

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Change in Ordinance to Allow Beach Drinking
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:22:43 AM

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From: Mitzie Fiedler <MFiedler@Venicefl.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 8:28:32 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Change in Ordinance to Allow Beach Drinking

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From: Pat <dickcondon2004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 11:50:50 AM
To: Mitzie Fiedler <MFiedler@Venicefl.gov>
Subject: Change in Ordinance to Allow Beach Drinking

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>>>>> Disappointing that Venice is set to sell alcohol and allow drinking on beaches. It's already difficult to get parked at the beach. A beach with free parking that allows the consumption of alcohol, is not the Venice that attracted many of us. The ordinance as it stands, is opening up Pandora's box. What's next? We do not want to become a spring break venue.

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>>>>> This has not been properly vetted. You appeared to be the only lone voice in opposition. Which is much appreciated. The others seem hell-bent on approving, which is a puzzle to me, because it is not good for the community and keeping Venice, Venice. Is there anything that can be done to prevent this ?

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>>>>> Patricia Condon

From: [Yahoo](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Alcohol on the beach
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:50:59 PM

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I do not want to see alcohol on the beach in Venice. I believe it will lead to public drunkenness and wild behavior which will attract a different crowd than is usually seen on Venice beach. The peaceful sunsets and days spent in quiet surroundings, other than bird calls and waves would be over come by loud music and drunks. I used to live close to South Padre Island in Texas where thousands of college students came for spring break. Every year for weeks you had wild behavior resulting in college student deaths. If alcohol is permitted I belief it will increase this kind of behavior. Please allow us to have a peaceful beach. Alcohol is permitted on the North Jetty and that is close enough for those individuals who want that setting. Sent from my iPad

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol on Venice Beach
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:23:13 AM

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From: Mitzie Fiedler <MFiedler@Venicefl.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 8:28:01 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol on Venice Beach

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From: barbara schacke <bschacke@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:18:14 AM
To: Mitzie Fiedler <MFiedler@Venicefl.gov>
Subject: Alcohol on Venice Beach

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I am a full time owner here on the island and am posed to allowing alcohol on the beach. Please put my name on the loosed list. Thank you for your concern.

Barbara Schackenbach

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From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol on our beaches
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:22:57 AM

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From: Mitzie Fiedler <MFiedler@Venicefl.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 8:28:18 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol on our beaches

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From: KC <casey99_01950@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 2:33:45 PM
To: Mitzie Fiedler <MFiedler@Venicefl.gov>
Cc: To: Sean Brown <spb347@yahoo.com>; Pat <dickcondon2004@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fw: Alcohol on our beaches

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Good day dr. Fiedler,
wanted you to be aware of this email I just sent to the editor at the Gondolier. Waiting for his response. In the event that a reporter is sent to us, would you be available to attend that meeting?
Regards,
Kevin Collins

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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "KC" <casey99_01950@yahoo.com>
To: "ronald.dupont@yoursun.com" <ronald.dupont@yoursun.com>
Cc: "To: Sean Brown" <spb347@yahoo.com>, "Pat" <dickcondon2004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 2:26 PM
Subject: Alcohol on our beaches

Good afternoon Mr. Dupont,

I am one of many citizens that are currently gathering in opposition of the new ordinance change the city council will vote on next Tuesday to allow the sale of alcohol at two locations and furthermore the consumption of that alcohol on our Venice public beaches. We would like to request that you allocate one of your reporters to interview our group and publish an article on our opposition point of view prior to next Tuesday's city council

meeting.

In advance, we appreciate your attention to this matter and remain available for the discussion. Best regards

Kevin Collins

603-887-8599

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From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Opposing Change in Ordinance on Alcohol Sunshine/Council
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:24:06 AM

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From: Mitzie Fiedler <MFiedler@Venicefl.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 8:26:46 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Opposing Change in Ordinance on Alcohol Sunshine/Council

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From: Ron Feinsod <rfeinsod@venicefl.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 4:21:07 PM
To: MARJORIE A. CONDON <macondon31@comcast.net>; Mitzie Fiedler <MFiedler@Venicefl.gov>
Subject: Re: Opposing Change in Ordinance on Alcohol Sunshine/Council

Thank you for your comments. Due to Florida's Sunshine Law and a City Council policy, neither I nor any other Council Member copied on this e-mail can reply substantively to your e-mail in writing. The Sunshine Law prohibits two or more members of City Council from discussing any matter which will foreseeably come before Council outside of a publicly noticed meeting. Any Council Member may address the topic of this e-mail at a future meeting.

If you wish to contact council members individually, you may email or call them. Contact information can be found at <https://www.venicegov.com/government/mayor-city-council>.

