

Proposed Changes to the Nuisance Party Bylaw

Frequently asked questions

Why is the City targeting landlords instead of prosecuting party hosts?

The proposed by-law amendments are not intended to target landlords. The City is taking an all-encompassing approach to mitigating the risks associated with increased nuisance parties and recognizes that landlords can provide an additional layer of deterrence. The proposed by-law amendments require landlords, as property owners and neighbours, to take reasonable steps to educate their tenants on the Nuisance Party By-Law and help deter nuisance party behaviours at their properties. The City will continue to prosecute individuals who host, sponsor, or conduct nuisance parties in contravention of the Nuisance Party By-Law. The City will also continue its proactive efforts in the community and with educational institutions to deter nuisance party behaviours.

How much is the proposed fine for landlords?

The proposed fine for permitting or allowing a nuisance party to occur is \$500.

Would the City consider amending the proposed by-law to further clarify what it means to “permit” or “allow” a nuisance party to occur?

Based on feedback received at the landlord information sessions, staff will be proposing further amendments to the by-law, which clarify the meaning of “permit” or “allow” in relation to nuisance parties.

When is Council considering the proposed amendments to the By-Law?

Staff will be reporting back to Council on the proposed amendments in June, 2022.

Do the proposed amendments apply to the entire City?

Yes. The Nuisance Party By-Law, and all proposed amendments to the Nuisance Party By-Law, apply to the entire City of Kingston.

Who do I contact if I want to report a nuisance party in my neighbourhood?

Residents may contact the City of Kingston By-Law Enforcement Department, Monday-Friday between the hours of 8am-8pm, and Saturdays between 10am-6pm at 613-546-4291 Ext. 1343 or at bylawenforcement@cityofkingston.ca. For concerns outside of those timeframes, please contact Kingston Police non-emergency at 613-549-4660.

Additional information

Additional information is available on the City of Kingston's website at CityofKingston.ca/NuisancePartyBylaw.

If you have any additional questions or comments about the proposed changes to the Nuisance Party Bylaw, please contact Kyle Compeau, Manager of Bylaw Enforcement at kcompeau@cityofkingston.ca.