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Public Works Committee to take up pedal tavern legislation

The **Public Works Committee** will take up a proposed ordinance Wednesday allowing for either the complete prohibition of alcohol on so-called pedal taverns, or allowing for tight regulations on alcohol use for the often noisy “rolling parties.”

The proposed new ordinance will be heard by the committee when it meets at **9 a.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2014 in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Wednesday’s meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable in the City of Milwaukee), and on U-Verse Channel 99. Online viewing is available by going to www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

The two-part ordinance (**Substitute A and Substitute B – see links at end of release**) authored by **Alderman Robert J. Bauman** was drafted in relation to 2013 Wisconsin Act 106 (Act 106), enacted by the Legislature and effective on January 1, 2014, which specifically provides an exception to the prohibition against consumption of alcohol beverages in public places for the consumption of fermented malt beverages (beer) on commercial “quadricycles” (pedal taverns). Act 106 also authorizes a municipality to prohibit the consumption of fermented malt beverages by passengers on a commercial pedal tavern within the municipality upon adoption of an ordinance.

Two proposed substitutes have been submitted for the Committee’s consideration:

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- **Substitute A:** To prohibit the sale, transport or possession of alcohol beverages on commercial pedal taverns but with an exception that allows consumption of fermented malt beverages and sets a limit of 36 ounces (or three 12-ounce cans of beer) on the amount of fermented malt beverages that a passenger may possess or carry. Link - <http://milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/ccCouncil/2014-PDF/0127-quadricyclesSubA.pdf>
- **Substitute B:** To prohibit consumption of all alcohol beverages (including fermented malt beverages) on pedal taverns within the city. Link -- <http://milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/ccCouncil/2014-PDF/0127-quadricyclesSubB.pdf>

The legislation lays out clear penalties for violations and also spells out posting requirements under Substitute A. Under the proposed ordinance, persons convicted of driving a commercial pedal tavern in violation of the regulations are prohibited from subsequently driving a commercial pedal tavern and, if convicted of prohibited driving, are subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,000.

Additionally, forfeiture penalties are provided for violation of commercial pedal tavern regulations in the amount of not less than \$200 and not more than \$500 with minimum penalties of not less than \$350 if the violation occurs in designated cruising areas between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Under the option of allowing regulated alcohol use to 36 ounces of beer per passenger, the ordinance would require pedal tavern operators to inform passengers about restrictions on alcohol beverages and requires conspicuous posting of a notice of restrictions in a form and manner to be approved by the city.