

**ORDINANCE TO
AMEND SECTION 410-52 POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES ON
PUBLIC WAYS OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL
ORDINANCES**

**SPONSOR: MAYOR ROBERT STOCKS
FROM: LICENSING BOARD**

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. § 410-52 Possession of alcohol beverages on public ways of the Watertown Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. No person shall ~~have in his~~ possession any open can, bottle or other receptacle containing alcohol beverages or drink from the same on any public street, sidewalk, boulevard, boardwalk, alley or public parking lot or on or in any vehicle parked on a public street, alley or public parking lot. "Public parking lot" shall include all premises held out to the public for use of their motor vehicles, whether such premises are publicly or privately owned, and whether or not a fee is charged for the use thereof.

B. No person shall ~~have in his~~ possession any open can, bottle or other receptacle containing alcohol beverages or drink from such can, bottle or receptacle on the Watertown Riverwalk and the contiguous public property between the Cady Street Bridge and the Milwaukee Street Bridge along both the east side and west side of the Rock River.

C. Exceptions.

~~(1) This section shall not apply to such events for which an appropriate license to dispense or sell alcohol under Wis. Stat. Ch. 125 has been obtained and approved by the City or where the City is distributing malt beverages pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 125.06(6).~~

~~(2) This section shall not apply to those areas designated in Subsection A of this section that may be temporarily closed for a City approved event.~~

(1) This section shall not apply to events for which a Special Event license as set forth under § 428-7 of the Watertown Municipal Code and an appropriate license to dispense or sell alcohol under Wis. Stat. Ch. 125 and Chapter 220 of the Watertown Municipal Code has been obtained and approved by the City.

(2) This section shall not apply to events where the City is distributing malt beverages pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 125.06(6).

(3) This section shall not apply to events for which a Special Event license as set forth under § 428-7 of the Watertown Municipal Code have been obtained and approved by the City and the Special Event is taking place with a Temporary Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area (TDORA) in accordance with § 428-8 of the Watertown Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Severability.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

Adopted July 7, 2026

Signed - Megan Dunneisen- City Clerk

Approved July 7, 2026

Signed - Robert Stocks- Mayor

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