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ALCOHOL & CANNABIS USE POLICY

Special regulations as to the possession of open or unsealed containers of alcoholic beverages in public places, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places.

We, the undersigned Selectmen for the Town of Tunbridge, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2291 (18) do hereby make the following special regulations as to the possession of open or unsealed containers of alcoholic beverages in public places, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places as follows:

Section 1 Definitions

1) Alcoholic Beverages: As used in this special regulation, alcoholic beverages shall include all beverages with an alcohol (ethyl alcohol or other non-potable alcohol) content greater than 1%. This includes beer, wine, and distilled spirits and any other product of distillation and fermentation with an alcoholic content.

2) Public Places: Public places, as defined by this policy include (but are not limited to) the Town Hall and grounds, the Church and grounds, the Fire House and grounds, the Town Garage and grounds, the Town Forest Pavilion and grounds, the Tunbridge Public Library and grounds, the Recreation Field and grounds, Town Forest and any other land owned by the Town. Further, the definition of public places includes all land and property within the right-of-way of any Town roads.

Section 2 It is unlawful for anyone to possess alcoholic beverages in unsealed or open containers in public places as defined above. Additionally, alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in public places.

Section 3 Exceptions

- 1) Alcohol may be served in the Church as part of a religious service.
- 2) Alcohol may be served in the Town Hall when liability insurance is provided, after proper application is made for the use of the Town Hall pursuant to the Town Hall rental contract, and approval is given by the keeper of the contracts. At no time may alcoholic beverages be consumed on the grounds of the Town Hall.
- 3) Alcohol may be served in the Library during art openings or other approved events.

Section 4

Signs indicating that there are restrictions to liquor consumption shall be posted conspicuously at all public places.

Section 5 Cannabis

In accordance with Vermont State Law Title 18 Chapter 084 § 4230a. (2)(A) A person shall not consume cannabis in a public place. As used in this section, “public place” has the same meaning as provided by 7 V.S.A. § 831.

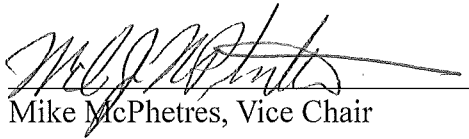
Section 6 Penalties

A person who violates any provision of this special regulation shall be fined not more than \$500.00.


Adopted this 11th day of June 2024.



Gary Mullen, Selectboard Chair



Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair



John O'Brien, Clerk