# SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY Office of Student Life University Response to Off-Campus Misconduct

All members of the Santa Clara University community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the goals of the institution and demonstrate respect for self, others, and their property. Students living on and off campus are members of the City of Santa Clara community and as such are representatives of the University to the community at large. In this regard, students living both on and off campus maintain an equal measure of accountability to the values and expectations of all members of the SCU community as identified in the Student Conduct Code. Whether living in or traveling through a neighborhood, or parking on a neighborhood street, students are expected to adhere to the same high standards of conduct and behavior that are consistent with the students' developing role as responsible and accountable citizens. *The University reserves the right to review student conduct that occurs off campus when such behavior is inconsistent with this expectation and the Student Conduct Code.* 

- Misconduct that arises off campus in which a student is detained, arrested, cited, or otherwise charged with violations of local, state, or federal laws that materially or adversely affect the individual's suitability as a member of the Santa Clara University community is a violation of the Student Conduct Code (Item number 17).
- > The Santa Clara Police Department notifies the Office of Student Life of misconduct by students off campus. In such instances students are sanctioned through the university judicial system.

## **Municipal Laws**

#### Minors Consuming and/or Possessing Alcoholic Beverages / Providing Alcoholic Beverages to Minors

- (a) No person under 21 years shall possess an alcoholic beverage at a private gathering.
- (b) No person shall permit, allow or host a private gathering where alcoholic beverages are possessed or consumed by persons under 21 years.

This is misdemeanor offense and the person in violation is subject to a maximum penalty of 6 months in County Jail and/or \$1,000 fine. If an administrative citation is issued, the violator is subject to paying a \$150.00 fine.

### **Drinking Alcoholic Beverages in a Public Place**

This is a misdemeanor offense and the person in violation is subject to a maximum penalty of up to a \$1,000 fine. Under California State law any person who is intoxicated in public is subject to a maximum penalty of up to 6 months in County Jail and/or \$1,000 fine. If an administrative citation is issued, the violator is subject to paying a \$150.00 fine.

# **Disturbing the Peace Ordinance**

This ordinance is applicable during the between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM for any disturbance within 250 feet of a residence.

Section 9.05.010 (c)	1st Offense	\$150.00
Section 9.05.010 (c)	2nd Offense within one year	\$300.00
Section 9.05.010 (c)	3rd Offense within one year	\$600.00
Section 9.05.010 (c)	4th Offense within one year	\$900.00

#### **First Response Ordinance**

If the Santa Clara Police Department responds to a residence due to a reported or observed disturbance, typically a party hosted at the residence, then the police department issues a "First Response Notice" to the occupants of the residence. There is not a fine associated for a first response to the residence, however additional responses will result in fines for the occupants of the residence as listed.

#### **Special Response Ordinance**

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1st Response	No Fee	
2nd Response within 30 days	\$ 250.00	
2nd Response within one year	\$ 150.00	
2nd Response within 72 hours	\$ 500.00	
3rd Response within one year	\$ 300.00	
4th Response within one year	\$ 600.00	
5th Response within one year	\$ 900.00	
In excess of 5th within one year	\$1000.00	
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Fees above apply to Administrative Citations. For subsequent offenses—Public Nuisance laws apply and may be prosecuted criminally, civilly, or administratively.