



## ORDINANCE NO. 97-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLTOWN DEFINING AND PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES UPON THE STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLTOWN, PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

The Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township hereby ordains:

**SECTION 1 - PUBLIC POLICY**

It is against public policy to permit the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages upon the streets and public places within Hilltown Township. The purpose of this Ordinance is to define and prohibit the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages upon the streets and public places of Hilltown Township because of the public and private nuisances caused by same.

**SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words or phrases shall be construed according to the definitions set forth below:

**Alcoholic Beverages** - Any spirits, wine, beer, ale or other liquid containing more than one-half percent ( $\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) of alcohol by volume which is fit for beverage purposes.

**Container** - Any bottle, can or other vessel in which alcoholic beverages are contained.

**SECTION 3 - CONSUMPTION**

No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage in any quantity upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, stairway, thoroughfare, or other public property within the Township of Hilltown, nor shall any person consume any alcoholic beverage within five feet (5') of any public way or thoroughfare while

on a private stairway, doorway or other private property open to public view without the express or implied permission of the owner, his agent or other party in lawful possession thereof.

#### **SECTION 4 - POSSESSION**

No person shall possess any container of alcoholic beverage whether wrapped or unwrapped which has been opened or on which the seal has been broken in any manner on any public street, avenue, alley, thoroughfare or other public property within the Township of Hilltown, nor shall any person possess any container of alcoholic beverage within five feet (5') of any public way or thoroughfare while on a private stairway, doorway, or other private property open to public view without the express or implied permission of the owner, his agent, or other person in lawful possession thereof.

#### **SECTION 5 - EXCEPTIONS**

Provided however, that any provision of Sections 2 and 3 above shall not apply to interior portions of any private dwelling, habitat or building, nor to the consumption or possession by persons in the areas herein designated of any duly prescribed and dispensed medication having alcoholic content as set forth in Section 1 hereof; and provided further that the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 above shall not apply to premises duly licensed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and to persons then and there patrons of said licensee.

#### **SECTION 6 - PENALTY**

Whosoever violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), and in default of payment to be imprisoned for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

#### **SECTION 7 - REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

#### **SECTION 8 - SEVERABILITY**

If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors

of Hilltown Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

**SECTION 8 - EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall become effective on AUG. 26, 1997.

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