

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH HOURS OF OPERATION  
FOR B.Y.O.B. ESTABLISHMENTS

THE TOWN OF GROTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

1. *Findings.* In recognition of the growing practice of allowing patrons to bring alcoholic beverages to restaurants, clubs, meeting spaces, lounges and the like in the Town of Groton which establishments are not otherwise licensed by the State of Connecticut Liquor Control Division; the Town seeks to preserve and promote the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of its residents by defining, clarifying and regulating this practice at such establishments.

2. *Purpose.* The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the practice of allowing patrons to bring their own alcohol to commercial establishments within the Town.

3. *Definitions.*

*Alcoholic liquor* shall have the same meaning as the same term defined in C.G.S. § 30-1, as amended from time to time.

*BYOB Establishment* often referred to as “Bring Your Own Bottle” means any business facility, such as a dance hall, club, restaurant, lounge, meeting room or association, not licensed by the State of Connecticut Liquor Control Division, wherein patrons twenty-one (21) years of age or older are allowed to bring their own alcoholic liquor to the facility and to consume thereon. This designation includes any such facility regardless of whether such facility requires an entry fee, cover charge, membership fee or allows the practice only when associated with making a purchase at the facility.

4. *Operation of BYOB Establishments within the Town of Groton.*

a. No alcoholic liquor may be consumed on the premises of such BYOB Establishments between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

b. The consumption of alcoholic liquor by visibly intoxicated persons shall be prohibited at BYOB Establishments.

c. The consumption of alcoholic liquor by persons under the age of twenty-one (21) shall be prohibited at BYOB Establishments.

d. Alcoholic liquor shall not be offered as a prize for any activity conducted at the BYOB Establishment.

5. *Penalties.* Any person violating any provision of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$250.00.

6. *Relationship with other laws, ordinances.* The provisions of this section shall in no way be read to substitute for, replace and/or conflict with the provisions of the Connecticut Liquor Control Act and/or Sections 4-1 through 4-5 of this Code.

This Ordinance shall be effective 45 days after enactment by the Council unless vetoed by the RTM.