

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.24.070 RELATED TO PURCHASE, POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION BY MINORS.

WHEREAS, the City has need, from time to time, to amend the Richland Municipal Code (RMC) to bring it into alignment with state law; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to RMC 9.24.070 is necessary to correct a numbering defect that resulted from a change in state law to the numbering of definitions listed in RCW 66.04.010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Section 9.24.070, entitled Purchase, possession, or consumption by minors prohibited, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 99-76, and last amended by Ordinance No. 08-21, is hereby amended as follows:

9.24.070 Purchase, possession, or consumption by minors prohibited.

A. Except in the case of liquor given or permitted to be given to a person under the age of 21 years by his or her parent or guardian for beverage or medicinal purposes, or administered to him or her by his or her physician or dentist for medicinal purposes, or used in connection with religious services, no person shall give or otherwise supply liquor to any person under the age of 21 years or permit any person under that age to consume liquor on his or her premises or on any premises under his or her control.

B. No person under the age of 21 years shall knowingly acquire or knowingly have in his or her possession or purchase, drink, or consume liquor, except in the case of liquor given or permitted to be given to such person as provided in subsection (A) of this section.

C. No person under the age of 21 years shall attempt to obtain any liquor contrary to the provisions of this section.

D. It is unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to be or remain in any public place after having consumed liquor as evidenced by:

1. The odor of intoxicants on the breath; or

2. Observations by the officer through other sense perception; except in the case of liquor given or permitted to be given to a person under the age of 21 years as provided in subsection (A) of this section. "Public place or places" is defined in RCW 66.04.010~~(35)~~. Any person under the age of 21 years who is found to have consumed liquor shall be presumed to have consumed the same within the city limits of the city of Richland.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

Section 3. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

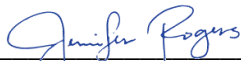
Section 4. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's errors/clerical errors, section numbering, references, or similar mistakes of form.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 1st day of July, 2025.



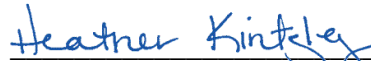
Theresa Richardson, Mayor

Attest:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

First Reading: June 17, 2025

Second Reading: July 1, 2025

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