

**City of Hastings  
Alcohol Compliance Check  
Parental Consent Form**

DATE

Dear Parent,

Youth consumption of alcohol is a serious problem in our society. Limiting the supply of alcohol that is accessible by underage youth is one important tool in a comprehensive program of deterring underage drinking. Youth who are of age, friends, and relatives, so-called social providers are one source of alcohol for underage youth. Licensed liquor stores, convenience stores, bars and restaurants are another source.

The experience of law enforcement around the country and University research suggest that in communities without active enforcement programs, youth are served alcohol without ID at approximately fifty percent or more of licensed establishments. The most effective police strategies for detecting and deterring irresponsible adults who provide or sell alcohol to underage youth require the use of underage people as buyers. Your child has expressed an interest in serving as a youthful buyer and we seek your consent for their participation. In compliance checks and shoulder-tap operations the youthful buyer will make an attempt to purchase alcohol from a commercial or social provider. If alcohol is provided illegally, law enforcement action is taken against the seller or provider and, when appropriate, administrative action is taken against the liquor licensee.

Youth serving as buyers are under constant supervision throughout these operations. While most cases do not involve public trials or hearings, it is possible that the youth buyer may need to appear as a witness at some future date.

Youth buyers generally find the experience of working with law enforcement exciting and educational. Serving as a youth buyer is a public service that many youth have found beneficial when listed on college or employment applications. Serving as a youth buyer is particularly appropriate for anyone contemplating a career in law, law enforcement, or public health. Your signature on this form indicates your consent for your son or daughter to serve as a youth buyer for law enforcement operations directed at alcohol age-of-sale laws. Participation as a youth buyer is voluntary. Your son or daughter has the right to withdraw at any time. Please sign and return this form.

I hereby give my consent for my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, to serve as a youth buyer for the City of Hastings

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Name of Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Date

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Signature of Parent or Guardian