

City Laws and Ordinances Relative to Youth

Curfew

Under age 16: 11:00PM Age 16-18: 12:00AM (midnight)

- Curfews apply seven days a week and all year long. Exceptions are made for North Olmsted School, church or City functions when curfew is extended to one hour following the official ending time of the event.
- A parent who permits a minor to violate curfew may be cited for a minor misdemeanor subject to a maximum fine of \$100. Between the hours of curfew and 5am a juvenile may only be out with the company of a parent/guardian.

Cigarettes and Tobacco

- No person shall sell cigarettes/tobacco to or buy cigarettes/tobacco for a minor under age 18.
- No person under age 18 shall purchase cigarettes/tobacco or attempt to purchase or share the cost of such.

Both are first degree misdemeanors.

- **No person under age 18 shall be in possession of cigarettes/tobacco related products.** (law passed in 2001 at both state and local level)

This is a minor misdemeanor resulting in a \$100 fine under state law, a tobacco education class and up to 20 hours of community service. First offense cases diverted locally to the North Olmsted Community Diversion Program result in a \$70 fee, a tobacco education class and up to 20 hours community service.

Alcohol

- No person shall buy or give alcoholic beverages to a minor under age 18. The state legal drinking age is 21, but persons age 18-21 are legally responsible for their own violations of the law.
- No person shall permit minors to remain at their home while possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages.
- No underage person shall possess or consume beer or liquor in any public or private place, including a motor vehicle.
- No person under age 21 shall purchase or attempt to purchase or share the cost for any alcoholic beverage.

Counterfeit Controlled Substances

- No person shall knowingly possess any counterfeit controlled substances where 'counterfeit' may mean any substances represented to be a controlled substance but is not. This violation is a first degree misdemeanor subject to a fine of \$1000 in the adult court system. The law applies to juveniles as well. Attempting to sell such a substance would constitute drug trafficking violations.

Low-Alcohol Beverages

Laws for alcohol apply to low-alcohol beverages (marketed as 'non-alcoholic beer and wine') for minors under age 18. A person must be 18 to purchase, consume or possess these beverages. Giving or allowing minors to possess or consume these beverages by an adult is a violation of the law.