

The riot clause leaves use of tear gas on gatherings or individuals determined by police to be a riot. Riot is defined in Oregon law as:

(1) A person commits the crime of riot if while participating with five or more other persons the person engages in tumultuous and violent conduct and thereby intentionally or recklessly creates a grave risk of causing public alarm.

(2) Riot is a Class C felony. [1971 c.743 §218]

Generally, a Riot is defined as:

A concerted action: (1) made in furtherance of an express common purpose; (2) through the use or threat of violence, disorder, or terror to the public; and (3) resulting in a disturbance of the peace. Under common law, the crime of riot requires the assemblage of three or more actors.

These terms are all too broad to provide functional limitations of use of force or tear gas, and leaving the decision of it's designation in the hands of police, rather than public officials, leaves the room for policy sanctioned abuse of power PPD and federal officers are currently engaged in.

**I believe that these clauses should be removed entirely. And also that the purchase, sale, or use of tear gas (and/or all crowd control munitions) should be made illegal in the state of Oregon, and passed immediately.**

**I urge you to remove any language of immunity from Oregon law, so citizens may hold police accountable for improper use of force and crowd control munitions - including tear gas.**

Thank you for your consideration and for hearing our voices.

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