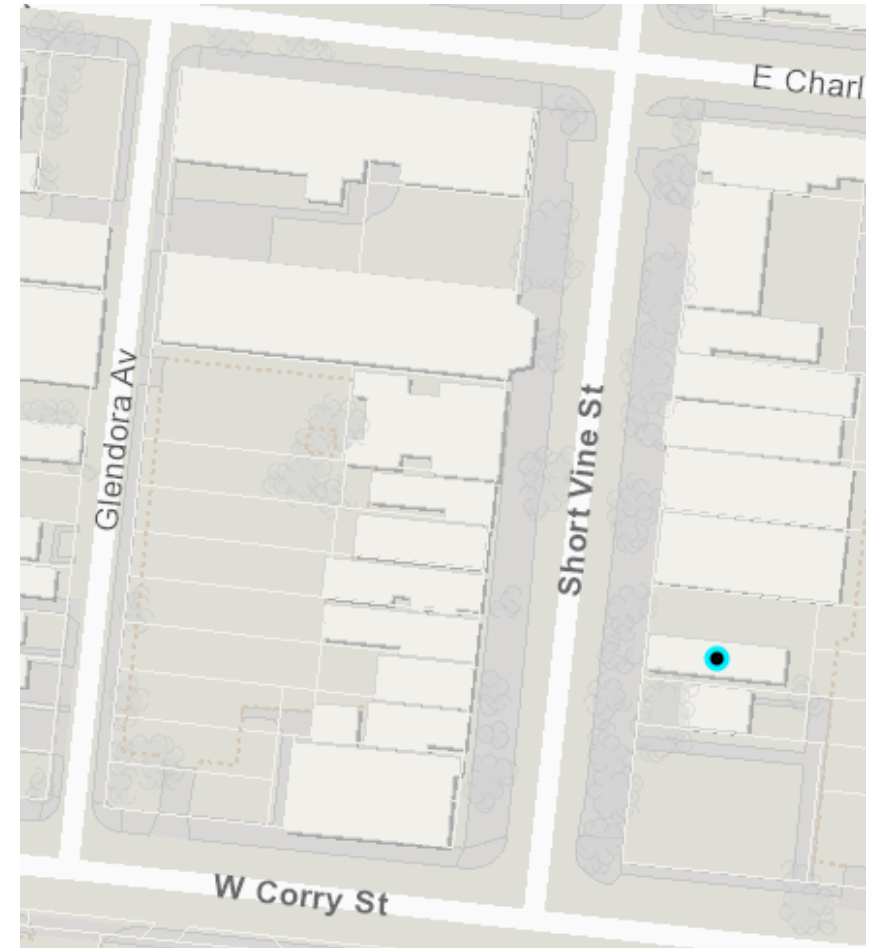
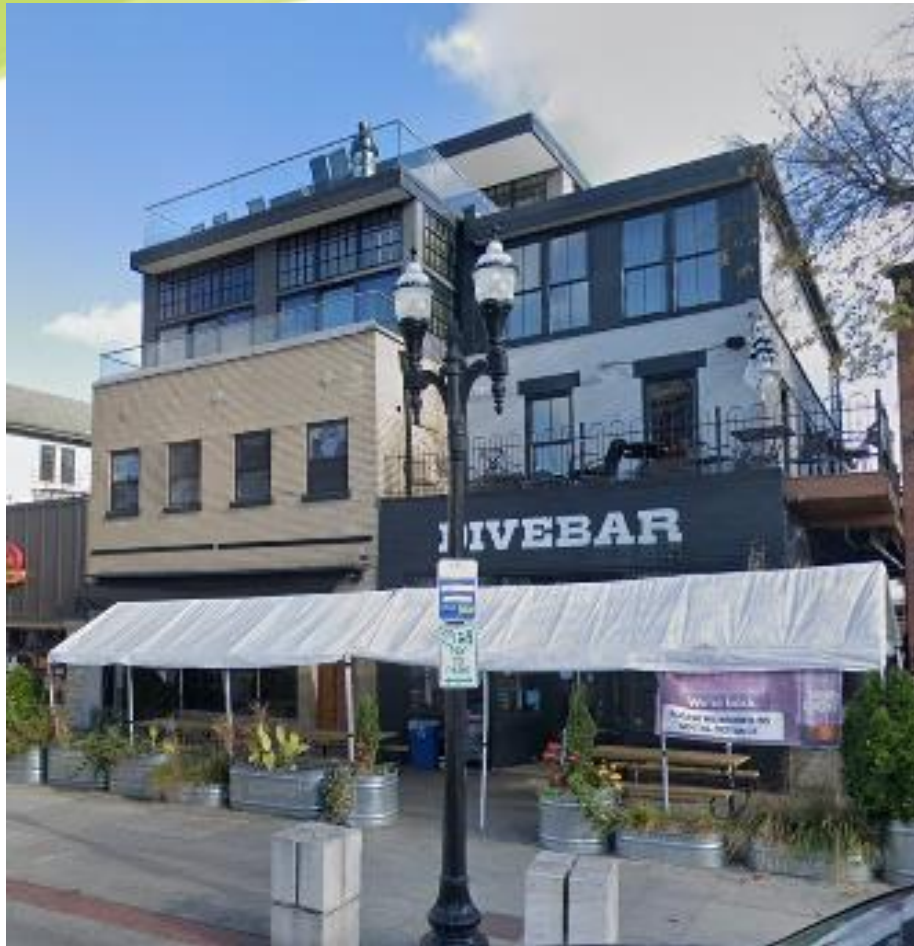
Drain on Police Resources

