

**ORDINANCE NO. ___ SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING CHAPTER 72 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES,
§72-2 - SALE AND CONSUMPTION ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2023, the Board of Representatives enacted Ordinance 1296, adding Section 72-2.1 of the Code of Ordinances, which established a one-year Pilot Program Concerning the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Stamford that the provisions of the pilot program be made permanent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Chapter 72, Section 72-2 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances, Alcoholic Beverages, be amended as follows and that Section 72-2.1 be deleted.

Sec. 72-2. Sale and consumption on municipal property.

~~No intoxicating liquor, except beer, shall be sold or consumed on any municipally owned property, and no intoxicating liquor whatsoever shall be sold or consumed on any city street or in any vehicle upon city streets. An exception to this section may be granted by the governing body.~~

A. *Definitions.* For purposes of this section:

(1) "Alcoholic liquor" has the same meaning as set forth in Section 30-1. of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(2) "Parked Vehicle" has the same meaning as set forth in Section 14-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(3) "Open Container" means any open bottle; any bottle which was sealed, which seal has been broken, whether or not stopped; any can which has been opened in any way; any keg or other device prepared to dispense; or any glass, cup, jar, or other vessel.

(4) "Public Highway" means a highway, road, street, avenue, boulevard, or other way within the City of Stamford and open public use, including the sidewalks of any such highway.

(5) "Public Area" means any means any property owned, controlled, or maintained by the City of Stamford that is used or held out for use by the public, including but not limited to, parks, plazas, streets, sidewalks, and grassy areas adjacent to city streets.

(6) "Parking Area" means lots, areas or other accommodations for the parking of motor vehicles off the street or highway and open to public use with or without charge.

B. Except as permitted in section D hereof, no person shall consume any Alcoholic Liquor, or possess any Open Container of Alcoholic Liquor on or within the limits of any Public Highway or Public Area within the City of Stamford. For purposes of this section, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the consumption of Alcoholic Liquor or the possession of an Open Container of Alcoholic Liquor in parked vehicles on or within a Public Highway or Public Area is a violation hereof.

C. No person shall consume any Alcoholic Liquor or possess any Open Container of Alcoholic Liquor in any building or room maintained for the sale, distribution, or dispensing of Liquor in any building or room maintained for the sale, distribution, or dispensing of Alcoholic Liquors except in accordance with Title 30 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

D. Exceptions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing:

(1) The consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and possession of an Open Container of Alcoholic Liquor is permitted during any function, festival, event or celebration conducted on or within a Public Highway or Public Area pursuant to any federal or state law, City of Stamford ordinance, City of Stamford resolution, or permit authorizing such consumption and or possession.

(2) The consumption and/or possession of beer, outside of vehicles, in non-glass containers, shall be permitted in all City of Stamford Parks that contain sporting event fields and/or beaches in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to Section 175-1 of the Code of Ordinances.

E. Penalty.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense.