

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

PARTY HOUSE ORDINANCE



Especially now, with so many of us staying home like never before, it is completely unacceptable for massive, out of control parties to wreak havoc in our neighborhoods. And I hope this guide, outlining the municipal codes, procedures and fines related to LA's Party House Ordinance – which took effect on April 15, 2018 – will be helpful. My office continues to take violations seriously, prosecuting the most egregious offenses, and working closely with LAPD and the community to restore the peace, quiet and safety we're all entitled to. Remember - report these parties to LAPD's non-emergency number – 877-275-5273.

-Mike Feuer
Los Angeles City Attorney

LOUD OR UNRULY GATHERINGS PROHIBITED

LAMC 41.58.1(b)

Loud or Unruly Gatherings are prohibited.

Officers with Los Angeles Police Department may:

- Arrest;
- Cite; or
- Break up a loud or unruly gathering.

WHO CAN BE HELD RESPONSIBLE?

LAMC 41.58.1 (a)(9)

"Responsible Party" means:

- Any person who rents, leases or otherwise is in charge of the Residence where a Loud or Unruly Gathering occurs; or
- Any person who organizes or sponsors a Loud or Unruly Gathering at a Residence.

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WHAT CONSTITUTES “LOUD OR UNRULY CONDUCT?”

LAMC 41.58.1 (a)(3)

"Loud or Unruly Conduct" includes any of the following:

- loud noise;
 - obstruction of a street or public right-of-way, including a sidewalk;
 - public intoxication or drinking in public;
 - the service of alcoholic beverages to minors;
 - possession and/or consumption of alcohol by minors;
 - assault, battery, fights, domestic violence or other disturbances of the peace;
 - the sale or service of alcoholic beverages without a required State license; vandalism or destruction of property;
 - litter;
 - urinating or defecating in public;
- or
- trespassing.

NOTICE OF LOUD OR UNRULY GATHERING

LAPD officers shall post or attach, on the front entrance of the residence, a notice of violation. LAMC 41.58.1 (c)

It is unlawful to alter, tamper with or deface the notice, or remove it prior to 30 days from the date of the posting. LAMC 41.58.1(d), (h) (2)

A CITATION MAY BE ISSUED TO OWNER ABSENT DURING THE LOUD OR UNRULY GATHERING

LAMC 41.58.1(f)

If the owner is not present, he or she may be issued a citation for any subsequent violation after either personal or mailed service of the notice.

PENALTIES

LAMC 41.58.1(h)

An owner and responsible party shall be subject to the following fines:

- administrative fine of **\$100** for a first violation;
- administrative fine of **\$500** for a second violation;
- administrative fine of **\$1,000** for a third violation;
- administrative fine of **\$2,000** for a fourth violation;
- administrative fine of **\$4,000** for a fifth violation; and
- administrative fine of **\$8,000** for a sixth violation and **\$8,000** for each subsequent violation.

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