



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Collins and Town Council Members

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DEPARTMENT: Police Department

AGENDA TITLE:
Discussion of Policing Unruly Gatherings.

Town Value(s):

- Primarily one-acre, residential community
- Limited government
- Creating a sense of community
- Partnerships with existing schools and resorts to enhance recreational opportunities
- Improving aesthetics/creating a brand
- Preserving natural open space

Quality of life concerns are important for Paradise Valley residents. The ability of ordinances to address the concerns of residents and maintain resident quality of life are an important provision of high quality government services.

Council Goals or Statutory Requirements:

Agenda Item Relates to Mission/Vision:

- Provides high quality public services to a community which values limited government.

Strategic Initiative:

- Continuously provide high quality public safety services for Town residents and visitors.

Council Goals or Other Policies / Statutory Requirements:

- Public Safety Task Force Recommendations
 - Respond to neighborhood complaints in a timely manner.
 - Improve patrol level problem solving.
- Paradise Valley Police Department Strategic Plan:
 - Goal number one: Reduce crime and the fear of crime.
 - Goal number two: Encourage community empowerment.
 - Goal number three: Empower police personnel.
 - Goal number five: Review and improve work product.

RECOMMENDATION:

Gather input and discussion on proposed ordinance for unruly gatherings.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Police Department and Code Enforcement respond to loud parties at residences in Paradise Valley. The participant is sometimes cited for a noise ordinance violation. Some of the other issues related to parties, including parking on the street and disruption of the neighborhood quality of life cannot be stopped by enforcing only the noise ordinance, additional tools might be needed. The adoption of an unruly gathering ordinance could assist in solving this quality of life issue by its three-pronged approach. A proposed ordinance could pursue criminal penalties, civil fines and administrative fees against unruly gathering participants and owners of problem properties.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Any budgetary impact would be covered by the proposed administrative fee schedule in the ordinance. Because the Police Service Fee represents a new fee, all State statutes regarding notice and time must be followed prior to adoption of this ordinance.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Proposed Unruly Gathering Ordinance
Unruly Gathering Powerpoint