## ORDINANCE NO. 686-00

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 6-8 REGULATING THE POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BY PERSONS UNDER LEGAL AGE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sayreville, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter VI, <u>Alcoholic Beverage Control</u>, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Sayreville be and is hereby supplemented to add a new Section 6-8 entitled "Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons Under Legal Age Prohibited on Private Property" as follows:

6-8 POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY PERSONS UNDER LEGAL AGE PROHIBITED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

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6-8.1. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply:

*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 by affinity.

6-8.2. Prohibition. 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 Borough of Sayreville.

6-8.3. Violation and Penalties. Any person found guilty of violating the terms of this Section shall be subject to a fine of \$250 for the first offense and a fine of \$350 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 months the driving privileges of the violator, in accordance with and in the manner provided in P.L. 2000, c. 33.

6-8.4. 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. This 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.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or federal or state agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 3. Any ordinance or part thereof inconsistent with this ordinance is repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Attest:

Gladys R/Rzepka, Municipal Clerk

Approved as to form:

Judy Verrone, Borough Attorney

Raymond Skarzynski

Approved

Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor