



## Madison Police Department

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Mifflin Street Area Residents,

As in past years the spring student party, known as the Mifflin Street Block Party, will not be a City permitted or sanctioned event on April 25th. Last year, house parties that were under control and not overcrowded were tolerated by the City of Madison Police Department. However this year, with COVID-19 and Governor Evers' Stay At Home Order, house parties of any size will not be tolerated. This letter acts as your formal warning and the Madison Police Department expects that only residents of the addresses in the Mifflin St area will be present. Anyone in the area who does not live there and not performing 'essential' business will be cited (at a minimum) for:

- **7.05(6) Unlawful For Individual To Create/Permit A Health Nuisance** (minimum of \$376 for first offense)  
*(Residents can also be cited under this ordinance if they allow a gathering to take place)*

In the event that the Governor's Stay At Home Order is not extended past its current expiration of 8am on Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Dane County Public Health Director has stated that she will "immediately issue a public health order...to take all measures necessary to prevent, suppress, and control communicable diseases."

**This Dane County Public Health Order will continue to restrict any public or private gatherings of individuals who are not part of single household or living unit.**

If the Madison Police Department has to respond to your address to investigate an unlawful gathering or house party we will strictly enforce the following ordinances as well:

- **Underage drinking** – If you look under 21 and have alcohol, you will be asked to provide proof of age. (Mandatory Court and maximum fine of \$187 for first offense)
- **Procuring Alcohol** – If you provide alcohol to someone who is not yet 21, you will be cited. This includes the underage people who walk into your open home and help themselves to alcohol. You are responsible for controlling who comes into your home and any alcohol you have in your residence. (\$376 per violation per roommate)
- **Dispensing Alcohol** – You and your friends who are 21 or older can buy alcohol together and drink alcohol together, but you cannot resemble a bar. Any exchange of money for alcohol constitutes dispensing alcohol. (\$681 per roommate)
- **Open Intoxicants on Public Street** – The 'Public Street' extends from the sidewalk across the street to the opposite sidewalk. No open alcohol is allowed in this area. (\$313)
- **Unreasonable Noise** – Unreasonable noise can include anything from a loud individual person to loud music coming from speakers or other devices. (\$187 per roommate)

**UW DEAN OF STUDENTS:** The UW Madison Dean of Students office assists the City of Madison with holding students who commit illegal activities accountable for their actions. If you choose to have an illegal house party or gathering on or around 04/25/2020 and you are cited by the Madison Police Department, your information will be sent to the UW Madison Dean of Students office.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Sgt. Nathaniel Lujan with the Madison Police Department Central District Community Policing Team at 608.266.4248 or [nlujan@cityofmadison.com](mailto:nlujan@cityofmadison.com).