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1. PARTY/EVENT ENFORCEMENT

- A. [Phoenix City Code \(PCC\) 2-22](#), Recovery of Costs at Events Requiring Response by Police, assists in deterring a police response to quell parties, gatherings, or large events held on private or public property when such activity is determined to be a threat to the peace, health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

- PCC 2-22 also assists in recouping the reasonable costs of providing a police response.

B. Definitions

(1) Party/Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A party, gathering, or large event involving five or more persons who have assembled or are assembling in a manner which constitutes a substantial disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property
(2) Substantial Disturbance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes, but is not limited to, excessive noise or traffic, obstruction of public streets by crowds or vehicles, public drunkenness, the service of alcohol to underage persons, fights, disturbances of the peace, and litter
(3) Responsible Person (RP) for the Party/Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes any person who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Owns the premises * Is in actual or lawful control or possession of the premises (lessee, renter, manager, etc.), * Organized the party/event • If there are two or more RPs, each RP will be jointly and severally liable for the reasonable costs of a police response. • If the RP is a minor, the parent/s or legal guardian/s will also be jointly and severally liable for the reasonable costs of a police response. <p>EXCEPTION: If the persons in attendance of the party/event obtained use of the property through illegal entry or trespassing, the owner/s or person/s in actual or lawful control or possession of the premises are not responsible for the party/event.</p>
(4) Reasonable Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The salaries, in effect at the time of the response, for any responding sworn employee, for the amount of time actually spent in responding to or remaining at the party/event * Appropriate overhead * The actual cost of any medical treatment to injured sworn employees * Cost of repairing any damaged City equipment or property
(5) Police Response Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An RPs liability for the reasonable costs of a police response will not exceed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * \$1000 for the first incident within a 12-month period. * \$1,500 for the second incident within a 12-month period. * \$2,000 for the third and subsequent incident within a 12-month period. • The police response fee may be waived if any RP requested a police response and assists the police in dispersing persons attending the party/event.

2. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

- A. Officers will evaluate the situation and determine if it meets the criteria of a party/event as defined in this policy.

NOTE: Outdoor cultural events and performances in the Arts, Culture, and Small Business Overlay (ACOD) District, are exempt from the enforcement of PCC 2-22 during limited weekend hours (see the [City's Zoning Ordinance 6-669](#) for more information).

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2. B. Police Response

- (1) RP/s will be advised the party/event meets the criteria outlined in [PCC 2-22](#) and they may be charged a police response fee as prescribed in the code.

NOTE: Officers will not tell the RP/s the fee will be waived.

- (2) Officers **will** provide a Police Response Fee Notice Form 80-421D to the RP/s in one of the following manners:

(a) Personal service to any person who is responsible for the party/event being cited at the premises.

(b) Posting the notice on the door of the premises of the party/event.

- (3) Officers will ensure the radio call for the incident related to the party/event is assigned a 415P (Loud Party Disturbing) radio code.

- (4) Officers will complete the Mobile Data Computer (MDC) Loud Party Mask embedded within the 415P radio call and document the following information:

- Accurate RP information and type of identification presented
- Whether RP is a renter or a property owner
- Apartment, building, or suite number if applicable
- RP/s home telephone number and alternate number
- Approximate number of people and vehicles
- If there is alcohol present
- If there are minors present
- Any other pertinent information to substantiate a party/event is in effect and to assist with the enforcement of PCC 2-22 and charging of the fee

- (5) Long term failure of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)/MDC for more than 10 hours will require officers to utilize contingency procedures found in the Tactical Response Plan.

3. **SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT RESPONSES**

- A. Officers will follow the same enforcement procedures outlined above in section 2 of this order for second or subsequent responses including providing a Police Response Fee Notice form and completing the MDC Loud Party mask.

- B. Officers should also consider citing the RP/s for the following violations.

- Disorderly Conduct ([Arizona Revised Statute \(ARS\) 13-2904](#))
- Unreasonable Noise ([PCC 23-12](#))
- Public Nuisance ([ARS 13-2917](#))
- Liquor Violations ([ARS 4-244](#))
- Under Aged Drinking on Premises ([ARS 4-241](#))
- Public Urination ([PCC. 23-48](#))
- Obstructing Streets or Sidewalks ([PCC. 23-9](#))

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