

MINNESOTA SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES



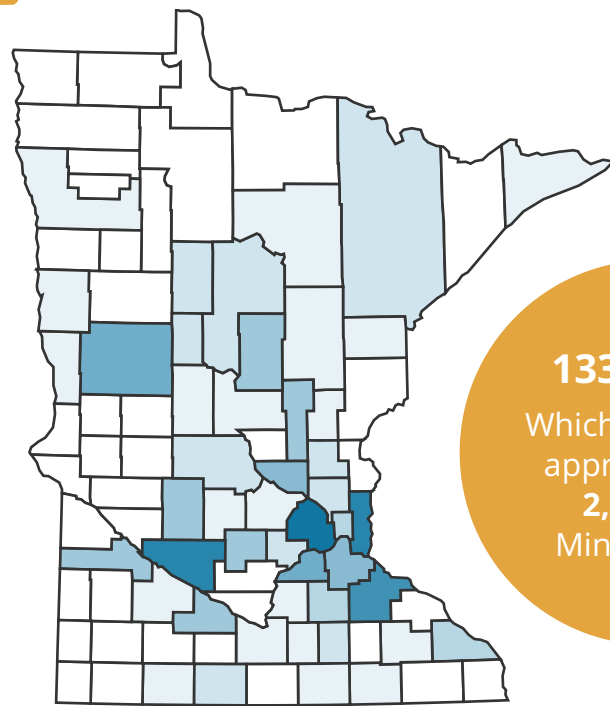
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What is a social host ordinance?

A social host ordinance makes it unlawful for individuals (social hosts) to knowingly provide a place for underage drinking to occur on a premises under the host's control. The host is held responsible regardless of who provided the alcohol.

An ordinance violation is a misdemeanor offense with a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

AT LEAST 52% OF MINNESOTANS ARE IN A JURISDICTION WITH A SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE.

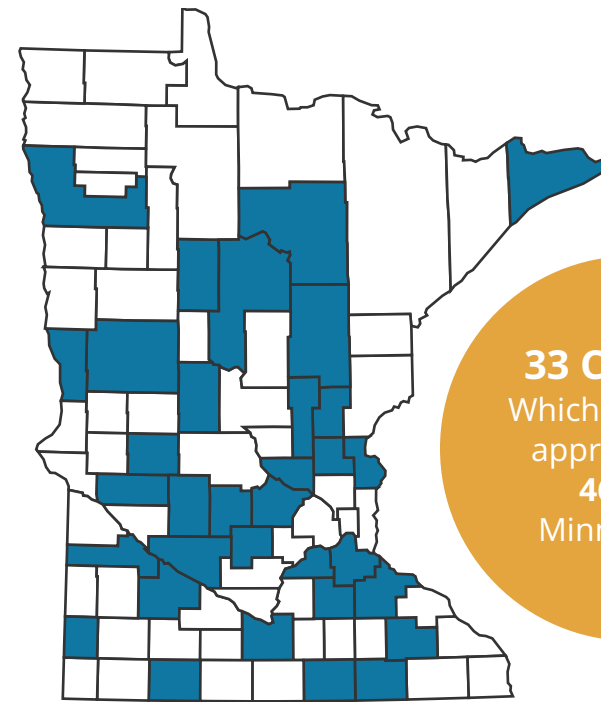


133 Cities

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2,653,243
Minnesotans.

City Ordinances

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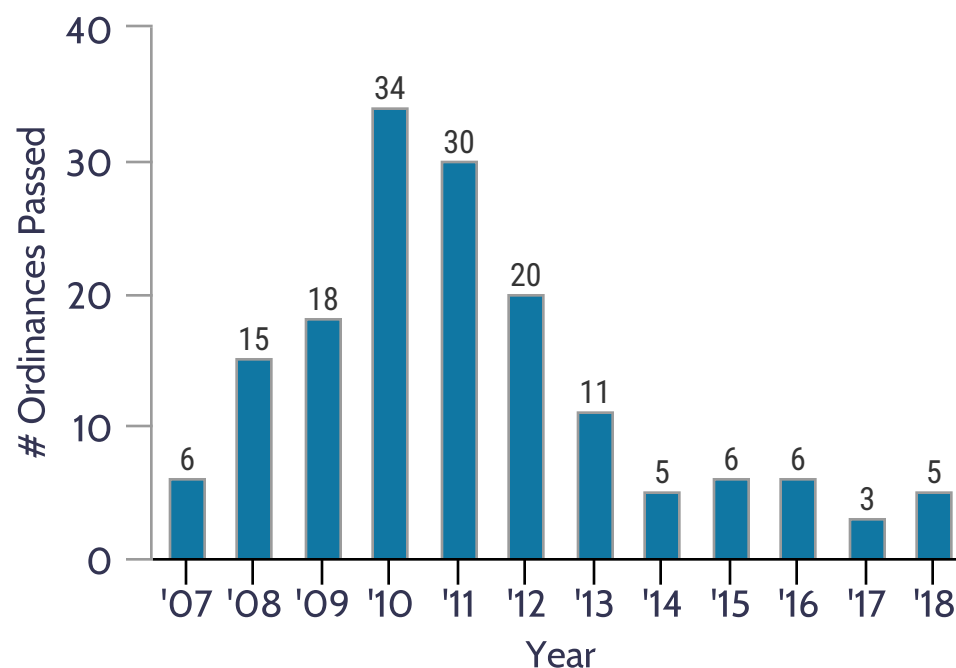
33 Counties

Which represents
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468,487
Minnesotans.

County Ordinances

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Most passed between 2008-2013



*The city of Osseo expanded its ordinance in 2015 to establish penalties for, "...any person hosting an event or gathering where **alcohol, marijuana or other controlled substances** are present and being possessed or consumed by persons under 21 years of age.*

Why?

Underage drinking often takes place in social settings (i.e. at home or parties). Social host policies help reduce underage access to alcohol.

Social host policies provide another tool for law enforcement to use in keeping our neighborhoods and youth safe.

These policies encourage a consistent message to young people, from all caring adults in the community, about the importance of choosing not to drink alcohol before age 21.



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