

TOWN OF BRISTOL
Ord. No. 2018-13 – Adopted 8-1-18

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of Bristol, Rhode Island, that Chapter 17 of the Bristol Town Code be amended by adding Article III, Sections 17-100 to 17-105, which reads as follows:

CHAPTER 17
OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE III. – UNRULY GATHERINGS

Sec. 17-100. - Public nuisance.

- (a) It shall be a public nuisance to conduct a gathering of five or more persons on any private property in a manner which constitutes a substantial disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property in a significant segment of a neighborhood, as a result of conduct constituting a violation of law. Illustrative of such unlawful conduct is excessive noise or traffic, obstruction of public streets by crowds or vehicles, illegal parking, public drunkenness, public urination, the service of alcohol to minors, fights, disturbances of the peace, and litter.
- (b) A gathering constituting a public nuisance may be abated by all reasonable means including, but not limited to, an order requiring the gathering to be disbanded and citation and/or arrest of any law violators under any applicable ordinances and state statutes.

Sec. 17-101. - Notice of unruly gathering; effective periods.

- (a) When the police department intervenes at a gathering which constitutes a nuisance under this article, the premises at which such nuisance occurred shall be furnished with a notice stating that the intervention of the police has been necessitated as a result of a public nuisance under this article caused by an event at the premises, the date of the police intervention, and that any subsequent event within the period set forth below on the same premises, which necessitates police intervention, shall result in the joint and several liability of any guests causing the public nuisance, or any persons who own or are residents of the property at which the public nuisance occurred, or

Sec. 17-103. -

Sec. 17-105. – Right to contest notice of unruly gathering.

- (a) An owner, occupant, or tenant of the cited premises may contest the issuance of the notice by filing a written petition for review with the Town Administrator requesting that the Town Administrator determine whether justification existed for issuing the notice under the provisions of this ordinance. The petition must be filed within ten (10) days after the issuance of the notice