



Section 11-15 Public Drinking (amended September 7, 2010)

11-15.1 No person shall use or consume any alcoholic beverage, or have in his possession, custody or control an opened or partially consumed container of any alcoholic beverage, while in or upon any public place or any place to which the public has a right of access including, but not limited to public ways, private ways, sidewalks, parking lots, parks and commons, cemeteries, municipal buildings and schools and grounds or athletic fields appurtenant thereto, and including any motor vehicle or bicycle when parked or moving upon any of the above places or locations and commercial establishments open to the public (excluding common victualers duly licensed to conduct a restaurant).

11-15.2 For the purpose of this ordinance, an alcoholic beverage shall be any substance so defined by General Laws Chapter 138, Section 1, as amended. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the duly licensed use and consumption of said alcoholic beverages in or upon private property or dwellings as may be permitted by law.

11-15.3 (amended 10/20/11) Notwithstanding Section 11-15-1, a license for the possession, custody, control, use and consumption of alcoholic beverages, in or upon, a specified public place may be granted by the Municipal Council, in accordance with the procedures established in Section 9-1, subject to such conditions as may be deemed proper and after determination, that any necessary licenses have been obtained from the Board of Licenses. If the public place requested for said license is under the jurisdiction of the School Committee, authorization must also be obtained from said Committee in accordance with General Laws Chapter 272, Section 40A, as amended. An application fee of \$75.00 and a public hearing before the Municipal Council is required.

11-15.4 The fee for any license granted hereunder shall be \$20.00.

11-15.5 Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be liable to a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for each such violation, said penalty to be assessed in accordance with the provisions for the non-criminal disposition of violations in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D, as amended.