



Patrol

CITY OF VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHARLIE THORPE ★ Chief



To: Capt. Andy Leisenring
From: Lt. Robert Goodson
Date: October 14, 2022
Re: Alcohol Beach/Parks Study

Ordinance No. 2022-05 was passed 2/22/22 amending Ordinance Sec. 6-40 - Consumption of alcoholic beverages or possession of an open container on public property and right-of-way prohibited. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(4) During daylight hours, persons on a public beach or within Humphris Park or on the Venice Fishing Pier who possess an open container or drink or consume an alcoholic beverage provided it is a non-glass container. Unless otherwise extended or terminated by the city council, this subsection shall sunset on February 28, 2023.

During the period of 2/22/22 - 10/14/22 there has been no significant increase in alcohol related criminal activity or disturbances at the public beaches, Humphris Park, or the Venice Fishing Pier. There have been (4) persons taken into protective custody due to impairment and one complaint of inappropriate behavior related to legal alcohol consumption.

Park maintenance personnel who clean and maintain the city parks on a daily basis reported that there has always been a lot of glass bottles discarded but there is no appreciable increase during this period.

Bryan Bloomquist, Pilot House on Venice Beach, reported that the concession has had no adverse experiences related to alcohol possession or consumption during this period.

Linda and Chris Johnson, Jetty Jacks at Humphris Park, reported no adverse experiences related to alcohol possession or consumption during this period.

Johanna Elliott, Jetty Villas Association Board Member, reported an increase during this period of loud, rude, boisterous people using profanity, being disrespectful, playing loud music, leaving trash, and trespassing on Jetty Villa property which she attributed to alcohol consumption on the beach and park areas.