

## Quality of Life / Noise – Information & Resources for Neighbors

These resources are intended to help improve the quality of life for all neighbors in the City. Please use them to address issues such as walk-by noise, loud parties, illegal parking, trash, theft and other crime, etc. We can only make progress toward safe and peaceful neighborhoods if everyone participates in addressing issues. We need to use the tools that we have and identify new ways to work together, mindful of the resources in our community.

### INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

- Establishing a relationship with your neighbors is the first step in resolving issues that may arise later. Consider exchanging contact information to keep the lines of communication open.

### BURLINGTON'S NOISE AND PARTY ORDINANCES

- The purpose of the noise control ordinance is to allow all residents of our city to peacefully coexist in a manner that is mutually respectful of the rights and interests of others.  
**To report noise in your neighborhood, contact the Burlington Police Department at 658-2704.**
- The noise ordinance applies 24 hours a day. There are also special "quiet hours" for the city from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am.
- Unreasonable noise is prohibited. Noise is unreasonable when it is unreasonably loud given the time, place, and nature of the noise. Noise that is plainly audible between apartments or houses between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am is considered unreasonable. Sound systems, TVs, and radios cannot be played in an unreasonably loud manner.
- Noise from parties and social gatherings has special regulations. Such gatherings are defined as situations where one or more participants are not residents. In the event of a noise disturbance, all of the residents at a premise are considered liable in addition to any other person engaged in making noise.

#### **Party/Social Noise Fine**

- First violation: \$300 for an uncontested ticket
- Second violation: \$400 for an uncontested ticket
- Subsequent violations: Criminal offense and \$500

#### **General Noise Fines**

- First violation: \$200 for an uncontested ticket
- Second violation: \$300 for an uncontested ticket
- Subsequent violations: Criminal offense and \$500

- For more information: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CJC/Noise/>

### COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER

<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CJC/Noise>

The CJC works with people who have been the victims of crimes

### OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CodeEnforcement/>

Addresses issues with rental properties as well as parking on greenbelts, trash, etc.

### SEELICKFIX

seelickfix.com

To report trash, parking and other issues

### UVM'S OFFICE OF STUDENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

[www.uvm.edu/~oscr](http://www.uvm.edu/~oscr)

Offers help with problems around noise, parties, and other issues concerning student renters