- 132 Calls for service since 1/1/21, including seven assaults
- 37 Offense reports since 1/1/21
- 31 Directed patrols in 2021

Community Support for Objection

- East Price Hill Improvement Association & West Price Hill Community Council

Dive Bar (2608 Short Vine Street)



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Fatal Heroin Overdose

- 8/4/21: Patron found unconscious in restroom
- 8/5 and 8/6 Dive Bar twice provided CPD with video that did not match what was requested (footage did not show area outside restrooms)
- CPD seized DVR, but is unable to access it

Shooting

- 10/9/21: Patron on video consuming drugs on premises, shot another person across the street immediately after leaving

Liquor Law Violations

- Cited for afterhours consumption of alcohol and removal of alcohol from premises on 8/27/21 and 9/10/21

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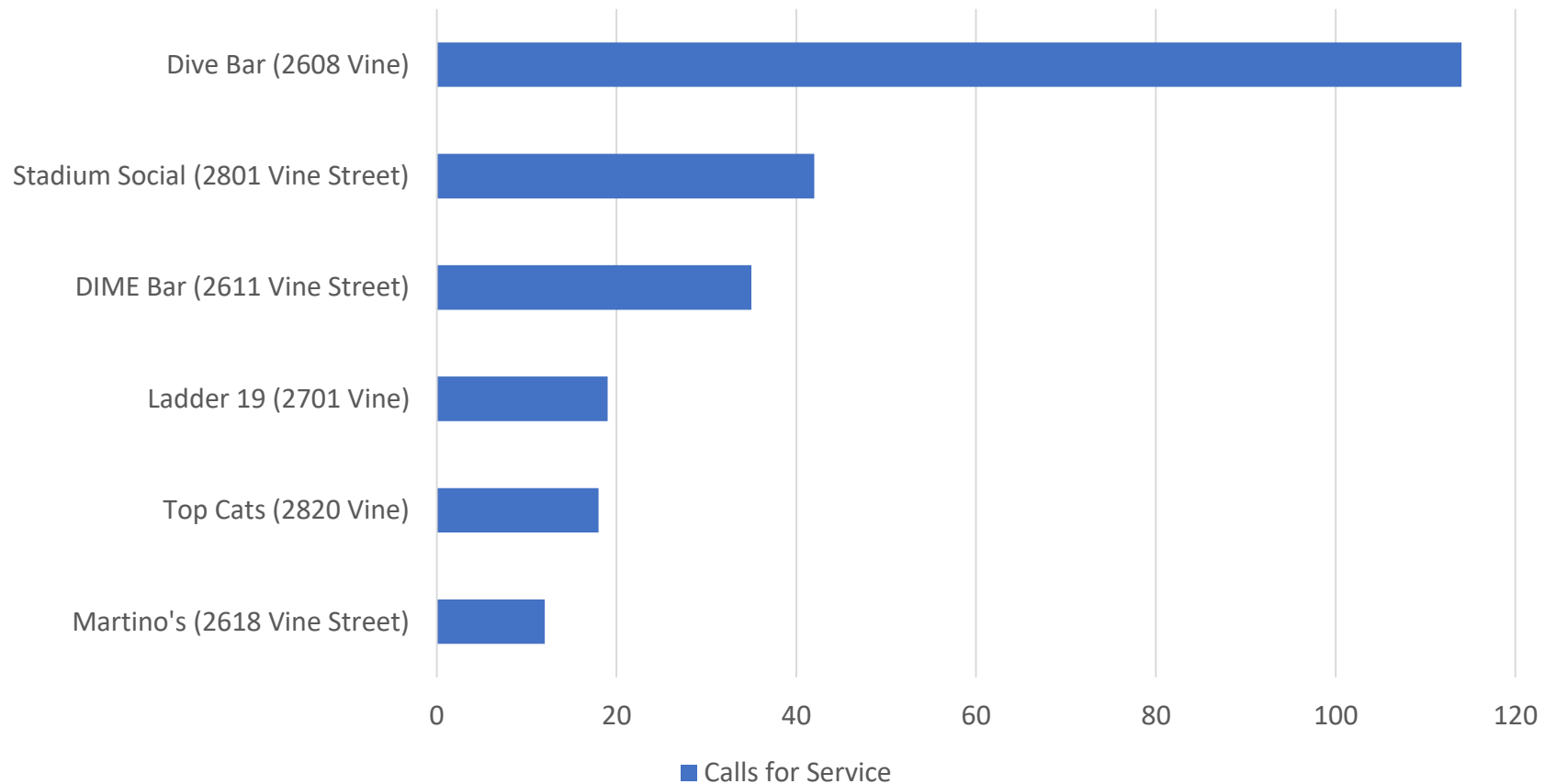
- 114 Calls for service to Dive Bar in 2021 for assaults, fights, robbery, drugs and disorderly persons and crowds
- 46 Vice Activity Reports since 6/8/21

Community Support for Objection

- Corryville Community Council & Short North Business Association

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Reactive Calls for Service
1/1/21 – 12/31/21



Next Steps

Administrative Process Begins

- If City Council votes to object to the renewal of these licenses, the Ohio Division of Liquor Control will begin its own process where hearings are held with testimony and evidence presented.
- Ultimately, any applicant may appeal the final decision of the Ohio Liquor Control Commission to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

Questions?