

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Open container proposal

FYI

From: Susan Adams <sadamsrec@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:16:19 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Open container proposal

I am definitely in favor of enacting a law to ban open containers of alcohol as proposed by Barry Brown. The police report that alcohol is the number one danger on Tybee tells me this is very important.

I am a very active volunteer with Tybee Clean Beach and think/hope that this action could make a real difference in the trash pollution of our beach.

Thank-you for your work towards making our island safe and beautiful.

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Susan M. Adams
145B South Campbell Ave
(404) 308 8970

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Nancy Bain; Monty Parks; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; John Branigin; spec.hosti@cityoftybee.com; Edward Hughes; Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Re: Alcohol on the beach

Thanks Nancy for taking the time to share your input on this issue.

Best,
Shirley

From: Nancy Bain <nvbrlb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 2:46:04 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol on the beach

I would like to put my two cents in on this issue. I think there are many, many people who can have a drink on the beach (I'm one of them) and that should be fine. But if we need a law in place to justify arresting drunks, than I think we need one. But I don't want to think that my daughter, my son-in-law, or I could be arrested when we come to the beach and quietly enjoy our drinks. We drink out of cups, or our cans have coozies around them, and as long as we're not causing any trouble, I would hope this would not be an issue.

I have personally witnessed college students, probably 21 or older, who litter the beach and enter the water with their cans only to come out without them, and generally act obnoxious. If we need a law I place to prevent this, I'm in favor.
Thanks.

Nancy Bain
Sent from my iPad

October 21, 2020

Tybee Island City Council
c/o Mayor Shirley Sessions
City of Tybee Island
PO Box 2749
Tybee Island, GA 31328

Dear TI City Council Members:

At your next full council meeting, please seriously consider the following points as you determine your next course of action related to the negative consequences for public safety and island cleanliness per the **abuse of alcohol and the current permitted use of "open containers"**:

1. My wife and I have and will always highly support our local TIPD and prioritize their lives and safety over any criminal or lawbreaker. (We trust the TI City Council will agree, too.)
2. We trust you will channel your thoughts and actions to preferably align with what is in the best safety interests of the majority – as well as island leadership (inc. TI Police Chief), full-time residents, and law-abiding visitors over a) any selfish profiteering motive by merchants or b) drunks who may feel they are "entitled" to engage in multiple violations of misconduct on Tybee Island simply by ...crossing the Lazaretto Bridge.
3. Why should any law-abiding citizen perceive they are less safe on Tybee Island than, say, Hilton Head Island or...any other populated island governed by their local leadership with established laws/ordinances?

We are not asking you to waive a magic wand and make everything perfect. We are, however, expecting and supporting you to take a courageous, common-sense approach to improve this ongoing problem for everyone's safety benefit.

Is there any doubt the permissive use of "open containers" contribute to an island-wide problem?

Thank you for all you should do and can do as our elected leadership representatives in this regard.

Sincerely,

Claudia and David Baker

Claudia and David Baker

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol free zones

FYI

From: Joe Bonds <danceswithdolphin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2020 11:12:29 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol free zones

I support the alcohol free zones. This will reduce litter and bad behavior.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: VOTE NO alcohol on the beach or festival zone

FYI

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From: Jane Bridges <tybeebridges@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 8:28:26 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: VOTE NO alcohol on the beach or festival zone

Please support the ordinance banning alcohol.

I am an alcohol drinker myself, but I think the ban will have a positive effect on litter, behavior, and quality of life here on Tybee.

Thank you!

Jane Bridges

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sent from the north end
Tybee Island, GA

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:48 AM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks
Cc: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Open Containers

FYI

Hi Shirley! It's Ann Carroll - a resident of a Tybee since 1989 and home- owner since the early 90's. I live at 5 Fleetwood Ct. I am unable to attend the meeting tonight because I am teaching a class, but I wanted to let you know that I oppose the proposed ban on alcohol on the south end. I think that we need to focus on enforcing the ordinances that are currently in place and furthermore, I feel that it is unfair for the businesses operating on Tybee. If you look back to the vote on whether liquor stores **should** be open on Sundays (more than 95% in favor) - I think the "flavor" of the island is against alcohol restrictions. Thanks for listening.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol on Beach

FYI

From: hlkcheek@bellsouth.net <hlkcheek@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 7:34 PM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Alcohol on Beach

Dear Mayor Sessions:

We are writing to encourage your support of the ban on the consumption of alcohol in open containers on the southern end of Tybee, which is scheduled for a first reading at the City Council meeting this coming Thursday, October 22.

As full time residents who visited this wonderful island for over 20 years before purchasing a home here three years ago, we strongly feel that this ban would improve the quality of life for its residents. Beach cleanliness, safety, peace & quiet - these are all aspects of residents' lives that have increasingly been impacted, but would change dramatically for the better if this ban is enacted. For the sake of Tybee's citizens, please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider voting in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

Lee & Kathy Cheek

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol ban

FYI

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From: Anne Delaney <atdelaney53@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:26:36 AM
To: Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol ban

Keep Tybee Tybee! I am TOTALLY AGAINIST any alcohol ban, whether it be in the festival zone, or the entire island.

You will be punishing the 98% of the people that behave. Focus on the small numbers that are causing the problems. I enjoy a few beers on the beach now and now, or watching the sunset at Alley 3... don't take that away from us!

And during Covid? Many people, including myself, are not comfortable going inside our businesses, it's much safer to grab a drink and go to the beach. Do you not care how this would affect the south end businesses?

Again, keep Tybee Tybee!!

Anne Delaney

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol ban ordinance

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From: Beth Reed <bethmoreed@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 4:50:46 PM
To: Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol ban ordinance

Dear Mayor, City Council and City Manager,

I am writing a letter in support of the upcoming ordinance on public consumption of alcohol. I believe that this step to curb the "sport" of drinking alcohol on Tybee Island will improve the public's persona of the island. The amount of trash generated by alcohol as well as the threat to law abiding citizens increases with each beverage consumed. The recent traffic fatality and pier drowning are only two of many potentially lethal encounters that alcohol has fueled. My hope is that the City Council will send a clear message that the status quo can not continue. Thank you for your commitment to making Tybee Island a family friendly community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Reed
1515 Lovell Ave.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 12:03 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Regarding Tybee's noise ordinances

FYI

From: John Fitzpatrick <john@fitzpatricksr.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:55:53 PM
To: John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Mayor <Mayor@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Regarding Tybee's noise ordinances

Dear Tybee City Council, Ms. Mayor, and City Manager,

We are writing in regards to changes in the Tybee noise ordinances. We would like to express our concerns about relaxing any noise ordinances. We have been residents of the 1500 block of 2nd Avenue for the better part of a decade and have noticed a substantial increase in noise, be it from local businesses, STVR's, or music venues, over the years.

Whereas in the past, noise (ex. music) was noticeable outside on Fridays and Saturdays only and generally ended at a reasonable hour, it is now commonly noticeable inside our home with windows closed at least a couple times during the week and also on the weekends, often ending after midnight. We know Tybee has a long history of being a more lively town and we're fine with that, but we think the city needs to put some bounds on what is acceptable. Tybee has grown substantially in terms of businesses and the number of visitors over the years and the status quo enforcement is no longer functioning effectively.

Ultimately Tybee's city council, AND its businesses, are here for the people who live here. Catering to visitors should only be a priority in as much as it helps sustain the community and lifestyle of the residents. Tybee is not here to build businesses, it is here to build business in such a way as to benefit the community and residents. When those visitors or businesses (including STVRs) operate in such a way as to detract from the living standards of the people who live here, they should be curtailed or at least restricted.

We have slowly seen an erosion of this focus and a relaxing of the boundaries for businesses on the island, including the way in which noise is handled, to the detriment of the community and residents. We believe it is in the best interest of the community for the council to keep this in mind when considering changes to the noise ordinance and to keep the wellbeing of the community and residents in the forefront of any discussions and decisions. We firmly believe that any relaxing of noise rules will ultimately be to the detriment of the community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration and time,
The Fitzpatrick Family

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol

FYI

From: Fidelia Fowler <fideliafowler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 11:41:51 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing concerning the proposed change to the open container ordinance to be heard Thursday, October 22, 2020. We are in support of this ordinance. We have been concerned for some time about not only the safety of the Tybee Police Officers, but for the general public due to the ability of people to walk the streets while consuming alcohol.

Before we moved to Tybee Island three and a half years ago, we were tourists here, at least once a year, for ten years. We were amazed when we were told of the open container laws. We usually came in the off seasons since we had no school age children. We did come once in the summer and once during Pirate Fest. We were amazed, once again, at the number of people who took advantage of this law.

As the years have passed and Tybee has become more popular, it seems the number of people who come here "to drink" has increased.

One thing about this ordinance that does concern us is the boundaries. Will including the beach at the south end and back river only push people to mid island and north beach areas? We would ask for a total beach ban on alcohol. We are not against alcohol on the beach. We are against people who come to the beach with their case of beer, drink all day, act like fools and leave their beer cans for someone else to pick up. We have taken alcohol to the beach but we have only a drink or two and take our trash home. I know that there are a lot of responsible people that, by making a total ban, would not be able to enjoy a glass of wine for beer at the beach at end of the day, but We believe in the end, it would be worth it.

The Council talks of making Tybee more family friendly. As a tourist, and now a resident, we do not visit the south end during the season due to the availability of alcohol on the street.

Thanks your for attention to this matter.

Fidelia and Greg Fowler
Sent from my iPad

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Stop Beach Alcohol Consumption

FYI

From: Ed Furia <ejfuria@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 6:21:31 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Stop Beach Alcohol Consumption

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am writing to support the proposed ordinance restricting the consumption of alcohol on our beaches. Though I would prefer that alcohol consumption was banned on all beach areas I will, for now, settle for the proposed areas. Alcohol consumption on the hot crowded beach poses a serious threat to public safety. in addition, greatly contributes to the litter problem on our beaches.

Please support the beauty of our beaches and the safety of island residents and visitors by voting in favor of the ordinance restricting the open consumption of alcohol on and around the beach.

Thanks,
Ed Furia
21 Pulaski St

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Support for Open Container Alcohol Restriction Proposal

FYI

From: Karen Gilbert <klgilbert55@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 6:42:01 PM
To: Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Support for Open Container Alcohol Restriction Proposal

Hello Madame Mayor and Tybee City Council Members –

I am writing to you today in support of the proposal being considered by Council to restrict the consumption of alcohol in open containers both on the beach from 14th Street south to Fisherman's Walk, and in the 'Festival Zone', (in and around Tybrisa Street), including all public parking lots, parking places, boat or launch ramps, rights of way, streets, sidewalks, open areas, beaches and adjacent waters.

As a full-time citizen who has adopted a section of beach with my husband Brian through the city's program, I firmly believe that the litter that is found on our beach is directly related to the open consumption of alcohol. It is my understanding that the Tybee Island Police Department is in support of this proposal as they deal directly with the effects of alcohol over-consumption by visitors in this area.

I know that businesses and restaurants in the area affected by this proposal will be lobbying all of you forcefully to oppose this measure. These are the same businesses who have, for years, stated that most visitors are day trippers who bring their own alcohol in coolers so they should not fear impacts on their business from this ordinance. Perhaps even more visitors (day trippers or short-term renters) will patronize these establishments to have a beverage or two before heading out to the beach.

Please move forward with this proposal as it is in the best interests of public safety, full-time residents and families, and out beautiful Tybee beach.

Karen Gilbert
113 Jones Avenue
cell 423.309.7655

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Don't ban open containers

From: Rhonda Godbold <skinnylegs46@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 4:58 PM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Don't ban open containers

Don't ban open containers.
I oppose banning open
container law proposal.
People will drink from the bars and their rooms, etc and cause just as much trouble.
Please don't ban drinking on the beach.
Concerned citizen Wilmington Island.
Yes, I come do beach sweeps often. I come to Tybee often.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Jan LeViner

From: Jenny Orr <1jennyorr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: open container ban

On Thu, Oct 22, 2020 at 3:39 PM Jenny Orr <1jennyorr@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to see if you would please consider tabling the first reading/vote on the open container ban. As you are aware Shawn Gillem our City Mgr has scheduled a zoom meeting with our business owners to discuss the proposed ban next Monday.

It seems truly unfair to hold this meeting as you have agreed to this but also move forward with a first reading/vote tonight.

Surely we will have some important and insightful information to lend to this proposal that so greatly changes the way

we do business in the middle of a pandemic requiring social distancing. All of us recognize the need for some changes.

We deserve the opportunity to share our experience in this matter.

Respectfully

Jenny Orr

On Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 4:02 PM Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org> wrote:
Thank you Jenny for your feedback.

From: Jenny Orr <1jennyorr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 11:52 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: open container ban

please consider my attached letter.

Thank you,
Jenny Orr

Jan LeViner

From: Talya Shoup <talyashoup@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 8:26 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Message to the City Council - alcohol ban

Good morning!

I've heard rumors that City Council will be discussing and deciding on the proposed alcohol ban tonight. I would appreciate you getting this message to them for this evening's meeting:

Regarding the ban, I'd like to encourage the council not to pass it. Being able to walk with a drink in the "downtown" part of Tybee, or sit on the beach with drinks, is one of the things that makes this adorably quirky little island special. I pick up a mimosa from Fannie's almost every Sunday and walk to the Pier with my husband, and it's a tradition that would be sad to end. I'm sure we're not the only ones who enjoy this simple luxury.

Beyond my personal penchant for open containers, there is a bigger and more important issue at hand. Tybee is such a fantastic place - it's a tiny haven of relaxed, slightly crazy yet still innocent fun - smack dab in the middle of the Bible belt, which is awesome. Open containers being allowed on the South end of the island is one of the things that makes this island the way it is. Don't change it.

I understand that occasionally rowdy people drink too much and require attention. That's why we have the police. Don't make the majority of us suffer from a few rowdy punks, or from the few people who would like to change Tybee from the quirky, sometimes messy but very special place it is, to a white-washed, strict, and boringly perfect subdivision by the sea.

Respectfully,

Talya (Shoup) Kight

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 12:46 PM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Barry Brown; Spec Host; Nancy DeVetter; Monty Parks; Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol Ban

FYI

From: Wayne Laney <wlaney@dillonlogistics.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020, 11:57 AM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Alcohol Ban

Not sure if my input matters, but I am against the banning of alcohol on the beach.

Wayne Laney
14 Fort Avenue
Southeast Regional Operations Leader
☎ 912-220-1955



Jan LeViner

From: Lea Lynch <lealynch765@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Shirley Sessions; Nancy DeVetter; Barry Brown; Jay Burke; Monty Parks; Spec Hosti; John Branigin
Cc: Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen
Subject: In support of alcohol ban

Dear City of Tybee Council Members,

I am writing to express my support of the proposed alcohol ban.

I know this is a very polarizing issue for residents and I appreciate that you will all take your time to consider facts vs. opinions. Hearing the voices of those who are dealing with these issues directly (Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers and TIPD) has helped me realize this potential ban is a huge opportunity to make a difference and save lives. I hope that you will agree with their recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Lea Lynch
Tybee Resident

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:09 AM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Monty Parks; Spec Host; Nancy DeVetter; Barry Brown
Cc: Shawn Gillen; Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Open container ban

FYI:

Hi Shirley. There has been so many negative(some down right ugly) comments about the proposed open container ordinance that I have to ask the question....are all of the people “talking “ actual registered voters on Tybee (permanent residents) or are they part of the problem?

Also, I find it outrageous that it is ok with some to keep the North Beach area family friendly and my family should be what....driving to go to the beach so that my young grand children don't have to see drunken behavior by all age groups. (60 year old boobs falling out of a bikini top, 50 year old falling down on the waters edge and having to be dragged to keep his face from laying in the water, 3 sixty- something helping their 4th person to stand up after consuming the case (yes, case. It wasn't in a cooler... just sitting in the sand) of beer, 14-15 year olds barely able to stand. The list go on..however to me the best reason is the increased danger to our police officers and emergency personnel\

Lifeguards who put their lives on the line for all of us everyday.

Thanks for listening

Ruth MacKay

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Edward Hughes; Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Restriction of alcohol in open containers ordinance

FYI

From: Elaine McGruder <elaine.mcgruder@cityoftybee.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 1:37:13 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Restriction of alcohol in open containers ordinance

Good afternoon, everyone,

I am writing in support of this ordinance. Both as a former prosecutor and criminal defense attorney I have witnessed for years what happens when people drink too much, for example, DUI's, domestic violence assaults, vehicular homicide, and murder.

Also I pick up bottles and cans every day when I walk on the beach or just about any street on Tybee.

Thanks for your consideration.

Elaine McGruder

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Support for new ordinance to limit alcohol use around the Beach

FYI

From: Karen McHugh <kemchugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 8:31:13 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Support for new ordinance to limit alcohol use around the Beach

Hello to Madam Mayor and City Council members. We wish to express our STRONG support for the new ordinance which would restrict the consumption of alcohol in open containers around the beach. We live on Wilmington Island but spend the majority of our social time on Tybee with friends and visitors who often come to stay with us (who then spend money as tourists!). There have been times where we have been embarrassed by the behavior of drunks near or on the beach as well as seeing the trash that gets left behind after their pathetic behavior. Let's face it, some people just don't know how to behave and those same people clearly aren't worried about the impression that visitors and locals get when they misbehave and mess up the beach. It doesn't seem to us that this ordinance won't prevent people from drinking, but would protect the beach from the results of uncontrolled drinking correct?

We would love to continue to be active beach goers and continue to bring our many visitors to Tybee so they can see why we love Tybee so much. We would love to continue to spend money supporting the economy of Tybee. We would love our visitors to want to stay and spend their money and not be turned off by the trash and drunken behavior (then asking to leave and "go someplace else") Please pass this ordinance and show respect for the beach environment and the people who love Tybee for what it is when it is a true beach community, not a giant open bar for drunks.

Thanks very much for your consideration!

Karen and Chuck McHugh, 923 Boxwood Drive, Savannah, GA 31410 (Wilmington Island)

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Isn't life grand??

