



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH™

Memorandum

Date: January 4, 2022
To: Mayor Craft & City Council
From: Ed Delmore, Chief of Police
Subject: Alcohol on Beach Ban during Spring Break 2022

ISSUE: Spring Break alcohol ban dates for 2022

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution establishing the dates for the spring break alcohol ban to be February 28, 2022 through April 18, 2022.

BACKGROUND: During the first several days of spring break 2016, GSPD encountered numerous issues with large groups of spring breakers binge drinking, using illegal narcotics, and creating a dangerous atmosphere for themselves and other visitors. The potential for large scale confrontations with the police officers existed in a very real way. Following the passing of an Ordinance banning alcohol from the beach during spring break, dramatic improvements on our beach occurred immediately.

In 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 the Mayor and Council passed resolutions defining a range of dates banning alcohol from the beach which once again proved to be positive, including slight upticks in tax revenues during the respective time period year over year.

The Police Department recommends that the no alcohol on the beach ban dates be set for spring break 2022 (February 28 through April 18).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: None identified at this time

RELATED ISSUES: None

ATTACHMENTS: 2021-2022 School Break Calendar

DEPARTMENT: Police

STAFF CONTACT: Chief Edward Delmore