



Lathrup Village Police Department

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Memorandum

To: City Administrator Greene
From: Chief Scott McKee
Date: July 11, 2024
Re: First Reading – Nuisance Ordinance

Considering recent incidents in the city and a growing number of nuisance party calls, The Lathrup Village Police Department is requesting the city council to adopt ordinance Chapter 46 – Article XIII Nuisance Parties. Currently, the Disturbing the Peace ordinance requires a resident or citizen to come forward as a complainant to allow the Lathrup Village Police Department to move forward with enforcement. This is because the law does not allow for an officer’s “peace” to be disturbed. Understandably, residents fear retaliation if they come forward as complainants, which is why this new ordinance is so beneficial to both the residents and LVPD. This new ordinance would allow officers, essentially, to become the complainant by establishing the elements of the crime and then allow officers to take enforcement action at the scene if necessary. This ordinance would also allow officers to take enforcement action on those attending these parties. Those who are littering, parking their cars on front lawns, creating disturbances, and doing other disorderly acts could be cited under this new ordinance.

The Lathrup Village Police Department recognizes that residents are allowed to legally have parties in their homes. They are also allowed to play music at a reasonable level. This ordinance would not be utilized for those who very sporadically need to be reminded that their music is turned up too loudly. This ordinance would be used for residents who share no regard for the peace of their neighbors or the community. This ordinance would be enforced on those who disturb the peace of the neighborhood repeatedly when a citizen will not come forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this ordinance. If anyone has any questions or concerns are asked to contact myself or Lt. Michael Zang.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Council Member _____ seconded by Council Member _____
to schedule the second reading of an update to City Ordinances by Addition of, Chapter 46 - Miscellaneous Offenses, ties, Article XIII. Nuisance Parties.