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ALCOHOL BAN IN EFFECT AT SAN DIEGO BEACHES AND PARKS

(San Diego) As a reminder to those who will visit San Diego during the coming Spring Break vacations, alcohol is not allowed on the beaches within our city limits. The ballot measure prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages on San Diego's beaches and in most public parks was passed in November 2008.

The law, which also applies to possessing an open alcoholic beverage container, bans drinking at all city of San Diego beaches. The ban incorporates public areas including the sand, seawall, sidewalk, boardwalk, parking lots, parks, piers, jetties and public rights-of-way. For a detailed list of beaches and parks where alcohol is and is not permitted, see San Diego Municipal Code Section 56.54 by visiting www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk.

Beach and park signage have been updated to reflect the law. San Diego police officers, lifeguards and park rangers are issuing citations. The minimum penalty for a first offense is $250.00. Repeat offenders could face a maximum penalty of $1000 and up to six months in jail.

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