

DISORDERLY HOUSE ORDINANCE
OF THE
TOWN OF PARIS, MAINE

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DISORDERLY HOUSE

1. Definitions:

Disorderly House shall mean any dwelling to which the police have responded a certain number of times, as prescribed in Section 4 of this ordinance, involving the conduct of the owner, tenant(s) or the owner's or tenant(s) co-habitees, guests or invitees that the Chief of Police has found to be unreasonable in disturbing the community, the neighborhood or an individual. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to: loud music, boisterous parties, fights involving the owner or tenants of the dwelling, or their invitees, the arrest of the owner, tenants or their invitees for activities in the dwelling that constitute a crime or civil infraction under either state or local law, and other similar activities.

Dwelling shall mean any single or multi-family residence or part thereof, including garages, outbuildings, exterior grounds and separate apartments.

2. Incident Reports and Notice of Disorderly House

- A. If a dwelling is visited by the police in relation to conduct described in the definition of Disorderly House in Section 1. the police department shall send an incident report to the owner within three business days, as prescribed in Section 4 of this ordinance. If a dwelling is visited by the police department multiple times in any 30-day period, as prescribed in Section 4 of this Ordinance, in relation to conduct described in the definition of Disorderly House in Section 1., the owner of the dwelling shall be given notice that a hearing will be held by the Town of Paris Select Board to determine whether the dwelling is a Disorderly House, in accordance with the table in Section 4 of this Ordinance.



- B. The hearing notice shall require the owner or the owner's designated agent to appear at the hearing in order to present the owner's position on the incidents. If, after hearing the owner's position, the Select board determines the dwelling is a Disorderly House, the Select board may either enter into a consent agreement with the owner to control the conduct occurring in the Disorderly House, if the owner shows that a reasonable effort is being made to abate the prohibited conduct, or refer the Disorderly House to the Town Attorney for legal action.

3. Violations: The following are violations of this section:

- A. Failure to attend the scheduled meeting with the Town of Paris Board of Selectmen
- B. Violation of a consent agreement entered into under Section 2(B);
- C. Conduct as described in the definition of Disorderly House if a referral has been made to the Town Attorney under Section 2(B).

A violation of this ordinance shall result in a civil penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$2,500, plus attorney's fees and costs. The Town may also seek injunctive relief.



4. Incident Table

Units per Dwelling	Number of Complaints in a 30 day Period that require a police report	Number of complaints in a 30 day period for the location to be designated a "Disorderly House."
5 or less units	2	3
6-10 Units	3	4
11 or more units	4	5