Stoughton Alcohol Policy Committee

The purpose of the Alcohol Policy Committee is to ease the burden of establishing and maintaining best practices regarding alcohol policy in the City of Stoughton. The Stoughton Alcohol Policy Committee will achieve this by reviewing and advising the Public Safety Committee on all alcohol and related license applications, renewals, and amendments. Additionally, the Committee will research best practices to draft edits or propose new alcohol-related ordinances, policies, and practices.

Description of the work:

1. Coordinate the Municipal Alcohol Policy Inventory biennially to assess existing policies, ordinances, and enforcement efforts and to identify opportunities to strengthen and/or develop new policies and ordinances.
2. Assist the Stoughton Police Department with annual processes related to training, issuing and renewal of liquor and operator licenses and conducting Alcohol Age Compliance Checks.
3. Research effective strategies related to alcohol implemented in Dane County and across Wisconsin.
4. Advise the Stoughton Police Department, City Clerk, and Public Safety Committee through proposed changes to existing or new ordinances, policies, and practices to ensure Stoughton is a healthy, safe community.

Members and Roles:

The Alcohol Policy Committee will consist of no less than five, but no more than 10 members. Membership of the Committee will include one representative appointed from the City Council and one representative appointed from the Stoughton Wellness Coalition. The remaining spots will be recruited from the community at large.

Chair – Calls the meetings and keeps the group on task.

Secretary – Keeps meeting notes and correspondence.

Implementers – Those who gather information, conduct research and/or draft policies and ordinances.

Meeting Schedule:

The committee will meet monthly or as needed during the first 12 months, in correlation to scheduled Public Safety Committee meetings. Thereafter, the schedule will be determined by members on at least a quarterly basis.