Karen McHugh

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:59 AM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks; Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol Ban

FYI

From: JANICE MOORE <jmoore4807@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020, 11:37 AM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Alcohol Ban

100% AGAINST THE ALCOHOL BAN.
1010 LAUREL AVE.
JANICE AND TERRY MOORE

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Open containers

FYI

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From: MARK J NATHAN <markandcarolnath@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020, 3:06 PM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Open containers

Dear Shirley,

We strongly support limiting open containers on Tybee. The last City Council meeting was quite eye opening. I fear for our law abiding residents, tourists, and especially for our police officers.

Please use your influence to make this happen .

We hope you are doing well and staying healthy.

Sincerely,
Mark and Carol Nathan
912-272-0151

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:43 AM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Monty Parks; Spec Hosti; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter
Cc: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Letter in opposition of ban.

FYI:

Received following from FB Messenger

Good morning. I wanted to write to everyone on the city council but you two are the ones I know personally but, I hope you'll share my thoughts on the proposed ban with them.

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To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Open container ban

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From: Tiffany <tiffanystarobrien@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:13:05 PM
To: Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>
Cc: Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Open container ban

I am in support of the open container ban that is on the agenda.

Most beaches do not allow drinking on the beach at all and there is a reason why.

Businesses should not worry that people will no longer come to Tybee. People, many people are coming and they will continue to do so regardless of the ban.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Tiffany OBrien
Sent from my iPhone

Dear Mayor and Council,

I have been a business owner in the City of Tybee for almost 29 years. Basically 3 decades.

This current proposal of a ban on open container in the C1 District is literally incredulous and the most dismal proposal from any Council I have dealt with in these decades. The City created a control zone and festival zone to monitor and control the privilege of drinking and more to the point selling alcoholic beverages. The C1 District on Tybee is designed for the leisurely strolling from shop to shop, restaurant or pub with a cup of over 21 beverages if inclined as permitted. There are strict requirements in place for the licensing and selling of alcohol and almost all of us are diligent in protecting our life's investments from an incident occurring from an over 21 beverages. To that point, we are licensed and insured to do so. We answer to liquor liability insurance companies with strict policies without exception and who annually audit our sales, procedures, written policies and required staff Pour Safe training. They monitor our taxes and any licensing infractions. We card and refuse service all day long. We only sell 1 over 21 drink for 1 ID as the law requires. We have camera systems that document every transaction and POS systems that can tell you when an item was ordered, the time any subsequent food or beverage was ordered from this guest and when the check was closed. The industry average for sales transactions is almost 85% credit and debit card. It is not difficult to track a guest spending in our establishments.

These are your written laws and ordinances, and we must adhere to them or we can lose our livelihood for any infraction.

There are many places on the island that you can drink without an ID or where no one will cut off your service as you have had enough. You can drink from a cooler, cases of beer or bottles of alcohol that no one trained or liable served you or carded you or is responsible for you. You can take a cooler anywhere on Tybee and do this. These places are Alley 3, Alley 5, any area of the Beach, the Parks etc etc . Furthermore you can then walk in our establishment and you are now our problem, we are responsible if we over serve you even if you got drunk on the City's property and bought 2 cases at Publix in Rincon.

WE have the privilege of a Liquor License and we are responsible for it. The Commercial District or C1 is not the problem. You have licensing laws in place. If you have an issue it is because someone is operating outside of the laws that regulate our business. Enforce the laws we have in place and expect accountability for the privilege.

Another point is that this proposal flies in the face of what we are all doing to comply and protect our guests and staff during this Pandemic. We are all running on 50% or less of our seating. We only have a few or no bar stools as there is a 6ft social distancing rule in place. Many of us close early at 8pm or 9pm as staffing is such a difficult issue. Guests line up down the street as there is no where to seat them or their family for hours sometimes. There are 6 family friendly restaurants in the C1, Fannie's, Spanky's, Sting Ray's, Bernie's and Lighthouse Pizza and of course Arby's. 2 Breakfast eateries. There are many more Pubs/Bars that serve food if over 18 or 21. There are several establishments that their business model is mostly to-go. Look at Wet Willie's, The Pier and many more.

They contribute considerably to this community and are striving to get through this Pandemic too.

Why would you even consider taking away outside alcohol drinks when there is such limited seating and you and we want people to be outside and to take away food and beverage.

This does not make any sense!

All of us have had to change our business model in order to survive and to keep our staff working. We have had to adapt to becoming "take out" specialists to conform, comply, protect ours and stay in business. This proposal would financially put an even bigger burden on us and our staff and has extraordinarily little to do with the problem. No one buys 24 beers or 10 Margaritas from our establishments. We all usually get compliant and abiding Tybee guests. Any drunken behavior or illegal activity rarely occurs on Strand or TYBRISIA in the 10-10 business hours but rather in the wee hours which again is a separate issue. You also have laws in place and can demand accountability from that licensee and address or file an infraction with those issues and individuals directly per incident.

Cities around the country are allowing to go cups for the first time to aide with the social distancing challenges we all face in this business. You are proposing taking it away.

The City of Savannah just expanded its open container law to include Forsyth Park.

The biggest difference being they know that outdoors is the safest places to be and that there are not seats for guests inside! Period! More to the point you cannot bring a cooler full of alcoholic drinks into City Market, or River street or anywhere open container is permitted in Savannah.

In the City of Savannah, you cannot block the City's sidewalk with guests partying at your entry door. The licensee must have stanchions outside and must have people in a line waiting their turn to enter the bar. The licensee must maintain an organized wait line. This ordinance is enforced by the Fire Marshall or Police. Any infractions go against your application for license renewal. You CANNOT hold a liquor license in Savannah without obtaining liquor liability insurance first!

There are many things you can do to hold licensees accountable to conduct business as you desire or require. There needs to be much further discussion on the solution to this subject.

Allowing one business to sell open container as they are not zoned C1, which is the highest and best use, and penalizing or financially damaging the business in the district zoned, licensed and insured to do so makes no sense at all. Dividing the small business community is something we will challenge.

Enforce the laws and ordinances you have, deal with the actual infringements or operators outside of the codes.

There is also the question of who should and who must recuse themselves from this vote.

The City is the Landlord to several businesses that will benefit from this taking of mutual opportunity from the C1. There are also council men who have a liquor licenses or work for a distributor.

How could this vote be credible or fair?

I am asking that we have some necessary discussion on the issue and that we look at the evidence and legislate how to hold licensees to the standards you are seeking.

I hope you will consider these points and have further discussion and research on this proposal.

Respectfully,
Jenny Orr

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Open containers

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 8:03:57 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Open containers

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am in support of restricting the open containers that you are considering.

As part of the Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers, we see the result of consumption of alcohol on the beach as a significant driver of beach litter - in fact, beer cans cups, lids, and straws always rank in the top ten items collected. We believe alcohol contributes to increased cigarette litter, snack wrappers, styrofoam pieces, and other types of litter. We have no question that restricting alcohol consumption on the beach and in the festival zone will result in a material reduction in beach and street litter.

As a triathlete, part of my training is running on the beach early mornings which I go from one end to the other end quite often. There is a noticeable difference in the trash on the beach between the area you are considering and the rest of the beach. It's sad to see how the current situation is affecting the environment that we should be protecting.

Thank you for doing the right thing and restricting the open containers in the area under consideration.

Best regards,

Mark Reed
1515 Lovell Ave

Jan LeViner

From: Roger Huff <rogerhuff@peak7solutions.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Jay Burke; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks; Nancy DeVetter; Shirley Sessions
Cc: tbgetsitdone@yahoo.com
Subject: First Reading: Open Containers in Festival Zone
Importance: High

Good morning,

I would like to reiterate my position on the "Open Containers in Festival Zone" first reading.

First, I would discourage our "Council" make long term decisions based on recent events regarding 2020 and the ongoing pandemic. This year as well as next will be trying on everyone regarding stress and most certainly should be considered an outlier in human behavior going forward.

Second, I suggest that I, personally, should not lose a freedom because someone else behaved in a poor manner.

Third, we need to know more about the context of the recent events. I doubt seriously that allowing an "open container" was the driving factor in their decisions.

Finally, we should consider how a prohibition may contribute to an undesirable outcome. For instance, consider the scenario where several friends are having a few drinks at an establishment. Most people can relate where they just ordered a drink, and before it has arrived the group has decided to go somewhere else. At this point, with the prohibition in place, would leave this person with 1 of two choices; leave their "paid for" drink on the table or slam it before they leave. In most cases I believe a person values their purchase and thus would choose the later resulting in quicker consumption than could be digested; drunkenness.

Please read my response at the City Council meeting, and include it as public record.

Sincerely,

Roger Huff
Phone: [770-315-4073](tel:770-315-4073)
Email: rogerhuff@peak7solutions.com

Jan LeViner

From: Tanya A Huff <tbgetsitdone@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 2:27 PM
To: rogerhuff@peak7solutions.com; Roger Huff; Shirley Sessions; Jan LeViner; Jay Burke; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks; Nancy DeVetter
Cc: tbgetsitdone@yahoo.com; Edward Hughes; Shawn Gillen; Jan LeViner; Edward Matias
Subject: RE: Follow-up on Discussion regarding First Reading, 2020-20 (Draft), Article 4, Chapter 22, Section 22-110 through 22-112, Noises

I agree completely. It seems like the city council asks for citizens who live here to comment or have some sort of input. What is apparent is that is all fluff. None of our concerns are ever considered when it comes to the city councils decisions. It seems like the decisions have already been made prior to the meetings and the meetings are just for show.

My husband is on insulin and if the power goes out for any length of time we will have to run our generator to keep his medicine cold.

There are more and more of our rights being taken away.

It is disturbing to think that our own city council has their own agenda and not looking out for the concerns of their constituents. The STVR work group is another perfect example. I do not feel Demery truly has all of the citizens concerns in mind but to make more restrictions on anyone who owns a STVR. I feel this is just another exercise for the sake of saying they did it. (I.e., moratorium, raising registration fees based on occupancy, citations, etc.) It is not the STVRs fault the city is behind on revenue due to Covid. Without that income the city would not have all that tax revenue.

I would like my comments be read exactly as written not a variation as we have seen in the past in Shirley's notes at the meeting.

Thank you.

Tanya A. Huff
404-273-9436

On Sun, Oct 18, 2020 at 10:06 AM, Roger Huff
<rogerhuff@peak7solutions.com> wrote:

My name is Roger Huff. I reside at 52 S Captains View Tybee Island, GA.

As I have read the most recent edits to the noise ordinance I do not see any provisions that allow for the running of generators in the event of a power outage. I would like this detailed in writing within the ordinance itself.

1. Having a noise ordinance in effect 24 hours a day is ridiculous to say the least. While designated quiet hours are acceptable during the night time any suggestion otherwise is excessive.

Jan LeViner

From: Dale Williams <seakayakingusa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Shirley Sessions; Spec Hosti; John Branigin; Jay Burke; Monty Parks; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter
Cc: Shawn Gillen; Jan LeViner; Robert Bryson
Subject: I support ban on open containers

Dear Mayor and Council,

I support the proposed open container ban (14th to Fisherman's) as a reasonable compromise between personal freedom and the protection of innocent citizens and city employees. This is a well reasoned approach to risk management.

I'm a strong advocate for businesses on Tybee. Business thrives best and serves the community best when the rules for good behavior are clear and the same for everyone. This ordinance may well cause affected businesses extra thought and effort in the short run but in my view will benefit them in the long run just as it benefits our community at large.

As always, thank you for your service to our community.

Respectfully,

Dale Williams,

Jan LeViner

From: shirley wright <shirleywright@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Michael Hosti; John Branigin; Nancy DeVetter; Monty Parks; Barry Brown; Jay Burke; Shirley Sessions
Cc: Jan LeViner; Robert Bryson; Shawn Gillen; Dennis Alexander
Subject: Give Change a Chance! We Support Ordinance 2020-21 Alcohol Restrictions.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

We would like to add our support to that of many other residents who are concerned about safety, violence, cleaner beaches, and the well being of our police force and code enforcement staff -- **we support the elimination of consumption of alcohol in open containers in designated locations as defined by the ordinance.**

For all the years we have lived on Tybee, we have heard about alcohol-related problems the police have to deal with. We have personally heard Chief Bryson speak about this for 10 years!

We certainly don't need to tell you about the problems. You get the reports. You have heard more than we ever will about domestic violence, the fights, the brawls, and car accidents. The fact that we have so much to "enforce" speaks for itself.

The time has come to try a new way! The proposed ordinance is limited in area and in duration. With the strong backing of our local law enforcement officials, it seeks to implement a new approach to solve our island's problem of alcohol abuse by our many visitors. It carefully exempts most of the residential neighborhoods on the island. Most of our residents and visitors during the eight-month test period will be able to continue the responsible consumption of alcohol as they always have in those areas outside the test area.

We hope and pray you will support the police department's new approach to this focused test to address the alcohol abuse by certain visitors. We ask you to resist the pressure from those with a strong interest in maintaining the status quo for their own economic gain. Please, give this change a chance.

We are counting on you to vote YES.

Sincerely and hopefully,

Shirley Wright and Dennis Alexander
37 Pulaski Street

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:43 AM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Monty Parks; Spec Hosti; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter
Cc: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Letter in opposition of ban.

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Jan LeViner

From: Talya Shoup <talyashoup@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 8:26 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Message to the City Council - alcohol ban

Good morning!

I've heard rumors that City Council will be discussing and deciding on the proposed alcohol ban tonight. I would appreciate you getting this message to them for this evening's meeting:

Regarding the ban, I'd like to encourage the council not to pass it. Being able to walk with a drink in the "downtown" part of Tybee, or sit on the beach with drinks, is one of the things that makes this adorably quirky little island special. I pick up a mimosa from Fannie's almost every Sunday and walk to the Pier with my husband, and it's a tradition that would be sad to end. I'm sure we're not the only ones who enjoy this simple luxury.

Beyond my personal penchant for open containers, there is a bigger and more important issue at hand. Tybee is such a fantastic place - it's a tiny haven of relaxed, slightly crazy yet still innocent fun - smack dab in the middle of the Bible belt, which is awesome. Open containers being allowed on the South end of the island is one of the things that makes this island the way it is. Don't change it.

I understand that occasionally rowdy people drink too much and require attention. That's why we have the police. Don't make the majority of us suffer from a few rowdy punks, or from the few people who would like to change Tybee from the quirky, sometimes messy but very special place it is, to a white-washed, strict, and boringly perfect subdivision by the sea.

Respectfully,

Talya (Shoup) Kight

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 12:03 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Regarding Tybee's noise ordinances

FYI

From: John Fitzpatrick <john@fitzpatricksr.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:55:53 PM
To: John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Mayor <Mayor@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Regarding Tybee's noise ordinances

Dear Tybee City Council, Ms. Mayor, and City Manager,

We are writing in regards to changes in the Tybee noise ordinances. We would like to express our concerns about relaxing any noise ordinances. We have been residents of the 1500 block of 2nd Avenue for the better part of a decade and have noticed a substantial increase in noise, be it from local businesses, STVR's, or music venues, over the years.

Whereas in the past, noise (ex. music) was noticeable outside on Fridays and Saturdays only and generally ended at a reasonable hour, it is now commonly noticeable inside our home with windows closed at least a couple times during the week and also on the weekends, often ending after midnight. We know Tybee has a long history of being a more lively town and we're fine with that, but we think the city needs to put some bounds on what is acceptable. Tybee has grown substantially in terms of businesses and the number of visitors over the years and the status quo enforcement is no longer functioning effectively.

Ultimately Tybee's city council, AND its businesses, are here for the people who live here. Catering to visitors should only be a priority in as much as it helps sustain the community and lifestyle of the residents. Tybee is not here to build businesses, it is here to build business in such a way as to benefit the community and residents. When those visitors or businesses (including STVRs) operate in such a way as to detract from the living standards of the people who live here, they should be curtailed or at least restricted.

We have slowly seen an erosion of this focus and a relaxing of the boundaries for businesses on the island, including the way in which noise is handled, to the detriment of the community and residents. We believe it is in the best interest of the community for the council to keep this in mind when considering changes to the noise ordinance and to keep the wellbeing of the community and residents in the forefront of any discussions and decisions. We firmly believe that any relaxing of noise rules will ultimately be to the detriment of the community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration and time,
The Fitzpatrick Family

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:34 PM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Barry Brown; Monty Parks; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti
Cc: Edward Hughes; Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Fwd: Open Container Issue

FYI

From: Nadine Neville-Turpin <mnturpin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 6:51 PM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Open Container Issue

October 21,

Mayor and Council;

Thank you for undertaking the issue of open container alcohol on Tybee.

We have been visiting the island for 20 years and became full-time residents in 2019. In recent years we have noticed how filthy the island has become with trash—from the beaches and boardwalks, to the marshes and the roadways. This, in spite of the dedicated brigade of people here who regularly pick up after others. There are many reasons to ban open container on the beach that have merit—drunk driving, drownings, domestic violence, fights, risk to law enforcement personnel—but the issue of trash in and of itself may be the most unifying. All one has to do is go out for an early morning beach walk and look around at the number of beer containers, cups, lids, straws, and cigarette butts. Tybee has succeeded as a tourist destination because of its pristine beauty and nature. Tybee isn't that pristine anymore, and shorebirds and marine life are paying the price. In fact, the lack of commitment to a long-term trash solution is harming Tybee's reputation.

On Sunday, September 6th, we were taking a beach walk at dinner time on North Beach with our four grandchildren. We entered the beach from Gulick St and directly in front of Gulick was a group of what appeared to be barely legal-aged young people playing beer pong. They were rowdy, and clearly becoming inebriated. We don't want to see that at our public beach. We don't want to even think about what their condition was when they left the beach and whom they may have put at risk. And wow, the audacity. It saddens us that Tybee has the reputation that anyone can set up a table and play beer pong on its public beaches. They obviously felt quite comfortable doing so, with no fear of repercussions. We enjoy a cocktail on the beach as much as anyone, but we would GLADLY give that up to facilitate public safety and environmental concerns on Tybee Island.

