



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## **Public Invited to Comment at Hearings on Ordinances to ban Alcohol and Cannabis Use on Town Property**

### ***Vaping and Smoking would also be Prohibited***

**(VERNON, Connecticut)** – The Vernon Town Council will conduct public hearings on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 on two proposed ordinances, one of which would prohibit the use of alcohol and cannabis and ban smoking and vaping on town-owned and town-controlled property.

The first hearing is scheduled for 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall on an ordinance titled “Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited in Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property.”

The second hearing will begin at the conclusion of the first hearing. It concerns an ordinance titled “Possession of Alcoholic Liquor and Cannabis in Public Areas, Highways and Parking Areas.”

“This is a public health issue,” Mayor Dan Champagne said. “We already ban alcohol and smoking in our parks, at schools and other town properties. It is sensible to expand this public health policy to cannabis. Our residents have the right to expect a healthy, substance-free environment in our parks and town facilities.”

The council will hear comments from residents during the public hearings. The text of each proposed ordinance can be read [here](#).

#### **About the Town of Vernon**

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25

miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit [www.vernon-ct.gov](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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