

253. RESOLUTION TO FINALLY APPROVE “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR B.Y.O.B. COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON:

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a BYOB policy regarding alcoholic beverages being allowed in establishments that are not otherwise licensed by the State of Connecticut Liquor Control Division; and

WHEREAS, BYOB refers to “Bring Your Own Bottle” however includes all alcoholic liquor; and

WHEREAS, alcoholic liquor shall have the same meaning as the same term defined in C.G.S. Section 30-1, as amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, any changes to fees or fines set forth herein shall be adopted by resolution of the City Council in future; and

BYOB Establishment often referred to as “Bring Your Own Bottle” means any business facility, such as a dance hall, club, restaurant, lounge, meeting room or association, not licensed by the State of Connecticut Liquor Control Division, wherein patrons twenty-one (21) years of age or older are allowed to bring their own alcoholic liquor to the facility and to consume thereon. This designation includes any such facility regardless of whether such facility requires an entry fee, cover charge, membership fee or allows the practice only when associated with making a purchase at the facility.

Operation of BYOB Establishments within the City of Groton.

- a. No alcoholic liquor may be consumed on the premises of such BYOB Establishments between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.
- b. The consumption of alcoholic liquor by visibly intoxicated persons shall be prohibited at BYOB Establishments.
- c. The consumption of alcoholic liquor by persons under the age of twenty-one (21) shall be prohibited at BYOB Establishments.
- d. Alcoholic liquor shall not be offered as a prize for any activity conducted at the BYOB Establishment.

Penalties. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$250.00.

Relationship with other laws, ordinances. The provisions of this section shall in no way be read to substitute for, replace and/or conflict with the provisions of the Connecticut Liquor Control Act.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was published in The Day, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Groton on June 5, 2024 and June 19, 2024;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council finally approve “an ordinance to establish regulations B.Y.O.B. commercial establishments.”

Initially Approved: June 3, 2024
Finally Approved: June 17, 2024

Keith Hedrick, Mayor

Dani Baycura, City Clerk