

Local Lawmakers Impose a Midnight Curfew on BR Bars

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As alcohol-related accidents and violence in Bay Ridge increase, local lawmakers may have found an innovative answer to the problem.

The City Council has passed a bill imposing a midnight curfew on Friday and Saturday nights for all establishments that serve alcohol within the borders of Bay Ridge.

"The image of Bay Ridge has been seriously tarnished by these repeated accidents," said Councilman Sal Albanese, who in-

troduced the bill. "This measure will help restore order in the area."

According to 68th Precinct Captain Robert Mescaline, "Throughout the week, Bay Ridge is a relatively quiet and peaceful neighborhood, but when Friday night rolls around all the troublemakers come out of the woodwork."

"Perhaps with this curfew, people will stay home on the weekends," said the captain.

Bar owners will be hardest hit by the curfew, but



This 3rd Avenue Bar, and all other bars and restaurants in Bay Ridge will have to close at midnight.

will reluctantly comply.

Voice of Bay Ridge Business member Pete Thirstier said, "While most owners feel this measure is too extreme, they do recognize there is a problem."

Thirstier said local restaurants would only serve milk and orange juice past midnight from now on.

Bay Ridge community organizations have been overwhelmingly supportive.

"We support this measure, though we'll have to

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