

**CITY OF BUFFALO  
ORDINANCE NO. 582**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON CITY-OWNED OR LEASED PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Buffalo, Iowa desires to promote public safety, responsible use of municipal facilities, and clarity in regulations governing alcohol use on property owned or leased by the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Buffalo, Iowa:

**Section 1. Purpose**

This ordinance sets forth regulations governing the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on all property owned or leased by the City of Buffalo.

**Section 2. Prohibition**

- A. The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited on all City-owned or City-leased property.
- B. This prohibition applies to indoor and outdoor spaces including, but not limited to, parks, buildings, parking lots, recreational areas, municipal offices, and facilities.

**Section 3. Exceptions**

The following exceptions to the prohibition may apply:

- 1. **Community Center Exception**  
Alcoholic beverages may be possessed and consumed at the Buffalo Community Center in accordance with its active liquor license and applicable regulations issued by the State of Iowa and the City.
- 2. **Beach Property Exception**  
Alcoholic beverages may be possessed and consumed at the beach property subject to any posted rules, City regulations, or law enforcement directives.
- 3. **Council-Approved Exception**  
All other proposed exceptions shall be presented directly to the City Council for approval prior to the event.
  - o Approval shall be granted by Council resolution specifying the date, location, sponsoring entity, and type of alcohol-related activity permitted.
  - o Event sponsors shall comply with all licensing, insurance, and security requirements as determined by the Council.

**Section 4. Enforcement**

A violation of this ordinance is a municipal infraction, and could result in a fine, removal from the premises, or other legal remedies as provided in the City Code.

## Section 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication and recording as provided by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, **20**.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Second Reading: 9/8/2025

Third Reading: 10/13/2025

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