

Chapter 5. Alcoholic Beverages

§ 5-1. Consumption on Town property; violations and penalties.

Except as provided below, the consumption of alcohol is prohibited on all property over which the Town has supervision and control. The maximum penalty for first offense shall be a fine of up to \$100, any portion of which may be suspended. Conviction of a second or subsequent offense shall be a fine of \$150, and no portion of the fine may be suspended.

Permitting of Beer and Wines Use on Town Property

1. In accordance with the provisions of sections 2 through 10 below, and RSA 178:22-V(1), licensing shall be limited to events sponsored or organized by a non-profit organization seeking to serve and offer for sale beer and wine for consumption in Town buildings and on Town premises, as permitted in section 5 below. The non-profit organization shall first apply for the applicable permit with the Town Manager's office.
2. To qualify for a permit under this Chapter, events sponsored or organized by a non-profit group shall obtain a license from the New Hampshire Liquor Commission under RSA 178:22-V(1).
3. The Town shall require a permit application, which shall include standards for issuance of the permit to serve and offer for sale beer and wines for consumption on Town property.
4. No permit to serve and offer for sale beer and wine for consumption on Town property shall be granted for the hours between 10:00 PM and 10:00 AM. However, in no case shall alcoholic beverages be provided or consumed in the Great Hall during the hours that the Town Offices are open to the public.
5. Permitted locations to serve and offer for sale beer and wines for consumption, subject to the applicable license:
 - Town Hall – Great Room, in accordance with the Town's Great Hall Use Policy.
 - Abenaki Lodge and, during the months of May through September only, its outside patio and adjoining area not to exceed 5,000 square feet,, in accordance with the Town's Abenaki Use Policy when children's programs are not going on in that area.
 - Libby Museum, in accordance with the Museum's Use Policy.
 - Cate Park, Town Park and Dockside, permitted between January 1 and April 1 and subject to a Temporary Event Permit.
 - Clark House Museum Complex.
6. Application for a permit under this section may be made at the Office of the Town Manager.
7. The Police Chief, Director of Public Works, Fire Chief and Parks/Recreation Director (where applicable for Town Parks) shall review the application for completion and transfer it to the appropriate authority with any comments, or concerns, or conditions for review to the Town Manager for review.

The issuance of a permit shall also require a public hearing and approval by the Board of

Selectmen. Notice of a public hearing shall consist of certified mail notice to the applicant and the posting of notice in at least two prominent locations in Town at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

8. To the extent the applicant meets all of the standards for issuance of a permit, the Board of Selectmen may conditionally issue the permit, which shall not become valid until the applicant provides the Town Manager with an RSA 178:22-V (1) license from the New Hampshire Liquor Commission for the applicable license issuance time period, if such a license is required for the event
9. The fee for said permit shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
10. Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Chapter, the Town shall not be prohibited from allowing the lessee of the Dockside Restaurant Building to obtain a liquor license pursuant to RSA Chapter 178 and to offer for sale and consumption beer and wine to customers who purchase food for consumption on the premises.
11. A non-profit or governmental organization may also apply for a permit to allow persons attend an event sponsored by them to bring their own beer or wine to the event. Such permits may be issued for use in the Town Hall Great Room, Abenaki Lodge, the Libby Museum and the Clark House Museum Complex. In order to obtain a permit for such events, the applicant must also provide proof of liability insurance that included alcoholic beverages coverage and which names the Town as an additional insured. As with a permit to offer beer and wine for sale at such events, the Board of Selectmen may impose reasonable conditions upon the event.

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