

The Unruly Gathering ordinance was first adopted in 2010 and then amended in 2015. The ordinance prohibits gatherings that create a substantial disturbance to the neighborhood as defined and specified in Chapter 9.13 of the SLO municipal code.

9.13.030 Unruly Gatherings Prohibited

A. It shall be unlawful and constitute a public nuisance, as defined in Chapter 8.24, for any responsible person(s) to cause or allow an unruly gathering to occur on any private property within the city. An unruly gathering may be abated by the city by all reasonable means including, but not limited to, an order requiring the unruly gathering to be disbanded, the issuance of citations, and/or the arrests of any law violators under any applicable local laws and state statutes.

B. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any person to attend or participate in an unruly gathering in a manner that contributes to the unruly gathering by engaging in conduct that causes a substantial disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property in a significant segment of an immediate neighborhood, or presents a threat to the health, welfare, and safety of those in attendance, responding enforcement personnel, or nearby residents or properties, as defined in Section 9.13.020(E). (Ord. 1621 § 2, 2015; Ord. 1546 § 1 (part), 2010)

Definition 9.13.020 E

E. “Unruly gathering” shall mean a gathering of twenty or more persons on private property that results in conduct that causes a substantial disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property in a significant segment of an immediate neighborhood or presents a threat to the health, welfare and safety of those in attendance, responding enforcement personnel, or nearby residents or properties. For purposes of this chapter, “conduct that causes a substantial disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property in a significant segment of an immediate neighborhood, or presents a threat to the health and safety...” **shall include, but is not limited to, any or all of the following: a noise disturbance; obstruction of public streets or rights-of-way by people or vehicles; public drunkenness; unlawful possession of alcohol or drugs; serving alcohol to minors;**

fights; disturbances of the peace; urinating or defecating in public; setting off fireworks; vandalism; littering on public property or private property not belonging to the host of the gathering; presence of persons on rooftop areas not designed for occupancy; unpermitted live bands, amplified music or DJs; and throwing bottles or other objects or substances at law enforcement or any other person. (Ord. 1621 § 1, 2015; Ord. 1546 § 1 (part), 2010)