



**Think Safe. Be Safe. Stay Safe. JMU**

# City of Harrisonburg Ordinances



Noise Ordinance



Alcohol Violations



Marijuana Law

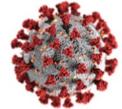
## Harrisonburg City Gathering Ordinance

**All public and in-person private gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited until October 13th.**

### Criminal Penalty

Class 3 Misdemeanor if it is your residence

Class 4 Misdemeanor if you are in attendance



**COVID-19**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

## Noise Ordinance

**JMU STUDENTS:** While this information is accurate for the local ordinance, please follow guidelines for social gatherings given to you by JMU.

[HarrisonburgVA.gov/students](http://HarrisonburgVA.gov/students)

**Large Party Nuisance**— A gathering of 10 or more people, whether the gathering is contained within a structure or is outdoors, and creates a plainly audible sound across the property line, through partitions, or at a distance of 100 feet or more.

**Mass outdoor social gatherings**— Sponsors of gatherings with 100 people or more that will be using sound amplifying equipment must apply for a permit through the City Manager’s office at least 15 days prior to the event. Permit requirements and applications are available at [HarrisonburgVA.gov/students](http://HarrisonburgVA.gov/students).

These ordinances can be enforced during the day and night.

**To register a social gathering** contact the non-emergency number at (540) 434-4436. If complaints are received, the registrant will receive a phone call warning and any additional complaints will result in officers responding. Complaints received for a non-registered parties will receive an immediate officer response, including possible citation.

Drunk in Public: Appearing intoxicated anywhere in public view.

Drinking in Public: Consuming alcohol in a public place.

Disorderly Conduct in Public Places: intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof. [VA CODE § 18.2-415](#)

Underage Possession of Alcohol: Consuming or possessing alcohol under the age of 21 . You can also be charged for providing alcohol to those under 21 years of age.

Urinating in Public: Anywhere in public view, even if you are on private property.

Underage Purchase/Possession of Tobacco and Nicotine Vapor Products: It is illegal for persons under 21, except for active duty military personnel, to purchase or possess tobacco or nicotine vapor products.

### NUISANCE VIOLATIONS

## Alcohol Tobacco /Vaping Violations

### BE AWARE!

## Marijuana Law

HPD will enforce the new marijuana law which is still a criminal offense but with a civil fine plus court costs if convicted. [Virginia Code 18.2-250.1](#)

This charge may count as a strike if a JMU student is found responsible for the behavior in OSARP. OSARP will be seeing all criminal offenses involving marijuana as listed in the JMU Student Handbook.

For help with a drug or alcohol addiction, please contact the [RMH Sentara Life Recovery Program](#) (540) 689-1000

# Partnering with JMU

## Three Strikes

Students will receive a strike if found responsible for an incident involving alcohol and/or drugs. Students may be suspended for a minimum of one semester upon their receipt of a third strike; strikes are cumulative over a student's career at JMU. Students may be suspended prior to a third strike for violations which pose health or safety concerns to the student or the community.

## Parent/Guardian Notification

Parents/Guardians will be notified of alcohol or drugs incidents their student is found responsible for while under the age of 21.

## Off-Campus Notification

Alcohol violations, drug violations, felonies, and other student behavior that occurs off campus within the City of Harrisonburg or Rockingham County may be addressed by OSARP. Student behavior that is against the mission of the institution, including felonies, may be addressed regardless of the location in which they occurred.

## Enlightened Citizen Amnesty Process:

Students who voluntarily report they are in need of medical attention, have medical attention requested for them by a bystander, or bystanders who voluntarily report that someone else is in need of medical attention due to the consumption of alcohol or drugs, may receive amnesty from receiving a strike if the student receives notification of an alleged violation by OSARP.

**Office of Student Accountability & Restorative Practices (OSARP)**—For more information on policies, process, or what to do if you need to report a violation, please contact OSARP at (540) 568- 6218 or [OSARP@jmu.edu](mailto:OSARP@jmu.edu) and visit [www.jmu.edu/osarp](http://www.jmu.edu/osarp).

### Safety Tips

Travel in groups especially at night!

Don't drink and drive or ride with someone who has been drinking. Plan ahead with a designated driver.

If you are 21, drink responsibly and know your limits.

Don't allow people you do not know to attend your party—Avoid Open Door Parties

If you are hosting a party, designate someone sober to check ID's and keep the party contained.

Don't hesitate to call the police before things get out of hand.

### COVID-19 Information

Remember to use social distancing, wear a mask and wash your hands often.

Seek medical attention if you experience any symptoms.

For further information on Governor's Orders and Guidelines

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/>



Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency (540) 434-4436

## Contact Us

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Call: (540) 574-5050

Text: "HPD" Plus the Tip to 274637