



Baltimore County extends pilot program to crack down on college parties

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A Baltimore County pilot program meant to crack down on unruly parties in Towson will be extended through 2022.

Under the law, first passed by the County Council in early 2016, offenders face fines and community service, while their landlords can be fined and eventually lose their rental license if their tenants are cited for repeated offenses.



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“I regard the social host legislation as one of the most important initiatives this council has passed.

I am very pleased with the bipartisan, unanimous support from my colleagues, who recognize that this is not just a public safety issue—it's a property rights issue, since unruly disturbances erode neighborhoods over time.”

Baltimore County Councilman David Marks

Social Host Ordinances

- Baltimore City – June, 2015
 - 40 citations issued first 7 months
 - 24% reduction in community liaison calls for service
 - Anecdotal evidence of improvement
- Baltimore County – January 2016
 - Two-year pilot program, effective in neighborhoods near Towson University and UMBC
 - Bill introduced to expand Towson boundaries
 - 7 citations issued in first 4 months
- Princess Anne – May 2016