As you may have guessed by now, we don't just want an open container prohibition in certain designated locations on Tybee. **Open container alcohol should be prohibited on all of Tybee's beaches. There is no reason to kick the can over to mid-island or North Beach, and that is exactly what will happen if open container alcohol is suspended on South Beach/Back River. With the new Marine Science Center set to open and increased traffic near the lighthouse, it would be negligent of the City not to anticipate dangerous outcomes.**

Please do the right thing and take the long view. The beauty of Tybee Island should be preserved for future generations to enjoy and you have an unprecedented opportunity to make an impact. And if that means alienating some people who revel in drinking on the beach, at least that many, **if not more**, will come to Tybee because it is cleaner and safer. It is not too much to ask that people of legal age consume alcohol on the premises of licensed businesses or on private property. Furthermore, we trust that those members of City Council who have a conflict of interest, perceived or actual, will recuse themselves from this matter.

Sincerely,

Anthony & Nadine Turpin
28 Naylor Ave.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:19 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: My views on a couple of items

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From: Eric Fountain <egfounta@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 7:43 PM
To: John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: My views on a couple of items

1. I don't support the alcohol/open container ban.
2. I am very skeptical of the noise ordinance. First, It appears to me we are going in a direction I definitely don't like. I don't want restaurants and bars shut down and live music banded. I don't want more police, more laws, more restrictions, I want less if I have to fall one way or the other. Second, if we are going down the noise ordinance path then I want attention given to Public Works. I can hear the sewage pumps running at times inside my house. I definitely can hear trucks and dumpster banging and other noise at pretty early hours from inside my house that is all generated by Public Works.

I know I only give feedback when something is voted on that I particularly don't like (which usually revolves around police state items or maybe 150' windmills being placed next door to me), but the up side is I don't complain much either. Thanks for what you do, I know you can't please everybody, none the less I felt the need to express myself on these two issues.

Thanks,
Eric Fountain
1004 Bay St.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
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Subject: Fwd: open container drinking on Tybee

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Subject: open container drinking on Tybee

Dear Mayor and Council Members-

I am writing in support of the proposed restrictions on sale of open alcohol in the strand and festival area of Tybee Island. Alcohol does increase the incidence of inappropriate behavior and violence. That is a well-substantiated fact. Let's reduce the likelihood of violent episodes, dangerous driving, littering of our beach and island and provide safer work conditions for our Tybee Island Police officers.

Just do it.

Peace-

Carole Wilde Jackson

Tybee Resident

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Subject: Letter of Support

Hello Tybee Elected officials,

I'm writing in support of the proposed open container ban. If we do not address alcohol-related incidents with a strong response, these incidents will continue to increase in severity.

I am also writing in support of the new approach to addressing excessive noise on the island. We live 400+ feet from the nearest live music venue, but are often able to hear the music clearly (enough to understand the words), even when our windows are closed, regardless of the time of day or night.

Thanks in advance for taking action on these matters, and for looking out for our quality of life on Tybee.

Nate Lynch
Tybee Resident
1306 Bay St

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:32 PM
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Subject: Re: Ordinance on open containers in festival district

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From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 10:50 PM
To: John Branigin; Barry Brown; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Shawn Gillen; Edward Hughes; Jan LeViner; Jay Burke; Frances Woodward
Subject: Re: OPPOSED TO ALCOHOL BAN ON TYBEE BEACHES

Thanks for your message. Happy to discuss details.

According to former mayor Buelterman before leaving he shared that GDOT told him Tybee 4 lane was not on their radar at all! They are however working to improve widening bridges which have always been problematic.

Shirley Sessions
912.695.0724

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From: Frances Woodward <fww.sav@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 5:57:05 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Edward Hughes <bhughes@epra-law.com>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>
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Tybee Island City Council,

As a Tybee home owner I would like to inform you that I am OPPOSED to the Alcohol Ban on our Tybee beaches. I have also heard that you are trying to control the outside level of music on the island. I am also opposite to this! This council and its agenda has certainly been a disappointment. Lets keep working on four lanes for the Tybee road.

Thank you
Tim O'Hayer

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 9:34 PM
To: Nate Lynch; Shawn Gillen; Monty Parks; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Jan LeViner; Bob Bryson; Edward Hughes
Subject: Re: Noise Ordinance Input

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My best,
Shirley

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From: Nate Lynch <nate@thenate.com>
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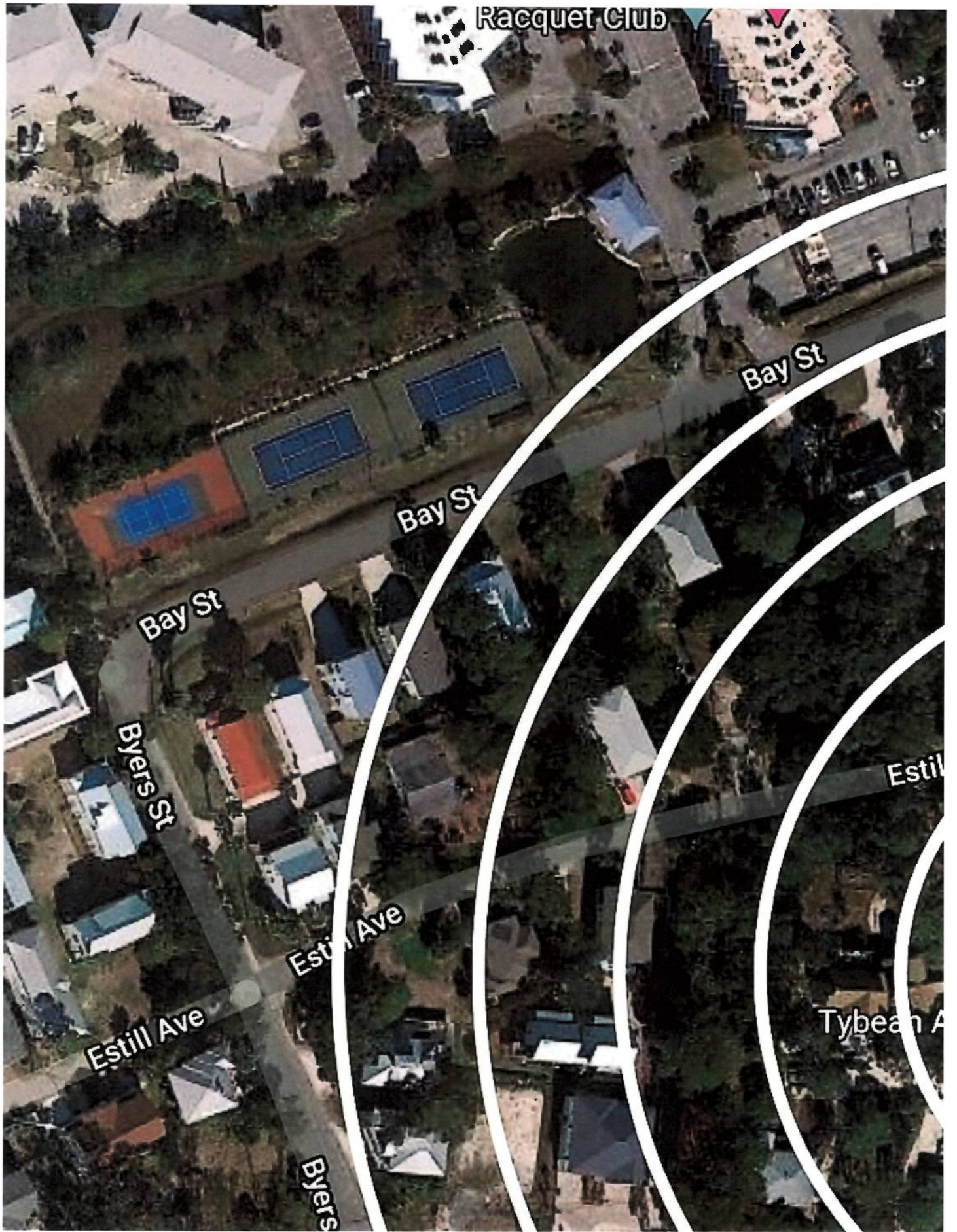
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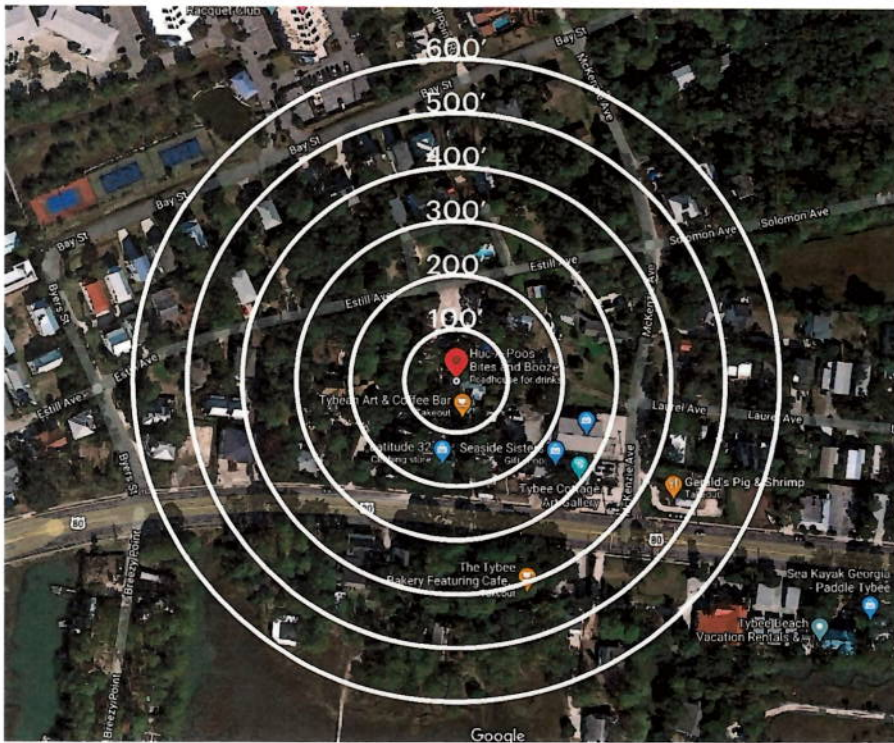
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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: support for ban on open container after 10 or 11 pm

Jan, FYI

From: Jeri Monroe <jeri.monroe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020, 1:54 PM
To: Jeri Monroe
Cc: Shirley Sessions; Shawn Gillen; Monty Parks; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Jay Burke; Nancy DeVetter
Subject: Re: support for ban on open container after 10 or 11 pm

Dear Mayor and City Council members:

I understand that the proposed ban on open containers of alcohol will be for drinks after 10 or 11 pm (depending on weekday or weekend).

I fully support this. In fact, I wish it were island-wide.

Further, I think a lot of people who are criticizing this proposal don't understand that it would be limited to open container drinks late at night.

Thanks,

Jerithanks!
2 River Oak Lane

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to Noise Ordinance as it is currently written

FYI

From: Sandy Stoeffler <sandystoeffler@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 12:52:38 PM
To: Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Opposition to Noise Ordinance as it is currently written

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Sessions,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter in opposition the proposed Noise ordinance. For the record, I am not opposed to all noise ordinances, I just have issues with quite a few things in the one that is currently proposed. I request that it be put into the official record for the upcoming council meeting on this subject.

I am an 11 year resident of Tybee Island and live at 3B Village PL. (recently moved from 4 Sanctuary Pl). I am opposed to the proposed noise ordinance as it is currently written following reasons:

1. The ordinance doesn't provide a consistent measurable standard to gauge that it is being violated.
2. I was riding in my golf cart last night listening to music I won't be able to do that in the future with the noise ordinance. Some people may get around this by using headphones instead, which is a safety hazard.
3. The noise ordinance might prohibit hands free Bluetooth conversations on our phones causing some to physically hold their phones which is a safety hazard.
4. The ordinance might cause dog owners to be fined if their dogs are barking

5. There is no stipulation within the noise ordinance that requires warnings by officers.

Here are additional issues I see where I have cited the language that is directly in the ordinance:

6. *Person means any individual, partnership, firm, association, joint venture, public or private corporation, trust, estate, commission, board, public or private institution, utility, operative, state agency, municipality or other political subdivisions of this state, any interstate body, or any other legal entity. The language in the ordinance is not clear as to what person has to hear the noise to consider it a violation. **AS IT READS, ANYONE CAN MAKE A COMPLIANT THAT THEY HEARD A NOISE THAT VIOLATES THE ORDINANCE AND IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE WITNESSED BY AN OFFICER. PEOPLE WHO HATE THEIR NEIGHBOR OR THE FACT THEY HAVE AN STVR NEXT TO THEM HAS THE ABILITY TO MAKE CONTINUOUS BOGUS COMPLAINTS.***
7. *“Noise means any sound which disturbs humans or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans”. Any person can constitute anything as noise whether it is justified or not. **THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THE ISSUE ABOVE. WE ALL KNOW SOME PEOPLE JUST LIKE TO COMPLAIN AND THIS GIVES THEM ANOTHER PLATFORM.***
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9. *Human-produced sound. It is unlawful for any person or persons to yell, shout, hoot, whistle, or sing on the public streets or sidewalks or on private property so as to create, or cause to be created, any noises or sounds which are plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the place on public streets and sidewalks, or in the case of private real property, beyond the real property boundary, on which the person is located, whichever is farthest, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and holidays. **IF SOMEONE YELLS FOR A LOST DOG OR TO SCARE AWAY A COYOTE OR RACCOON THE ORDINANCE WOULD BE VIOLATED.***

10. There are also constitutional issues with the ordinance as well:

- The Supreme Court has repeatedly held that commercial speech (like advertisements) is subject to weaker constitutional protection than other speech. So, any statute which provides more protection to commercial speech than to other forms of constitutionally-protected speech is a major constitutional no-no.

Thanks again for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Sandy

Sandy Stoeffler
sandystoeffler@icloud.com
(912) 596-8575

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:12 PM
To: Monty Parks; Barry Brown; Spec Hosti; John Branigin; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Jan LeViner; Sandi Knight
Subject: Re: Noise Ordinance

Ms. Knight,

Thanks for reaching out and sharing your thoughts.

Call me anytime and I'm happy to discuss your concerns on this or other matters.

Mayor Sessions
912.695.0724

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From: Sandi Knight <sandiknight86@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:51:48 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
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Are you guys aware of the fact that a GLOBAL PANDEMIC has put small businesses in the worst shape they have ever been in?

You are trying to cut the legs off the businesses of Tybee for your political interests in people staying home and wearing masks. I know very well that the Mayor posted several posts pretty clearly indicating she did not want tourists so that the pandemic did not spread... does this ordinance have anything to do with that?

I know most of you are business owners so you should absolutely see this will cripple what is left standing of the businesses.

If it is simply because you do not like the "Tybee Low Life's", then "You Ain't Tybee" and you ought to go somewhere that better suits your lopsided interests.

Listen to ALL of the people... because you aren't right now. Be better REPRESENTATIVES.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Patty McCarthy
Cc: Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Alcohol Ban

Thank you. This email will be added to the record as requested.

Bedt,
Shirley Sessions
912.695.0724

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From: Patty McCarthy <pattymccarthy624@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:37:38 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol Ban

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From: **Patty McCarthy** <pattymccarthy624@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 27, 2020, 9:13 AM
Subject: Alcohol Ban
To: <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>, <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>, <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>, <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>, <mparks@cityoftybee.org>, <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>, <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>, <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>

Greetings Mayor and Council Members,

I request this letter and comments be added to the minutes of the meeting as a Public Record.

For the record, I am totally against this.

My family has owned a home on Tybee Island for over 25 years. As a family, we come here quite often and have enjoyed the small town beach charm of Tybee, one of the reasons they bought the house.

I don't understand why this new ordinance was not made public for the residents to vote on. After all, we do live in a democracy, of we the people.

From what I've read, it's Tybee Police that is requesting this new ordinance. If this is true, then it should be made public. How will this ban help the situation that you are trying to accomplish? If anything, it will create bigger problems.

Now I'm sure there are issues that TIPD must respond to, however, if there are not enough Officers, consider hiring more. Especially on the weekends when Tybee is very busy.

At the very least, residential opinion/suggestions should be considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Patricia McCarthy
1603 Butler Avenue
Tybee Island, GA. 31328

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From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Monty Parks; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Jim Glass
Cc: Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Proposed Noise Ordinance

I LOVE music....it soothes my soul.

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on this issue.

Shirley

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From: Jim Glass <tybeejim@gmail.com>
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"Music is an important part of our life as it is a way of expressing our feelings as well as emotions. Some people consider music as a way to escape from the pain of life. It gives you relief and allows you to reduce the stress. ... Music plays a more important role in our life than just being a source of entertainment."

"Music is a basic need of human survival. Music is one of the ways we make sense of our lives, one of the ways in which we express feelings when we have no words, a way for us to understand things with our hearts when we can't with our minds." Steinway

Dear Mayor and Council:

I have read though the proposed new noise ordinance and frankly, I think it is overreach to satisfy some few residents who have been vocal about their wishes for silence in the 20 years I have lived on Tybee. Most of us know who they are and I know of few residents who agree with them. Now, certainly there may be some newer people on the island, most of whom knew before buying their home where music was played on the island. Now they want something changed that has been part of Tybee for as long as I can remember, back to the 60s.

In the past, noise levels were not discretionary but subject to specific decibel levels at given distances. I believe it should still be that way. Police officers do not write speeding ticket because

they thought someone was going fast. There is a specific number, the speed limit. The errant driver's speed is documented by radar/laser or by following a specified distance with an error-corrected speedometer. Music is a value laden subject. To some it is beautiful, moving and to others just noise. I pulled the two quotes above which express far better than I what music is to many of us who live here. It presents an opportunity to escape the banality of everyday life, a chance to dance with a loved one. Though I can't sing (professionally documented), have a hard time keeping a beat, I love music. When I hear 60's rock I am reminded of the times that were dark during the war in Nam. But the words of Dylan, perhaps America's greatest living poet, are moving and a call to realization of man's failings. CCR, "Who'll stop the rain?" Hendrix's "All along the Watchtower", Neil Young's "Ohio", "Four Strong Winds", "Southern Man". All these and more stir the soul as does new music today for those far younger than me. Heck, some people even like "Wagonwheel"!

