



WYCKOFF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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David V Murphy
Chief of Police

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To: All Wyckoff Restaurant Establishments

From: David V. Murphy, Chief of Police

Re: Bring Your Own Bottle Laws (BYOB)

The owner of a restaurant in Wyckoff that does not possess a liquor license is permitted to allow patrons to bring in and consume ONLY beer or wine. Distilled spirits (vodka, gin, whiskey, etc) and any alcoholic beverage other than beer or wine are prohibited.

A restaurant can supply glasses and ice to the patrons, but may NOT impose a cover or corkage charge. There shall be NO advertising by the restaurant that BYOB is permitted and that patrons can bring wine or beer. The restaurant is responsible for assuring that there is NO consumption of beer or wine by persons less than 21 years of age or visibly intoxicated.

These regulations are established under New Jersey statute 2C:33-27. Violations are a Disorderly Persons offense and the statute holds the owner or person who operates a restaurant responsible to assure compliance with the regulations.

There have been periodic complaints that some BYOB establishments are allowing alcohol other than beer or wine to be consumed. That may have taken place due to a misunderstanding of the law. This memo is prepared so that you have a better understanding of the law. If you have further questions please feel free to contact Lt. Joseph Soto or me.

David V Murphy
Chief of Police