Potential Social Host Ordinance

The City of Fort Collins is currently evaluating the enacting of a Social Host Ordinance (SHO). The SHO was designed to hold "hosts" accountable in a premise where alcohol or marijuana is being consumed by persons under 21. The City will be collecting feedback from the community to determine if the SHO is right for Fort Collins. To get involved, provide feedback, or learn more please visit www.fcgov.com/neighborhoodservices or contact Susanne Durkin-Schindler at (970) 412-8786 or SDInsight@comcast.net.

Occupancy Ordinance Update

The City of Fort Collins Over-Occupancy Program (also known as U+2; three unrelated rule) has been actively enforced for nearly nine years. While this program has experienced success in managing over occupancy citywide, the impacts of over occupancy in specific neighborhoods continues to be problematic. The City is amending its investigative and enforcement actions to help reduce the frequency of over occupancy. This pilot program will enable investigators to proactively seek out over-occupied properties and not wait until a formal complaint is received before initiating an investigation. The pilot program will begin this summer/fall in the Avery Park area (defined as Shields St. to Taft Hill Rd. and Prospect Rd. to Elizabeth St.), starting with educational outreach then proactive enforcement. To learn more please visit www.fcgov.com or call (970) 416-2305.

Smoking Policy Updates

City: In addition to restaurants and bars, smoking is now prohibited in Old Town Square, all City parks, trails and natural areas and several other Fort Collins locations. For a list of all smoke-free areas in Fort Collins, including all of the new smoking restrictions, visit www.fcgov.com/smokefree. Smoking of marijuana is not allowed in any public location.

CSU: Smoking of tobacco products on CSU campus is prohibited in designated No Smoking Areas. Smoking of marijuana is prohibited on any CSU property. To learn more about CSU’s smoking policy visit policylibrary.colostate.edu/policy.aspx?id=543

CSU Parking

Many new additions and expansions are happening on campus. All of these great changes create variations in traffic patterns and parking locations. CSU continues to encourage anyone coming to campus to use alternative transportation whenever possible. For more information on parking and construction on campus, visit source.colostate.edu/construction-and-parking. For information on alternate modes of transportation to and from campus, visit parking.colostate.edu.
CSU Students Remember...

Marijuana
If you are 21 and older, Colorado law permits you to use recreational marijuana within a private residence. It is NOT legal to consume marijuana in public, sell, or transfer to persons under the age of 21, drive under the influence, or possess more than an ounce of marijuana. The use and possession of marijuana is prohibited on all CSU property, regardless of your age.

Ticket Off Campus?
Did you know as a CSU student that you may be held accountable for your behaviors off campus through the Student Code of Conduct? All noise and nuisance gathering citations (additional, open container, minor in possession, bodily waste, disorderly conduct, etc.) which involve CSU students are forwarded from Fort Collins Police Services to the CSU Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services Office (CRSCS). For more information call (970) 491-7165.

Student Legal Services
Are you a CSU student who has received a ticket? CSU Student Legal Services is here to help you protect your rights and navigate the process:

sls.colostate.edu
(970) 491-1482

Get a Free Party Pack which includes neighbor notices and more party smart tips. Pick it up at Off-Campus Life.

Discuss Party Expectations with your roommates before you host a gathering. Things to consider include: date, time frame, house rules, how many people to have over, who will be the sober host, etc.

Notify Your Neighbors in Advance and provide them with a phone number of the sober host.

Designate a Sober Host to control music volume, access to the party, outside disturbances, and to address any interactions with the neighbors and police.

Think Before You Post! Posting your party using social media can lead to out-of-control parties, unwanted guests and their undesirable behaviors, and more guests than your gathering can accommodate without unwanted consequences. Remember, as a party host you are responsible for what happens at and, as a result of, your party including the actions of others.

Keep the Size Reasonable so your party stays in line with the capacity of your residence and avoids disturbing your neighbors. Remember that not invited guests do not know you or care if you receive a ticket.

Be Proactive by asking for help. If you’re uncomfortable with the size of your party or people will not leave despite your requests, call FCPS dispatch non-emergency number (970) 221-6540 ext. 2 and ask for assistance in breaking up your party.

Be Cooperative towards neighbors, police, and others who come to discuss issues.
Don’t make the situation or citation worse. When police arrive all guests will need to leave. Your interactions with the police can have an impact on the type of citation and potential consequences.

Clean Up all trash resulting from your party and follow up with your neighbors the next day. Your neighbors may be more tolerant of your next party if they see you respecting the neighborhood.

Did you know that Downtown Fort Collins hosts over 100 free events per year? With regular concerts, weekly art walks, and a fantastic selection of restaurants and bars, there is always something fun happening downtown.

To see a list of upcoming events visit: www.downtownfortcollins.com

Help Keep Downtown a Great Place to Visit!
The Fort Collins Community is committed to keeping downtown a safe and attractive area at all hours. To help promote this, the pedestrian square does not allow loitering or hanging out after the bars close. There are also steep fines for bad behavior. More common offenses include:

- Disposing of Bodily Waste $300
- Disorderly Conduct $500
- Resisting Arrest $750
- Dismount Zone Violation $75
- Open Container $100
- Interference $500

Along with these fines, the courts also require community service including helping crews clean up the downtown area of bodily fluids and trash.