

# GOOD NEIGHBOR FOOTBALL GAME DAY POLICY

Dear Homeowner/Resident,

The City of University Heights is dedicated to preserving the positive relationships we have with our neighbors and guests on football game days. To continue to foster these positive relationships, the City created this Good Neighbor Football Game Day policy after careful evaluation of the 2016 public forum comments on football game day activities, discussions with relevant City departments, and reaching out to other cities with ordinances addressing this topic.

This policy recognizes that residents living in University Heights have a right to enjoy a reasonable level of quiet enjoyment during football game days and guests are entitled to a reasonable level of safety and courtesy. Tailgating neighbors are expected to implement common sense, good judgment and be receptive and respectful of the needs of our community. In particular, the City provides guidance in the following format to help you avoid complaints from your neighbors. The City ordinances are available on the City website: [www.university-heights.org](http://www.university-heights.org).

## Part I. Streets & Sidewalks.

Be considerate of:

- how you and your guests use the streets and sidewalks abutting your tailgating site. Are tailgating-related tables, BBQs, tents or other equipment on the sidewalks? Are your guests assembling on the sidewalk so as to discourage pedestrians from passing through? Are you or your guests using cones or other equipment to block the use of street parking?

## Part II. Aesthetics of Tailgating.

Be considerate of:

- the signage used to promote your tailgating site. Does the signage evoke the feeling of a saloon, tavern, or bar in a neighborhood?
- the trash during and after your tailgating. Is your tailgating site set up with reasonable trash cans and is the trash picked up by 12pm the day following the game day? Is the abutting sidewalk and right-of-ways leading up to the curb clear of trash?
- the location of your porta potty. Is your porta potty in a location that is not visible from the street or your abutting neighbors?

## Part III. Monitor Your Guests.

Be considerate of:

- intoxication levels of your guests and related behavior. Are they staggering and trespassing into your neighbor's property?
- game/music activities of your guests. Are their games (e.g., football, toss) causing them to go into your neighbor's property? Is the music used by your guests broadcasting inappropriate, offensive lyrics?
- inappropriate language of your guests. Are your guests using foul or inappropriate language that broadcasts across property lines?
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## Part IV. Tenant Safety.

Be considerate of:

- your tenant's safety. If you are a landlord selling tailgating spaces, are doors and windows of your rental home in good working order to prevent tailgaters from forcing themselves inside?

## Part V. Look After Your Neighbor.

Prevent or stop:

- fake sales of parking spaces. Call your neighbor and/or UHPD if you know your neighbor is away or does not sell parking spaces and see this activity happening on their property.

## Part VI. Complaints.

Be aware that complaints are anonymous unless a caller requests a call back.

- Residents can contact UHPD to report football game day complaints by calling the **Johnson County Dispatch at (319) 356-6800**. For Emergencies dial 911.
- Your complaint will be triaged and resolved as quickly as possible.

## University Heights Ordinances Related to Football Game Days

### Alcohol related ordinances

- [138 possession of alcohol by minors](#)
- [139 concerning conduct](#)
- [140 intoxicated individuals](#)
- [141 open containers](#)
- [143 interference with public officers](#)

### Noise and Nuisance ordinances

- [159 restricting noise](#)
- [71 public nuisance](#)
- [109 disorderly house](#)
- [115 disorderly house](#)
- [118 public nuisances](#)
- [125 abatement of nuisance houses](#)
- [127 prohibition of public nuisances](#)
- [178 disorderly house](#)

### Portable Toilet ordinances

- [136 placement of public toilets](#)
- [172 concerning public toilets](#)