

<b>MESA POLICE</b>  Department Policy Manual	<b>Unruly Gathering and Disruptive Party Enforcement</b>	<b>DPM 2.8.95</b> Effective 07/07/2012 Revised 07/10/2025
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## 1. PURPOSE

This policy provides Mesa Police Department (MPD) members with guidelines relating to offensive, excessive, and prohibited noises as outlined in City of Mesa (COM) Code of Ordinances Title 6 Chapter 12 and enforcement procedures for unruly gatherings and disruptive parties or events, including penalties and cost recovery for providing repetitive police service.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

**Unruly Gathering, Disruptive Party or Event:** A gathering of two or more persons on any private property, including property used to conduct business, in a manner which causes a disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property by any person or persons.

- Such disturbances include, but are not limited to, excessive noise or traffic, obstruction of public streets by persons or vehicles, drinking in public, the service of alcohol to minors on consumption of alcohol by minors, fighting, disturbing the peace, or littering.

**Responsible Party:** A person who owns the property, any person in actual or lawful control or possession of the premises, and any person who organized the party, gathering, or event.

- If two or more persons are responsible for the party, gathering, or event, such persons shall be jointly and severally liable for the reasonable costs of a second or subsequent response.
- If the person responsible for the party, unruly gathering, or event is a minor, the parents or guardian having custody or control of the minor shall be jointly and severally liable with such minor for the reasonable costs of a second or subsequent response.
- A responsible party is not liable for costs under this section unless issued a written notice as required in [COM City Ordinances Title 6 Chapter 12](#).

## 3. ENFORCEMENT

### 3.1 Officer Responsibilities

- Determine if the gathering meets the criteria of the [COM Code of Ordinances Title 6 Chapter 12](#).

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- B. Identify and advise the responsible party/owner that the gathering meets the criteria established by the ordinance, including penalties and recovery costs for repetitive police response.
- C. Explain if the responsible party does not take immediate action to resolve the problem it may result in a citation or arrest for violation of city ordinances or state statutes.
- D. If a citation is issued complete a DC1.
- E. If no citation, clear the call with a DC4 and document the following in CAD comments:
  - 1. Responsible party information and how they were identified.
  - 2. Exact address of the incident.
  - 3. Whether the responsible party is a renter or the home owner.
  - 4. Contact phone number.
  - 5. If responsible party agreed to the part or gathering. Approximate number of people and vehicles.
  - 6. If there was alcohol present.
  - 7. If there were minors present.
  - 8. Any other pertinent information to substantiate an unruly gathering/disruptive party was happening.

#### 4. PROHIBITIONS, EXEMPTIONS & PENALTIES

For general prohibitions, exemptions and penalties, see [City of Mesa Code of Ordinances Title 6 Chapter 12 Offensive, Excessive and Prohibited Noises](#).

#### REFERENCES

- [City of Mesa Code of Ordinances Title 6 Chapter 12](#)