

2006-31

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES  
AND URINATING IN PUBLIC PLACES  
AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW  
JERSEY, 1968"**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Princeton  
as follows:

1. Chapter 13 of the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968"  
which establishes certain miscellaneous offenses within the Township of  
Princeton is amended by adding thereto new Sections 13-5 and 13-5.1  
concerning alcoholic beverage consumption in public and urinating in  
public and shall read as follows:

**Sec. 13-5. Alcoholic beverage consumption in public places.**

(a) Prohibitions. No person shall consume or possess in any  
opened container any alcoholic beverage in or upon any public or quasi-  
public place, including but not limited to any public street, alley, sidewalk,  
mall, park, playground, public conveyance, parking facility or in or around  
any public building. For the purposes of this section, a quasi-public area  
shall be defined as that portion of private lands which have been made  
open to the public for their use and enjoyment by the owner of said lands  
in connection with zoning approvals, dedication of said lands or similar  
means, and where the mayor and council, upon written application from  
the owner of said lands, determine that the provisions of this section be  
made applicable thereto.

No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage in or upon any private vehicle while it is in motion or parked upon any such public or quasi-public place.

(b) Exceptions. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages within or upon premises duly licensed for the consumption of alcoholic beverages, the possession of beer in pitchers or other unsealed containers as may be lawfully sold by licensed premises while in transit to a lawful place for consumption or the possession, distribution or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any public park, recreation area, public building, or other public area in connection with any organized function or social affair for which express prior permission has been received in writing from the Township Committee upon prior notice and subject to any terms and restrictions relating to the public safety and the general welfare of the Township.

(c) Penalty. The penalty for the first violation of this section shall be a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars, for a second violation within three years of the first violation, the penalty shall be a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars, and/or a period of incarceration not to exceed ten days; for a third offense within three years of the second offense, or within five years of the first offense, the penalty shall be a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars, and/or a period of incarceration not to exceed thirty days; for a fourth or subsequent offenses, irrespective of the

dates of any of the previous offenses, the maximum penalty shall be a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars, and/or a period of incarceration not to exceed ninety days.

**Sec. 13-5.1 Urinating in public, prohibited.**

No person shall urinate or place any bodily waste of humans on any public street, sidewalk or other place in public view, or to which the public is invited or has access, except in a lavatory toilet or similar facility.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided for by law.

I, Kathleen Brzezynski, Deputy Clerk of the Township of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by Township Committee at its meeting held September 25, 2006.



Kathleen Brzezynski  
Deputy Clerk