

# Neighborhood Safety & Relations Taskforce

 Created by Eau Claire City Council Resolution to review the problem and potential solutions

 Members attended 6 meetings over 3 months.

 Taskforce showed a strong commitment to the problem, collaboration, and ownership of the issue.

## Who participated?

- Neighborhood Associations
- UWEC students and staff
- CVTC students and staff
- Bar owners
- Tavern League
- Existing bus operator
- Eau Claire Healthy Communities
- City and County staff – Legal, Planning, Public Health, Human Services
- Police and Fire Department

## What is the problem?

Substance Use and Alcohol Misuse are top health priorities in the 2018 Eau Claire County Community Health Assessment.



Eau Claire Police Department responds to >8 alcohol related incidents per day



Eau Claire County 2017:  
708 tickets underage drinking, 740 arrests OWI violation, 490 arrests Blood Alcohol violation, 9 arrests operating firearm while intoxicated



Eau Claire County has almost twice as many drug arrests compared to the state of Wisconsin.

The Taskforce agrees that alcohol and other substance misuse and the resulting negative impact is a community issue. We want a proactive and preventative approach to increasing health, safety, and fun in our community. The ordinance is only one tool to address excessive alcohol and other substance use.

## Proposed Changes to City Ordinance

### Public Excessive Intoxication

- Includes intoxication from both alcohol and other drugs
- Language focuses on those who are demonstrably intoxicated AND have behavior that is reasonably likely to cause harm.
- "Reasonably likely": There is a difference between someone walking on the sidewalk intoxicated versus walking on the road in traffic. One is reasonably likely to cause harm.

### Physical Neighborhood Disruption

- Accumulation of cans, bottles, or cups visible to the public is not allowed.
- Interior furniture and game tables are not allowed at the exterior of a residence for more than 24 hours.

For more information, visit

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