



City of Providence  
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### 'PARTY HOUSE' ORDINANCE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC 16-21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

#### PUBLIC NUISANCE

A PUBLIC NUISANCE EXISTS AT ANY PROPERTY WHERE:

- 5 OR MORE PEOPLE ARE GATHERED
- ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IS TAKING PLACE
- THE ACTIVITY CREATES A SUBSTANTIAL DISTURBANCE TO A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

#### POLICE INTERVENTION

THE PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL ABATE THE PUBLIC NUISANCE

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES NOTICE OF ABATEMENT:

- NOTICE IS POSTED FOR 6 MONTHS AT THE PROPERTY WHERE NUISANCE WAS ABATED
- NOTICE IS MAILED TO THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY

IF THERE IS A SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC NUISANCE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF POSTING THE NOTICE AT THE PROPERTY

#### SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC NUISANCE

THE PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A \$500.00 FINE THAT CAN BE COLLECTED FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PARTIES

- OWNER
- TENANT
- ORGANIZER OR SPONSOR OF GATHERING WHERE NUISANCE OCCURRED
- ANY PERSON ATTENDING GATHERING THAT CREATES PUBLIC NUISANCE

THE PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL ABATE THE SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC NUISANCE

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**‘DRUG HOUSE’ ORDINANCE**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC 16-22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**CHRONIC CRIMINAL NUISANCE**

Any property where two or more of the following activities occur in a 6 month period:

- homicide
- controlled substance related offense
- assault or battery
- prostitution related offense
- weapons violation
- organized criminal gambling
- any nuisance or common nuisance under R.I.G.L.11-30-

**OR**

Any property subject to 2 or more search warrants for the illegal possession, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance in a 24 month period

**POLICE INTERVENTION**

The chief of police may formally declare that the property is a chronic nuisance property

Notice is sent to the owner of the property that includes:

- A description of the nuisance activities
- A notice of the potential financial liability
- A demand that owner responds within 7 days

**Responsive owner**

Corrections agreement and abatement

**Un-responsive owner**

Prosecution

**PROSECUTION**

If the court determines that the property is a chronic nuisance, the court may order any or all of the following:

- A \$500.00 per day fine for every day after the notification that the nuisance was not abated.
- Police Inspection
- Owner liability for all abatement expenses
- Escrow of rental income for 90 days
- Transfer of the property to a receivership
- An order that the property is to be vacated, sealed, or demolished
- Any other order that will lead to abatement

If the owner is unresponsive or unwilling to abate the nuisance, the case will be referred to the City Solicitor’s office for prosecution

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