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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: City of Fort Bragg, Fort Bragg Municipal Code:
9.78 Social Host Ordinance

ANNOUNCEMENT:

At the scheduled Fort Bragg City Council meeting held on October 13, 2015, the Fort Bragg City Council adopted by unanimous vote, the City's "Social Host Ordinance" to be added to the Fort Bragg Municipal Code. This enforceable code empowers police officers to take action and issue citations to any property owner, renter, leasee, or other responsible party, who knowingly allows alcohol consumption by minors, to occur on their properties or premise they have control over.

In addition to any and all recuperation of costs and fees for public safety response to a location that may be imposed upon the responsible party, a penalty of \$300 for a first time violation, and a \$500 penalty for a second violation within 12 months of the first, may be imposed. A penalty of \$750 for each additional violation beyond the second within 12 months of the first may also be imposed.

This municipal ordinance was implemented as a response to a proposal from our Fort Bragg teens in order to discourage illegal underage alcohol consumption, as well as discourage adults or responsible parties, from allowing illegal underage drinking to occur at juvenile parties or other social gatherings. It is hoped that the obvious risks and dangers of teenage drinking will be curtailed by holding those accountable, who are permitting this behavior at their homes. The public is encouraged to better educate themselves in regard to this new ordinance, by visiting the City of Fort Bragg website and reviewing the ordinance within the City's municipal code. You can cut and paste the address below into your browser.

<http://www.codepublishing.com/ca/fortbragg/html/fortbragg09/FortBragg0978.html#9.78>

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