

## COMMON OFFENSES

- **Disorderly Conduct** includes obscene language, fighting, violent behavior, failing to disperse when ordered, urinating in public view, obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and unreasonable noise. Fines up to \$250 and/or up to 15 days in jail.



- **Criminal Mischief/Damage Property.** Vandalism or destruction of property. Up to \$1000 fine and/or one year in the County Jail. Damage over \$250 in a FELONY CRIME with State Prison terms up to four years.

- **Littering** is a violation under the City's Code of Municipal Ordinances. Fines up to \$200. Be a good neighbor—if you see litter pick it up and throw it away.



- **Criminal Nuisance.** Plan on having a party? If the party gets too large and/or out of control you could face Criminal Nuisance charges. Criminal nuisance is punishable by a fine of up to \$1000 and/or one year in the County Jail

- **Obstruction of Governmental Administration/Resisting Arrest.** Interfering with the performance of a police officer's official duties or resisting arrest, either your own or another person's. Fines up to \$1000 and/or one year in jail.



- **Noise Ordinance Violations.** Any noise such as loud voices (persons leaving a party) and amplified sound (electronic) of any nature. If it disturbs someone, it is a violation of the City's Municipal Code of Ordinances. Fines up to \$250 and up to 15 days in the County Jail. Be a good neighbor—if you are going to have a party, contact your neighbors and discuss it with them. Set some ground rules. In the past this has gone a long way in alleviating problems and complaints.

- **False Identification.** Possessing false identification is a very serious offense. At the discretion of the investigating officer, the charge can range from a Felony Forgery charge to a Violation of the State's Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC)

Other charges can include Criminal Impersonation and Possession of an Altered License. Committing a crime with your driver's license can also lead to the suspension or revocation of your operating privileges in New York State. Fines can range from \$50 to \$1000 or more plus jail time depending on what charge is filed.

- **Other Alcohol Related Violations.** Persons under the age of 21 years cannot buy, possess, or be given alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages cannot be consumed in public places (sidewalks, parks, streets, parking lots, public highways and automobiles). There is a wide array of charges including Misdemeanor charges for providing alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21 years. Fines can range up to \$1000 and/or one year in the County Jail. Additionally, mandatory attendance in alcohol awareness programs.



- **Parking Regulations.** The City of Oneonta has alternate side of the street parking on certain streets. Read the signs to familiarize yourself with these regulations. You cannot block any portion of a sidewalk. The City of Oneonta also has various municipal parking lots with varying regulations. All regulations are prominently posted in the lots. Whenever there is more than 2 1/2 inches or more of snowfall, NO vehicles are permitted to park on any city street. Vehicles are subject to being ticketed and towed. Minimum towing fee is \$100 plus the cost of the ticket.



**BE GOOD NEIGHBOR—BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY**

Mow your neighbor's lawn

Help with snow shoveling

Volunteer for Community Service

For more information on volunteering call Opportunities for Otsego

607-433-8038



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In the event of an Emergency  
Dial 911

# City of Oneonta Police Department

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Being a good neighbor in the City of Oneonta

*Avoid the common student pitfalls by knowing the various laws and ordinances that govern your conduct and their penalties.*