

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN  
HUDSON COUNTY**

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE POSSESSION AND  
CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY UNDERAGE  
PERSONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 has been amended to allow a municipality to adopt an ordinance making it unlawful for any person under the legal age to, without legal authority, knowingly possess or consume an alcoholic beverage on private property; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township of North Bergen to adopt said ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN as follows:

**Section 1. Definitions.**

- a. "Guardian" means a person who has qualified as a guardian of the underage person pursuant to testamentary or court appointment.
- b. "Relative" means the underage person's grandparent, aunt or uncle, sibling or any other person related by blood or affinity.
- c. "Minor" means any person under the legal age for the consumption of alcoholic beverages, which is now 21 years of age.

**Section 2. Consumption or Possession Prohibited on Private Property.**

Any person under the legal age who, without legal authority, knowingly possesses or knowingly consumes an alcoholic beverage of any type on private property is prohibited.

convicted under this section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the inconsistency thereof.

Section 6. If any part or parts of this ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Commissioner Cabrera Yes

Commissioner Ferraro Yes

Commissioner Gargiulo Yes

Commissioner Pascual Yes

President Sacco Yes

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Attest:

Erin Barillas  
Acting Township Clerk