

**ORDINANCE NO. 544**  
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AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO alcoholic beverages; to change provisions relating to consumption of alcoholic liquor on public property; to prohibit possession of open containers; to harmonize with state law; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; to provide an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Section 10-105 of the Municipal Code of Friend, Nebraska, is amended to read as follows:

**GENERAL OFFENSES; DRINKING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; POSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER.**

(A) Except when the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission has issued a license as provided in Neb. RS 53-186(2), it is unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquor upon property owned or controlled by the state or any governmental subdivision thereof unless authorized by the governing bodies having jurisdiction over such property.

*(Neb. RS 53-186)*

(B) (1) It is unlawful for any person in the passenger area of a motor vehicle to possess an open alcoholic beverage container while the motor vehicle is located in a public parking area or on any highway in this municipality.

(2) Except as provided in Neb. RS 53-186, it is unlawful for any person to consume an alcoholic beverage (a) in a public parking area or on any highway in this municipality or (b) inside a motor vehicle while in a public parking area or on any highway in this municipality.

(3) For purposes of this division:

(a) Alcoholic beverage means (i) beer, ale porter, stout, and other similar fermented beverages, including sake or similar products, of any name or description containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, brewed or produced from malt, wholly or in part, or from any substitute therefor, (ii) wine of not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume, or (iii) distilled spirits which is that substance known as ethyl alcohol, ethanol, or spirits of wine in any form, including all dilutions and mixtures thereof from whatever source or by whatever process produced. Alcoholic beverage does not include trace amounts not readily consumable as a beverage;

(b) Highway means a road or street including the entire area within the right-of-way;

(c) Open alcoholic beverage container means any bottle, can, or other receptacle:

(i) That contains any amount of alcoholic beverage; and

(ii) A. That is open or has a broken seal; or

B. The contents of which are partially removed; and

(d) Passenger area means the area designed to seat the driver and passengers while the motor vehicle is in operation and any area that is readily accessible to the driver or a passenger while in their seating positions, including any compartments in such area. Passenger area does not include the area behind the last upright seat of such motor vehicle if the area is not normally occupied by the driver or a passenger and the motor vehicle is not equipped with a trunk.

*(Neb. RS 60-6,211.08)*

Section 2. Any other ordinance or section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000.

(SEAL)



Ann L. Betka

Clerk

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Mayor