And don't forget fundraisers on the island for causes like the Maritime Academy, Breast Cancer Awareness, Ronald McDonald House, events where locals and their children entertain. Those have been known to continue into the evening hours with sound levels that some would complain about.

Enough. This ordinance will serve only to deprive us of memories and escape. It will deprive our local business owners the ability to entertain patrons and earn livable incomes. It will destroy many local and area musicians of the opportunity to earn a decent livelihood just to provide a few malcontents some of silence they could obtain with a pair of noise defeating headphones. Just think if the airlines had to live within this ordinance? Or the military when helicopters fly over head on training missions. I live a lot more than 300 feet from Jaycee park but during the summer, softball games are clearly audible on my porch.

Please re-think this ordinance and consider its impact on local businesses, entertainers, residents and visitors alike who love music.

Jim Glass
10 Oceanview Court
P.O. Box 2168
Tybee Island, GA 31328

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 10:16 PM
To: Charlie Altman; Monty Parks; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Bans

Mr. Altman,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on these issues.

Best,
Shirley Sessions
912695.0724

From: Charlie Altman <caltman4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 10:13 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Bans

You vote for these open container bans and music restriction's, you will be voted out next time you are up for election. Will negatively affect so many businesses and their employees to earn a living. Plain and simple.

Thanks,

Charlie Altman

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:55 PM
To: Mayor; KIM VOIGT
Cc: John Branigin; Barry Brown; Jay Burke; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Monty Parks; Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Alcohol Ban

Thanks Kim. I will share your message with council and include as part of the record.

Hope you and your family are well.

Sincerely,
Shirley
912.695.0724

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From: KIM VOIGT <kim31328@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 6:17:34 PM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol Ban

10/27/2020

Hello City Council members and Mayor.

Hoping everyone is doing well.

Writing to request reconsideration of the direction you are going with the alcohol ban.

There should never be a decision made by our City Council that impacts the residences of this Island without our input. Whether we agree or disagree, majority rule is best to apply. It's not your elected position to assume you know what is best and decide without consideration of the citizens who voted you in.

Agree there have been some unfortunate events on the island, and some could be attributed to alcohol, or drugs, or maybe mental illness but there is no way to confirm that "drinking on the beach" was where it started or the reason why. It could have been consumed in a bar, in their STVR, in their hotel room, in Savannah prior... endless opportunities to over do it, and then decide to go for a swim or start a fight. Do we need breathalyzer's on the beach before admittance.... who knows...

Regarding litter, I've picked up more children's toys this year than any thing else. The display at the Police Department is a testament to that. I guess because you can have them strewn around

on the beach while playing, and nothing will be said. Maybe leaving behind, thinking unimportant, recycling so others can play with? Parents are not managing their children, but more because of laziness than drinking I've observed. Maybe no more toys on the beach?

Anyway, Tybee has a certain charm, and while there are some areas I would avoid as a parent, most of Tybee is family friendly. We have enough beach for everyone to find a quiet spot to relax without penalizing those that enjoy a cocktail or two.

Cheers

Kim Voigt

Circa 1975

9 Sprucewood

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:50 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen; Edward Hughes; George Shaw; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Monty Parks; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Jay Burke; Robert Bryson; sean mcNally
Subject: Re: Proposed Open Container Ordinance

Thank you Sean for reaching out with your concerns and comments.

Thursday's meeting is a council workshop to discuss future actions with regard to this issue that would benefit our community.

Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Best,
Shirley
912.695.0724

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From: sean mcNally <seanmcnally68@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:38:45 PM
To: Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Edward Hughes <bhughes@epra-law.com>; George Shaw <gshaw@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Robert Bryson <RBryson@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Proposed Open Container Ordinance

To the members of the Tybee Island City Council

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed ordinance regarding open containers. My opposition is based on the manner in which this council has chosen to address the issue.

After hearing comment from the public, both for and against the issue, John Branigin put forth a motion to table first reading. He cited both the fact that the scheduled meeting with businesses which might be affected had not taken place, nor had the council had previous discussion about the matter and the fact that the ordinance proposed would not accurately represent the ordinance as it might be adopted at such a time as a final vote would happen. "Spec" Hosti seconded the motion, which was voted down 3 to 2 with Jay Burke recusing himself.

Monty Parks proceeded to double down and not only put forth a motion to approve the first reading but to add more specific locations, times and days for said ordinance. This motion carried 3 to 2. Nancy DeVetter voted with the majority after making the statements that she was "disappointed that the meeting (with the businesses) had not happened by our meeting today" and "I think we can work on our communication with our citizens."

This would appear to beg the question. Does our current city council listen to all of its constituents, or is the portion of the meeting dedicated to "citizens to be heard" simply for show? Has the current Tybee Island City Council already made up its mind?

There may be legitimate safety concerns, although confrontation would seem to logically increase if officers are placed in a position to have to assume that individuals are violating the ordinance if they have a cup in their hand. The presumption of innocence is a bedrock principle in a free society. My initial reading of the monthly police reports for June, July and August of 2019 and 2020 also do not appear to support the implication that things on Tybee are on a downward trajectory.

I am also personally offended by Monty's comment that "nothing good happens after midnight... at least in the areas I frequent." I would be willing to say that I have "frequented" those same areas far after midnight and have a different opinion.

There is so much more to be said and far more nuance than is being represented. I will make every attempt to have these conversations personally with members of council in an effort to gain clarity.

I understand that a special session has been scheduled in response to the overwhelming outcry regarding this issue. I will be very curious to hear the discussion.

Thank you in advance for your "attention."

Sean McNally
Former Tybee Island resident now living on Wilmington Island

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Open Container Ban

FYI

From: Trey Conners <treyconners@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020, 10:45 AM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Proposed Open Container Ban

Madam Mayor,

With regard to the Proposed Open Container Ban, please consider the following:

You can't simply try and Legislate your way out of a Law Enforcement issue! No slight on TIPD here at all, but if you recognize that there is an issue then you have to be Pro Active and not simply Reactive and ask Council to enact ordinances. TIPD can put dedicated Foot or Bike Patrols in the "festival" area during the season if they feel there is a need, It is no secret that high Police visibility deters crimes. Riding down front, making a pass in a Patrol Car isn't high visibility. TIPD posts on their social media accounts regularly that have hired a new officer. It appears they are fully staffed, so formation of Foot Patrols or Bicycle Patrols, wouldn't likely require "hiring a bunch of Police Officers" as members of council have previously stated. Simply put forth the effort and develop solid Policing strategy for the "festival" area. TIPD has released stats however, showing a nearly 50% decrease in arrest for the summer period of Jun-Aug in 2020. Certainly a crazy Covid year where Tybee saw thousands and thousands of visitors once Gov. Kemp opened up the beaches. So one would question, why this proposed ban? Why now?

With an Open Container Ban, it will likely have the opposite effect of stopping alcohol related incidents. When People realize they cannot take their drink outside, they will likely consume it all at once, thus power drinking and pushing highly intoxicated people out onto the streets late at night. With open container, they are more likely to drink one drink casually as they walk around. Reality is some people just can't drink responsibly and there will always be alcohol related issues. There is no Legislation for that. As for the beach itself, People should be allowed to enjoy our Beaches and enjoy an alcoholic beverages if they so choose, especially, residents of Tybee. There is currently sufficient Police presence on 4 wheelers on the beach for high visibility during the season in my opinion. They are everywhere riding around as they patrol.

This proposal also crushes local businesses that are struggling to stay open due to Covid, they depend on to go food, and drinks. This issue if at all, is a City Management issue and not an Open Container problem. Please Vote NO and put Police on Bicycles and Foot Patrol during the season , 14th St. South!

Respectfully,

Trey Conners

22 6th Ave.
912 604 3535

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:49 PM
To: Monty Parks; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Jan LeViner; Darby Price
Subject: Re: Open Container Ban

Thanks for sharing your thoughts and concerns.
Shirley Sessions
912.695.0724

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From: Darby Price <darby_price@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 5:38:20 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Fwd: Open Container Ban

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Darby Price <darby_price@aol.com>
Date: October 23, 2020 at 8:43:13 PM EDT
To: jleviner@cityoftybee.org
Subject: Open Container Ban

Dear City of Tybee,

I wanted to ask that you Please Do NOT ban open containers on Tybee. I have a deep concern with the open container ban that is being imposed and what it means for us law abiding property owners on such a great free spirited stretch of paradise. I fell in love with Tybee on my very first trip there many years ago and it led me to being a property owner now. One of the reason was just the fact that you were free to be yourself as long as you act responsible and that's exactly how I raised my children when we would visit the island as a vacation home for us. It's also one of the reasons my friends and family members choose to rent and stay on Tybee compared to other beaches who already have open container bans in place. This country was founded of a freedom to choose your own path in life and most Americans and business owners want less rules and Tybee has always been that place where people can come together and be free. I have to ask you again to please don't impose this ban on us.

Yours Truly,

Darby Price

Sent from my iPhone

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Monty Parks; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Jan LeViner; Candi Chandler
Subject: Re: Opposed to Open container Ban

Will do. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns.

Shirley

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From: Candi Chandler <lakedawgs@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:07:14 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Opposed to Open container Ban

Please count me, a homeowner at 1013 2nd Ave. Tybee Island as completely opposed to any open container ban for any part of the island.

Candi Chandler

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Barry Brown; Monty Parks; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Spec Hosti; John Branigin; Debi Jones
Cc: Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Alcohol Ordinance

Debi,

I have copied Jan LeViner, our Clerk of Council, who will ensure your letter be included as part of the record.

Shirley Sessions
912.695.0724

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From: Debi Jones <debij310@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020, 12:26 PM
To: Barry Brown; Monty Parks; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Spec Hosti; John Branigin; Shirley Sessions
Subject: Alcohol Ordinance

Please read my comments at the next city council meeting and enter them into the public record.

Submitted by:
Debra Jones "Debi"
1217 Bay St, Unit 304C
debij310@gmail.com
864-590-3735

To the Tybee Island City Council:

I am writing to express my opposition to the new Alcohol Ordinance.

My objections are based on the following points:

1. Lack of information provided to the residents. As of today's date, the actual ordinance is not available for review and yet the final vote is to take place in less than 3 weeks. Please provide the final draft to the voters for review prior to scheduling a final vote.
2. Lack of opportunity for the residents to be publicly heard on this issue. A Zoom meeting is not an appropriate venue for an issue which is so divisive. It would be helpful to those of us who live here, to hear the concerns of the police department personally. Can we schedule a safe and socially distanced meeting at the Pavillion once the legislation verbiage has been finalized? This would provide the citizens whom you represent to have an opportunity to review the proposed changes and make comments.

3. The appearance that these new laws are being rushed through. Why would this legislation begin so quickly and during the off season? It would appear that the residents are being targeted. What about signage? Please slow down this process.
4. From what I have heard, these new laws will further confuse visitors to the island. You can smoke and drink north of 14th street, you can't smoke between 14th-16th street, you can't drink south of 14th street but you can smoke south of 16th street. This is just too convoluted and confusing to all and I am fearful that it will just move the problem instead of solving it.
5. I oppose any significant changes made to the current laws during a pandemic. People are a little stir crazy and mean right now and crime is up throughout the nation. Businesses are really hurting and this could be the final straw for some. Let's just take a breath and think this out carefully.
6. I am completely opposed to the city council making this type of decision without a vote by the citizens. Please slow this rushed process down and put it on the ballot in November.

In closing, I would like to firmly state that I BACK THE BLUE and would never want to put any of them in harm's way. Their input is very valuable to me but I do feel that we can address some of these problems by enforcing the laws that are already on the books instead of creating new ones.

I would like to thank each of you for your consideration and your service.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Barry Brown; John Branigin; Jay Burke; nancy.devetter@cityofytbee.org; spec.hosti@cityofytbee.org; Monty Parks; Jan LeViner; Rosie Laney
Subject: Re: Alcohol ban ordinance

Thanks for sharing your concerns on this issue.

Best regards,

Shirley Sessions
912.695.0724

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From: Rosie Laney <rosielaney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:03:24 PM
To: Barry Brown <bbrown@cityofytbee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityofytbee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityofytbee.org>; nancy.devetter@cityofytbee.org <nancy.devetter@cityofytbee.org>; spec.hosti@cityofytbee.org <spec.hosti@cityofytbee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityofytbee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityofytbee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityofytbee.org>
Subject: Alcohol ban ordinance

Tybee Council and Mayor:

I have been a full-time resident since 2007 and am vehemently opposed to the proposed alcohol ban ordinance. This move will no doubt adversely affect local businesses and tourism, which are the lifeblood of this community. Thoughtful consideration of the effects of this ban should be a priority - but it appears you are trying to "sneak" this ordinance through without proper notice or input from residents and business owners. The fact that you are trying to do this during a pandemic makes absolutely no sense, and just goes to show that the members supporting this simply do not care that our business owners are still struggling after an unprecedented year.

Please put your personal agendas aside. This ban is self-serving and not in the best interest of our community.

Sincerely,

Rosie Laney
14 Fort Avenue
Tybee Island, GA 31328

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Barry Brown; Jay Burke; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks; Nancy DeVetter; Jan LeViner; John Branigin
Subject: Fwd: Ordinance

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From: Myra Chambers <myrachambers1265@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:01:50 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Cc: John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Ordinance

My husband and I moved to Tybee in June 2003 as full-time residents and dreamed of the day that we would retire. It didn't take long before we felt Tybee was one of the best places to live with a true community spirit.

Over the years we have seen many changes. Some wonderful like the expansion of live music, the Tybee post theater, Tybee Irish heritage celebration parade, The Christmas parade, pirate fest, Mardi Gras, Wine Festival- etc. but we've also experienced some horrible changes like the MISMANAGEMENT and over abundance of short term vacation rentals, the lack of long-term rentals, the increasing number of stop signs, speed bumps, and TACKY signs everywhere. We are specifically referring to the cloth banners, the lighted signs when arriving Tybee to "mask up " and the lighted sign while leaving the island about social distancing. We were completely outrage when the beaches were closed this spring. Thank God, yes again thank God for Governor Kemp.

Now the latest proposal of alcohol restrictions and noise ordinance is completely ridiculous. Adding constraints to when and where people can drink alcohol is just the start of adding constraints to when and where we can worship, when and where we can go to school, and when and where we are able to socialize. Unfortunately these restrictions are already happening. In our opinion Tybee is a city that stands for individualism, safe and clean Tybee fun.

My husband and I have recently reached our goal of retirement and we feel that it will only be a matter of time that our island that we grew to love will be completely destroyed by all the new transplants who have moved here and want to change all the ways that make Tybee Tybee. Tybee is not just a place to us it is a way of life.

Greg and Myra Chambers
9 Lighthouse Ln.
PO Box 2495
Tybee Island Georgia
912-596-5423
912-596-5318

Sent from my iPhone

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 2:09 PM
To: John Branigin; Barry Brown; Jay Burke; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks; Jan LeViner
Cc: smithtileybee@att.net
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol Ordinance

FYI

From: Steven Smith <smithtileybee@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020, 1:13 PM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Alcohol Ordinance

Greetings Tybee Officials,

Let me start by saying I have lived on the beach side of 14th Street for over 22 years. I have in those past years, and still do, walk to the Pier and the local Bars, through the parking lot or on the beach. 99 out of a 100 times I carry a beer with me in a coozie. I absolutely see nothing wrong with this.

Just as everything was starting to get back to normal (Covid) you, City Council, want to go throw a wrench in it.

I understand the PD came to you with a problem and or request they needed help with.

I've only heard this version. I have not seen or heard any other options. I'm sure one of you must have had another option, or wait maybe one of the people of Tybee does. Not only did you not give the people of Tybee a sufficient amount of time to voice their opinions, it seems that you just want to slide this option by.

Let's not rush into this next vote. Other options need to be explored. I do believe that is called compromise.

I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH THIS PROPOSED ALCOHOL ORDANCE.

Thank you for your time.

Steven K. Smith
P.O.Box 2443
Tybee Island, GA 31328
cell : 912-313-5590

smithtileybee@att.net

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Monty Parks; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Jan LeViner; smekjordan@aol.com
Subject: Re: Alcohol Ban

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns.

Best,
Shirley Sessions
912.695.0724

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From: smekjordan@aol.com <smekjordan@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 11:34:17 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol Ban

Dear City of Tybee,

We are permanent residents on Tybee & would like to voice our concern about the alcohol ban that is currently being debated. We understand why this ban was considered but we feel that the topic was not presented to all involved nor was there time for it to be properly considered. Our concerns are many, the potential influx of crowds to the north end, the detrimental hit on the small businesses on Tybee that are already reeling from this year's restrictions & probably at the top of the list of our concern of the lost revenue this island will experience. This revenue is vital for the infrastructure of this island, how will the loss be recouped...higher taxes for property owners? It only takes a few minutes on social media to realize how tourists are reacting to this decision, Tybee will be removed from their vacation destinations. We run a small

business on Wilmington Island & we talk to tourist everyday. We hear them say they make Tybee their yearly vacation & they spent thousands of dollars each year on the island. It just seem to us that so many extreme decisions are being made by a few on this island. The council is voted in by the people & the people should be able to voice their opinions, concerns & desires so we appreciate your time considering this letter. It doesn't seem fair or appropriate that 3 people could decide this proposal. We are concerned for our property values & the possibility of increased cost of living for those of us who call Tybee home.

**Thanks for your time!
Ken & Shirlene Jordan**

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Monty Parks; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; j.burke@cityoftybee.org; Jan LeViner; Kevin Cook
Subject: Re: Enforcement Tybee Island

Thanks for sharing your position on this issue.

Best,
Shirley Sessions
912.695.0724

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From: Kevin Cook <kfc779@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 4:37:37 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; j.burke@cityoftybee.org <j.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Enforcement Tybee Island

City of Tybee Council,

I am sure you all have enough correspondence on this issue to review so I will make mine short. I am not in favor of any more laws, rules, codes what ever you would like to label them.

Enforce the laws that we have.

Thank you for your time and public service.

