

TOWN OF RIPTON

RIPTON, VERMONT 05766

RIPTON TOWN ORDINANCE--OPEN CONTAINER REGULATIONS

SPECIAL REGULATIONS AS TO THE POSSESSION OF OPEN OR UNSEALED CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC PLACES, OR THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC PLACES.

We, the undersigned Selectmen for the Town of Ripton, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1971--1976 and 24 V.S.A. Section 229 (17&18) do hereby make the following special regulation as to the possession of open or unsealed containers of alcoholic beverages in public places, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places as follows:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS 1) Alcoholic Beverages: As used in this special regulation, alcoholic beverages shall include all beverages with an alcohol (ethyl alcohol or other non-potable alcohol) content greater than 1%. This includes beer, wine and distilled spirits and any other product of distillation and fermentation with an alcoholic content.

2) Public places: Public places, as defined by this Ordinance, include (but are not limited to) the Community House and grounds; the School House and grounds; the Town Office and grounds; the Church and grounds; the Fire House and grounds; the Town Shed and grounds; and any other land owned by the Town. Further, the definition of public places include all land and property within the right-of-way of any Town roads.

SECTION 2: ORDINANCE PROPER

It is unlawful for anyone to possess alcoholic beverages in unsealed or open containers in public places as defined above. Additionally, alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in public places.

SECTION 3: EXCEPTIONS

1) Alcohol may be served in the Church and in the Community House as part of a religious service.

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2) Alcohol may be served in the Community House after proper application is made to the Selectmen for permission to do so, pursuant to the conditions of the Community House rental contract, and approval is given by the Selectmen. At no time may alcoholic beverages be consumed on the grounds of the Community House.

SECTION 4: Signs indicating that there are restrictions to liquor consumption shall be posted conspicuously at all public places.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES A person who violates any provision of this special regulation shall be fined not more than \$500.00.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE This special ordinance, adopted this 24th day of August, 1987, shall become effective 60 days after this date of adoption.

Laureen Minor Cox

William Ford

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ACCEPTED BY TOWN AT TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 29 1988