

## Chapter 4

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### Sec. 11-4-1 Outside Consumption.

(a) **Alcoholic Beverages in Public Areas.**

- (1) **Regulations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, serve or give away, or offer to sell, serve or give away, any alcoholic beverage upon any public street, sidewalk, alley, public parking lot, highway, cemetery or drives or other public area within the following described territory in the Village of LaFarge or on private property without the owner's consent, except at licensed premises. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or have in his possession any open container containing alcohol beverage upon any public street, public sidewalk, public way, public alley or public parking lot within the Village of LaFarge.
- (2) **Private Property Held Out For Public Use.** It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcohol beverages upon any private property held open for public use within the Village unless the property is specifically named as being part of a licensed premises.
- (3) **Exceptions.**
  - a. The provisions of this Section may be waived by the Village Board for duly authorized events.
  - b. Any organization which has been issued a Temporary Fermented Malt Beverage and/or Temporary Wine License for a designated area pursuant to this Code of Ordinances, provided that the provisions of this Chapter and Title 7, Chapter 2, are fully complied with.

(b) **Definitions.**

- (1) As used in this Section, the term "alcoholic beverage" shall include all ardent, spirituous, distilled or vinous liquors, liquids or compounds, whether medicated, proprietary, patented, or not, and by whatever name called, as well as all liquors and liquids made by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion in potable water of barley malt and hops, with or without unmalted grains or decorticated or degerminated grains or sugar, which contain one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) or more of alcohol by volume and which are fit for use for beverage purposes.
- (2) As used in this Section, the term "public area" shall be construed to mean any location within the Village which is open to access to persons not requiring specific permission of the owner to be at such location including all parking lots serving commercial establishments.
- (3) As used in this Chapter "underage person" shall mean any person under the legal drinking age as defined by the Wisconsin Statutes.

*Cross Reference:* Section 7-2-16.

## **Sec. 11-4-2 Sale to Underage or Intoxicated Persons Restricted.**

(a) **Sales of Alcohol Beverages to Underage Persons.**

- (1) No person may procure for, sell, dispense or give away any fermented malt beverages to any underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age.
- (2) No license or permittee may sell, vend, deal or traffic in fermented malt beverages to or with any underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age.
- (3) No adult may knowingly permit or fail to take action to prevent the illegal consumption of alcohol beverages by an underage person on premises owned by the adult or under the adult's control. This Subsection does not apply to alcohol beverages used exclusively as part of a religious service.

(b) **Penalties.** A person who commits a violation of Subsection (a) above is subject to a forfeiture of:

- (1) Not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) if the person has not committed a previous violation within twelve (12) months of the violation; or
- (2) Not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) if the person has committed a previous violation within twelve (12) months of the violation.
- (3) In addition to the forfeitures provided in Subsections (1) and (2) above, a court shall suspend any license issued under this Chapter to a person violating this Subsection for:

- (11) An underage person who enters or remains in a dance hall attached to Class "B" or "Class B" licensed premises if the dance hall is separate from any room where alcohol beverages are sold, if there is a separate entrance to the dance hall and if no alcohol beverages are furnished or consumed by any person in the dance hall where the underage person is present.
- (b) **Penalties.** A licensee or permittee who directly or indirectly permits an underage person to enter or be on a licensed premises in violation of Subsection (a) is subject to a forfeiture of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

### **Sec. 11-4-4 Underage Persons; Prohibitions; Penalties.**

- (a) Any underage person who does any of the following is guilty of a violation:
  - (1) Procures or attempts to procure alcohol beverages from a licensee or permittee.
  - (2) Unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age, possesses or consumes alcohol beverages on licensed premises.
  - (3) Enters, knowingly attempts to enter or is on licensed premises in violation of Section 11-4-3(a).
  - (4) Falsely represents his or her age for the purpose of receiving alcohol beverages from a licensee or permittee.
- (b) Except as provided in Sec. 125.07(4)bm, Wis. Stats., any underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age who knowingly possesses or consumes fermented malt beverage is guilty of a violation.
- (c) Any person violating Subsections (a) or (b) is subject to the following penalties:
  - (1) For a first violation, a forfeiture of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)1, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program under Subsection (d) or any combination of these penalties.
  - (2) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of a previous violation, either a forfeiture of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Sec. 125.07(4)cg, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program under Subsection (d) or any combination of these penalties.
  - (3) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of two (2) or more previous violations, either a forfeiture of not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), revocation of the person's operating privilege under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)3, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program under Subsection (d) or any combination of these penalties.
  - (4) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of three (3) or more previous violations, either a forfeiture of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), revocation of the person's operating

- privilege under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)3, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program or any combination of these penalties.
- (d) (1) If the Court orders a person to participate in a supervised work program under Subsection (d), the Court shall set standards for the program within the budgetary limits established by the Village Board. The program may provide the person with reasonable compensation reflecting the market value of the work performed, or it may consist of uncompensated community service work and shall be administered by the County Department of Public Welfare or a community agency approved by the court.
- (2) The supervised work program shall be of a constructive nature designed to promote the person's rehabilitation, shall be appropriate to the person's age level and physical ability and shall be combined with counseling from an agency staff member or other qualified person. The program may not conflict with the person's regular attendance at school. The amount of work required shall be reasonably related to the seriousness of the person's offense.
- (e) When a court revokes or suspends a person's operating privilege under Subsection (c), the Department of Transportation may not disclose information concerning or relating to the revocation or suspension to any person other than a court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village or town attorney, law enforcement agency or the person whose operating privilege is revoked or suspended. A person entitled to receive information under this paragraph may not disclose the information to any other person or agency.
- (f) A person who is under eighteen (18) years of age on the date of disposition is subject to Sec. 938.344, Wis. Stats., unless proceedings have been instituted against the person in a court of civil or criminal justice after dismissal of the citation under Sec. 938.344(3), Wis. Stats.
- (g) Subsections (a) and (b) do not prohibit an underage person employed by a licensee or permittee from possessing fermented malt beverages during the brewing process or for sale or delivery to customers.
- (h) Subsections (a) and (b) do not prohibit an underage person employed by a brewery, a winery or a facility for the rectifying or manufacture of intoxicating liquor or the production of fuel alcohol from possessing alcohol beverages during regular working hours and in the course of employment.