Sincerely Kevin Cook
607B 6th St.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 2:00 PM
To: John Branigin; Barry Brown; j.burke@cityoftybee.org; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks; Laurie Gulbronson
Cc: Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Re: Open Container Ordinance

Thanks for your email and for voicing your concerns during last week's council meeting.

I'm not sure what email you're referring to regarding the Mayor not contradicting a statement made regarding a potential citation. As I understand the proposed ordinance, one would not be issued a citation for open alcohol container if not in the designated banned area.

I try to understand clearly if a question is directed to me rather than assuming I understand what is actually being asked and the specifics of the question before providing an answer, or deferring to appropriate staff.

Please feel free to contact me anytime you would like to discuss this or other issues in more detail. I've learned that intent is often lost in translation with lengthy emails, texts, etc., especially when dealing with emotionally charged issues.

Best regards,

Shirley Sessions
Mayor Tybee Island
403 Butler Avenue
Tybee Island, GA 32428
912.695.0724
ssessions@cityoftybee.org

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From: Laurie Gulbronson <gulbronsonl@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020, 5:02 PM
To: John Branigin; Barry Brown; j.burke@cityoftybee.org; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks; Shirley Sessions
Cc: Jan LeViner
Subject: Open Container Ordinance

October 24, 2020

Mayor Sessions
City Council Members

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am fairly new to Tybee having moved here just over a year ago. We chose to move to Tybee because of the laid-back, quirky, and fiercely independent nature of the residents. Now, it seems like you are changing the culture of this island to be a more uptight and cookie-cutter community. If I had wanted to live someplace like Hilton Head, I would have moved there. I feel like I am a victim of a bait-and-switch – as if I was lured here under false pretenses. I have several questions about the proposed open container change; I hope you can answer them for me.

I have been an active volunteer for Tybee Clean Beach since arriving here. My anecdotal evidence suggests that the recently enacted smoking ban has done nothing to alleviate cigarette butts in the defined ban area. Each time I participate in a clean-up between 14th and 16th, I pick up hundreds of butts. Perhaps Tim Arnold can give you more empirical evidence that this ban has not worked. How do you anticipate the effectiveness of the open container ban on the beach will be different than the smoking ban?

One of the e-mails from a resident who apparently supports the open container ban states,

“I don’t want to think that my daughter, my son-in-law, or I could be arrested when we come to the beach and quietly enjoy our drinks. We drink out of cups, or our cans have coozies around them, and as long as we’re not causing any trouble, I would hope this would not be an issue.”

The mayor did not contradict this statement in her reply to this e-mail. This indicates to me that either residents are exempt from this new ordinance, or by simply having alcohol in a covered container, you will not receive a citation. Please let me know which is correct.

From my understanding, the City recently hired a number of Code Enforcement Officers, to assist the Police Department in handling beach regulations, animal care, and code compliance, with a focus on public safety. Does it make sense to give these new employees the chance to do their job, and determine if their presence helps alleviate some of the pressure on our wonderful Police Officers?

In this nightmare year of 2020, Covid 19 has been especially harsh on the hospitality industry. Bars and restaurants, and their employees lost months of income during shutdowns in spring and early summer, and have fought to survive. Is there a reason this new ordinance needs to happen now, when our friends and neighbors in this industry are trying to get back on their feet?

Council member Branigin tried to slow things down by suggesting tabling this vote. Council member DeVetter pointed out on social media that there is much misinformation about the proposal. Since we are moving into the quieter season on the island, is there a reason to push forward with this before all interested parties have a chance to be heard? Perhaps this is another situation where a Working Group could be put together, much like the STVR issue. Has this been considered?

I truly hope you do not decide to change the way of life here on this beautiful island I am now so lucky to call home. I look forward to your responses to my questions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Gulbranson
1405A Jones Avenue

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen; Edward Hughes; George Shaw; Barry Brown; jbranigan@cityoftybee.org; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Jay Burke; Robert Bryson; s; Monty Parks
Cc: 1jennyorr@gmail.com
Subject: Re: open container changes

Thanks for taking the time to share your detailed concerns and perspective on this emotionally charged issue.

Best,
Shirley

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From: Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 12:09:45 PM
To: Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Edward Hughes <bhughes@epralaw.com>; George Shaw <gshaw@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; jbranigan@cityoftybee.org <jbranigan@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Robert Bryson <RBryson@cityoftybee.org>; s <funtique@aol.com>
Cc: 1jennyorr@gmail.com <1jennyorr@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: open container changes

As always, a well-reasoned and thought out position...thank you,
Monty

From: s <funtique@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Edward Hughes <bhughes@epralaw.com>; George Shaw <gshaw@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; jbranigan@cityoftybee.org <jbranigan@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Robert Bryson <RBryson@cityoftybee.org>
Cc: 1jennyorr@gmail.com <1jennyorr@gmail.com>
Subject: open container changes

Your hard work and dedication are definitely appreciated. I realize you get a lot of flack from people and very little appreciation. Thank you for serving Tybee. Since I'm encouraging people on FB and ND to contact you about the issues, I must also communicate my opinion. This is from me only, Sherri Simmons, not from my husband, Jim Simmons. Please enter in the public record. Thank you.

I believe that the business community, especially those "down front," should have been involved in discussions with officials prior to now. Since Demery Bishop referred to his 2015 task force during the October 8th CC meeting, it's a reminder that Tybee's crime statistics and anecdotal reports have been a concern for at least five years. During the past 5

years, the City should have been more actively working with the police department and the business owners to solve some of those problems.

I am in complete agreement with everything that Jenny Orr said in her two letters to the City so I won't repeat her points in this email.

Many of the people who want more stringent restrictions on alcohol use on Tybee have probably never even been to Tybrisa/16th Street after dark. Since my husband is a musician, and we enjoy socializing, I have spent many hours every week "down front" over the past FORTY years and I have only seen ONE fight. Granted, we usually go home at midnight, and we realize that many of the issues occur during the hours after midnight. I'm in complete support and sympathy for all police departments. I realize that alcohol is the primary factor in Tybee's crime statistics, but I believe that would be true in any community, of any size, and of any type. I don't think restricting open containers would be the most effective way to solve the issue.

From my personal observation, from reading police reports online, and from listening to Chief Bryson at meetings, it seems that most of the arrests involve tourists, not locals. Since we have almost as many STVR in our neighborhoods as residential homes, and those STVR usually have from 6 to 12 people in each, the number of tourists (staying overnight) are usually more than the number of residents on any given evening. Nobody wants a ban on STVRs, but the increased numbers of large STVRs and the lack of enforcement of their regulations has resulted in more rowdy tourists, in the neighborhoods and in the bar districts. Our City Manager, Shawn Gillen, has stated that the City staff cannot knock on the door of an STVR to see if there are too many people there. I do not understand why the STVR companies don't have their staff stop by and "check on" their STVR properties to see if there are too many cars and/or people. They need to be more pro-active in solving issues with their industry.

The ordinance as written is unfair, since it includes a specific area of Tybee. It's quite unbelievable that Chamaco's and the bar on the Pavilion will not have to follow the new restrictions. Punishing everyone for the crimes of a few is rarely successful.

Finally, I don't think it's reasonable to compare Tybee to Hilton Head or any other community. Our island geography, the mixture of residential areas with businesses, its history, and its people are unique. Hilton Head is composed primarily of gated communities. The police do not go into those communities unless they are called. The residents drive cars and golf carts from house to house, to the restaurants within their gated community, and to the adjacent beaches without encountering law enforcement. Many of them drink and drive and take drinks to the beach there, so it's naive to think that HHI has less drinking issues due to their ordinances. Only the public beaches of HHI have restrictions and you only see police statistics about the public beaches. Comparing HHI to Tybee is comparing apples to oranges.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sherri Simmons

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 7:30 PM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Opposed to open container ban

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From: Joshua Stewart <joshontybee@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 7:21:46 PM
To: Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Opposed to open container ban

As a tybee resident and business owner I would like to express that I am firmly opposed to the open container ban. I am a photographer and non-drinker, this would not affect me directly, but even I can see that this was a poorly planned and overall bad idea.

I moved here 5 years ago and have watched the island steadily becoming busier with each passing year. Its great for businesses, but understandably its hard to enforce rules when there are so many people. I'm not going to pretend to know what the best solution is, but I know from talking to other locals and business owners that banning open alcohol containers is the wrong solution. We all need to get together and discuss other avenues to take.

Thank you,
Josh Stewart

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Against

FYI

From: Christian Schley <cs07514@georgiasouthern.edu>

>
> I am completely against this ban and will call out of work on 11/12 to make sure my voice is heard this time. I cannot say that I am the biggest advocate for alcohol, but please do not take away my right/ability to enjoy a few lady beers on the back river because we get garbage tourists.
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>
>> Best of Health,
>> Christian Schley
503c Miller
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 1:05 PM
To: #Council; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Re: Tybee New Open Container Law

Thanks for sharing.

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From: Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 1:03:14 PM
To: #Council <#Council@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Fwd: Tybee New Open Container Law

Shawn Gillen
City Manager
Tybee Island, Georgia

From: Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Ryan J. Morse
Subject: Re: Tybee New Open Container Law

Thank you. I will share your comments with the council.

Shawn Gillen
City Manager
Tybee Island, Georgia

From: Ryan J. Morse <rjmorse7787@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 7:39:00 AM
To: Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Tybee New Open Container Law

Good morning Shawn, I am sure you are getting a lot of mixed feedback on the new open container law I just read about and it probably is the last thing you want to hear more about on a Saturday morning but my hope is my email wont come off rude but instead just a satisfied frequent visitor wanting to better understand. Am I understanding correctly that after years of my wife and I being able to peacefully enjoy a few drinks from under our canopy on the beach where the river meets the ocean and the sun sets over little tybee, that this will no longer be allowed? As residents of Savannah and frequent visitors of Tybee, do we get to have a say on this? Or join a forum to hear all of the reasons for this new law wanting to be put in effect? We personally spend probably 3-5k a year supporting local businesses in Tybee. Obviously this sounds trivial compared to everything going on in the world but If I can no longer peacefully have a few beers and watch the sunset I wont be coming to Tybee and based on the hundreds of Facebook posts I have seen from irate residents and other

frequent visitors, surely local businesses will be the ones who suffer. I completely understand there is a problem with drinking, drowning, trashy people causing problems on the Island, but never in the hundreds of times Ive spent the day on Tybee, always on the corner of the island overlooking little Tybee, have I ever seen a problem. This part of the island is typically filled with very quiet families or couples like my wife and I trying to enjoy a few beers while enjoying the peace this side of the island has to offer. All the problems and obnoxious people hang around the pier. Why was 14th street to Ally 3 selected for the 24 hour ban on open containers? I agree with the after 10pm ban that makes sense. But I need to understand the reasoning behind 14th to Ally 3 during the day. Because that makes little sense to me. Are cops going to come up to my wife and I if we are under a tent peacefully reading and ask to see whats in our containers? Or is this portion of the ban to try and keep the heavy drinkers causing all the problems away from the more peaceful end of the beach? And the cops would just pass by our tent if we are peacefully reading

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 1:04 PM
To: #Council; Shawn Gillen
Cc: Matt Harrell
Subject: Re: Just wanted to share this, just received from someone on Facebook

Thanks. Good message, so wonderful to hear!

Please express appreciation to life guards again for their dedication to safety!

Shirley

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From: Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020, 12:58 PM
To: #Council
Subject: Fwd: Just wanted to share this, just received from someone on Facebook

Shawn Gillen
City Manager
Tybee Island, Georgia

From: Matt Harrell <mharrell@cityoftybee.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Shawn Gillen
Subject: Just wanted to share this, just received from someone on Facebook

Hello, my name is Chad Bowman, and I was down on Tybee with my family on August the 9th. My father was not doing well and he wanted to get to the ocean, but he couldn't walk more than a few steps at a time. I wish I could the the guards at the tower and one guard that they called to pick my dad up at the walk way and got him to the water and then she came back and picked my dad up so that we could get him back to the car. I just wanted them to know how much that meant to our family. My dad passed away later that week and that was the last trip he got to go on. That meant so much to him. Thank you for all that yall do, much more than just keeping us safe in the water. If there is anyway to find out who your guards were that day, I'm not even sure what tower, it was south of the pier. Please let them know how much that meant to us. I wish I would have sent this sooner. Thanks again,

Sincerely
Chad Bowman and family

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Monty Parks; Barry Brown; jbranigan@cityoftybee.org; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; j.burke@cityoftybee.org; Jan LeViner; jesse fountain
Subject: Re: Regarding Bans

Thanks for reaching out with your thoughts and concerns. Please feel free to call and discuss further.

Shirley Sessions
912.695.0724

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From: jesse fountain <gadeadneck@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 12:22:10 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; jbranigan@cityoftybee.org <jbranigan@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; j.burke@cityoftybee.org <j.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Regarding Bans

This ban will be a disaster for the island and is already proof of an absolutely tyrannical city council. We do want to change this island and many of you are not long time citizens. Many of you simply, "are not Tybee". So with that I hope you realize some of you will not get another term. This is a complete disregard for the citizens of Tybee and what makes this island so great. This ban that the council passed will cut revenue by A LOT. You were elected to support the interests of the people, not your own little corrupt ideals on how OUR island should change. The timing of this ban is completely wrong and will further destroy the businesses who are already having a hard time. People will stop coming to this island. If you didn't know, Tybee island survives off of tourism, so what's your plan? What will be the replacement for revenue? Higher taxes? You are taking away what this island is and who we are. We will not accept this.

Jesse Fountain

Tybee Resident

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:52 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Opposed to Alcohol open container ban.

From: wen@wenmcnally.com <wen@wenmcnally.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020, 7:34 AM
To: Shirley Sessions; Monty Parks; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke
Subject: Opposed to Alcohol open container ban.

Tybee City Council,

I am writing to state my opposition in the open container ban and noise ordinance. I am so disappointed in the manner than this has been rushed through. Especially during a pandemic, when musicians and bartenders have already been struggling to regain their livelihood. This directly affects my household and my children's lives.

Wen McNally
(9 year Tybee resident and business owner)
22th 6th Ave
Tybee Island
www.wenmcnally.com
540-841-2641

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol ban

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From: Heike <hsim961165@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:03:46 AM
To: jayburke@cityoftybee.org <jayburke@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; jbranigan@cityoftybee.org <jbranigan@cityoftybee.org>; spechosti@cityoftybee.org <spechosti@cityoftybee.org>; nancydevetter@cityoftybee.org <nancydevetter@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol ban

Hi, I am not in favor of a limited island alcohol ban. Even though I do not consume alcohol, I respect people that do and frequent businesses that sell alcohol. Tybee is a small community in its own quirky way, and yes the beach and a drink in hand go hand in hand. Overindulgence happens and should not be tolerated. That's why you have law enforcement and laws to keep everyone safe on this island. Visitors come and enjoy themselves. Trash has always been an issue, and it is being dealt with on daily basis. This pandemic has brought out a lot of bad behavior from visitors and residents. Everyone is frustrated about the new normal. Change is something no one likes or wants, but sometimes it has to happen. To ban only part of the island, will this not inundate the other parts of the island? Yes, I live on the south end, with many STVR's around and have issues with their visitors at times. Alcohol related or not. Please consider all of the businesses and their employees, times are hard enough to regroup from pandemic and or hurricanes. I hope you can compromise with police dept, businesses and local residents and come to a solution that will benefit for all, not just some. We all love Tybee for what it is, a casual, safe, quirky community. We made it through hurricanes and a pandemic and recovered together, let's figure this out together. Thank you for serving our community and your constituents . Bruce and Heike Simpson Jones Ave. Tybee Island.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to ban on open container proposal

From: Lauren Williams <lauren27w@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020, 10:55 PM
Subject: Opposition to ban on open container proposal

Hello,

I am writing to you tonight in opposition to the proposal of banning the open consumption of alcohol south of 14th street.

I feel like this is not the proper choice in response to what has been proclaimed as the way to solve alcohol related incidents near the pier. People drink and drive and cause accidents, maybe Tybee should ban all motor vehicles too?

This will negatively affect Tybee. People won't come here and spend their money at the bars and restaurants. They won't need to spend \$3.50/hr to park.

Those who work in the hospitality industry have already been impacted by COVID. Do you really want down front to look like Broughton Street? Shuttered bars and businesses who couldn't generate enough revenue to stay open.

Banning open containers is a terrible idea for Tybee.

You are all out of touch if you think this is what the residents of Tybee Island want. You are all tasked with representing the interests of your constituents. A goal should be to better Tybee not to BAN TYBEE.

A concerned resident,
Lauren Williams
1201 second ave

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Sent from my iPhone - Gmail Mobile Lauren K Williams 912-224-1042 Lauren27w@gmail.com

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Open Container Ban

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From: jonathan dunavant <jonathandunavant@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 8:24:05 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Open Container Ban

My wife and I are strongly opposed to the open container ban on Tybee.

We are both professionals in our early 50s and have been coming to Tybee for over 15 years, every year and usually more than once per year. This year we just finished up 5 full weeks over three visits to the island. When we visit we only stay on Tybee, only eat at Tybee restaurants, and only buy our groceries at the IGA. I estimate that we spend between \$10,000-\$15,000 per year within your city limits, over the 15 years, I am sure that this amounts to well over \$175,000 and I could probably produce receipts as I keep pretty good records!

We are responsible adults who enjoy all of the bars and restaurants and we enjoy the relaxed open container laws you have especially to enjoy our beverages on the pier, on the beach and along Tybrisa. I believe it is a terrible mistake to change the current laws.

We will absolutely reconsider coming to Tybee so often if you vote to change the current laws and this makes us very sad to say, but it is the truth.

Thank you.
Jonathan and Cindy Dunavant
Lexington, Ky

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 12:39 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Open container ban

From: Tucker James <tuckermockjames@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020, 11:21 PM
To: bbrown@cityoftybee.com; Monty Parks; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; John Branigin; Jay Burke; Shirley Sessions
Subject: Open container ban

Hello,

I am sending an email to address my concerns about an open container ban on Tybee. As a resident that lives, works, and leasures on Tybee, I do not approve of any ban of open containers regardless of the months that it would effect, or the area of beach it would pertain to. I believe personally that embracing open containers is a unique attribute of the community and the tourists that decide to come here. I believe that the imposing of a ban would have negative effects for the thriving businesses and cultures in our community. In closing, I view the benefits of a ban as negligible, and the consequences counterproductive to the people of Tybee who's salaries rely on tourism, as opposed to tax dollars.

