

*City of Stockton, CA  
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## Title 9. Public Peace and Welfare

### Chapter 9.64. PENAL OFFENSES—INFRACTIONS AND MISDEMEANORS

#### § 9.64.020. Drinking liquor in public.

- A. It is unlawful and an infraction for any person to drink any malt, spirituous or vinous liquor containing more than one-half of 1% of alcohol by volume.
  - 1. In the following public places or vehicles in said public places: public street, alley way, sidewalk, parkway, school grounds, playground, waterway, slough, or bed, bank or levee of a slough or waterway, unless the consumption of liquor in such public place or places has been authorized by the Council of the City; or
  - 2. On the following private property open to public view or hearing from any of the public places named above: vacant lots, emergency exits of such places of public assemblage as theaters and hotels, private automobiles, parking lots, railroad rights-of-way, school grounds and play grounds, unless permission for the consumption of liquor on such private property has previously been given by the owner or lessee thereof;
  - 3. Within the limits of any park now owned or to be hereafter owned by the City, either inside or outside the limits of the City, which park has been designated by the City Manager pursuant to Section **9.64.010**; provided, however, that the designated park has been posted as provided in subsection **B** of this section.
- B. Posting of Signs. Each park which has been designated by the City Manager pursuant to subsection **A** of this section shall be posted with signs not less than one square foot in area and upon which, in lettering not less than one-half inches in height, appear the words, "CONSUMPTION OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE WITHIN THIS PARK IS FORBIDDEN BY LAW. SMC 9.64.020(A) (3)."
- C. Destruction of Property. It is unlawful for any person without authority to tear down, deface or destroy any sign posted pursuant to this section.

(Prior code §§ 5-132.1—5-132.3)