Things to Know Before Fake Patty's Day

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Fake Patty's Day will be held on March 9, 2013. For many, particularly college students, this is a time to enjoy the atmosphere of Aggieville and the company of friends before the mid-semester break. Unfortunately, in the past, many attendees have perceived Fake Patty's Day as an opportunity to act irresponsibly without consequences. The event has been associated with many negative issues including overcrowding, public intoxication, traffic congestion, illegal parking, acts of violence, and trash nuisances. Residents and visitors who want to enjoy themselves safely and responsibly are most welcome in the community. Those who intend to overindulge in alcohol, abandon personal responsibility, and commit crimes should be aware that **all state and local laws will be enforced during Fake Patty's Day** . Here are a few examples:

Alcoholic Beverage Offenses

Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Beverages: No one under the age of 21 may purchase, attempt to purchase, consume, or possess alcoholic beverages. A conviction is punishable by a fine between $200 and $500, up to one month in jail, $136 in court costs, and a driver's license suspension.

Open Container (21 years or older): It is unlawful to carry an open container of an alcoholic beverage on public property, including parks, streets, sidewalks, and parking lots. A conviction is punishable by a fine between $50 and $200, up to six months in jail, and $79 in court costs.

Transporting an Open Container: It is unlawful to transport open containers of alcoholic beverages in a vehicle. A conviction is punishable by a fine of up to $200, up to six months in jail, and $79 in court costs.

Intoxicated Pedestrian in the Street: A pedestrian who is under the influence of alcohol or any drug to a degree which makes him/her a hazard may not walk in the street. A first conviction is punishable by a fine of up to $500, up to one month in jail, and $79 in court costs.

Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor: It is unlawful to buy, sell or give alcoholic beverages to a minor. A conviction is punishable by a fine between $200 and $500, up to six months in jail, and $136 in court costs.

Hosting Minors: It is unlawful to recklessly permit your home or other property to be used for unlawful possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. A conviction is punishable by a fine between $1,000 and $2,500, up to one year in jail, and $136 in court costs.

Open Saloon: It is unlawful for any person to operate an open saloon, which includes any public or private place where alcoholic liquor is sold, offered, or kept for sale by the drink, without state and local licenses. A conviction is punishable by a fine of up to $500 and up to 90 days in jail, plus district court costs.

ID Offenses

It is unlawful to display or possess any fictitious or fraudulently altered driver's license. A conviction is punishable by a fine of up to $1,000 and up to six months in jail. It is unlawful to lend your driver's license for another person to use or to display another person's driver's license as your own. A conviction is punishable by a fine of up to $2,500 and up to one year in jail. It is unlawful to lend your driver's license to a minor to purchase alcohol, or to use or display a fictitious driver's license to obtain alcohol. A first conviction is punishable by a fine between $200 and $500 and at least 100 hours of community service. Court costs of $79 are assessed for ID offenses.

Miscellaneous

Disorderly Conduct (fighting)
Public Nudity
Resisting Arrest
Convictions are punishable by a fine of up to $500, up to six months in jail, and $136 in court costs.

Possession of Marijuana/Drug Paraphernalia: A conviction is punishable by a fine of up to $2,500, up to one year in jail, and $136 in court costs.

Littering: A conviction is punishable by a fine of up to $500, up to six months in jail, and $79 in court costs.

Urinating/Defecating upon Public Places: A conviction is punishable by a fine of up to $500, up to six months in jail, and court costs of $79.

Public Nuisances: It is unlawful to allow trash to accumulate anywhere - yards, alleys, sidewalks, neighboring properties, etc. With 24 hours notice, the City may clean up your trash and send you the bill for the cost of clean-up (minimum $155). Convictions are also punishable by a fine of up to a $500, up to six months in jail, and $79 in court costs.

Noise: Playing loud music or making any other excessive noise that unreasonably disturbs others is unlawful. Convictions are punishable by a fine up to $500, up to six months in jail, and $79 in court costs.

Smoking Indoors: It is unlawful to smoke in indoor public places, such as bars and restaurants, or within twenty (20) feet of the entrances to indoor public places. A first conviction is punishable by a minimum fine of $50 and courts costs of $79.

NOTE: ANYONE WHO COMMITS THE ABOVE OFFENSES IS SUBJECT TO PHYSICAL ARREST AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT

Parking

It is unlawful to park on a sidewalk, within three feet of a driveway entrance, within three feet of an alley's intersection with a street, in front yards, or in any zone in which parking is prohibited. The fine is $10.

It is unlawful to park on the grass in a park or anywhere in a park where parking is not allowed. The fine is $25.

It is unlawful to park in a municipal parking space longer than permitted by the posted signage. Violators may receive more than one ticket while parked in the same location. The fine is $5 for each violation.

NOTE: VEHICLES MAY BE IMMEDIATELY TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE FOR ***PARKING VIOLATIONS.*** Although charges vary, it typically costs approximately $200 (cash only) to retrieve a vehicle from impound.