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Sober bartender laws draw praise, scorn

Few communities have ordinances on books; enforcement reportedly spotty

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Tavern owner Rick Eiting doesn't want his bartenders to drink on the job.

But he also doesn't want police to monitor their conduct.

"I don't think the city should be regulating me on what I do," said Eiting, owner of the Re-Union Station in Neenah. "If they do this, what's going to be my next regulation? Will it be the color of toilet paper I use in the bathroom?"

Neenah, a city of 25,615 in the Fox Valley, is considering an ordinance that would require bartenders to show up for work sober and ban them from drinking on the job. The ordinance is scheduled to be considered by the city's public services and safety committee on Tuesday. If approved, the ordinance would go to the full city council.

Neenah's proposed ordinance would prohibit bartenders from serving if they have a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.04 percent or more. That's

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**Study:
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Excessive use of alcohol costs Sheboygan County more than \$192 million per year, according to a recently released study by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

The "Burden of Excessive Alcohol Use in Wisconsin" study calculates the financial burden of excessive alcohol use and how those costs are paid for in Wisconsin.

Statewide, the cost is \$6.8 billion per year, according to a press release about the study released

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Mostly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of snow during the day, then cloudy and blustery in the evening.

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