

Underage drinking ordinance

(a) Definitions

“Alcoholic Liquor” shall be as defined in section 30-1(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

“Host” shall mean to organize a gathering of two (2) or more persons or to allow the premises under one’s control to be used with one’s knowledge for a gathering of two (2) or more persons for personal, social, or business interaction.

“Minor” shall mean a person under the age of twenty-one (21), as defined in section 30-1(12) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

(b) Possession

No person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall be in possession of any container of alcoholic liquor, whether open, unopened or closed, within the Town of Wilton except when accompanied by or in the presence of his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the age of twenty one (21) years. The restriction shall apply to both public and private property.

(c) Hosting Events

No person shall host an event which allows the consumption or dispensing of alcoholic liquor to or by a minor or minors unless said minor or minors is or are accompanied by or in the presence of his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the age of twenty-one (21) years. The prohibition shall apply to any event or gathering within the Town of Wilton, whether conducted on public or private property.

(d) Exceptions

The following shall be exceptions to the provisions of this ordinance:

- 1) A person who is an employee or permit holder under Connecticut General Statutes 30-90a and who possesses alcoholic liquor in the course of his or her employment or business;
- 2) A minor who possesses alcoholic liquor on the order of a practicing physician;
- 3) The possession or consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor as a part of a religious service; and
- 4) The possession of alcoholic liquor as otherwise permitted by law.

(e) Penalty

Any person violating any provision of this act shall be subject to a fine of \$99.00.