

ORDINANCE NO. 1346

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HOURS OF SALE OF ALCOHOL IN THE CITY; PROVIDING THAT THE 2AM CLOSING OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ESTABLISHED IN ORDINANCE 1345-E SHALL SUNSET AND BE OF NO FURTHER EFFECT AFTER APRIL 18, 2015; CONFIRMING THAT THE HOURS OF SALE FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SHALL ON APRIL 19, 2015, RETURN TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED AND CODIFIED IN SECTION 3-4 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL NOT BE CODIFIED; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2014, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1320, which provided for the cessation of alcohol sales at 2AM during the month of March, and re-established the final hour of sale to be 4AM effective April 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the rule of Ordinance 1320 has been an effective tool during College Spring Break for law enforcement to address those persons congregating within the City who are intoxicated, are frequently without accommodations and who congregate in the streets and parking lots in an impaired condition or who are there to sell illegal drugs or engage in other illicit activity; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2015, the City Council passed Ordinance 1345-E, which provided in part that the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages in the City shall cease at 2AM for an indefinite period beginning April 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2015, at a joint workshop with the Bay County Board of Commissioners, the City Council indicated its desire to sunset the 2AM closing on April 18, 2015, and to re-establish on April 19, 2015, the hour at which alcoholic beverages shall cease as 4AM.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Ordinance 1345-E, related to the extension of a 2AM closing of the sale of alcoholic beverages, shall sunset and be of no further effect after April 18, 2015.

SECTION 2. On and after April 19, 2015, the hours during which alcoholic or intoxicating beverages may be sold shall be returned to those previously established and codified in the Section 3-4 of the City's Code of Ordinances, such that on and after April 19, 2015, Section 3-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Panama City Beach, related to the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3-4. Hours of sale.

No alcoholic or intoxicating beverages may be sold, consumed or served, or permitted to be served or consumed in any place holding a license under the State Beverage Department of Florida, between the hours of ~~2:00~~ 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on the same day, except that beer and wine as defined and regulated by Florida Statutes, Chapter 563 and 564, respectively, may be sold between 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on the same day provided such sale is for off-premises consumption only.

SECTION 3. This ordinance is of limited duration and therefore shall not be codified.

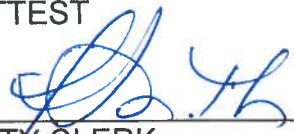
SECTION 4. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 23rd day of April 2015.

By 
GAYLE F. OBERST, MAYOR

ATTEST


Deputy CITY CLERK

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