

For reference, the HHS handbook states that “*Clothing that advertises or suggests the use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco is not permitted (Example: Salty Dawg sweatshirts and hoodies are not allowed).*”



**Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution #14
Homer High School Student Government
Dress Regulations on Salty Dawg Apparel
October 27, 2022**

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Government:

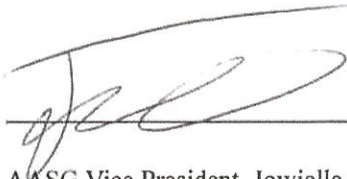
- 1. Whereas**, the Homer High School Student Handbook prohibits clothing that advertises or suggests the use of alcoholic beverages, but puts no further restrictions on the content of clothing in regards to local establishments or alcohol, except by providing the example of Salty Dawg sweatshirts and hoodies; and,
- 2. Whereas**, KPBSD BP 5145.2 maintains that student liberties of expression shall be limited only as allowed by law in order to maintain an orderly school environment and to protect the rights, health and safety of members of the school; and,
- 3. Whereas**, the ability to dress for school represents a clear opportunity for student expression; and,
- 4. Whereas**, exposure to Salty Dawg merchandise in school is unlikely to contribute significantly to a students’ overall exposure to Salty Dawg branded clothing which is prevalent in many students’ wardrobes and in the general community; and,
- 5. Whereas**, endorsement of the Salty Dawg landmark or merchandise does not equate to endorsement of drinking alcohol by students; and,

6. **Whereas**, the Salty Dawg Saloon strictly requires customers to provide ID to enter the establishment, effectively prohibiting the student population of Homer High School from entering the Salty Dawg Saloon; and,
7. **Whereas**, Salty Dawg merchandise is solely available to purchase in the adjacent “Salty Girls” gift shop or online, and not in the building that serves alcohol; and,
8. **Whereas**, the Salty Dawg, first established in 1897, is the oldest surviving building in Homer; and,
9. **Whereas**, the Salty Dawg has historically served many purposes in Homer and represents an important historical landmark that transcends the use of alcohol, at times serving as Homer’s first post office, a railroad station, a grocery store, a coal mining office, and a schoolhouse before being utilized as a “saloon”; and,
10. **Whereas**, the Salty Dawg is a major tourist attraction and a globally recognized icon, and has even been featured on clothing worn on *Dancing With The Stars*; and,
11. **Whereas**, discipline for existing rules on Salty Dawg merchandise is enforced sporadically at Homer High School, and without consistency in regards to teachers who enforce this policy, students who are disciplined, and the type of Salty Dawg merchandise worn; and,
12. **Whereas**, the Homer High School administration has voiced support for an exception for Salty Dawg merchandise from the current dress code rules; and,
13. **Whereas**, the Homer High School administration alone has been unsuccessful in resolving this issue with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District; and,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Alaska Association of Student Government recognizes that wearing Salty Dawg Saloon merchandise at Homer High School does not explicitly advertise the use of alcohol; and

Be it further resolved, the Alaska Association of Student Government requests that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District supports Homer High School administration in changing school policy to allow wearing Salty Dawg branded clothing at Homer High School.

Passed by the Fall 2022 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Wasilla High School



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