

Introduced by:

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AND  
PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, SECTION 4-3 OF THE HARTFORD  
MUNICIPAL CODE

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,  
CITY OF HARTFORD

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Chapter 4, Section 4-3 of the Hartford Municipal Code be amend as follows:

**Sec. 4-3. - Regulation of the consumption and possession of alcoholic liquor within and upon public highways, public areas and parking areas.**

(a) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section:  
Alcoholic liquor has the same meaning as set forth in section 30-1 of the general statutes.

*Open container* means any open bottle; any bottle which was sealed by a liquor tax stamp, which seal has been broken, whether or not stopped; any can which has been opened in any way; any keg or dispensing device which is set up to dispense; or any glass, cup, jar, or other vessel.

*Parked vehicle* has the same meaning as set forth in G.S. § 14-1.

*Parking area* means lots, areas or other accommodations for the parking of motor vehicles off the street or highway and open to public use, with or without charge.

*Public area* means any park, plaza, mall, arena, stadium, cemetery, or other public-owned place which is open to the public. For purposes of this section, except as provided in subsection (c) below, public area shall not mean any privately-owned business of public accommodation that is operated on or within City-owned property, under a lease or agreement granting such use to a private business entity.

*Public highway* means a highway, road, street, avenue, boulevard or other way within and under the control of the city and open to public use, including the sidewalks of any such highway.

(b) *Prohibited acts.* Except as permitted in subsection (c), no person shall consume any alcoholic liquor, or possess any open container of alcoholic liquor, upon or within the limits of any public highway, public area, or parking area within the city. For the purposes of this section, without limiting the generality of this subsection, the consumption of alcoholic liquor or the possession of an open container of alcoholic liquor in parked vehicles within or upon parking areas or a public highway or sidewalk is a violation of this section.

(c) *Exception.* Consumption of alcoholic liquor and possession of an open container of alcoholic liquor is permitted during any function, festival, event or celebration conducted on or within a public highway, public area, or parking area pursuant to any law, statute, ordinance, resolution or permit authorizing sale and consumption of liquor in or upon such public highway, public area or parking area.





























