



El Paso Police Department Updates

September 2021

GOAL 2 and GOAL 6



Strategic Goal Alignment

Goal 2 and Goal 6

- 2.1 Maintain standing as one of the nation's top safest cities
- 2.3 Increase public safety operational efficiency
- 6.4 Implement leading-edge practices for achieving quality and performance excellence
- 6.5 Deliver services timely and efficiently with focus on continual improvement



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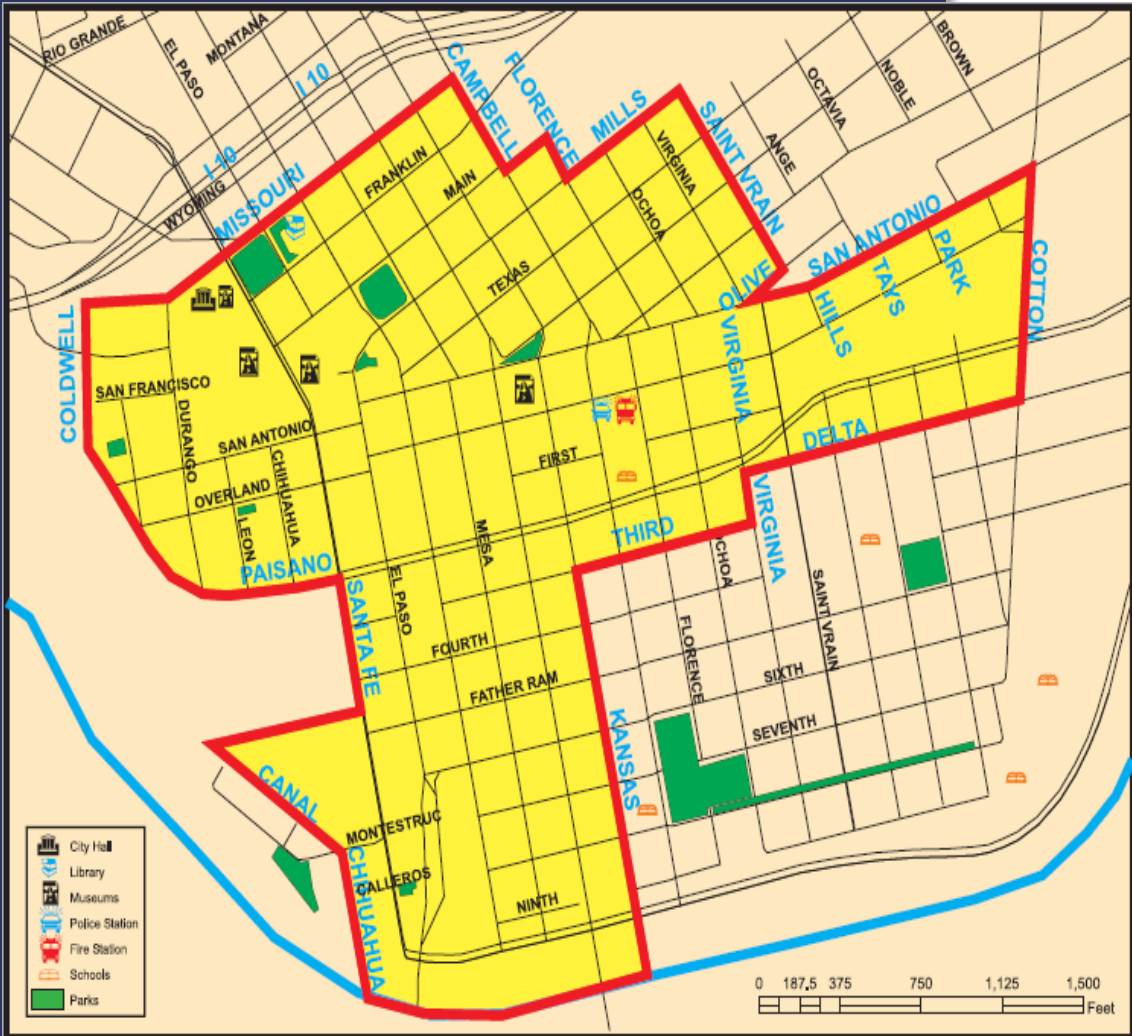


Alcohol Prohibited in Public Places Ordinance Amendment

Purpose

To improve the quality of life for residents and persons experiencing homeless in and around homeless shelters by reducing nuisances related to drinking in public.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code (TABC) Section 109.35. Orders for prohibition on consumption. An incorporated city may enact regulations prohibiting the possession of an open container or consumption an alcoholic beverage on any public street, public alley, or public sidewalk within 1,000 feet of the property line of a homeless shelter that is not located in a central business district.



