
Town of Londonderry

CONTROLLING THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON TOWN PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 2291(17) & (18), and such other general or special enactments as may be material thereto, the Selectboard of the Town of Londonderry hereby adopts the following Ordinance for the Control of the Use of Alcoholic Beverage on Town Property.

ARTICLE I - Definitions

SECTION 1: Whenever in this ordinance any of the following terms is used, it shall have the meaning given to it in this section.

- a) “Alcoholic Beverage”: malt beverages, vinous beverages, spirits, ready-to-drink spirits beverages, and fortified wines, as defined in 7 V.S.A. § 2.
- b) “Person”: an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other institution or entity.
- c) “Publicly recognized organization”: an incorporated or unincorporated association that has been in existence for at least two consecutive years prior to the date of application for a permit under Article III.
- d) “Possession”: manual or physical custody or control.
- e) “Public Place”: all lands and buildings owned by, leased to, or under the control of the Town of Londonderry, including but not limited to all public streets, highways, bridges and sidewalks within the Town.

ARTICLE II - Regulation

SECTION 2: Possession by any person of an open container of alcoholic beverage in any public place is prohibited.

ARTICLE III - Exemptions

SECTION 3: The Selectboard may issue permits exempting publicly recognized organizations from the provisions of Article II for specified events. Permits must be issued in writing, be signed by the Selectboard or its designee, describe the event for which the permit is issued, specify the public place to which the permit applies, and state the date(s) or period of time during which the permit will be in effect. At the time a permit is issued the Selectboard may include in it such conditions as the Selectboard considers necessary or appropriate. The organization receiving the permit will be deemed to be in possession of any alcoholic beverage container present at the event. A permit issued under this Article will not constitute a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages. Any permit may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the Selectboard.

ARTICLE IV - Penalty

SECTION 4: A person who violates any provision of this ordinance will be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof will be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). If the person waives their right to a hearing and pays the Town a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), the Town will not institute court proceedings for the violation. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1971(b) this Ordinance is designated as a civil ordinance.

ARTICLE V - Miscellaneous

SECTION 5:

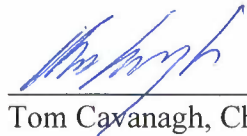
Enforcement. This ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer, including members of the Windham County Sheriff's Department or Vermont State Police.

Violations. In any complaint or information and in any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance, it shall not be necessary to negotiate any exception, excuse, provision, or exemption contained in this ordinance, and the burden of proof of demonstrating any such exception, excuse, provision, or exemption shall be on the defendant.

Separability. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any provision thereof be adjudged invalid, the invalidity of any part shall not affect the remainder thereof.

Adopted this 3rd, day of August, 2026.

Town of Londonderry Selectboard



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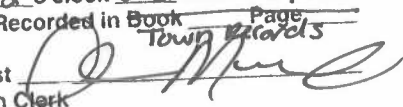
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