

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The property owner is the person or persons who have legal title to property within the City of Frederick. This includes any residential, mixed use, multifamily residential or nonresidential lot; however, government owned property is excluded. As the property owner, you will be notified in writing of all correspondence.

ASSESSMENT OF CHARGES

Once a property is placed on probationary nuisance status, the property owner will incur a fine for each qualifying call thereafter. The first call results in a \$100 fine. The second call results in a \$250 fine. A third or subsequent call will result in a \$500 fine for each offense.

Once a property owner receives the written notice and corresponding fine(s), the property owner has the right to appeal the fine within 30 days of the date of the written notice. In order for a property to be removed from probationary nuisance status, the property must not receive any disturbance calls for one consecutive year.

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

The goals of the ordinance are to educate the community on ways to improve the safety and well being of the citizens of Frederick, stimulate responsible property ownership, and address the challenges the City of Frederick experiences concerning excessive calls for service. We look forward to working with our community and improving the quality of life in Frederick while maximizing our resources. If you have questions or concerns, please contact our False Alarm Reduction Coordinator, Meredith Wivell at 301-600-2139 or email mwivell@frederickmdpolice.org.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY COMMUNITY?

Help Us By Reporting Crime!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 301-600-2100

Report Crime Anonymously:

301-600-TIPS (8477)

fpdcrimetip@frederickMDpolice.org

Text Crime Tips To: 240-674-TIPS (8477)

Report Drug Activity Anonymously:

301-600-2246

fpddrugtip@frederickMDpolice.org

Contacts

Chief of Police

Edward Hargis

301-600-1216

Operational Services Bureau Commander

Captain Dwight Sommers

301-600-2099

Special Services Bureau Commander

Captain Patrick Grossman

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CITY OF FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

EXCESSIVE USE OF POLICE SERVICES PROGRAM

PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL POLICE SERVICE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY



100 West Patrick Street

Frederick, MD 21701

301-600-2100



WHAT IS EXCESSIVE USE OF POLICE SERVICES?

Properties that require a disproportionate number of calls take officers away from other essential duties and delay response time to true emergencies. To assist in maximizing the police resources available to the community and improve the quality of life for all residents, the City of Frederick has developed an Excessive Use of Police Services Program. Here are some examples of excessive services violations:

- 1.) Alcoholic beverage violations, including, but not limited to public consumption, as defined in Title 10, Subtitle I of the Code
- 2.) Disorderly conduct, as defined in Title 10, Subtitle II of the Code
- 3.) Disturbing the peace, as defined in Title 10 Subtitle II of the Code
- 4.) Excessive noise, as prohibited by Section 15-21.2 of the Frederick City Code
- 5.) Littering, as defined in Title 10 of the Code
- 6.) Improperly parking a vehicle in violation of the Frederick City Code
- 7.) Possession of a barking or howling animal as prohibited by Section 3-27 of the City Code

- 8.) Possession or distribution of a controlled dangerous substance as defined in Title 5 of the Code
- 9.) Prostitution, as defined in Title 11 of the Code
- 10.) Public urination or defecation
- 11.) Indecent exposure as defined by Title 11 of the Code



TYPES OF PROPERTY

The City of Frederick has distinctly defined three different categories of properties. Each has its unique number of qualifying calls that qualify a property to be placed on probationary nuisance status. Below outlines each category and demonstrates the number of qualifying calls each can have as defined by the ordinance.

RESIDENTIAL

A residential property can be defined as a lot used for residential purposes and comprised of fewer than ten dwelling units. Once a residential property has received five (5) qualifying calls, the property owner will receive a written warning that the property is approaching probationary nuisance status. Once a property receives ten (10) qualifying calls, the property owner will receive written notice that the property has been placed on probationary nuisance status.

NONRESIDENTIAL

A non-residential property can be defined as a lot not used for residential purposes. Once a non-residential property has received ten (10) qualifying calls, the property owner will receive a written warning that the property is approaching probationary nuisance status. Once a property receives twenty (20) qualifying calls, the property owner will receive written notice that the property has been placed on probationary nuisance status.

MULTIFAMILY

A multifamily property can be defined as a lot used for residential purposes and comprised of ten or more units. Once a multifamily property has received ten (10) qualifying calls, the property owner will receive a written warning that the property is approaching probationary nuisance status. Once a property receives twenty-five (25) qualifying calls, the property owner will receive written notice that the property has been placed on probationary nuisance status.

**Questions?
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