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ARTICLE II. Open Containers

[Adopted 7-17-1989 by Ord. No. 89-14]

§ 56-5. Possession in public places prohibited; exception.

No person shall have in his possession any open bottle or other container containing liquor, wine, beer or any other alcoholic beverage while on any public highway, street, sidewalk, road, parking area or lot, playground, park or other property owned by, belonging to or over which the Township of Woolwich has control, or in any vehicle or any public place in the Township of Woolwich, except those premises duly licensed for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises.

§ 56-5.1. Use and possession by minors.

[Added 4-1-2002 by Ord. No. 02-03]

A. Any person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages who, without legal authority, knowingly possesses or knowingly consumes any alcoholic beverage on private property shall be punished by a fine of \$250 for a first offense and \$350 for any subsequent offense. The Court may, in addition to the fine authorized for this offense, suspend or postpone for six months the driving privilege of the offender.

(1) Upon the conviction of any person and the suspension or postponement of that person's driver's license, the Court shall forward a report to the Division of Motor Vehicles stating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the Court pursuant to this section. If a person at the time of the imposition of this sentence is less than 17 years of age, 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 the person reaches the age of 17 years.

(2) The Court shall, of any person convicted under this section who is not a New Jersey resident, suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the nonresident driving privilege of the person, based on the age of the person and submit to the Division the required report. The Court shall not collect the license of a nonresident convicted under this section. Upon receipt of a report by the Court, the Division shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement.

B. This section does 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 or consume alcoholic beverages.

C. This section does not prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages of any such person while actively engaged in the performance of employment by a person who is licensed under N.J.S.A. 33:1-1 et seq. 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 education institute.

§ 56-6. Possession in vehicles.

An open bottle or open container containing liquor, beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages in any vehicle shall be presumptive evidence that the same is in the possession of all of the occupants thereof and in violation hereof.

§ 56-7. Permission required for public areas.

The Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, for good cause shown, may permit the drinking of liquor, wine, beer or any other alcoholic beverage at public parks or in other public areas or places by a resolution of the Township Committee, which resolution shall be preceded by a written request of the organizations seeking such permission, addressed to the Township Committee, and which resolution shall state the hours within which such permission is granted and the exact location where such

permission shall be in force. The Township Committee has the right to limit the beverage to one particular alcoholic beverage.

§ 56-8. Violations and penalties.

[Added 3-15-1999 by Ord. No. 99-6]

A violation of this article shall be punishable as provided in Chapter [1](#), General Provisions, Art. [1](#).

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