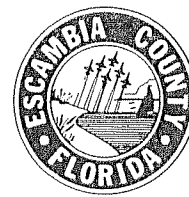


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Santa Rosa County Island Authority

RE: Alcohol Policy

Dear Santa Rosa Island Authority Members,

In response to some of the incidents which have occurred this spring on Santa Rosa Island, I am writing to request that you study an alcohol policy in public areas of our beach. In that study, I hope that you evaluate our existing ordinances, our history, and other ordinances along the central gulf coast.

I am requesting a discussion and evaluation, not necessarily any action, as I myself am not sure how to address some of these issues. However, I do believe that citizens want us to provide a better quality enjoyment of the beach without infringement by others. It is our job as elected official and Island Authority Members to ensure that happens.

With that said, I want to be clear about one thing that has not appeared in either print or television media. The average beachgoer who drinks alcohol on the beach and does not infringe on the enjoyment of others should be protected in their enjoyment. There is an absolute need for us to protect those freedoms. We have 90 – 95% of the individuals who come to the Island and drink alcohol do so in a responsible manner, and it is our responsibility to preserve and protect this usage. However, there are 5 – 10% of the people that are abusing the freedoms that are enjoyed by all and potentially putting those freedoms at risk.

I am not sure how you can specifically target and address those issues; however, I do believe there are things that can be done to create a better beach environment for all, which includes many of those who enjoy alcohol on the beach responsibly.

Like all things, we need to periodically evaluate and readdress our policies. This encourages public debate and discussion which will perhaps lead us to better decisions. In addition, if we do not address these issues from time to time, resentments and ill will fester.

If you have any questions or comment, I am always available to you. However, I do not pretend to have all or even any of the answers. However, I do have confidence in the citizens of Escambia County that if they are allowed to openly discuss and debate the issues; we will find the solutions that promote good will to all of our citizens. I know this is a difficult topic and I greatly appreciate your willingness to evaluate.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Grover C. Robinson, IV.
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