

Section 15. Public Drinking 14-15

Section 15. Public Drinking 14-15 (a) Whoever shall, within the limits of any public way located within the town, whether that public way be a town way, county highway, state highway, or a private way open to the public, consume intoxicating beverages, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars. This section shall also be construed to prohibit the following: The consumption of intoxicating beverages by any person while that person is standing, sitting, walking, running or otherwise present within such way or is within any vehicle, whether parked or moving, which is within the limits of such public way.

(b) Whoever shall consume any intoxicating beverages in any public building, or on any public property, including, parks, cemeteries, school houses and school grounds, and public squares, or in any private way or parking area

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regulated under the provisions of Chapter 90, section 18 of the General Laws shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

(c) The foregoing paragraphs (a) and (b) shall not apply to any activity licensed by the Select Board under the applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws.

(d) It shall be the duty of any police officer of the town to arrest any person who violates the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) and to cause such person to be brought before a Justice of the District Court of Southern Norfolk County, Stoughton, Massachusetts upon a complaint for violation thereof.

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