

# New coalition works for booze ban

A new organization known as the Barrow Business Coalition has been formed to work for the passage of a ban on alcohol in Barrow. Organization founders point to the benefits to local businesses that were apparent during the alcohol ban that was in place in Barrow from October of 1995.

Positive benefits for businesses included: reduced un-excused absences; reduced use of sick leave; increased punctuality; increased quality of work; and increased interest in training and career advancement.

Coalition organizers have also pointed out the long term potential for reductions in workers compensation insurance rates if the ban is reinstated.

On February 20, Barrow residents will once again vote on a proposition to ban the importation, sale and possession of alcohol in Barrow. A "YES" will reestablish the ban and a "No" vote will maintain the current "wet" status of the community.

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