



**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
RULES & REGULATIONS
Alcoholic Beverage-Open Container Ordinance**

ORDINANCE NO: 07-02

1.0 Purpose

In the interest of promoting public health, safety, and general welfare of all citizens of Hopkinton and other individuals who may frequent the Town of Hopkinton, the Select Board has an interest in controlling the consumption and or possession of an alcoholic beverage within or upon any public place, street, or way within the Town of Hopkinton.

2.0 Authority

Pursuant to the authority of NH RSA 41:8, 41:11, 47:17, and any other applicable Revised Statutes Annotated, the Select Board of the Town of Hopkinton hereby ordain as follows:

3.0 Alcoholic Beverages

No person shall drink any alcoholic beverage or alcoholic liquor, as defined in Chapter 175 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, upon any way, public street, or any public highway, public sidewalk, municipal park, municipal beach, or any public parking lot, within the limits of the Town of Hopkinton. This section shall be deemed to prohibit among other things, and without limitation the consumption or possession of any open container of alcoholic beverages, while in a motor vehicle upon any public street, or any public sidewalk, municipal park, municipal beach or any public parking lot. Possession of any open container of alcoholic beverages shall be deemed prima facie evidence of violation of this section.

4.0 Exception

The Select Board may grant, at its sole discretion, permission for “sampling” to take place in connection with a farmer’s market or other related event.

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5.0 Enforcement

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Hopkinton Police Department or any police agency having jurisdiction within the limits of said town.

6.0 Penalty

Any person found violating this Ordinance shall be issued a civil forfeiture in the amount of \$100.00 for the first offense and for each successive offense a civil forfeiture of \$250.00. This will be paid to the Town of Hopkinton, at the Town Clerk's office within 15 days of issuance. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in a summons to Circuit Court.

This Ordinance supersedes all other applicable ordinances issued by the Town of Hopkinton relative to the regulation of alcoholic beverages and shall take effect upon its adoption by the Select Board

Revision History

Revision	Change	Date
Original	Adopted by the Select Board	3/19/2007
Amended	Amended by the Select Board	4/29/2019