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SENATE RESOLUTION #2454

TITLE: ASUW Support of the Off-Campus Party Registration Program

DATE: March 6, 2015

AUTHOR: President Balogun

SPONSORS: Senators Hernandez, Kerbs, and Messer



1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. to advocate for and work to benefit students both on and off campus; and,
3. WHEREAS, a component of off-campus student life is the house party culture; and,
4. WHEREAS, there is a need for improved relationships between University of Wyoming
5. (UW) students and the Laramie community regarding parties; and,
6. WHEREAS, there has been much collaboration between numerous campus and city agencies
7. working to find a mutually satisfactory way to handle the issues of parties; and,
8. WHEREAS, the product of this collaboration is a program that would be intended to reduce
9. the negative consequences of excessive noise associated with parties in the residential
10. neighborhoods of Laramie.
11. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
12. University of Wyoming (ASUW) to support the City of Laramie in the development of
13. an Off-Campus Party Registration Program, as drafted in Addendum A, for a one year trial
14. period; and,
15. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW shall revisit this program with
16. other involved campus and city agencies in one year to determine if further support of the
17. program is merited; and,
18. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW voices its concerns to

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19. all relevant entities pertaining to registrants forfeiting information to the Laramie Police

20. Department if the registrant does not answer their door.

Referred to: Student Outreach and Policy

Date of Passage: 03/31/15 Signed: Richard Lind-Hempel
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on April 6th 2015, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” [Signature]

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Addendum A

City of Laramie Off-Campus Party Registration Program

Program Overview

The Party Registration program is intended as an effort of the City of Laramie (City) to reduce the negative consequences of excessive noise often associated with parties in residential neighborhoods. The purpose of the Party Registration program is to provide party hosts with an opportunity to receive a warning, providing a 20 minute window to voluntarily terminate a party after a noise complaint has been received.

The Party Registration program does not guarantee that a municipal and/or state summons will not be issued and the registrant understands that the police may respond at any time to any party where there is a complaint of criminal conduct. The Party Registration program does not prohibit or limit in any manner the authority of the police to respond to a party for any reason whatsoever without previously providing a warning. The Laramie Police Department (LPD) will use reasonable efforts to contact the party registrant and provide a warning when appropriate. However, the registrant acknowledges that a warning is not guaranteed under this program. Furthermore, the warning and termination of a party is only available once per party registration - noise violations subsequent to termination of the registered party will not receive the benefit of a warning and are subject to enforcement.

The City neither condones nor sponsors any party which has been registered with the Party Registration program. Participation in the Party Registration program does not constitute approval of any such party or related activities by the City.

The City is not liable for the conduct or actions of any guests, hosts, or individuals associated with a party registered with the Party Registration program. Participation in the Party Registration program does not guarantee that the host(s) or attendees of the registered party will be relieved of any legal consequences arising from any conduct or actions associated with the party.

The City shall not be liable for damages to property or injuries to or death of any person or persons arising from a party which has been registered with the Party Registration program.

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The registrant is responsible for complying with federal, state and local laws, including but not limited to paying any fines or fulfilling any legal obligations that may come. Party Registration program materials should never be used as a substitute for individualized counseling or legal advice from a qualified professional. Information contained in Party Registration program materials does not constitute legal advice. Note that laws and ordinances discussed can change or be amended due to subsequent court decisions, legislation or ordinances.

Off-Campus Party Registration Rules

- Party Registration is open to anyone residing within Laramie city limits, excluding UW campus.
- Registered parties are only valid on the date and at the address listed on the form.
- Registrants must live at the residence listed on the form.
- Only parties that are single unit and have a specific address are eligible.
- Registered parties can only be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights with the exception of the additional holidays that are offered through the Party Registration program. Holidays are subject to change.
- Parties must be registered in person, by Thursdays at 1:00pm for Thursday night parties, and by Friday at 1:00pm for weekend parties.
- Registrants must provide a current picture ID and proof that they are over the age of 18.
- Criminal or Municipal violations other than noise will result in a police officer being dispatched immediately without a 20 minute warning. These violations can include, but are not limited to nuisance gatherings, fighting, public urination, yelling and screaming in alleys or streets, and people leaving with alcohol.
- Per Laramie City Ordinance 8.40.005, any outdoor amplified music (live or stereo) that is heard over 50 feet from the residence is prohibited under the Party Registration program. It is disruptive to the community and creates unwanted attention. A permit to have amplified noise can be applied for through the City of Laramie.
- LPD may contact a registrant:
 - By phone, if a noise complaint is called in during the evening in which the party has been registered. Registrants must be available to answer their phone at all times during the party. LPD dispatch will only try to contact each number once. If the registrant does not answer the phone, dispatch will call the second phone number provided. If neither phone is answered, dispatch will leave a voicemail. The 20 minute warning period begins when the first phone call is placed to the registrant. Not hearing the phone or having a full voicemail box is not an excuse for why the registrant did not break up the party within the 20 minute window when the police arrive.
 - A police officer may also contact a registrant in person if they encounter issues related to the registered party, prior to receiving a warning phone call. If an officer responds in person, the registrant may very politely ask to receive a 20 minute warning to shut down the party. Please remember that a warning is not guaranteed.

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- Registrants must be present at all times to shut down the party if a warning is received.
- LPD dispatch may receive noise complaints for a certain area, rather than at a specific address. Dispatch may call all registered parties that are within the area that received a noise complaint to provide a 20 minute warning.
- Shutting down the party means that everyone but the people who live in the registered unit leave the party and do not return for the remainder of the evening/early morning. Make sure guests leave immediately, peacefully and quietly to avoid further disturbances. The party may not start again. If a second noise complaint is received after the 20 minute period, another warning period will not be provided. A police officer will be dispatched to the unit upon complaint.
- It is strongly encouraged that, when shutting down the party, safe, sober rides are provided. Safe Ride (766-RIDE) is available to assist with providing rides to party attendees.
- If an officer is required to come to the registrants' home to break up a party (that is, if the party did not break up after a warning was received), enforcement actions may be more likely since the situation was not corrected with the warning. Remember, a noise ticket constitutes a criminal misdemeanor.
- The first name, address, phone numbers, and date of the party are provided to LPD dispatch. Additionally, the LPD watch commander in charge of the weekend of the registered parties will have access to the information shared with LPD dispatch. **LPD officers will not be provided with a list of registered parties.**
- If there are issues at a registered party and police arrive, the registrant must answer the door. If the door is not answered and police must leave, LPD will be provided with the last name of the registrant so that the investigation can be completed.

NOTES:

- The City of Laramie reserves the right to deny registration to any registrant.
- The information you are providing about your registered party is a matter of public record and may have to be distributed upon request.