

City of Macomb Ordinance

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Nuisance parties 16-16.1

No person who is an owner, occupant, tenant, or who otherwise has rightful possession or possessory control, individually or jointly with others, or any premises shall knowingly, negligently, or recklessly allow a social gathering or party on said premises to become a nuisance party as defined by said Nuisance Parties ordinance. Fine starts at \$300.

Additionally the City of Macomb passed a Mass Gatherings ordinance that specifically regulates large parties. Basically if you expect to have over 150 people at your gathering, they are going to be outside of the residence and you are allowing alcohol to be consumed on the premises, then you must apply for a Mass Gatherings permit through City Hall. Failure to do so could result in a fine starting at \$500.

Let's say that you have a keg party and invite 149 friends. You purchase the keg at ABC's Liquor. You charge \$4.00 for a plastic cup for beer consumption. Instead of just 149 friends showing up some bring their friends and you now have 250 people at your house drinking. Of the 200 people, 40 of them are underage. At about 1:15am, the police arrive because your guests are too loud. This is the second time the police have been to your residence. What can you expect?

1. Citation for selling alcohol without a license. \$500 fine.
2. Citation for selling alcohol that was purchased from a retail store. \$500 fine.
3. Citation for each underage person that drank your alcohol. \$12,000 fine.
4. Citation for loud gathering. \$100 fine.
5. Citation for violation of the mass gatherings ordinance. \$500 fine.
6. Citation for Nuisance Parties. \$300 fine
7. Forfeiture of the proceeds made from selling cups for patrons to drink your beer from. In this case \$800.

Total cost of keg party with 40 underage guests. PRICELESS!