SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The use of alcoholic beverages is permitted in the Community Center. Facility users should be aware that recent litigation has occurred which may hold the sponsor of an event serving alcohol accountable in the event of an accident. This flyer has been developed to give facility users an idea of the expectations and requirements they may encounter when serving alcoholic beverages in a public facility.

**Damage Deposits** - Damage deposits are required and will be refunded after the event if no problems occur. Please check with Town Hall to determine the deposit required. **If alcohol is consumed or served, the deposit may be greater than the normal deposit.**

**Liability** - Recent court cases have found bars and party hosts accountable for persons consuming too much liquor. Persons hosting the event should be aware of this and take preventative steps to control the situation. Liability has been extended to not only those attending the party, but to anyone injured by someone who has attended the party. The Town of Johnstown is the provider of space for the event and it is the responsibility of the facility user to manage the amount of alcohol consumed by persons using the Community Center.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMUNITY CENTER RENTERS**

- **IT IS ILLEGAL TO SERVE ALCOHOL TO MINORS.**
- Do not serve anyone who appears to have consumed too much alcohol.
- You will serve only keg beer or wine in clear plastic cups, **no glass containers allowed.**
- If alcoholic beverages are served, no fee can be charged. Alcohol cannot be served to uninvited individuals to the users function.
- No hard liquor will be allowed.
- **Packaged liquor cannot be carried in by guests.**
- Watch for individuals who have consumed too much alcohol and provide rides for them.
- Have non-alcoholic beverage alternatives available.
- Serve alcohol in small portions.
- Provide food at the event.
- Stop serving alcoholic beverages **one hour** before the event is over.

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