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ARTICLE II. Possession, Service, Sale or Consumption by Minors

[Adopted 10-28-1986 by Ord. No. 86:72 as Sec. 3-16 of the 1986 Code]

§ 83-7. Possession, service, sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places by persons under the legal age prohibited.

No person under the legal age shall possess, serve, sell or consume any alcoholic beverage in any public place within the Township. This prohibition against service and sales does not apply to employees of licensed establishments authorized to sell or serve alcoholic beverages pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:2-14.2.

§ 83-7.1. Consumption and possession of alcohol by minors on private property prohibited.

[Added 10-23-2007 by Ord. No. 2007:35]

A. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

GUARDIAN

A person who is qualified as a guardian of the underage person pursuant to testamentary or court appointment.

RELATIVE

An underage person's grandparent, aunt or uncle, sibling or any other person related by blood or affinity.

B. Violations; exceptions. Any person under the legal age to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages who, without legal authority, knowingly possesses or knowingly consumes an alcoholic beverage on private property within the municipal boundary of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, shall be in violation of this section and subject to the penalties hereof. This section shall not apply to an underage person 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. This section shall not apply to 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; 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 any other section of law against a person who is convicted of unlawful alcoholic beverage activity on or at premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

C. Penalties; fines.

(1) The fine for an offense under this section shall be \$250 for a first offense and \$350 for any subsequent offense.

(2) The court may suspend or postpone, for six months, the driving privileges of the defendant, in addition to the fine authorized for this offense. If a person at the time of the imposition of such 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. If a person at the time of the imposition of such sentence under this section has a valid driver's license issued by this state, the court shall immediately collect the license and forward same to the state motor vehicle commission along with the report.

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