

Celebrating in College Station

Noise Abatement and Alcohol Enforcement

With a continuing effort, the City of College Station will work toward keeping our city an enjoyable place to live.

College Station Police Department is committed to strict noise and alcohol enforcement. Additionally, we will work with Community Enhancement to address such problems as:

- Loud Parties, Alcohol Abuse, Litter, Parking Issues, Disorderly Conduct Offenses

Goals

Enhance and protect the quality of life for all.

Maintain cooperative efforts of police, code enforcement, and local law enforcement.

Maintain cooperative efforts between the City of College Station, the city of Bryan, Texas A&M University, Brazos County Agencies and property owners/managers.

Texas Law Violation

A loud party or noise violation falls under the Texas Penal Code Section 42.01 Disorderly Conduct (a)(5): a person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly; makes unreasonable noise in a public place other than a sport shooting range, or in or near a private residence that he has no right to occupy. Disorderly Conduct is a Class C Misdemeanor and is punishable by fine up to \$500.00.

Action Taken . . .

If officers determine you are in violation of the Disorderly Conduct statute, **each** resident will receive a citation.

If necessary, arrests will be made.

If the police department responds to a second complaint of loud noise or music and officers determine you are in violation of the Disorderly Conduct statute, **each** resident may be arrested.

Alcohol is found at most loud party/loud music complaints. All alcohol violations will be strictly enforced.

Tell the truth about your name, age and address . . .

Or you will be arrested for Failure to Identify.

Follow Up . . .

Property owners will be notified of all noise and alcohol violations occurring on their property.

Property owners will have to make decisions on handling these violations. If the violations of the Texas Penal Code and Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code continue, the Texas nuisance abatement statute may be enforced. This action can result in civil prosecution of property owners.

“Bee” A Good Neighbor

In addition to Noise Abatement and Alcohol Enforcement, the Police Department is working with the City of College Station Code Enforcement division to identify and enforce the following violations:

Parking Violations

- Parking in yards is prohibited
- Be sure you park legally on the street
- Don't block your neighbors driveway

Littering

- Keep your neighborhood clean
- Pick up any cups, cans, bottles, etc. that your guests may leave

So ... You're thinking of going to a party ..

- If you are 21 or over, consume alcohol responsibly
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to consume or possess alcohol
- Make sure you know people at the party
- You do not have to consume alcohol
- Do not Drink and Drive
- Do not get in the car with a drunk driver
- Go to the party with someone you know
- Leave the party with the person you went with
- Do not leave with a person you do not know
- Stay with people who care about you

If you drink . . .

- Drink on a full stomach
- Avoid drinks of an unknown mixture
- Avoid letting others handle your drink
- Do not leave your drink unattended
- Do not play drinking games
- Never continue drinking if you have thrown up



Possible Fines for the Party-Goer

Minor in Possession of Alcohol or Minor Consuming Alcohol

Up to \$500 fine
Suspended Driver's License
Community Service Hours
Alcohol Awareness Classes

Consuming Alcohol After Hours

Fine Amount \$430.00

Public Intoxication

Fine Amount \$430.00

Failure to Identify

Arrested Class B Charge
Up to \$3,000 bond
Up to 6 months in Jail

We want everyone to enjoy living in College Station. Please be responsible when entertaining guests and respect the privacy of others.

Together we can all make College Station a safe and peaceful place to live.

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