Enforcement under current ordinance Chapter 10.12, sec. 2.b.1

B. A person commits an offense if he possesses an open container of or consumes an alcoholic beverage in or on any public street, sidewalk, alley, or pedestrian way located in the El Paso Central Business District area as defined in this section.

Class C citations for open container by year

2019	1,443
2020	1,429
First 6 months of 2021	505

 **Alcohol Free Zone**

Proposed Additions

- Definition of “homeless shelter” for purposes of this Section 10.12.050 of the City Code, means a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter or other facility that is designed to provide temporary living accommodations to individuals who lack a fixed regular and adequate residence.
- A person commits an offense if he possesses an open container of or consumes an alcoholic beverage in or on any public street, sidewalk, alley or pedestrian way located within 1,000 feet of the property line of a homeless shelter that is not located in the Central Business District.
- Each violation of Section 10.12.050 shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars; Class C misdemeanor.

Calls for Service

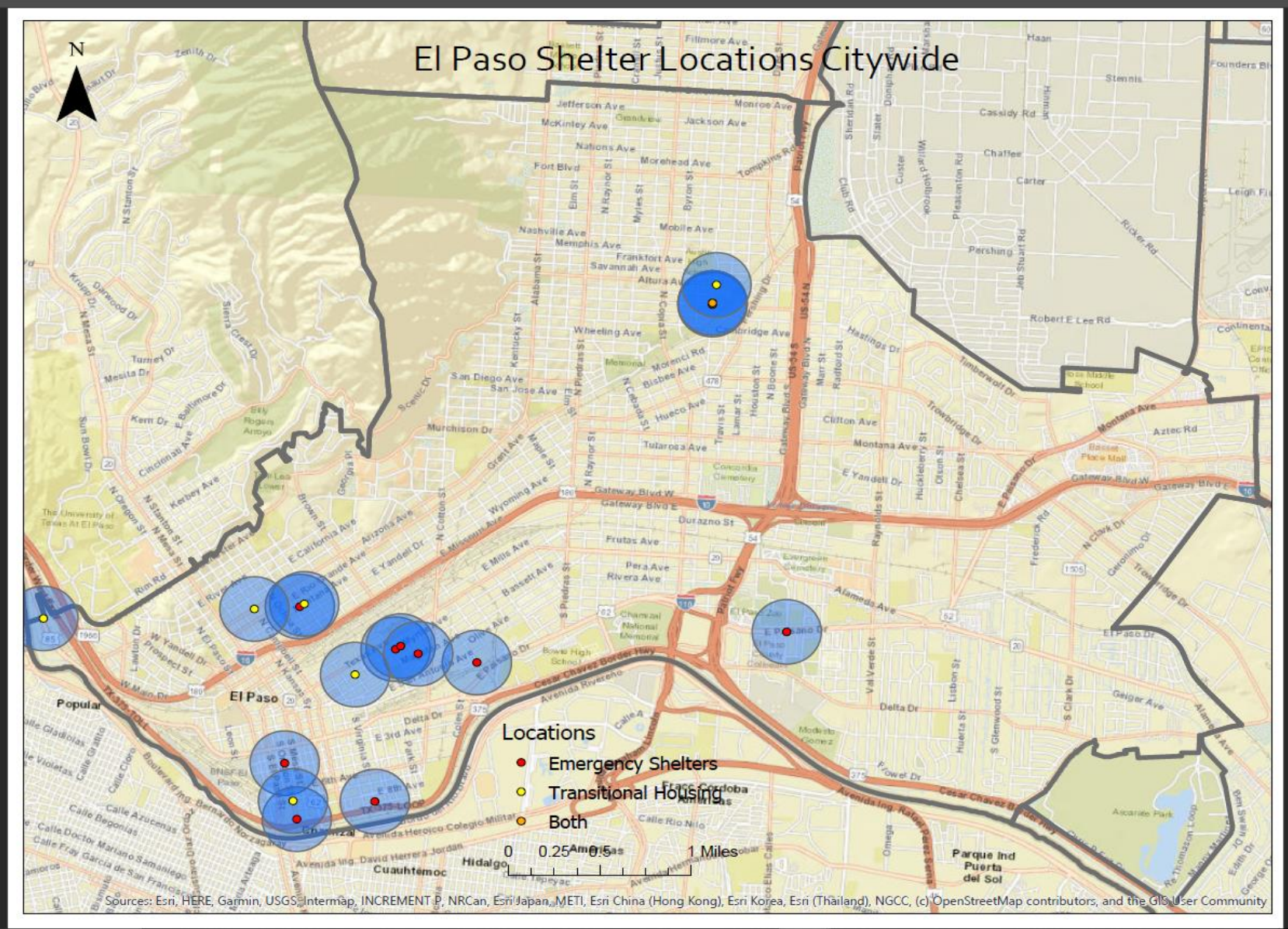
Pictures to the right were taken in the immediate area around the Opportunity Center (OC), where Central Regional Command receives numerous complaints from citizens and business owners, including managers at the OC.

