

10-14 ALCOHOL USE BY A MINOR.

10-14.1 Definitions.

As used in this section:

Guardian means a person who has qualified as a guardian of the underaged person pursuant to testamentary or court appointment.

Relative means an underaged person's grandparent, aunt or uncle, sibling, or any other person related by blood or affinity.

(1999 Code § 9.34.010)

10-14.2 Prohibitions.

It is hereby unlawful for any person under the legal age to, without legal authority, knowingly possess or knowingly consume an alcoholic beverage on private property within the Township of Edison. (1999 Code § 9.34.020)

10-14.3 Violation and penalties.

Any person found guilty of violating the terms of this section shall be subject to a fine of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars for the first offense and a fine of three hundred fifty (\$350.00) dollars for any subsequent offense. In addition to the fine authorized for this offense, the court may, upon a finding of guilty, suspend or postpone for six (6) months the driving privileges of the violator, in accordance with, and in the manner provided in N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.2. (1999 Code § 9.34.030)

10-14.4 Exceptions.

a. This section shall not prohibit an underage person from consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in connection with a religious observance, ceremony, or rite or consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in the presence of and with the permission of a parent, guardian or relative who has attained the legal age to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.

b. The section shall not prohibit the possession of alcoholic beverages by any person under the legal age while such person is lawfully engaged in the performance of employment by a person who is licensed under Title 33 of the New Jersey Revised Statutes, or while actively engaged in the preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel management program at a County vocational school or post-secondary educational institution; however this section shall not be construed to preclude the imposition of a penalty under this section, N.J.S.A. 33:1-81, or under any other section of existing ordinance or law against a person who is convicted of unlawful alcoholic beverage activity on or at premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

(1999 Code § 9.34.040)

10-15 PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR JUVENILE OFFENSES.

10-15.1 Definitions.