

Resolution to Allow Municipal Authorities to Ban the Sale of Nips

Whereas more than 90 million miniature liquor bottles (“nips”) are sold in Connecticut every year;

Whereas New Haven businesses sell 5%, the most of any municipality;

Whereas 2,501,376 nips were sold in New Haven between October 2024 and March 2025;

Whereas nips are commonly found in litter in large amounts, and the majority being plastic, contribute microplastics to our waterways including rivers and Long Island Sound;

Whereas nips are easily concealed and contribute to drinking and driving;

Whereas towns in Massachusetts that have banned nips have seen dramatic decreases in nips being littered and a decrease in alcohol-related emergency calls;

Whereas the Liquor Control Act of 1933 inadvertently prohibits municipalities in Connecticut from banning the sale of nips; and

Whereas the City of New Haven favors municipal empowerment over unnecessary state mandates; now therefore, be it

Resolved that the City of New Haven supports changes to the Liquor Control Act that would allow municipalities the right to self-determination on the question of whether the sale of nips should be banned within our city.