



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH™

## Memorandum

Date: January 12, 2016

To: Mayor Craft  
City Council

From: Grant Brown

Cc: Steve Griffin

Subject: Recommended Amendments to the Business License Ordinance Regulating Parasail Operations

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**BACKGROUND:** Following discussions with the US Coast Guard, Alabama Marine Police, parasail industry representatives, as well as obtaining clarification relative to insurance requirements and ASTM Standard F3099-14, staff has developed the following strengthened regulations to enhance public safety. The attached document has passed review by the City Attorney.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Strengthen the current regulations governing the business of the provision of beachfront and waterfront recreational rides, further regulating recreational parasail rides.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Ordinance 1586 was adopted on February 1, 2010, establishing strengthened regulations of gasoline-powered watersports equipment rental businesses and businesses providing recreational parasail rides, recreational towed water rides and beach equipment rental services.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft Ordinance with revisions notated; ASTM F3009-14 Standard Practices for Parasailing; U.S. Coast Guard Recommendations; Recommendations by Tim Sensenig, of STEC.

**DEPARTMENT:** Recreation and Cultural Affairs

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