

**Town of Erie  
Ordinance No. 006-2026**

**An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Erie Amending Sections 4-8-12 and 7-6-5(M)(1) of the Erie Municipal Code to Allow the Consumption of Vinous Alcohol Beverages Inside Town Parks and Facilities**

**Whereas**, the Town has authorized the consumption of fermented malt beverages in Town parks and facilities, and the Board of Trustees wishes to amend the Erie Municipal Code to also allow the consumption of vinous liquors upon application and receipt of a valid open container permit.

**Now Therefore be it Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Erie, Colorado, as follows:**

**Section 1.** Section 4-8-12(A) of the Erie Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**4-8-12 – Open container and private event permits.**

A. Open Container Permit: The local licensing authority may, upon the filing of an open container permit application with the Town Clerk, issue a permit for the consumption of fermented malt beverages *and vinous liquors* (as defined in Section 6-9-1 of this Code), by persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older, at an event to be held in a Town park or facility. If issued, the permit shall specify the date and time of the event, that the possession and consumption of fermented malt beverages *and vinous liquors* is authorized, and the location of the event where such possession and consumption is authorized.

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**Section 2.** Section 7-6-5(M)(1) of the Erie Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**7-6-5 – Regulations.**

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M. Use, distribute or consume any alcohol beverages or fermented malt beverages in Town parks or recreation facilities. Exceptions:

1. Public consumption of fermented malt beverages *and vinous liquors*, as defined at Section 6-9-1 of this Code, in ~~Town~~ *outside* parks or recreation facilities is authorized if such consumption is in full conformance with a valid permit issued by the local liquor licensing authority pursuant to the Colorado Liquor Code and ~~provisions of~~ *Section 4-8-12 of* this Code.

~~Where such consumption is strictly for private and personal consumption, application for a permit allowing possession and consumption of fermented malt beverages and vinous liquors at a Town an outside park or recreation facility shall be filed with the office of the Town Clerk, pursuant to Section 4-8-12 of this Code.~~

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**Section 3. Severability.** If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts hereof irrespective of the fact that any one, or part, or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**Section 4. Safety.** The Town Council finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect 10 days after publication following adoption.

**Introduced, Read, Passed and Ordered Published this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

**Attest:**

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Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk