

CITY OF MANHATTAN DISORDERLY HOUSE ORDINANCE

A “disorderly house nuisance” is any dwelling in which two or more specified violations have occurred within a 365-day period. The specified violations include felonies, misdemeanors and violations involving alcoholic beverages, animals and fowl, and other nuisances (health, weeds, etc.).

It is a violation of the Municipal Code for a dwelling owner or occupant to permit a dwelling to become or continue as a **disorderly house nuisance**. An owner or occupant has permitted this outcome if the owner or occupant has committed the acts, invited the persons to the dwelling who have committed the acts, or refused to sign an abatement agreement for the disorderly house nuisance.

The City must adhere to the following process before prosecuting the owner or occupant of a disorderly house: the City must send notice to the owner or occupant, the City must arrange an abatement conference with the individual, the City must draft an abatement agreement for the correction of the violation, and the City must permit the individual an opportunity to comply with the terms of the abatement agreement. The City may prosecute an individual only if the person refuses to participate in the abatement agreement conference, refuses to sign the agreement or fails to comply with the terms of a signed agreement. If the City prosecutes the violation, and the person is found guilty, a maximum one-year probation period may be imposed, in which the individual must complete the actions the court imposes to abate the nuisance.

The Disorderly House Nuisance Code is found in Chapter 21, Article V of the Code of Ordinances.

WHO DO I CALL?

Animal Shelter	587-2783
Barking/Loose Dogs (RCPD)	537-2112
Discolored Water/Water Service	587-2480
Game Cancellations/ManRec	587-2700
Smoke, Fumes, Gas	911
Ordinances/Resolutions	587-2407
Parking Permits	587-2480
Pet Licenses	587-2480
Property Zoning Questions	587-2412
Noise Complaints	537-2112
Sewer Backup	587-4530
Street Signs	587-4541
Street Maintenance	587-4539
Traffic Ticket Payment	587-2450
Trash Nuisance	587-4506
Vehicles Parked in Yard	587-2412
Zoo (Sunset Zoo)	587-2737

Visit www.cityofmhk.com for additional contact information and reporting a problem online.

TOP 10 WAYS TO MEET YOUR LOCAL POLICE & CITY OFFICIALS

10. Play your music loud or host a loud party — especially after 11 p.m.
9. Fight, brawl and argue loudly — especially after 11 p.m.
8. Park couches, furniture or cars in your yard
7. Urinate in public
6. Let your dogs run free over the neighborhood
5. Burn your old couches or mattresses
4. Invite four of your best pals to live in your apartment (5 is too many unrelated people in one dwelling)
3. Host frequent loud lingering parties and allow underage friends to drink alcohol while at your house
2. Drive erratically through town, speed through intersections and crash into parking lots — live dangerously
1. Use your house, yard and neighborhood as a trash can.

Bonus: If visited by a police or City official, act belligerently.