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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 1, 2025

**MOTION ARTICLE 49: AMENDMENT TO TOWN CODE – CHAPTER 2-12:
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTIONS 2-12-010, 2-12-020, AND 2-12-030**

Mitch Cohen, Select Board Chair moved that the Town vote to amend Chapter 2-12 of the Town Code, entitled "Alcoholic Beverages," by revising Sections 2-12-010 (Consumption and Possession Restricted), 2-12-020 (Possession Within Memorial Field), and 2-12-030 (Consumption in Town Structures and Public Places), as printed in Article 49 in the Warrant.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

The Town of Northborough hereby amends Chapter 2-12 of the Town Code as follows:

1. **Amend Section 2-12-010 (Consumption and Possession Restricted)** to allow for the **consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages on certain Town-owned properties**, subject to the issuance of a temporary or permanent license under **M.G.L. Chapter 138**, and compliance with the following conditions:
 - Alcohol must be **contained within a designated area** approved by the **Select Board** or other designated licensing authority.
 - Alcohol consumption is permitted only during **Town-approved events** where a proper **one-day liquor license or permit** has been obtained.
 - The license holder must provide **appropriate security measures**, such as fencing, signage, or designated monitoring, to ensure compliance with local and state laws.
 - Alcohol service and consumption areas must comply with **Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) regulations**, including prohibitions on overservice and serving to minors.
2. **Amend Section 2-12-020 (Possession Within Town Parks and Town Recreation Areas)** to allow for alcoholic beverages at **Town-permitted events at Town Parks and Town Recreation Areas** under the following conditions:
 - A **temporary liquor license** must be obtained from the **Select Board**.
 - The licensed area must be **clearly marked and restricted** to ensure that alcohol does not leave the designated premises.
 - Alcohol service must comply with **ABCC regulations and Town policies** regarding responsible beverage service.
3. **Amend Section 2-12-030 (Consumption in Town Structures and Public Places)** to allow for alcohol consumption in **designated public spaces, municipal buildings, or recreational areas**, provided that:

- A proper **alcohol license or permit** has been issued by the **Select Board** in accordance with **M.G.L. Chapter 138**.
- Alcohol consumption is restricted to **pre-approved events** such as **public gatherings, private functions, or community events**.

Adequate provisions for public safety, crowd control, and waste disposal must be in place as determined by the Town.

MOTION CARRIES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY VOTE

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ATTEST: _____
Andrew T. Dowd, Northborough Town Clerk