Ron Feinsod
Mayor, City of Venice

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From: MARJORIE A. CONDON <macondon31@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 10:19:58 AM
To: Mitzie Fiedler <MFiedler@Venicefl.gov>
Cc: Ron Feinsod <rfeinsod@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Opposing Change in Ordinance on Alcohol

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Dear Dr. Fiedler:

The City Council's plan to allow alcohol on Venice beaches will lead to serious quality

of life and financial issues for residents that Council members are ignoring in the rush to satisfy business interests.

The proposed change in the ordinance comes at the worst possible time. New development has caused an explosive increase in population and visitors leading to overcrowding in beaches and parking lots. Humphreys Park/South Jetty, is a blatant example. It was a scenic, peaceful area to enjoy nature, with easily accessible parking and a small concession stand with well-maintained trash barrels and restrooms. Now the concession area has been expanded. Trash barrels are filled and there is less peace or quiet. The jetty parking lot is often jammed with cars parked anywhere they can squeeze in, risking car and pedestrian mishaps. To this situation, the Council proposes to add drinking; that is, they propose to make the area busier (by attracting more people), louder, and more chaotic in the parking lot.

The South Jetty is but one example. The ordinance change opens the possibility of such concessions with alcohol at each Venice beach, with the same consequences.

A worse impact may come from opening the beaches to alcohol brought in by beachgoers. The Council has done nothing to prepare for the changes this will cause, and indeed deny that any problems need to be budgeted for. Yet it is inevitable that problems will develop with underage drinking, disruptive behavior, increased use of beaches and parking lots, and drinking and driving. Inevitably police and EMTs will need to respond to incidents and accidents. As one example, the city is already dealing with speeding along Venice Avenue from the beach to downtown and is planning to add a four way stop at Park Blvd. Do we really think this problem will not be worse when people are allowed to openly drink at the beach?

Your willingness to speak for the residents who oppose a rapid ordinance change and to call for a more transparent public airing of this issue is most appreciated. I hope that other Council members will follow your lead and at a minimum delay action on this ordinance change until a full survey of possible consequences is done and presented to the community at large in an open vetting of the issues.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Marge Condon
210 Park Blvd N

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public drinking on Venice's beaches and at the Jetty
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:22:24 AM

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Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 8:28:54 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Public drinking on Venice's beaches and at the Jetty

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From: Nancy Thompson <nancyt1224@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2022 4:52:23 PM
To: Mitzie Fiedler <MFiedler@Venicefl.gov>
Subject: Public drinking on Venice's beaches and at the Jetty

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I am concerned about the Council possibly approving sale of beer and wine for public consumption at these locations. I do not feel it is appropriate for family oriented locations. Am especially concerned about drinking and driving on Venice neighborhood streets. I am not opposed to drinking beer or wine but do not think public beaches and the Jetty are appropriate locations.

From: [Sue Lang](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Edward Lavalley](#)
Subject: Alcohol Sales at Venice Beach Parks
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 11:17:39 AM
Importance: High

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Given the huge liability involved I strongly suggest that any alcohol sold by a Vendor under lease to the City be **required to be consumed on the Vendor's premises**, i.e. not taken from the Vendor dining premises to another area of the park or beach. The Vendor like any bar owner/worker should also **be responsible for making sure that the alcohol does not get into the hands of underage persons and also not sold to anyone who is intoxicated. The leases with these Vendors need to be amended to include this language and also include a clause where the Vendor indemnifies the City in the case of any harm or injury or death that may occur as a result of the consumptions of alcohol sold by the Vendor.**

From: [Terri Haram](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Alcohol
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 8:27:56 AM

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Good morning,

As a Venice island resident I request you DO NOT VOTE TO PASS SELLING OF ALCOHOL at the south jetty and Venice beach. We already have to deal with people who do not respect the beaches, environment and wildlife. Passing this ordinance will just allow riff raff, fights, litter, DUIs, and loud mouth drunks at the beach and jetty. At this time people bring alcohol in small quantities while attending sunset or just beaching but they keep it undercover for the most part. The ordinance is fine as is (not enforced). With the amount of people coming in these days I do not see why we need to approve alcohol on the beach. Just look at the west coast and the problems there.

Also, we have so many bicyclists in this area. I really don't want to bike down the street and now have to worry about drunks hitting us. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS ORDINANCE!!

Our police have more to do then to be called to the beach for unruly drunks. As a tax payer I do not want our police to now have to deal with this. They have enough to do and I really don't want anymore tax dollars having to be spent on additional policing.

I moved to Venice because it was a retirement community. More and more this has changed. It is unfortunate as the peace and calm we once had is now gone. Please stop changing what so many of us live here for!

Thank you
Terri Haram
424 Maggiore Rd
Venice Island