



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; Cynthia van Zelm,
Executive Director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.;
Kevin Deneen, Town Attorney
Date: February 22, 2016
Re: Proposed Amendment to Ordinance Regarding Alcoholic
Beverages

Subject Matter/Background

At the January 11, 2016 meeting, the Council approved amendments to the Ordinance Regarding Alcoholic Beverages. During the course of the discussion two additional amendments were presented and approved. The Community Center was added as a location and private events were added as a permitted use. Changes were made to the wording to incorporate these amendments, however, a reference in Section 101-5(B)(2) requiring the town manager to determine that events were open to the public was not eliminated.

Recommendation

Upon advice of the town attorney the consideration of an amendment addressing the existing inconsistency is in order.

If the Town Council supports this recommendation, the following motion would be in order:

Move, to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 14, 2016 to solicit public comment on the proposed Amendment to the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed Amendments to Ordinance Regarding Alcoholic Beverages (redline)
- 2) Proposed Amendments to Ordinance Regarding Alcoholic Beverages (clean copy)



**Town of Mansfield
Code of Ordinances**

**“Amendments to Ordinance Regarding Alcoholic Beverages”
February 22, 2016 Draft**

Chapter 101: Alcoholic Beverages

Section 101-5, Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor

- A. Except as otherwise permitted by subsection (B) hereof, no person shall consume any alcoholic liquor, or have in his or her possession any open container of alcoholic liquor, while upon or within the limits of any public highway, public area or parking area within the Town of Mansfield. The possession of an open container of alcoholic liquor or consumption therefrom by any person while in a motor vehicle parked within or upon a public area shall also be a violation hereof.
- B. Exceptions.
1. Consumption of alcoholic liquor and possession of any open container of alcoholic liquor is permitted during any public or private function, public or private festival or public or private celebration being conducted within a public building, public highway, sidewalk or parking area or on public land, limited to the area of the Storrs Center Special Design District as defined in the Mansfield Zoning Regulations, the campus of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building located at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, Connecticut 06268, the campus of the Mansfield Community Center located at 10 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, Connecticut 06268 and the campus of the Mansfield Public Library located at 54 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, Connecticut 06250, pursuant to a written permit issued by the town manager, or person designated by the town manager to issue such permits, authorizing the sale, service or distribution of alcoholic liquor at or in connection with such public function, public festival or public celebration.
 2. An application for a permit shall be in writing directed to the town manager. The application shall state the name and address of responsible officials of the organization sponsoring the function, festival or celebration (event), shall specify the parts of the public land, public building, public highway, sidewalk or parking area in the Storrs Center Special Design District or on the campus of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, the Mansfield Community Center or the Mansfield Public Library to be used during the event, specify the beginning and ending time of the event and if it continues for more than one (1) day, the hours in each day it is to be conducted, the number of people anticipated to be in attendance at the event, whether the event is open to the public and arrangements for supervision. The application shall include adequate alcohol liability insurance. The certificate of insurance must specify the “Town of Mansfield, its officers, employees and agents” as additional insured parties and must be submitted to the Town Manager together with the application. The application and accompanying documentation shall be filed at least thirty (30) calendar days before the first day of the event. The permit

shall be issued if all of the required information and accompanying documentation is provided and approved, the application is made at least thirty (30) days before the event, and the town manager or his designee determines that the event will be open to the public ~~and that~~ all necessary permits, licenses and approvals have been obtained from all government authorities having jurisdiction including, but not limited to, the state department having jurisdiction over liquor control and the granting of the permit will be in accord with the health, safety, and welfare of the Town of Mansfield. (The town manager is authorized to issue additional standards not inconsistent herewith which if not met will result in denial of said permit.)



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