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## **NOISE – PARTIES**

No person shall unreasonably make, continue or cause to be made or continued, or permit any noise disturbance.

"Noise disturbance" includes any sound which annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.

## **VEHICLE PARKING**

There is **No Parking** in the Downtown Parking District between 7 am – 5 pm, except for business purposes.

- No more than four (4) vehicles may be customarily parked in any driveway.
- No parking on lawns or tree lawns.
- No parking over a sidewalk.
- No parking on City streets between 3 am – 6 am.
- Vehicles that are dismantled, inoperative or unlicensed must be stored in a garage.
- Vehicles may be towed for unpaid parking tickets, or repeated violations.

## **CRIMINAL NUISANCES**

If the City responds more than once to a residence about violations such as noise complaints or property maintenance violations, the property may be declared a "public nuisance." After a declaration that a property is a public nuisance, the City will charge a minimum of \$750 each time a City official responds to a complaint and there is reason to believe that a violation of the law has occurred.

## **SAFETY TIPS**

- Have working smoke detectors in every bedroom and on every level of the home.
- You should have at least one ABC fire extinguisher on every level of the home.
- Basements may not be used for sleeping, unless there are two exits to the outside.
- Do not overload your electric outlets.
- Lock your doors when leaving your home.

## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

Emergency 9-1-1

Emergency from a cell phone  
(440) 234-1234

Police Non-emergency (440) 826-5870

Service Department (440) 826-5853

Legal Aid (216) 861-5500

Rape Crisis Center (216) 619-6192

Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center  
(216) 391-HELP (4357)

Veterans Outreach Office (440) 973-4567

Berea Community Outreach (440) 826-4891

Fire Non-emergency (440) 826-5880

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# **CITY OF BEREA**

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## **OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING GUIDE**

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## Welcome to the City of Berea

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This pamphlet provides you with basic information about your responsibilities as a resident and tips on how to be a good neighbor.

We remind students that they reside in family neighborhoods and that in order to avoid conflict, it is important to abide by applicable local ordinances.

The City of Berea's Department of Public Safety strictly enforces law relating to parking, noise and alcohol. While this pamphlet does not describe every law that is applicable, we are highlighting those that often cause problems for student residents in off-campus housing. Violations of many of these ordinances can result in fines of up to \$1,000 and/or a jail term of up to 6 months.

Our Community Engagement Unit is available to speak with student groups about any of the topics in this brochure. We want to help prevent neighborhood problems.

If you have questions, please contact the Berea Police Department's Community Engagement Unit at (440) 234-6065 between 8 am – 2 pm.

For more information about City laws and regulations, visit [www.cityofberea.org](http://www.cityofberea.org).

### **RUBBISH AND RECYCLING**

Rubbish is picked up on the assigned day, each week, except on certain holidays. A link can be found @ [www.cityofberea.org](http://www.cityofberea.org) for your street's specific collection day.

Except during "bulk trash" weeks, all rubbish must fit into the blue refuse container and the lid must close.

We encourage you to recycle. We accept glass, newspaper, aluminum, steel, copper, bimetal cans, food & beverage cans, miscellaneous paper, cardboard and plastics labeled #1 – 7.

Rubbish may be placed at the curb at 4:30 pm on the night before pick up and must be removed by 10 am the following day. Rubbish and recycling containers must be stored out of site behind the building line. For more information, call Kimble at (800) 201-0005.

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### **YARD MAINTENANCE**

#### **RESIDENTS AND OWNERS, ALIKE, ARE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR YARD AREA MAINTENANCE.**

Furniture, mattresses, household furnishings, rugs, appliances, etc. may not be placed in any yard for a period in excess of 24 hours.

The exterior yard area must be kept free of debris, objects, or materials that create a health, accident or fire hazard or are a public nuisance or constitute a blighting and deteriorating influence in the neighborhood.

**The following types of items may not be placed on any porch or balcony unless the porch or balcony is enclosed with a roof, walls made of wood, glass or screening:**

- **Grills, refrigerators, beer kegs, garbage, debris, furniture that was not manufactured for outdoor use, including upholstered chairs, upholstered couches and mattresses.**

### **RECREATIONAL FIRE AND FIRE PITS**

Fires used to burn yard waste, building materials or trash is strictly forbidden.

Small recreational backyard-types of fires, normally found at a campground, are permitted, subject to the following conditions:

- Must be more than 15 feet from any property line.
- Must be in approved containment.
- Wood must be dry and seasoned.
- Fire should emit minimal smoke and odor.
- Must be attended at all times by a competent person until such time it is extinguished.
- Must have a garden hose, bucket of water or fire extinguisher at the site of the fire.

The Berea Fire Department reserves the right to extinguish any fire that within their sole discretion poses a safety hazard or that produces excessive smoke or odor.

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## Alcohol-Related Offenses

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### **UNDERAGE USE AND SALES**

- No person shall sell alcohol to anyone under age 21.
- No person shall buy alcohol for anyone under age 21.
- No person, including owner/occupier shall furnish or provide a place to consume alcohol to anyone under age 21.
- No person under the age of 21 years shall consume, possess, order, pay for or share any alcohol, in any public or private place.
- No person under the age of 21 years shall be under the influence of any alcohol in any public place.

### **PURCHASES BY MINORS AND MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE**

- No person under the age of 21 years shall purchase alcohol.
- No person shall furnish any false information, such as the name, age or other identification of any person under 21 years of age for the purpose of obtaining alcohol for a person under 21 years of age.
- No person under the age of 21 years shall show or give false information, such as their name, age or other identification for the purpose of purchasing or obtaining alcohol in any place where alcohol is sold.

### **OPEN CONTAINER PROHIBITED**

No person shall have an opened container of alcohol in any public place or while operating a motor vehicle or being a passenger in a vehicle.

### **POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON PUBLIC PROPERTY OR IN VEHICLES**

- No person shall possess alcohol on any City property, park, public building, school property or any other place where the public is permitted to assemble in the City.
- No person shall sell, give away or drink alcohol upon any street, sidewalk or other public grounds within the City.
- Consumption of alcohol in a vehicle is prohibited.