

## Alcoholic Beverages on Public Property

It is unlawful for any person to consume or have an open container of any malt beverage or unfortified wine on any public street, road, highway, sidewalk, right-of-way, alley or other public property in the City. A violation of this prohibition is a misdemeanor which subjects the offender to a fine not to exceed \$500.00. Wilmington City Code, Sections 6-12.

*These prohibitions are enforced by the  
Wilmington Police Department 910-343-3600.*

### NOTE:

In an effort to enhance neighborhood integrity, the City established and currently enforces a minimum housing code ordinance to ensure the safety and structural well-being of all residential buildings. Dangerous health and safety conditions from dilapidation, decay or unsanitary conditions; lack of electrical or plumbing facilities; inadequate ventilation, light and heating; fire hazards, etc., are subject to enforcement procedures. Article V of Chapter 16 of the Wilmington City Code.

*Call the Wilmington Code Enforcement  
Office at 910-341-3266 for information  
about minimum housing requirements.*

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# HOW TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

## Neighborhood Nuisances



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**The City of Wilmington values its neighborhoods** and all persons have a responsibility to be courteous and respectful of their neighbors. The city has found it necessary to adopt certain ordinances to preserve the integrity and quiet enjoyment of its neighborhoods. A summary of four of these ordinances follows.

### Four Unrelated Residents

The City of Wilmington's zoning ordinance prohibits more than three (3) unrelated persons from occupying a single dwelling. This ordinance is enforced in areas with low density zoning in response to complaints. If a neighbor reports that there are more than three unrelated persons living in a particular dwelling, the city will send a code enforcement officer who, after determining the report's veracity, will order the extra persons to move within a specified period of time (such as two weeks). A violation of the city's zoning ordinance subjects the offender to a civil penalty of \$100.00 Per day for each day of a violation. Renters and property owners can be held equally responsible for violations. Wilmington city code, sections 19-6 and 19-38.

*Call the Wilmington zoning administrator at 910-254-0900 to determine the zoning regulations applicable to rental properties in the city.*

### Noise

The Wilmington City Code prohibits anyone from engaging in any activity that produces an unreasonably loud and raucous sound or noise on occupied neighboring property or in a public area. The activities that may be subject to the City's noise ordinance include the operation of radios, televisions, or sound reproduction devices and the playing of any amplified or non-amplified musical instrument. A violation of the noise ordinance subjects the offender to a civil penalty of \$250.00 for the first violation and \$500.00 for any subsequent violation. Renters can be responsible for any violations by their guests or other persons permitted on the property if the renter is present at the time of the violation. In addition, the property owners can be responsible for the second and subsequent violations of the noise ordinance at the same property. Article II of Chapter 6 of the Wilmington City Code.

*The noise ordinance is enforced by the Wilmington Police Department, (910)343-3600.*

### Property Maintenance

The persons in possession of property as well as the property owner are required to keep the property free from trash and garbage and to maintain weeds and grass under a height of eight (8) inches. If the City receives a complaint that property is not being maintained, a City Code Enforcement Office will determine if the condition of the property violates City ordinances. Any person who fails to maintain property in accordance with the requirements of the City Code is subject to a civil penalty of \$50.00 per day for each day that the condition continues to exist. In addition, the City may remove the offending condition and place a lien on the property. Article II of Chapter 10 of the Wilmington City Code.

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