

PUBLIC DRINKING BY-LAW
Article 3, December 16, 1974 Special Town Meeting
Amended Article 13, May 21, 1979, Annual Town Meeting
Amended Article 4, December 16, 1991, Special Town Meeting

No person shall drink any alcoholic beverages, as defined in Chapter 138, Section 1 of the General Laws, while on, in or upon any public way or upon any way to which the public has the right of access, or any place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licensees, park or playground, or private lane or place without consent of the owner or person in control thereof. All alcoholic beverages being used in violation of this section shall be seized and safely held until final adjudication of the charge against the person or persons arrested or summoned before the court, at which time they shall be returned to the person entitled to lawful possession. Anyone found to be in violation hereof shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) and a maximum fine of \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) for any conviction for violation of said By-law.

As an alternative to initiating criminal proceedings, a police officer may employ the provisions and procedures for non-criminal disposition of violations contained in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, section 21D, and the non-criminal disposition By-law adopted at the December 16, 1991, Special Town Meeting. If such a disposition is employed, the penalty shall be Fifty (\$50) Dollars.

A True Copy, Attest:

Dolores Berge, Town Clerk