Ex. Calls for Service 2019-July 2021

OC

576





Measurements within 1,000 feet of the property line of a homeless shelter.

Example



Convenience Store Ordinance



The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of El Paso by reducing the occurrence of crime, preventing the escalation of crime and increasing the successful prosecution of crime that occurs in convenience stores within the city limits.

To this end, this Convenience Store Ordinance establishes a registration program for convenience stores and provides requirements relating to surveillance camera systems, video recording and storage systems, alarm systems, drop safes, security signs, height markers, store visibility, safety training programs, and trespass affidavits.

A beer run is usually when an individual(s) walks into a convenience store and takes beer or an alcoholic beverage without paying for the merchandise. The offense is a Class C misdemeanor if the value of the property stolen is less than \$100

- If guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, punished by a fine not to exceed \$500
- Most beer runs fall into this category based on dollar amount of property taken

Beer run thefts in the City of El Paso for the previous 3 years – **5,777**



1,904

2018

City Wide Beer runs

1,971

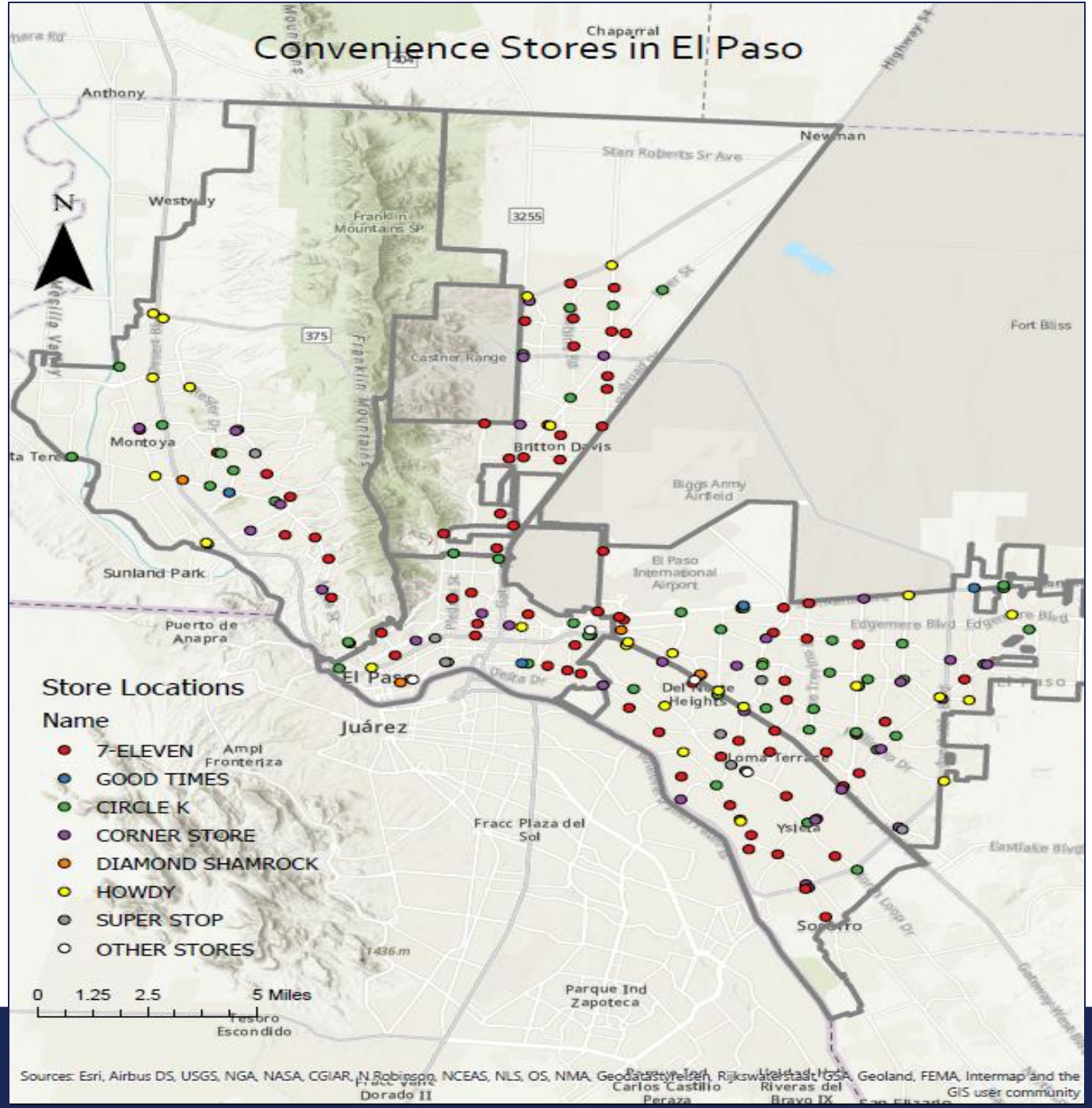
2019

City Wide Beer runs

1,902

2020

City Wide Beer runs



Survey Highlights

- 1 hour and 49 minutes, an average cost of \$67.03 for the initial patrol investigation.
- 3 hours and 34 minutes, an average cost of *\$131.61 for the criminal investigation.

Total \$198.64

In comparison to the cost for a convenience store that will eventually be reimbursed.

- EPPD Case 21-102261
- Date/Location/Time 04-12-2021, 17:40 hours, Circle K at 3910 Dyer
- Property 1- Can of Bud Light Beer - **value \$2.75**



Entertainment District Operations

Bars/Entertainment “Districts”

INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION

FT. BLISS

Effective March 26, 2021:

- Commanding Major General, Sean Bernabe issued order informing military service members about Off-limits Establishments
- Memorandum sent to all Fort Bliss, White Sands Missile Range, and Holloman Air Force Base service members.
- Military Police are patrolling entertainment areas



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION AND FORT BLISS
1188 SERGEANT MAJOR BOULEVARD
FORT BLISS, TEXAS 79918-8118

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION
SUBJECT: Command Policy Letter #8, Joint Service Off-Limits Establishments

MAR 26 2021

