

Current Alcohol Ordinance

- Illegal to drink any alcohol in a City Street or in a Vehicle upon a City Street.
- Illegal to drink hard liquor and wine on ALL City Property, unless there is a permit to do so.
- There is an exception currently for Beer, which allows consumption on all City Property except the street.



Other Large Municipalities

Do not allow consumption on the sidewalk:

- Bridgeport
- Hartford
- New Haven
- Norwalk
- Waterbury



Amended Alcohol Ordinance

- Would make it illegal to drink Beer on City Sidewalks, just like Hard Liquor and Wine.
- Would make it illegal to drink Beer in City Parks that do not have a Sporting Event Field, or a Beach.



Concerns

- The amendment does not criminalize alcohol consumption. It remains an infraction as it currently is.
- People are still allowed to consume alcohol on private property.



Concerns

- The amendment cannot only apply to a specific neighborhood. It must equally apply to the entire City in this regard.
- Social/Treatment Programs outreach were ongoing for a year and a half through the Shoulder to Shoulder initiative conducted by The Stamford Police, Liberation Programs, and Building One Community.



Concerns

The amendment is modeled after New Haven's ordinance.

- Absence of the same problem we see in Stamford
- In effect since 1987
- Used 56 times in the last two years.



Concerns

- Disparate Enforcement
- Motor Vehicle Stops can be used to compare
- 2020 Data from CTData.org and the U.S. Census shows an average deviation of 5% across all racial/ethnic markers



Enforcement Process

- Infraction - \$100 Ticket, not a Civil Citation
- The goal of the Police is voluntary compliance
- Criminal Justice Process



Conclusion

- If passed, the Administration will sign into law.
- Any ordinance can always be repealed or amended if issues are discovered afterwards.

