



Staff Report

Subject: Social Host Ordinance

Department/Program: Police Department

Explanation:

One of the goals of the Rockwood School District's Community Partners in Prevention program is to have all of the municipalities serving Rockwood students adopt a Social Host ordinance. After reading legislation passed by the City of Wildwood, Chapter 215. Nuisances, Article VI. Social Host Ordinance, and speaking with members of the Community Partners in Prevention program, I believe with a couple of minor changes Ballwin Ordinance 17-73 "Failure to Supervise Minor" will meet the goals of the proposed legislation without having to draft an entirely new ordinance.

Two changes to Ballwin Ordinance 17-73 would allow for it to mirror similar legislation proposed in the area. The first proposed change would be changing the title from Failure to Supervise Minor to Social Host Ordinance. This title change would allow for students, guardians of students, and school staff to easily direct individuals to an ordinance regulating social hosting throughout the region. This title change also updates dated verbiage to a more modern and currently understandable language.

The second proposed change would be to add a warning period of twelve months to the ordinance. This addition clearly outlines the parameters of the warning period and mirrors similar legislation proposed by the Community Partners in Prevention and passed by the City of Wildwood.

I have attached a copy of our ordinance, with the revisions, and a copy of the Wildwood ordinance should you deem adopting that verbiage entirely versus these proposed changes.

Recommendation:

I am seeking Board approval to draft an ordinance in accordance with the changes above.

Submitted By: Chief Douglas W. Schaeffler

Date: February 22, 2021