The punchline to every bad political joke...
When they get elected.

207 Lovell

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 12:37 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol ban

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From: Kim Smith <kimsmith@windstream.net>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 11:03:11 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol ban

I do not support the ban on open containers for the south end of the island. I live on Miller Ave.
Please vote against the ban.
Kim Smith

Sent from my iPhone

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 12:16 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to open alcohol ban

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From: Sandy Stoeffler <sandystoeffler@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 12:01:14 AM
To: Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Opposition to open alcohol ban

Dear City Council Council Members and Mayor Sessions,

I am an 11 year resident of Tybee Island and live at 3B Village PL. I am opposed to the open container ban for the following reasons:

- 1. Part of it is unenforceable (ex high water mark)**
- 2. Police will have to get too close to people's beverages to determine if they are alcohol and this increases the chance for Covid transmission**
- 3. The ban will put places like Wet Willies out of business. It will also cause a loss in wages to those in the service industry on Tybee.**
- 4. People will be forced to drink indoors in closer proximity to each other which is counterintuitive to social distancing measures, so it could increase the chance of COVID exposure.**
- 5. Closer proximity in a bar with alcohol during these times could bring on more fights**
- 6. The alcohol related arrest chart does not include 2020 and really does not show an increase.**
- 7. The comments that crime is up that we're made in the council meeting don't match what is on the city website. July and August arrests in 2020 were almost half of what they were in 2019. (Below are screenshots taken directly from the city website.)**

JULY

2019

JULY						
TOTAL ARRESTS	FELONY ARRESTS	DUI'S COUNTS	DIS ORDERLY (STATE)	DIS ORDERLY (CITY)	SUSPENDED LICENSE	MISC STATE CHARGE
80	5	22	1	16	10	21

FELONY CHARGES

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

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TRAFFIC CITATIONS (TYBEE ONLY)

Total Traffic Citations

49% decrease in arrests last year

2020

JULY							
TOTAL ARRESTS	FELONY ARRESTS	DUI'S ARRESTS	DIS ORDERLY (STATE)	DIS ORDERLY (CITY)	SUSPENDED LICENSE	MISC STATE ARRESTS	MISC STATE CHARGES
41	3	15	3	8	5	6	

FELONY CHARGES

TRAFFIC CITATIONS (TYBEE ONLY)

AUGUST

2019

AUGUST				
TOTAL ARRESTS	FELONY ARRESTS	DUI'S COUNTS	DIS ORDERLY (STATE)	DIS ORDERLY (CITY)
60	10	21	1	4

48% decrease in arrests f
year

2020

AUGUST						
TOTAL ARRESTS	FELONY ARRESTS	DUI'S ARRESTS	DIS ORDERLY (STATE)	DIS ORDERLY (CITY)	SUSPENDED LICENSE	M ST ARI
31	6	12		3	1	

8. the open container is one of the things that keeps Tybee quirky which is why so many people love it here, including me!

Please enter my comments and opposition to the open container ban into the record for the next City Council meeting.

Regards,

**Sandy Stoeffler
Sent from my iPhone**

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 10:40 PM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: NO Open container ban

FYI

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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From: Shelly Fields <tybeeshelly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 10:26:01 PM
To: Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: NO Open container ban

Dear City of Tybee,

I wanted to ask that you Please Do NOT ban open containers on Tybee. I have a deep concern with the open container ban that is being imposed and what it means for us law abiding property owners on such a great free spirited stretch of paradise. I fell in love with Tybee on my very first trip 30+ years ago and it led me to being a property owner now. One of the reason was just the fact that you were free to be yourself as long as you act responsible and that's exactly how I raised my children when we would visit the island as a vacation home for us. It's also one of the reasons my friends and family members choose to rent and stay on Tybee compared to other beaches who already have open container bans in place. This country was founded of a freedom to choose your own path in life and most Americans and business owners want less rules and Tybee has always been that place where people can come together and be free. Please don't impose this ban on us.

Yours Truly,

Shelly Fields
1812 Chatham Ave
912-398-6901

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 5:28 PM
To: Kerry Rosen; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter; Monty Parks; Spec Hosti; Jay Burke; John Branigin
Cc: Shawn Gillen; Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Open container ban

I'm sure council appreciates your note of support. It's been a very hard time for each of them as they continue to look for balance while keeping Tybee's staff, residents, businesses and visitors safe.

Council (and I) are aware the public will criticize decisions regardless of the issue....especially those that tend to be more emotionally charged.

Many thanks for taking time to voice your thoughts. Have a relaxing weekend.

Sincerely,
Shirley

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From: Kerry Rosen <kerryfrosen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020, 9:22 AM
To: Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter; Monty Parks; Spec Hosti; Jay Burke; John Branigin
Cc: Shirley Sessions; Shawn Gillen; Jan LeViner
Subject: Open container ban

Good morning Council Members,

We are writing to you today to let you know our thoughts on last night's First Reading vote on the limited Open Container Ban. In general we support the yea votes - from Nancy, Barry, and Monty.

Do we wish it had gone farther and included the whole city? Yes, but this is a start. So thank you.

Do we wish that Tybee was like Hilton Head? Absolutely not. We didn't move to Hilton Head more than 10 years ago. We moved here and bought our house - our only one, btw - because we like Tybee. We like its beaches, its historic homes, its quirky and diverse people, its bars and restaurants. But we don't like that Tybee attracts more and more people who come because they want to drink all day, throw their trash all over, get into fights and disrespect others. Let's work hard to replace these visitors with families and others who come because they want to swim, kayak, ride bikes - and, yes, enjoy a drink or two at a local pub.

Please continue to keep a balance between residents and businesses - and we'll have a Tybee we all love.

Thank you,
Kerry and Phil Rosen
2 Rosewood Ave
Tybee Island, GA

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:19 PM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol on the beach

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From: Kirk Jones <kirkjones275@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:17:57 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Re: Alcohol on the beach

Kirk Jones
1011 Bay Street

On Oct 22, 2020, at 5:16 PM, Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org> wrote:

Thanks Mr. Jones,

If you would please share your address, we would like to include in the record/minutes.

Best

Shirley Sessions

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From: Kirk Jones <kirkjones275@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:11:38 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol on the beach

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Thank you for serving Tybee, best of luck.

Sincerely
Kirk Jones

Jan LeViner

To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: RE: Alcohol ban

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Shirley,

Sharing my concerns with you and the council was my objective. I would feel safer driving my grand baby from Savannah to Tybee and return knowing that there are fewer impaired drivers on the road.

Thanks for your quick response to my email.

Kate

Shirley,

I am against alcohol being permitted on the beach. It is so dangerous to allow people to drink alcohol while spending hours in the sun. Then they have to drive home via our two lane Tybee Rd. There is a positive correlation between alcohol consumption and traffic accidents. Isn't the sun, sand, shore birds and ocean enough to have an enjoyed day at the beach?

Kate

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol on the beach

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Barbra Lowman
Cc: Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Feedback on the Proposed Open Container Ban Ordinance

Thanks Barbara. If you would please share your address, we would like to include in the record/minutes.

Best
Shirley Sessions
912.695.0724

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From: Barbra Lowman <bllowman@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020, 4:35 PM
To: Shirley Sessions; John Branigin; Barry Brown; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks; Jay Burke; Nancy DeVetter
Cc: Jesse Smith
Subject: Feedback on the Proposed Open Container Ban Ordinance

Mayor Sessions and Tybee Island City Council Members -

We are writing to inform you that we are STRONGLY opposed to the proposed ordinance to ban open containers in the designated beach and festival areas on Tybee Island. As residents, we feel that this action does not align with the culture of Tybee Island, and would take away one of Tybee's key differentiators. Many of us chose Tybee as our home and purchased real estate on the Island based on the laid-back culture and allure of beach life. Why you choose to penalize us because of a select few who refuse to act responsibly is frustrating and incomprehensible.

Further, we believe this short-sighted action - if approved - would endanger residents as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Closing carry-out windows and forcing alcohol consumption in bars will bring larger crowds into confined areas and perpetuate the spread of the virus. Have you even considered the impact to local businesses? As locals, many of us have made it a priority to support our local business through takeout to limit COVID-19 exposure. Passing this ordinance will tie our hands to the point where we will either be unable to support our local businesses by buying alcoholic beverages from them or we risk our health by purchasing and consuming those beverages on premises. In our opinion, your time would be better spent enforcing capacity restrictions and PPE utilization in businesses who are not taking the pandemic seriously and not following the laws instituted to protect Georgia residents.

Finally, we would like to see our Mayor and Council adopt data-driven decision-making practices vs. driving emotionally-charged, politically-motivated decisions based on anecdotal arguments and evidence. It would be interesting to dig into the data and understand what time of day most of the infractions you're referencing take place - and before taking premature action - to fully understand whether the current open container laws actually contribute to that behavior. Irresponsible people are going to behave irresponsibly regardless of whether they are drinking inside of bars or in the designated areas you're targeting. Your actions will punish the law abiding citizens of Tybee for the irresponsible actions of a few people.

We urge you to "hit the pause button" and dig into data around this issue to determine whether this ordinance would

actually solve the problem you say you're trying to solve - or compound it and make it worse. Forcing consumers to "hurry up and guzzle that last beer" so they can move on to the next bar will create even bigger issues you probably haven't considered.

Thank you for your time and for considering our position on this important issue that will forever change the Tybee Island that we've come to love.

Barb Lowman and Jesse Smith

10/22/2020

CITY COUNCIL

403 BUTLER AVE, TYBEE ISLAND, GA 31328

RE: Alcohol Restrictions

For your consideration,

I understand that Tybee law enforcement faces a daunting task keeping our citizens and its patrons safe. As the majority of their encounters involve some sort of effluence of alcohol it is very clear that it is an issue that needs to be addressed. An all-out ban of open containers would have a detrimental effect on many businesses, their employees and the cities revenue. I would ask that we may consider steps towards improving public safety and give our law enforcement the support they need.

Requiring off duty officers at businesses classified as bars at peak times at the businesses expense. Every season we employ three Sheriff's Deputies on the pier during the weekends in addition to holidays. We have not had any criminal activity on the pier because of their presence and they have on many occasions responded to medical emergencies, assisted Tybee PD and assisted with countless request to find lost children on and off the pier. If we required bar owners to also hire Law Enforcement Officers it would likely curb many issues from starting in the first place but also give Tybee PD further assistance if needed. Having approximately 18 additional officers on the south end at no expense to the city or the citizens of Tybee would be invaluable.

Creating and enforcing a bar card program. The point of a bar card program is to teach and hold our bar owners and their bartenders to be accountable for serving patrons of legal age as well as not over serving their patrons. I have witnessed many cases of patrons being over served which inevitably leads to interactions with Tybee PD. If we are better to

educate bar tenders as well as hold them and their business owners accountable we can help to mitigate many of these encounters.

Establish a reserve police program. While it seems an easy thing to just hire more police officers to deal with these issues it is understood that it is incredibly expensive and not conducive to the cities budget. I would implore you to consider establishing a reserve program. While the city would be responsible for training and equipping new officers you would not have to pay them or provide benefit packages. I would think in this scenario the benefit would far exceed the cost and once again give our police department the man power it needs.

In summary I feel that there our many solutions to this problem that would greatly support the citizens of Tybee, our police department, and increase the safety of our citizens and patrons without putting a strain on our tourism and the people that rely on it.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

JOY HORN
MANAGER
DIZZY DEANS LIQUOR STORE
RIPTIDE BAR
TYBEE ISLAND, GA 31328
912-677-2293
RIPTBAR@GMAIL.COM

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 12:46 PM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Barry Brown; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Monty Parks; Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol Ban

FYI

From: Wayne Laney <wlaney@dillonlogistics.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020, 11:57 AM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Alcohol Ban

Not sure if my input matters, but I am against the banning of alcohol on the beach.

Wayne Laney
14 Fort Avenue
Southeast Regional Operations Leader
☎ 912-220-1955



Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:12 AM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks
Cc: Shawn Gillen; Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol ban

From: Carol Kaminsky <ckaminsky@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:59:07 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol ban

100% against have them enforce the laws already on the books!!

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:09 AM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Monty Parks; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Barry Brown
Cc: Shawn Gillen; Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Open container ban

FYI:

Hi Shirley. There has been so many negative(some down right ugly) comments about the proposed open container ordinance that I have to ask the question....are all of the people “talking “ actual registered voters on Tybee (permanent residents) or are they part of the problem?

Also, I find it outrageous that it is ok with some to keep the North Beach area family friendly and my family should be what....driving to go to the beach so that my young grand children don't have to see drunken behavior by all age groups. (60 year old boobs falling out of a bikini top, 50 year old falling down on the waters edge and having to be dragged to keep his face from laying in the water, 3 sixty- something helping their 4th person to stand up after consuming the case (yes, case. It wasn't in a cooler... just sitting in the sand) of beer, 14-15 year olds barely able to stand. The list go on..however to me the best reason is the increased danger to our police officers and emergency personnel\

lifeguards who put their lives on the line for all of us everyday.

Thanks for listening

Ruth MacKay

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol ban

FYI

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From: Anne Delaney <atdelaney53@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:26:36 AM
To: Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol ban

Keep Tybee Tybee! I am TOTALLY AGAINST any alcohol ban, whether it be in the festival zone, or the entire island.

You will be punishing the 98% of the people that behave. Focus on the small numbers that are causing the problems. I enjoy a few beers on the beach now and now, or watching the sunset at Alley 3... don't take that away from us!

And during Covid? Many people, including myself, are not comfortable going inside our businesses, it's much safer to grab a drink and go to the beach. Do you not care how this would affect the south end businesses?

Again, keep Tybee Tybee!!

Anne Delaney

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:48 AM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Host; Monty Parks
Cc: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Open Containers

FYI

Hi Shirley! It's Ann Carroll - a resident of Tybee since 1989 and home-owner since the early 90's. I live at 5 Fleetwood Ct. I am unable to attend the meeting tonight because I am teaching a class, but I wanted to let you know that I oppose the proposed ban on alcohol on the south end. I think that we need to focus on enforcing the ordinances that are currently in place and furthermore, I feel that it is unfair for the businesses operating on Tybee. If you look back to the vote on whether liquor stores should be open on Sundays (more than 95% in favor) - I think the "flavor" of the island is against alcohol restrictions. Thanks for listening.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:43 AM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Monty Parks; Spec Hosti; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter
Cc: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Letter in opposition of ban.

FYI:

Received following from FB Messenger

Good morning. I wanted to write to everyone on the city council but you two are the ones I know personally but, I hope you'll share my thoughts on the proposed ban with them.

I had intended on attending this evenings council meeting in person but I'll be working. I'm not sure if you both know that I work at The Sand Bar on Butler. The owner, Jennifer Knox and her mother, Pam are two of the most generous and responsible people I've ever worked for. Not just to the employees at my bar, but to everyone. When the virus first became known, they closed before they were forced to. They took down money that customers left as mementos, or given via donations once the story reached nationwide status, and donated it to many servers, bartenders and even musicians, from EVERY BAR, here on our island. Tens of Thousands of dollars they could have used for themselves during this time... they chose to give it away to whomever needed it.

This ban would severely impact so many people's livelihoods. I didn't take their generous gift, I was doing ok so I had them give money allocated for me, to someone who couldn't pay their rent that month. This island has a miraculous way of coming together and this ban seems to be a way of kicking people when they're down. I don't believe that an open container ban would do anything other than hurt the businesses that generate a lot of income serving to-go drinks. Now, when many businesses are finally doing a decent business, we are heading to our slower season, with another peak possible of Coronavirus looming over our heads, This seems like a very unreasonable thing to even propose at this time.

We have incidents down front from irresponsible customers. Places that don't allow open alcohol carry have the same incidents. People will still be walking down front intoxicated, throwing their trash and attitudes around... even if they aren't patrons of any of the bars or restaurants. I see them when I leave work constantly at the vacation rentals, hanging off the balconies and being loud. Most of my customers are family folks that come with underage children who want a frozen drink to take to the beach. Rowdy people will be rowdy whether this ban goes into effect or not. You're just forcing them to pack into the bars while they're drinking.

If you're for this ban, please reconsider what you're doing. Especially right now.

Thank you.
Amanda Northrup, 3 Naylor Ave - 154 Lewis Ave.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 12:03 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Regarding Tybee's noise ordinances

FYI

From: John Fitzpatrick <john@fitzpatricksr.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:55:53 PM
To: John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Mayor <Mayor@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Regarding Tybee's noise ordinances

Dear Tybee City Council, Ms. Mayor, and City Manager,

We are writing in regards to changes in the Tybee noise ordinances. We would like to express our concerns about relaxing any noise ordinances. We have been residents of the 1500 block of 2nd Avenue for the better part of a decade and have noticed a substantial increase in noise, be it from local businesses, STVR's, or music venues, over the years.

Whereas in the past, noise (ex. music) was noticeable outside on Fridays and Saturdays only and generally ended at a reasonable hour, it is now commonly noticeable inside our home with windows closed at least a couple times during the week and also on the weekends, often ending after midnight. We know Tybee has a long history of being a more lively town and we're fine with that, but we think the city needs to put some bounds on what is acceptable. Tybee has grown substantially in terms of businesses and the number of visitors over the years and the status quo enforcement is no longer functioning effectively.

Ultimately Tybee's city council, AND its businesses, are here for the people who live here. Catering to visitors should only be a priority in as much as it helps sustain the community and lifestyle of the residents. Tybee is not here to build businesses, it is here to build business in such a way as to benefit the community and residents. When those visitors or businesses (including STVRs) operate in such a way as to detract from the living standards of the people who live here, they should be curtailed or at least restricted.