### **Sec. 11-4-5 Defense of Sellers.**

- (a) **Defenses.** In determining whether or not a licensee or permittee has violated Sections 11-4-2(a) or 11-4-3(a), all relevant circumstances surrounding the presence of the underage person or the procuring, selling, dispensing or giving away of alcohol beverages maybe considered. In addition, proof of all of the following facts by a seller of alcohol beverages to an underage person is a defense to any prosecution for a violation of this Section:

- (1) That the purchaser falsely represented that he or she had attained the legal drinking age.
  - (2) That the appearance of the purchaser was such that an ordinary and prudent person would believe that the purchaser had attained the legal drinking age.
  - (3) That the sale was made in good faith and in reliance on the representation and appearance of the purchaser in the belief that the purchaser had attained the legal drinking age.
  - (4) That the underage person supported the representation under Subsection (a)(1) above with documentation that he had attained the legal drinking age.
- (b) **Book Kept by Licensees and Permittees.**
- (1) Every retail alcohol beverage licensee or permittee may keep a book for the purpose of Subsection (a) above. The licensee or permittee or his or her employee may require any of the following persons to sign the book:
    - a. A person who has shown documentary proof that he or she has attained the legal drinking age if the person's age is in question.
    - b. A person who alleges that he or she is the underage person's parent, guardian or spouse and that he or she has attained the legal drinking age, if the licensee or permittee or his or her employee suspects that he or she is not the underage person's parent, guardian or spouse or that he or she has not attained the legal drinking age.
  - (2) The book may show the date of the purchase of the alcohol beverage, the identification used in making the purchase or the identification used to establish that a person is an underage person's parent, guardian or spouse and has attained the legal drinking age, the address of the purchase and the purchaser's signature.

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 125.07(6) and (7), Wis. Stats.

### **Sec. 11-4-6 Persons Who Have Attained the Legal Drinking Age; False or Altered Identification Cards.**

- (a)
  - (1) Any person who has attained the legal drinking age, other than one authorized by Sec. 125.08 or 343.50, Wis. Stats., who makes, alters or duplicates an official identification card may be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days or both.
  - (2) Any person who has attained the legal drinking age who, in applying for an identification card, presents false information to the issuing officer may be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than ten (10) days or both.
- (b) Any underage person who does any of the following is subject to the penalties specified under Section 11-4-4(c) or (d):

- (1) Intentionally carries an official identification card not legally issued to him or her, an official identification card obtained under false pretenses or an official identification card which has been altered or duplicated to convey false information. A law enforcement officer shall confiscate any card that violates this Subsection.
- (2) Makes, alters or duplicates an official identification card.
- (3) Presents false information to an issuing officer in applying for an official identification card.

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 125.09(3), Wis. Stats.

### **Sec. 11-4-7 Possession of Alcohol Beverages on School Grounds Prohibited.**

- (a) In this Subsection:
  - (1) "Motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned, rented or consigned to a school.
  - (2) "School" means a public, parochial or private school which provides an educational program for one (1) or more grades between grades 1 and 12 and which is commonly known as an elementary school, middle school, junior high school, senior high school or high school.
  - (3) "School administrator" means the person designated by the governing body of a school as ultimately responsible for the ordinary operations of a school.
  - (4) "School premises" means premises owned, rented or under the control of a school.
- (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) no person may possess or consume alcohol beverages:
  - (1) On school premises;
  - (2) In a motor vehicle, if a pupil attending the school is in the motor vehicle; or
  - (3) While participating in a school-sponsored activity.
- (c) Alcohol beverages may be possessed or consumed on school premises, in motor vehicles or by participants in school-sponsored activities if specifically permitted in writing by the school administrator consistent with applicable laws and ordinances.
- (d) A person who violates this Section is subject to a forfeiture of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), except that Sec. 938.344, Wis. Stats., and Section 11-4-4(c) and (d) of this Code of Ordinances provide the penalties applicable to underage persons.

*Cross Reference:* Section 11-5-5.

### **Sec. 11-4-8 Adult Permitting or Encouraging Underage Violation.**

- (a) No adult may knowingly permit or fail to take action to prevent the illegal consumption of alcohol beverages by an underage person on premises owned by the person or under the

person's control. This Subsection does not apply to alcohol beverages used exclusively as part of a religious service.

- (b) No adult may intentionally encourage or contribute to a violation of Section 11-4-4(a) or (b).
- (c) A person who violates this Section is subject to a forfeiture of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 125.07(1)(a)3 and 4, Wis. Stats.

### **Sec. 11-4-9 Solicitation of Drinks Prohibited.**

Any licensee, permittee or bartender of a retail alcohol beverage establishment covered by a license or permit issued by the Village who permits an entertainer or an employee to solicit a drink of any alcohol beverage defined in Section 125.02(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, or any other drink from a customer on the premises, or any entertainer or employee who solicits such drinks from any customer is deemed in violation of this Section.