



RESOLUTION 2023-012

Adopting Enforcement Approach on Nuisance Violations

WHEREAS, The City of St Joseph supports property owners, tenants and guests the freedom to determine enjoy activities of their choosing on their private property.

WHEREAS, From time to time gatherings have exceeded the capacity of the hosting property or have resulted in associated activities that negatively impact participants, adjoining properties and the City at large, including diverting public safety resources. Activities associated with large gatherings have included loud music, open container violations, public urination on and off host site, extreme litter, and blocking traffic.

WHEREAS, The City has nuisance ordinances in place to address some of the concerns. The public safety approach has been aimed at containment, including warnings intended to address undesirable behaviors associated with large gatherings in order to protect participants, the well-being of neighborhoods and the public at large.

WHEREAS, Historically, this approach toward enforcement, including use of warnings, has not resulted in the in the desired effect of curbing with undesired and burdensome behaviors and activities associated with large gatherings continuing to occur year after year.

WHEREAS, The City has received numerous complaints from neighbors and the general public relating to behaviors associated with large gatherings.

WHEREAS, Size and temperament of large gatherings often require a special police response for the purpose of maintaining order and enforcing City codes. There is currently no method for recovering City costs to respond to citizen complaints and public concerns resulting from large gatherings.

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the City of St Joseph to both protect the rights of individual property owners and protect the well being of the general public in an effective manner.

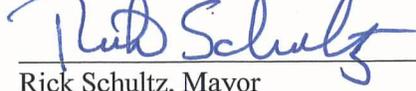
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ST. JOSEPH, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of St Joseph that the City intends to take a different approach aimed at curtailing the adverse impacts of large gatherings rather than containing the adverse impacts.
2. The St. Joseph City Council and Police Department shall apply the full force of the City's pertinent nuisance ordinances through increased citations for offenders, abatement processes, and consequences for rental licenses.
3. The St. Joseph City Council intends to enact an ordinance allowing the City to assess offenders the costs of excess nuisance calls incurred as a result of repeat behavior.
4. To the extent allowed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the Police Department will share information regarding offenders with City Administration and other relevant entities and agencies for the purpose of deterring the undesirable conduct.
5. This Resolution shall serve as the notice to large gathering hosts and participants that the City will exercise its authority to apply penalties outlined in City codes and ordinances.

6. In an effort to prevent future disruption from large gatherings, City staff is directed to provide this resolution to the community at large via media outlets, to property owners that have been the site of large gatherings in the past via direct contact and to others as determined by the Chief of Police.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 6th day of March, 2023.

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH



Rick Schultz, Mayor

ATTEST



Jeff O'Neill, Interim Administrator