We have slowly seen an erosion of this focus and a relaxing of the boundaries for businesses on the island, including the way in which noise is handled, to the detriment of the community and residents. We believe it is in the best interest of the community for the council to keep this in mind when considering changes to the noise ordinance and to keep the wellbeing of the community and residents in the forefront of any discussions and decisions. We firmly believe that any relaxing of noise rules will ultimately be to the detriment of the community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration and time,
The Fitzpatrick Family

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:34 PM
To: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Barry Brown; Monty Parks; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti
Cc: Edward Hughes; Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Fwd: Open Container Issue

FYI

From: Nadine Neville-Turpin <nnturpin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 6:51 PM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Open Container Issue

October 21,

Mayor and Council;

Thank you for undertaking the issue of open container alcohol on Tybee.

We have been visiting the island for 20 years and became full-time residents in 2019. In recent years we have noticed how filthy the island has become with trash—from the beaches and boardwalks, to the marshes and the roadways. This, in spite of the dedicated brigade of people here who regularly pick up after others. There are many reasons to ban open container on the beach that have merit—drunk driving, drownings, domestic violence, fights, risk to law enforcement personnel—but the issue of trash in and of itself may be the most unifying. All one has to do is go out for an early morning beach walk and look around at the number of beer containers, cups, lids, straws, and cigarette butts. Tybee has succeeded as a tourist destination because of its pristine beauty and nature. Tybee isn't that pristine anymore, and shorebirds and marine life are paying the price. In fact, the lack of commitment to a long-term trash solution is harming Tybee's reputation.

On Sunday, September 6th, we were taking a beach walk at dinner time on North Beach with our four grandchildren. We entered the beach from Gulick St and directly in front of Gulick was a group of what appeared to be barely legal-aged young people playing beer pong. They were rowdy, and clearly becoming inebriated. We don't want to see that at our public beach. We don't want to even think about what their condition was when they left the beach and whom they may have put at risk. And wow, the audacity. It saddens us that Tybee has the reputation that anyone can set up a table and play beer pong on its public beaches. They obviously felt quite comfortable doing so, with no fear of repercussions. We enjoy a cocktail on the beach as much as anyone, but we would GLADLY give that up to facilitate public safety and environmental concerns on Tybee Island.

As you may have guessed by now, we don't just want an open container prohibition in certain designated locations on Tybee. **Open container alcohol should be prohibited on all of Tybee's beaches. There is no reason to kick the can over to mid-island or North Beach, and that is exactly what will happen if open container alcohol is suspended on South Beach/Back River. With the new Marine Science Center set to open and increased traffic near the lighthouse, it would be negligent of the City not to anticipate dangerous outcomes.**

Please do the right thing and take the long view. The beauty of Tybee Island should be preserved for future generations to enjoy and you have an unprecedented opportunity to make an impact. And if that means alienating some people who revel in drinking on the beach, at least that many, **if not more**, will come to Tybee because it is cleaner and safer. It is not too much to ask that people of legal age consume alcohol on the premises of licensed businesses or on private property. Furthermore, we trust that those members of City Council who have a conflict of interest, perceived or actual, will recuse themselves from this matter.

Sincerely,

Anthony & Nadine Turpin
28 Naylor Ave.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:13 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: open container drinking on Tybee

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From: Carole Jackson <cwildejackson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 7:58:13 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: open container drinking on Tybee

Dear Mayor and Council Members-

I am writing in support of the proposed restrictions on sale of open alcohol in the strand and festival area of Tybee Island. Alcohol does increase the incidence of inappropriate behavior and violence. That is a well-substantiated fact. Let's reduce the likelihood of violent episodes, dangerous driving, littering of our beach and island and provide safer work conditions for our Tybee Island Police officers.

Just do it.

Peace-

Carole Wilde Jackson
Tybee Resident

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:11 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Letter of Support

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From: Nate Lynch <nate@thenate.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 9:14:27 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Letter of Support

Hello Tybee Elected officials,

I'm writing in support of the proposed open container ban. If we do not address alcohol-related incidents with a strong response, these incidents will continue to increase in severity.

I am also writing in support of the new approach to addressing excessive noise on the island. We live 400+ feet from the nearest live music venue, but are often able to hear the music clearly (enough to understand the words), even when our windows are closed, regardless of the time of day or night.

Thanks in advance for taking action on these matters, and for looking out for our quality of life on Tybee.

Nate Lynch
Tybee Resident
1306 Bay St

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:49 PM
To: Lea Lynch; Nancy DeVetter; Barry Brown; Jay Burke; Monty Parks; Spec Host; John Branigin
Cc: Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Re: In support of alcohol ban

Thank you for taking the time to craft this letter with your thoughts on this emotionally charged issue.

Council's goal is public safety while maintaining as much balance as possible to our residents, businesses and visitors.

Best,
Shirley

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From: Lea Lynch <lealynch765@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 4:55 PM
To: Shirley Sessions; Nancy DeVetter; Barry Brown; Jay Burke; Monty Parks; Spec Host; John Branigin
Cc: Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen
Subject: In support of alcohol ban

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Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Lea Lynch
Tybee Resident

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:32 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: In support of alcohol ban

FYI

From: Lea Lynch <lealynch765@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:54:58 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>
Cc: Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>
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Lea Lynch
Tybee Resident

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Re: Ordinance on open containers in festival district

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From: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:31:03 PM
To: Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Edward Hughes <bhughes@epa-law.com>
Subject: Fwd: Ordinance on open containers in festival district

FYI

From: Hope Barton <bartonhi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:54:06 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; jbranigan@cityoftybee.org <jbranigan@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Ordinance on open containers in festival district

I am writing to voice my strong support for the ordinance to ban open containers in the festival district.

I have not felt strongly about earlier Initiatives to curb alcohol on the beach, but this issue has reached a level where I feel it presents an extremely serious threat to the safety of Tybee residents, visitors and Public Safety staff. The common response "but that's what Tybee is about" can not longer be used as a rationale for the situation that has developed.

As the governing officers for the Island, it is incumbent upon you to take action to protect the community and not just a few businesses and individuals who lobby you very stridently. In addition to public safety issues, the financial well being of the entire Island will be dramatically affected negatively if the visitors/potential visitors feel Tybee is not a safe place. Violent and criminal behavior beget more violent and criminal behavior and it is imperative that the trend that began this summer be stopped immediately.

I expect Council Members who have ties to the sale of alcohol/open containers will recuse themselves in accordance with ethical codes of conduct.

Respectfully,
Hope Barton
Lovell Avenue

Sent from my iPad

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
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From: Hope Barton <bartonhi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:54:06 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; jbranigan@cityoftybee.org <jbranigan@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Ordinance on open containers in festival district

I am writing to voice my strong support for the ordinance to ban open containers in the festival district.

I have not felt strongly about earlier Initiatives to curb alcohol on the beach, but this issue has reached a level where I feel it presents an extremely serious threat to the safety of Tybee residents, visitors and Public Safety staff. The common response "but that's what Tybee is about" can not longer be used as a rationale for the situation that has developed.

As the governing officers for the Island, it is incumbent upon you to take action to protect the community and not just a few businesses and individuals who lobby you very stridently. In addition to public safety issues, the financial well being of the entire Island will be dramatically affected negatively if the visitors/potential visitors feel Tybee is not a safe place. Violent and criminal behavior beget more violent and criminal behavior and it is imperative that the trend that began this summer be stopped immediately.

I expect Council Members who have ties to the sale of alcohol/open containers will recuse themselves in accordance with ethical codes of conduct.

Respectfully,
Hope Barton
Lovell Avenue

Sent from my iPad

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Edward Hughes; Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Restriction of alcohol in open containers ordinance

FYI

From: Elaine McGruder <elaine.mcgruder@cityoftybee.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 1:37:13 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Restriction of alcohol in open containers ordinance

Good afternoon, everyone,

I am writing in support of this ordinance. Both as a former prosecutor and criminal defense attorney I have witnessed for years what happens when people drink too much, for example, DUI's, domestic violence assaults, vehicular homicide, and murder.

Also I pick up bottles and cans every day when I walk on the beach or just about any street on Tybee.

Thanks for your consideration.

Elaine McGruder

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Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Nancy Bain; Monty Parks; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; John Branigin; spec.hosti@cityoftybee.com; Edward Hughes; Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Re: Alcohol on the beach

Thanks Nancy for taking the time to share your input on this issue.

Best,
Shirley

From: Nancy Bain <nvbrlb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 2:46:04 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol on the beach

I would like to put my two cents in on this issue. I think there are many, many people who can have a drink on the beach (I'm one of them) and that should be fine. But if we need a law in place to justify arresting drunks, than I think we need one. But I don't want to think that my daughter, my son-in-law, or I could be arrested when we come to the beach and quietly enjoy our drinks. We drink out of cups, or our cans have coozies around them, and as long as we're not causing any trouble, I would hope this would not be an issue.

I have personally witnessed college students, probably 21 or older, who litter the beach and enter the water with their cans only to come out without them, and generally act obnoxious. If we need a law I place to prevent this, I'm in favor.

Thanks.

Nancy Bain
Sent from my iPad

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Re: Open container ban

Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts.

Shirley

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From: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:26:43 PM
To: Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Edward Hughes <bhughes@epra-law.com>
Subject: Fwd: Open container ban

FYI

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From: Tiffany <tiffanystarobrien@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:13:05 PM
To: Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>
Cc: Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Open container ban

I am in support of the open container ban that is on the agenda.

Most beaches do not allow drinking on the beach at all and there is a reason why.

Businesses should not worry that people will no longer come to Tybee. People, many people are coming and they will continue to do so regardless of the ban.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Tiffany OBrien
Sent from my iPhone

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol

FYI

From: Fidelia Fowler <fideliafowler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 11:41:51 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing concerning the proposed change to the open container ordinance to be heard Thursday, October 22, 2020. We are in support of this ordinance. We have been concerned for some time about not only the safety of the Tybee Police Officers, but for the general public due to the ability of people to walk the streets while consuming alcohol.

Before we moved to Tybee Island three and a half years ago, we were tourists here, at least once a year, for ten years. We were amazed when we were told of the open container laws. We usually came in the off seasons since we had no school age children. We did come once in the summer and once during Pirate Fest. We were amazed, once again, at the number of people who took advantage of this law.

As the years have passed and Tybee has become more popular, it seems the number of people who come here "to drink" has increased.

One thing about this ordinance that does concern us is the boundaries. Will including the beach at the south end and back river only push people to mid island and north beach areas? We would ask for a total beach ban on alcohol. We are not against alcohol on the beach. We are against people who come to the beach with their case of beer, drink all day, act like fools and leave their beer cans for someone else to pick up. We have taken alcohol to the beach but we have only a drink or two and take our trash home. I know that there are a lot of responsible people that, by making a total ban, would not be able to enjoy a glass of wine for beer at the beach at end of the day, but We believe in the end, it would be worth it.

The Council talks of making Tybee more family friendly. As a tourist, and now a resident, we do not visit the south end during the season due to the availability of alcohol on the street.

Thanks your for attention to this matter.

Fidelia and Greg Fowler
Sent from my iPad

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Open container proposal

FYI

From: Susan Adams <sadamsrec@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:16:19 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Open container proposal

I am definitely in favor of enacting a law to ban open containers of alcohol as proposed by Barry Brown. The police report that alcohol is the number one danger on Tybee tells me this is very important.

I am a very active volunteer with Tybee Clean Beach and think/hope that this action could make a real difference in the trash pollution of our beach.

Thank-you for your work towards making our island safe and beautiful.

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Susan M. Adams
145B South Campbell Ave
(404) 308 8970

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol free zones

FYI

From: Joe Bonds <danceswithdolphin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2020 11:12:29 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol free zones

I support the alcohol free zones. This will reduce litter and bad behavior.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Support for new ordinance to limit alcohol use around the Beach

FYI

From: Karen McHugh <kemchugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 8:31:13 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Support for new ordinance to limit alcohol use around the Beach

Hello to Madam Mayor and City Council members. We wish to express our STRONG support for the new ordinance which would restrict the consumption of alcohol in open containers around the beach. We live on Wilmington Island but spend the majority of our social time on Tybee with friends and visitors who often come to stay with us (who then spend money as tourists!). There have been times where we have been embarrassed by the behavior of drunks near or on the beach as well as seeing the trash that gets left behind after their pathetic behavior. Let's face it, some people just don't know how to behave and those same people clearly aren't worried about the impression that visitors and locals get when they misbehave and mess up the beach. It doesn't seem to us that this ordinance won't prevent people from drinking, but would protect the beach from the results of uncontrolled drinking correct?

We would love to continue to be active beach goers and continue to bring our many visitors to Tybee so they can see why we love Tybee so much. We would love to continue to spend money supporting the economy of Tybee. We would love our visitors to want to stay and spend their money and not be turned off by the trash and drunken behavior (then asking to leave and "go someplace else") Please pass this ordinance and show respect for the beach environment and the people who love Tybee for what it is when it is a true beach community, not a giant open bar for drunks.

Thanks very much for your consideration!

Karen and Chuck McHugh, 923 Boxwood Drive, Savannah, GA 31410 (Wilmington Island0

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Isn't life grand??

Karen McHugh

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Support for Open Container Alcohol Restriction Proposal

FYI

From: Karen Gilbert <klgilbert55@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 6:42:01 PM
To: Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <sessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Support for Open Container Alcohol Restriction Proposal

Hello Madame Mayor and Tybee City Council Members –

I am writing to you today in support of the proposal being considered by Council to restrict the consumption of alcohol in open containers both on the beach from 14th Street south to Fisherman's Walk, and in the 'Festival Zone', (in and around Tybrisa Street), including all public parking lots, parking places, boat or launch ramps, rights of way, streets, sidewalks, open areas, beaches and adjacent waters.

As a full-time citizen who has adopted a section of beach with my husband Brian through the city's program, I firmly believe that the litter that is found on our beach is directly related to the open consumption of alcohol. It is my understanding that the Tybee Island Police Department is in support of this proposal as they deal directly with the effects of alcohol over-consumption by visitors in this area.

I know that businesses and restaurants in the area affected by this proposal will be lobbying all of you forcefully to oppose this measure. These are the same businesses who have, for years, stated that most visitors are day trippers who bring their own alcohol in coolers so they should not fear impacts on their business from this ordinance. Perhaps even more visitors (day trippers or short-term renters) will patronize these establishments to have a beverage or two before heading out to the beach.

Please move forward with this proposal as it is in the best interests of public safety, full-time residents and families, and out beautiful Tybee beach.

Karen Gilbert
113 Jones Avenue
cell 423.309.7655

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Stop Beach Alcohol Consumption

FYI

From: Ed Furia <ejfuria@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 6:21:31 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Stop Beach Alcohol Consumption

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am writing to support the proposed ordinance restricting the consumption of alcohol on our beaches. Though I would prefer that alcohol consumption was banned on all beach areas I will, for now, settle for the proposed areas. Alcohol consumption on the hot crowded beach poses a serious threat to public safety. in addition, greatly contributes to the litter problem on our beaches.

Please support the beauty of our beaches and the safety of island residents and visitors by voting in favor of the ordinance restricting the open consumption of alcohol on and around the beach.

Thanks,
Ed Furia
21 Pulaski St

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Open containers

FYI

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From: MARK J NATHAN <markandcarolnath@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020, 3:06 PM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Open containers

Dear Shirley,

We strongly support limiting open containers on Tybee. The last City Council meeting was quite eye opening. I fear for our law abiding residents, tourists, and especially for our police officers.

Please use your influence to make this happen .

We hope you are doing well and staying healthy.

Sincerely,
Mark and Carol Nathan
912-272-0151

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol ban ordinance

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From: Beth Reed <bethmoreed@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 4:50:46 PM
To: Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol ban ordinance

Dear Mayor, City Council and City Manager,

I am writing a letter in support of the upcoming ordinance on public consumption of alcohol. I believe that this step to curb the "sport" of drinking alcohol on Tybee Island will improve the public's persona of the island. The amount of trash generated by alcohol as well as the threat to law abiding citizens increases with each beverage consumed. The recent traffic fatality and pier drowning are only two of many potentially lethal encounters that alcohol has fueled. My hope is that the City Council will send a clear message that the status quo can not continue. Thank you for your commitment to making Tybee Island a family friendly community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Reed
1515 Lovell Ave.

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Don't ban open containers

From: Rhonda Godbold <skinnylegs46@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 4:58 PM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Don't ban open containers

Don't ban open containers.

I oppose banning open
container law proposal.

People will drink from the bars and their rooms, etc and cause just as much trouble.

Please don't ban drinking on the beach.

Concerned citizen Wilmington Island.

Yes, I come do beach sweeps often. I come to Tybee often.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol on Beach

FYI

From: hlkcheek@bellsouth.net <hlkcheek@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 7:34 PM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Alcohol on Beach

Dear Mayor Sessions:

We are writing to encourage your support of the ban on the consumption of alcohol in open containers on the southern end of Tybee, which is scheduled for a first reading at the City Council meeting this coming Thursday, October 22.

As full time residents who visited this wonderful island for over 20 years before purchasing a home here three years ago, we strongly feel that this ban would improve the quality of life for its residents. Beach cleanliness, safety, peace & quiet - these are all aspects of residents' lives that have increasingly been impacted, but would change dramatically for the better if this ban is enacted. For the sake of Tybee's citizens, please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider voting in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

Lee & Kathy Cheek

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Fwd: Proposed open container restriction

FYI

From: Doug Mackay <dmackayatc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 7:11 AM
To: Shirley Sessions; Spec Hosti; John Branigin; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Monty Parks
Cc: Ruth MacKay
Subject: Fwd: Proposed open container restriction

Please read at council meeting Thursday, 10/22 and enter into record.
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

Subject: Proposed open container restriction

Ladies and Gentlemen,

When we moved to Tybee Island in 2012, we had been coming here on weekends for a number of years. We enjoyed the low-key, family-safe atmosphere, and decided to make this place home. We fell in love with the "quirkiness" of this little island, including the "Tybidiots" and their silly "AWAF" (alcohol was a factor) T-shirts.

Sadly, AWAFF is no longer funny.

Since that time, over-promoted tourism and resulting traffic has exploded, and the unchecked consumption of alcohol on our streets and beaches has become a serious problem.

