

Sec. 2-5. - Unruly social gatherings.

- (a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection.

Controlled substance means a drug or substance the possession and use of which is regulated under the State Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, but does not include any drug or substance for which a person has a valid prescription issued by a licensed medical practitioner authorized to issue such a prescription.

Responsible person means a person or persons with a legal right of possession in the residence or other location where an unruly social gathering is conducted and who organizes, supervises, conducts, allows the conduct of or otherwise accepts responsibility for an unruly social gathering. A person need not be present at an unruly social gathering to be considered a responsible person. There may be multiple responsible persons for any one (1) unruly social gathering.

Underage person means any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

Unruly social gathering means a party, event, or assemblage of four (4) or more persons where:

- (1) Alcoholic beverages are being furnished to, consumed by or in possession of an underage person in violation of state law; or
 - (2) Behavior or conduct is occurring that results in a disturbance of the peace or a disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property, which may include the following:
 - a. Excessive noise as prohibited in section 2-4 of the Code;
 - b. Excessive traffic that is significantly above and beyond the normal amount of pedestrian or vehicle traffic for the day, date and time of day for the zoning district;
 - c. Use of a controlled substance by any person at the gathering;
 - d. Obstruction of public streets or the presence of unruly crowds that have spilled onto public streets;
 - e. Public drunkenness or unlawful consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages;
 - f. Assaults, batteries, fights, or other disturbances of the peace;
 - g. Vandalism of public or private property;
 - h. Public urination;
 - i. Littering; or
 - k. Other conduct which constitutes a threat to the public safety, quiet enjoyment of residential property or the general welfare.
- (b) *Unruly social gathering prohibited.* Unruly social gatherings are unlawful. A responsible person for an unruly social gathering shall be guilty of a municipal infraction and shall be subject to the penalties provided in this Code. If a juvenile is a responsible person, that individual's parents shall be cited for violations of this section as well.

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