

**Chapter 58: Alcoholic Beverages**

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**§ 58.1 Definitions.**

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this bylaw:

**Alcoholic beverages** shall mean any beverage defined as an alcoholic beverage in section 1 of chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**Common** shall mean the triangular parcel of land owned by the Town in Westford center, which is bounded by Main Street, Lincoln Street and Boston Road.

**Private property** shall mean any real property within the Town of Westford which is not owned by the Town.

**Public property** shall mean and include the Common, municipal parking lots, municipal parks, municipal playgrounds and the area of any real property, building, or office owned by or leased to the Town or occupied or used by any board, department, committee, commission, or office of the Town.

**Public way** shall mean the entire width between the lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel and shall include the entire width of any sidewalk within the lines of such way. In the case of ways established by prescription or concerning which no official layouts exist, the edges of the surface of the traveled way shall be deemed to be the lines of such public ways.

**§ 58.2 Public consumption prohibited.**

No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage on any public way or on any way to which the public has a right of access.

**§ 58.3 Possession on private and public property.**

No person shall bring any alcoholic beverage onto any private property or onto any public property, or possess or consume any alcoholic beverage in or upon any public property or private property without the permission of the owner or person lawfully in charge or control of such private or public property.

**§ 58.4 Seizure of beverages in violation.**

All alcoholic beverages possessed or consumed in violation of this bylaw shall be seized and held until final adjudication of the complaint against the person charged with such violation. After final adjudication all beverages seized shall be returned to the person lawfully entitled thereto.

**§ 58.5 Violations and penalties.**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$50 for each offense.