Examples:

Falling-down drunkenness on "family-oriented" beaches, and not just by young adults

Underage drinking

Fights and violence which place emergency personnel, residents, and visitors at risk

Fatalities, vehicular and water-related

Property damage

Litter on our beaches, streets, and private property

We agree wholeheartedly with our law enforcement and emergency personnel that this proposal should be passed and enforced before this situation can further escalate.

Ruth and Doug MacKay

Douglas James MacKay I

"The Earth is the Mother of all People;

*All People should have equal rights upon it".
-Chief Joseph*

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol Open Containers...

Jan,
FYI

Please open the letter referred to in the following email, scan and send to council and post online with others. Thank you.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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From: Claudia E Baker <twopalms4us@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 8:39 AM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Alcohol Open Containers...

Good morning, Mayor!

I have typed and delivered the letter (today) in the after-hours box at City Hall addressed to the TI City Council in care of you.

Please ensure you receive, review, and distribute a copy of it to council members prior to the upcoming full meeting.

Hope this letter of support will aid in some small way. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.
God bless and have a blessed rest of the week!

David Baker

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: VOTE NO alcohol on the beach or festival zone

FYI

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From: Jane Bridges <tybeebridges@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 8:28:26 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: VOTE NO alcohol on the beach or festival zone

Please support the ordinance banning alcohol.

I am an alcohol drinker myself, but I think the ban will have a positive effect on litter, behavior, and quality of life here on Tybee.

Thank you!

Jane Bridges

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sent from the north end
Tybee Island, GA

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: Open containers

FYI

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From: Mark Reed <marknreed200@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 8:03:57 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Open containers

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am in support of restricting the open containers that you are considering.

As part of the Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers, we see the result of consumption of alcohol on the beach as a significant driver of beach litter - in fact, beer cans cups, lids, and straws always rank in the top ten items collected. We believe alcohol contributes to increased cigarette litter, snack wrappers, styrofoam pieces, and other types of litter. We have no question that restricting alcohol consumption on the beach and in the festival zone will result in a material reduction in beach and street litter.

As a triathlete, part of my training is running on the beach early mornings which I go from one end to the other end quite often. There is a noticeable difference in the trash on the beach between the area you are considering and the rest of the beach. It's sad to see how the current situation is affecting the environment that we should be protecting.

Thank you for doing the right thing and restricting the open containers in the area under consideration.

Best regards,

Mark Reed
1515 Lovell Ave

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Jan LeViner
Subject: Fwd: I support ban on open containers

FYI

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From: Dale Williams <seakayakingusa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 9:21:21 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>
Cc: Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Robert Bryson <RBryson@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: I support ban on open containers

Dear Mayor and Council,

I support the proposed open container ban (14th to Fisherman's) as a reasonable compromise between personal freedom and the protection of innocent citizens and city employees. This is a well reasoned approach to risk management.

I'm a strong advocate for businesses on Tybee. Business thrives best and serves the community best when the rules for good behavior are clear and the same for everyone. This ordinance may well cause affected businesses extra thought and effort in the short run but in my view will benefit them in the long run just as it benefits our community at large.

As always, thank you for your service to our community.

Respectfully,

Dale Williams,

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 12:27 AM
To: hlkcheek@bellsouth.net
Cc: John Branigin; Jay Burke; Barry Brown; Monty Parks; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Shawn Gillen; Jan LeViner; Edward Hughes
Subject: Re: Alcohol on Beach

Thanks for expressing your concerns in writing. I have copied council for their review and consideration as well.

Best,
Shirley

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From: hlkcheek@bellsouth.net <hlkcheek@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 7:36:12 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol on Beach

Dear Mayor Sessions:

We are writing to encourage your support of the ban on the consumption of alcohol in open containers on the southern end of Tybee, which is scheduled for a first reading at the City Council meeting this coming Thursday, October 22.

As full time residents who visited this wonderful island for over 20 years before purchasing a home here three years ago, we strongly feel that this ban would improve the quality of life for its residents. Beach cleanliness, safety, peace & quiet - these are all aspects of residents' lives that have increasingly been impacted, but would change dramatically for the better if this ban is enacted. For the sake of Tybee's citizens, please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider voting in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

Lee & Kathy Cheek

Jan LeViner

To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: RE: First Reading: Open Containers in Festival Zone

From: Roger Huff <rogerhuff@peak7solutions.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>
Cc: tbgetsitdone@yahoo.com
Subject: First Reading: Open Containers in Festival Zone
Importance: High

Good morning,

I would like to reiterate my position on the "Open Containers in Festival Zone" first reading.

First, I would discourage our "Council" make long term decisions based on recent events regarding 2020 and the ongoing pandemic. This year as well as next will be trying on everyone regarding stress and most certainly should be considered an outlier in human behavior going forward.

Second, I suggest that I, personally, should not lose a freedom because someone else behaved in a poor manner.

Third, we need to know more about the context of the recent events. I doubt seriously that allowing an "open container" was the driving factor in their decisions.

Finally, we should consider how a prohibition may contribute to an undesirable outcome. For instance, consider the scenario where several friends are having a few drinks at an establishment. Most people can relate where they just ordered a drink, and before it has arrived the group has decided to go somewhere else. At this point, with the prohibition in place, would leave this person with 1 of two choices; leave their "paid for" drink on the table or slam it before they leave. In most cases I believe a person values their purchase and thus would choose the later resulting in quicker consumption than could be digested; drunkenness.

Please read my response at the City Council meeting, and include it as public record.

Sincerely,

Roger Huff
Phone: [770-315-4073](tel:770-315-4073)
Email: rogerhuff@peak7solutions.com

Jan LeViner

From: Shirley Sessions
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 1:56 AM
To: Jay Burke; John Branigin; Barry Brown; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Monty Parks; Shawn Gillen; Edward Hughes; Jan LeViner; Robert Bryson
Subject: Fwd: Alcohol free zones

FYI

From: Joe Bonds <danceswithdolphin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2020, 11:12 PM
To: Shirley Sessions
Subject: Alcohol free zones

I support the alcohol free zones. This will reduce litter and bad behavior.

Jan LeViner

From: Monty Parks
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Laurie Gulbronson; Shirley Sessions; John Branigin; Jay Burke; Nancy DeVetter; Barry Brown; Spec Hosti
Cc: Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Noise Ordinance

Thank you, Laurie.
Monty

From: Laurie Gulbronson <gulbronsonl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>
Cc: Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Noise Ordinance

October 28, 2020

Mayor Sessions
City Council Members

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to express my disappointment that the City Council plans to restrict noise ordinances on Tybee Island. I hope you reconsider the proposed change, and allow Tybee to continue to be a place where people can enjoy their lives and their vacations without such strict measures.

On the City Website, there is a section with Tips for New Residents. One of the first things mentioned is, "If you are an art lover, you will be fulfilled..." Over the past year I have been able to enjoy live bands in a number of venues, helping to fulfill my love of music. Under the new ordinance, several of those venues will not be able to have bands play past 10:00. That seems incredibly early, especially for a vacation community. I work full time and get out of bed at 5:00 AM to walk my dog before work, yet I don't think 11:00 is too late for a band to be playing.

I also enjoy watching live sports at local bars and restaurants, since the Wisconsin teams I cheer for are usually not available on my local channels at home. I am devastated that I will not be able to watch the end of those games at my favorite venue because it is not a fully enclosed building. And even if the volume is down on the television, I'm still not allowed to cheer!

Prime time television hours go until 11:00 PM. I think it is unacceptable to restrict noise in my backyard prior to that time. On a quiet night, even the slightest noise can carry 100 feet. If my family is enjoying a soak in our hot tub, our conversation could easily reach that threshold without yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or

singing. And God forbid we do actually sing along with a radio. We wouldn't want to have such criminal behavior be part of our family fun time.

The laid-back, resort feel of Tybee attracted us to this community. We did consider location when we purchased our home, and knew that if we purchased within a block or two of an area zoned as commercial/business, it might be loud. We did our research before we invested. The uptight rules that have been proposed recently seem to undermine many of the reasons we moved here. I can't help but wonder what comes next – no bands at all? No coolers on the beach (they may have alcohol in them)? No pets (our dog has been known to bark after 10)? No take-out food (it causes litter)? A complete alcohol ban??

I hope you reconsider this ordinance change. Keep Tybee Tybee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Gulbranson
1405 A Jones Avenue, Tybee Island

Jan LeViner

From: Monty Parks
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Sandi Knight; Shirley Sessions; Barry Brown; Spec Hosti; John Branigin; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Noise Ordinance

Thank you, Sandi
Monty

From: Sandi Knight <sandiknight86@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Noise Ordinance

Are you guys aware of the fact that a GLOBAL PANDEMIC has put small businesses in the worst shape they have ever been in?

You are trying to cut the legs off the businesses of Tybee for your political interests in people staying home and wearing masks. I know very well that the Mayor posted several posts pretty clearly indicating she did not want tourists so that the pandemic did not spread... does this ordinance have anything to do with that?

I know most of you are business owners so you should absolutely see this will cripple what is left standing of the businesses.

If it is simply because you do not like the "Tybee Low Life's", then "You Ain't Tybee" and you ought to go somewhere that better suits your lopsided interests.

Listen to ALL of the people... because you aren't right now. Be better REPRESENTATIVES.

Jan LeViner

From: Monty Parks
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 11:35 AM
To: A Davis; Barry Brown; Jan LeViner; Jay Burke; John Branigin; Nancy DeVetter; Shawn Gillen; Shirley Sessions; Spec Hosti
Subject: Re: Alcohol Ban

Thank you, Andy
Monty

From: A Davis <ajdavis8@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Alcohol Ban

I cannot attend the special meeting tonight. Please formally add these comments to the meeting minutes as part of the public record.

Please plan to have two police officers stationed on 14th Street at the 14th Street Demarcation line if this Alcohol Ban law is truly enacted in any form with an invisible line of demarcation separating the safe side from the law law breaking side.

The Sand Dune Urinations will go through the roof. (We already have about 3 per day on weekends).

As evident during the colleges visiting for Fall Formals, nice smart people will move across the invisible boundary just to smoke so they same possibly will be done to avoid the Alcohol Ban, you think????

What will they do to consume their alcohol during their beach visit ??

We have no infrastructure to support 3,000 to 7,000 day drinkers & visitors NORTH of the 14th Street line

Mentally, draw a line in the sand along 14th to A J's Restaraunt over to Alley 3, then think about the forced results from this government action.

It works on Alley 3 because there's no room to hangout NORTH of the Alley.

Thanks you for your service but think it into the future results of the ban.

Don't forget to hire me 6 rotational officers for 24 hour shift if it passes.

I must add if your employee had worked properly for you and I, there would be no reason for me to continue to send these reminders that based upon the ideal in your sworn mission statement you all have failed me.

Andy Davis

2 14th Street
Tybee Island, GA 31328

Jan LeViner

From: Monty Parks
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Renee Biagini; John Branigin; Barry Brown; Spec Hosti; Jay Burke; Nancy DeVetter; Shawn Gillen; bhughes@cityoftybee.org; Jan LeViner; George Shaw
Subject: Re: Disappointed in City Council for not supporting Local business

Thank you, Renee
Monty

From: Renee Biagini <renee.deeswireless@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:09 AM
To: John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; bhughes@cityoftybee.org <bhughes@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; George Shaw <gshaw@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Disappointed in City Council for not supporting Local business

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10/28/2020

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Shawn Gillen, City Manager

Bubba Hughes, City Attorney

Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council

George Shaw, Planning & Zoning Director

Tybee Island, Georgia

Dear Fellow Tybee Island Lovers,

Re: New laws

The City Council has recently made many changes to my favorite place on earth, Tybee Island. I would like to thank you for the changes. My family and I visit your beautiful Island at least three times a year. The changes you have made will be sure to make our stay on your Island cheaper and cheaper in the near future. The increase in parking fees, No audible music after 10pm, No open containers below 14th street and so many more changes will stop many tourists from coming to our Island. This in time will cause all of your hotels and other local businesses to lower their prices. It will also stop so many people from staying on Tybee and just spending their money in Savannah and staying in Savannah. This will make things much less crowded and be more of an exclusive experience.

Again thank you in making these changes and hurting the local businesses to benefit me.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Renee Biagini

Jan LeViner

From: Monty Parks
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:32 PM
To: Candi Chandler; Shirley Sessions; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Opposed to Open container Ban

Thank you, Candi
Monty

From: Candi Chandler <lakedawgs@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Opposed to Open container Ban

Please count me, a homeowner at 1013 2nd Ave. Tybee Island as completely opposed to any open container ban for any part of the island.

Candi Chandler

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Jan LeViner

From: Monty Parks
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen; Edward Hughes; George Shaw; Shirley Sessions; Barry Brown; jbranigan@cityoftybee.org; Nancy DeVetter; Spec Hosti; Jay Burke; Robert Bryson; s
Cc: 1jennyorr@gmail.com
Subject: Re: open container changes

As always, a well-reasoned and thought out position...thank you,
Monty

From: s <funtique@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>; Edward Hughes <bhughes@epa-law.com>; George Shaw <gshaw@cityoftybee.org>; Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; jbranigan@cityoftybee.org <jbranigan@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Robert Bryson <RBryson@cityoftybee.org>
Cc: 1jennyorr@gmail.com <1jennyorr@gmail.com>
Subject: open container changes

Your hard work and dedication are definitely appreciated. I realize you get a lot of flack from people and very little appreciation. Thank you for serving Tybee. Since I'm encouraging people on FB and ND to contact you about the issues, I must also communicate my opinion. This is from me only, Sherri Simmons, not from my husband, Jim Simmons. Please enter in the public record. Thank you.

I believe that the business community, especially those "down front," should have been involved in discussions with officials prior to now. Since Demery Bishop referred to his 2015 task force during the October 8th CC meeting, it's a reminder that Tybee's crime statistics and anecdotal reports have been a concern for at least five years. During the past 5 years, the City should have been more actively working with the police department and the business owners to solve some of those problems.

I am in complete agreement with everything that Jenny Orr said in her two letters to the City so I won't repeat her points in this email.

Many of the people who want more stringent restrictions on alcohol use on Tybee have probably never even been to Tybrisa/16th Street after dark. Since my husband is a musician, and we enjoy socializing, I have spent many hours every week "down front" over the past FORTY years and I have only seen ONE fight. Granted, we usually go home at midnight, and we realize that many of the issues occur during the hours after midnight. I'm in complete support and sympathy for all police departments. I realize that alcohol is the primary factor in Tybee's crime statistics, but I believe that would be true in any community, of any size, and of any type. I don't think restricting open containers would be the most effective way to solve the issue.

From my personal observation, from reading police reports online, and from listening to Chief Bryson at meetings, it seems that most of the arrests involve tourists, not locals. Since we have almost as many STVR in our neighborhoods as residential homes, and those STVR usually have from 6 to 12 people in each, the number of tourists (staying overnight) are usually more than the number of residents on any given evening. Nobody wants a ban on STVRs, but the increased numbers of large STVRs and the lack of enforcement of their regulations has resulted in more rowdy tourists, in the neighborhoods and in the bar districts. Our City Manager, Shawn Gillen, has stated that the City staff cannot knock on the door of an STVR to see if there are too many people there. I do not understand why the STVR companies don't have their staff stop by and "check on" their STVR properties to see if there are too many cars and/or people. They need to be more pro-active in solving issues with their industry.

The ordinance as written is unfair, since it includes a specific area of Tybee. It's quite unbelievable that Chamaco's and the bar on the Pavilion will not have to follow the new restrictions. Punishing everyone for the crimes of a few is rarely successful.

Finally, I don't think it's reasonable to compare Tybee to Hilton Head or any other community. Our island geography, the mixture of residential areas with businesses, its history, and its people are unique. Hilton Head is composed primarily of gated communities. The police do not go into those communities unless they are called. The residents drive cars and golf carts from house to house, to the restaurants within their gated community, and to the adjacent beaches without encountering law enforcement. Many of them drink and drive and take drinks to the beach there, so it's naive to think that HHI has less drinking issues due to their ordinances. Only the public beaches of HHI have restrictions and you only see police statistics about the public beaches. Comparing HHI to Tybee is comparing apples to oranges.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sherri Simmons

Jan LeViner

From: Monty Parks
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Christian Schley; Shirley Sessions; Barry Brown; John Branigin; Spec Hosti; Nancy DeVetter; Jay Burke; Jan LeViner
Subject: Re: Against

Thank you, Christian
Monty

From: Christian Schley <cs07514@georgiasouthern.edu>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: Against

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> I am completely against this ban and will call out of work on 11/12 to make sure my voice is heard this time. I cannot say that I am the biggest advocate for alcohol, but please do not take away my right/ability to enjoy a few lady beers on the back river because we get garbage tourists.
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>> Best of Health,
>> Christian Schley
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone

Jan LeViner

From: Monty Parks
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 6:49 PM
To: Lea Lynch; Shirley Sessions; Nancy DeVetter; Barry Brown; Jay Burke; Spec Hosti; John Branigin
Cc: Jan LeViner; Shawn Gillen
Subject: Re: In support of alcohol ban

Thank you, Lea
Monty

From: Lea Lynch <lealynch765@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:54 PM
To: Shirley Sessions <ssessions@cityoftybee.org>; Nancy DeVetter <nancy.devetter@cityoftybee.org>; Barry Brown <bbrown@cityoftybee.org>; Jay Burke <jay.burke@cityoftybee.org>; Monty Parks <mparks@cityoftybee.org>; Spec Hosti <spec.hosti@cityoftybee.org>; John Branigin <jbranigin@cityoftybee.org>
Cc: Jan LeViner <jleviner@cityoftybee.org>; Shawn Gillen <sgillen@cityoftybee.org>
Subject: In support of alcohol ban

Dear City of Tybee Council Members,

I am writing to express my support of the proposed alcohol ban.

I know this is a very polarizing issue for residents and I appreciate that you will all take your time to consider facts vs. opinions. Hearing the voices of those who are dealing with these issues directly (Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers and TYPD) has helped me realize this potential ban is a huge opportunity to make a difference and save lives. I hope that you will agree with their recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Lea Lynch
Tybee Resident