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## Township of Maple Shade, NJ

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### [CHAPTER 142. PEACE AND GOOD ORDER](#)

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#### [§ 142-5. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons on private property: violations and penalties.](#)

[Added 10-18-2000 by Ord. No. 2000-14]

A. No person under the legal drinking age, without legal authority, shall knowingly possess alcoholic beverages on private property.

B. No person under the legal drinking age, without legal authority, shall knowingly consume alcoholic beverages on private property.

C. Any person found guilty of underage possession and/or consumption shall be fined \$250 for a first offense and \$350 for any subsequent offense. In addition to the above fine, the court may suspend or postpone said person's driving privilege for a period of six months. If said person is under the age of 17 years, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six months after said person reaches the age of 17 years of age. If the person convicted under this section is not a resident of the State of New Jersey, the Court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the nonresident driving privilege of the person based on the age of said person.

D. This section shall not apply to underage persons 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 or consume alcoholic beverages.

E. This section shall not prohibit the possession of alcoholic beverages by any underage person while actually engaged in the performance of employment by a person who is licensed under Title 33 of the 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.

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