

Section 16-301 Definitions and rules of construction.

The following definitions apply to this division:

"Nuisance party" is a social gathering of ten or more people on residential property that results in any of the following occurring at the site of the gathering, on neighboring property or on an adjacent public street:

- (1) Unlawful sale, furnishing, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages;
- (2) Violation of any of the provisions of Article III of this chapter (noise);
- (3) Fighting;
- (4) Property damage;
- (5) Littering;
- (6) Outdoor urination or defecation in a place open to public view;
- (7) The standing or parking of vehicles in a manner that obstructs the free flow of traffic;
- (8) Conduct that threatens injury to persons or damage to property;
- (9) Unlawful use or possession of marijuana or any drug or controlled substance;
- (10) Trespassing; or
- (11) Indecent exposure.

"Permit" means to give permission to; or to allow by silent consent, by not prohibiting, or by failing to exercise control.

(Ord. No. 19287, §1, 11-6-06)

(19287, Added, 11/06/2006)

Section 16-302 Nuisance parties prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person having the right to possession of any residential premises, whether individually or jointly with others, to cause or permit a social gathering on the premises to become a nuisance party.

(Ord. No. 19287, §1, 11-6-06)

(Ord. 19287, Amended, 11/06/2006)

Section 16-303 Police order to disperse.

Columbia police officers are authorized to order those attending a nuisance party to disperse. It shall be unlawful for any person not domiciled at the site of the nuisance party to fail or refuse to leave the premises immediately after being told to leave by a Columbia police officer.

(Ord. No. 19287, §1, 11-6-06)

(Ord. 19287, Amended, 11/06/2006)

Section 16-305 Penalty.

Any person who violates Sec. 16-302, Sec. 16-303, or Sec. 16-304 (d) shall, upon conviction, be punished for a first offense by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding three (3) months or by both such fine and imprisonment. Upon conviction for a second or subsequent offense, a person shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), nor more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding three (3) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(Ord. 19287, Amended, 11/07/2006)