

TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY

Unruly Gatherings
September 28, 2017



Unruly Gatherings

- House parties at neighboring residences negatively impact residents:
 - Quality of life
 - Property values



Unruly Gatherings

- Purpose: Discuss and receive Mayor and Council direction on drafting a new ordinance to assist in solving these community issues.



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- Limitations of current tools
 - Citations go to court, not timely (whole season)
 - Meanwhile:
 - New renters may throw new parties
 - Some owners not yet accountable and throw new parties
 - Some owners not deterred by fines
 - Bad owners/renters know rules and game system



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- A PVPD Officer noted this same issue in college town he worked for
- College towns historically dealing with party houses
- Pulled codes from Tucson, Tempe and Flagstaff



Unruly Gathering

- Unruly Gathering potential definition:
 - Five or more people, and :
 - Disturbance of quiet enjoyment of property by **one of the following:**
 - Noise, obstruction of public streets by crowds or vehicles, drinking in public, drugs, serving alcohol to minors, fighting, littering, disturbing the peace.



Unruly Gathering

- Concepts
 - “Unruly Gathering” is the term of art.
 - Potential ordinance creates a tool to assist in addressing Unruly Gatherings.
 - Criminal Penalties
 - Civil Fines
 - Administrative Fees



Unruly Gathering-Criminal Process

- Class 1 Misdemeanor
- Officer Issues a Citation to Responsible Person(s) at scene
- Fines
 - Minimum Mandatory \$1,000; 1st Offense
 - Minimum Mandatory \$2,000; 2nd offense
 - Minimum Mandatory \$2,500; 3rd and subsequent offenses
- Follow up can issue a citation to an off-site or non-present owner



Unruly Gathering-Civil Process

- Civil Process to reduce/eliminate future incidents.
- Scarlet Letter – Posting
 - Post a notice on the property saying:
 - Notice that an Unruly Gathering Occurred
 - Notification to Owner via personal contact or mail
 - Warning that subsequent Unruly Gathering within 90 days incurs fees and citations
 - Prohibition to remove posting



Unruly Gathering- Administrative Process

- Police Service Fee
 - Requires Increased Response (2+ Officers) to restore peace because 11+ people necessary. Or;
 - Second visit to same event; or
 - Response to same location after notification;



Unruly Gathering- Administrative Process

- Police Service Fee – Charge for:
 - Actual cost of officers;
 - Actual cost of dispatchers and other police personnel;
 - Cost for use of vehicles and equipment;
 - Cost of any medical treatment to officers;
 - Cost of any damage to vehicles or equipment;



Unruly Gathering- Administrative Process

- Why Charge for Increased Response?
 - Inability to break up party with one officer;
 - 2 officer represent 40% of night shift;
 - 3 officers likely needed; so 60% of night shift;
 - Pulls officers from neighborhood patrols;
 - Potential Time, Injury and Paperwork when dispersing people



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- Discussion
 - Do Mayor and Council have any questions about how these concepts would work?
 - Do Mayor and Council support these concepts?
 - Do Mayor and Council have edits to the draft ordinance?

