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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

POLICY & PROCEDURE

RELATIVE TO THE USE OR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CITY PARKS

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I. PURPOSE

To establish a policy relative to the use or sale of alcoholic beverages in city parks as defined by Article 97 of M.G.L.

II. POLICY

1. The use or sale of alcoholic beverages in city parks is not permitted except at Green Hill Golf Course and Worcester Common.
2. The use or sale of alcohol at Green Hill Golf Course is permitted by the Parks and Recreation Commission and subject to all the conditions imposed by the License Commission.
3. The use or sale of alcohol on the Worcester Common is permitted by the Parks and Recreation Commission upon a 2/3 vote of the Commission and subject to all the conditions imposed by the License Commission. All requests for the use or sale of alcohol on the Worcester Common must be made by a non-profit organization (501C3) and be part of a fundraising event.

III. PROCEDURE

Worcester Common Only:

1. Applicant(s) shall follow all of the Rules & Regulations of the Department of Public Works and Parks, Parks, Recreation, & Cemetery Division as stated within the Permit Application.
2. Applicant(s) shall be in compliance with the City of Worcester License Commission guidelines.

3. Applicant(s) shall complete as required by the Department of Public Works and Parks, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division all necessary sections of said permit by the required submission date.
4. The Commissioner or his/her designee, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Commission will schedule a public hearing with interested parties concerning permit request for use of or selling of alcohol on the Common.
5. The Commissioner or his/her designee of the Department of Public Works and Parks, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Division shall ensure this policy is adhered to. He/She shall have final approval of the Applicants.
6. This policy/procedure may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
7. Applicant(s) seeking an exemption from this policy must submit an application to the Commissioner or his/her designee of the Department of Public Works and Parks, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Division to explain in detail the purpose for the exemption and the manner of operation to be conducted.

Parks and Recreation Commission Approval Record

1. This policy replaces the current policies and procedures for Permission to Use or Sell Alcohol on the Common and Green Hill Municipal Golf Course in City Parks.
2. It was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission on 4/3/08, voted 7-0.
3. This policy was reviewed and approved the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 16, 2012.