1. In accordance with Army Regulation 190-24, Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Boards and Off-Installation Liaison and Operations, 27 July 2006, and the Memorandum of Understanding Between White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force Base and Headquarters, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, Fort Bliss, Texas, for Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board, signed 1 March 2016, the Commanding General, Headquarters, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, prohibits service members of Fort Bliss, White Sands Missile Range, and Holloman Air Force Base from patronizing the following establishments:
 - a. Dreams Cabaret, 13299 Gateway Blvd. West, El Paso, TX 79928 (detrimental to welfare of service members).
 - b. Jaguars Gentleman's Club, 113477 Gateway Blvd. West, El Paso, TX 79936 (detrimental to welfare of service members).
 - c. Rockin' Cigar Bar and Grill, 228 Cincinnati Ave., El Paso, TX 79902 (detrimental to welfare of service members).
 - d. Back Nine Bar and Lounge, 1441 N. Zaragoza, El Paso, TX 79936 (detrimental to welfare of service members).
 - e. Cool Arrows, 800 North Zaragoza Road, Suite S, El Paso, TX 79907 (detrimental to welfare of service members).
 - f. Herb N Legends, 1920 Zaragoza Road, Suite 104, El Paso, TX 79925 (detrimental to welfare of service members).
 - g. Best Food Mart, 6200 Dyer Street, El Paso, TX 79904 (detrimental to welfare of service members).
 - h. Bo-De-Gas Graff Head Shop, 1791 Zaragoza, El Paso, TX 79904 (detrimental to welfare of service members).
2. Service members from [unclear] are ordered [unclear]

Bars/Entertainment “Districts”

Nuisance Abatement Team

What is Nuisance Abatement?

- Use of civil law to address criminal conduct.
- Reduction or elimination of criminal activity on a property.
- Accountability of a business and/or property owners.



Bars/Entertainment “Districts”

Nuisance Abatement Team



Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 125
Texas Alcohol Beverage Code sec 101.01
Texas Occupation Code 455

Saturated Bar Areas Focused Investigations for Criminal Nuisance Abatement Cases

Nuisance Abatement Cases

- Focus on the BUSINESS, not the people committing the crime.
- Must have habitual, specific criminal activity, in order to file the civil lawsuit.
- CA may be able to shut down a bar once the case is submitted.
- Must prove criminal activity by a preponderance of evidence (more likely than not that the crime occurred).

The Lawsuit

- Temporary Restraining Order = Immediate Shut-down
- Temporary Injunction
- BOND
- Permanent Injunction (can close business for 1 year)

NOISE ORDINANCE MONITORING

CODE ENFORCEMENT +
POLICE RESOURCES

SELF INITATED CHECKS

AVERAGE DECIBEL READING 62Db

VIOLATIONS FOUND

El Paso Texas Convenience Store Ordinance

Questions?



Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community

Values

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,
Accountability, **P**eople

Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government