

ORDINANCE NO. 1636

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 4-25 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE THE RESTRICTIONS ON EVENTS AT AARON BESSANT PARK; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, Sec. 4-25 of Chapter 4 of the City's Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows (new text **bold and underlined**):

Chapter 4 - Amusements

Article II. - Special Events

Sec. 4-25. - Limitation of Special Events.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, permits for large events occurring wholly or partially on the sandy beach shall be restricted to the following limits for any one (1) calendar day:
 - a. One (1) large event with deemed attendance in excess of ten thousand (10,000) persons; or
 - b. Multiple large or medium events with aggregate deemed attendance of twelve thousand (12,000) persons where the deemed attendance of no single event is greater than five thousand (5,000) persons; or
 - c. Multiple large or medium events with aggregate deemed attendance of fifteen thousand (15,000) persons where the deemed attendance of no single event is greater than two thousand five hundred (2,500) persons; or
 - d. A total of six (6) large or medium events regardless of deemed attendance.
 - e. Permits shall be issued in the order that substantially complete applications with the required fee are filed.
- (2) No *Special Event* shall be permitted to take place, in whole or in part, at Aaron Bessant Park on any Friday, Saturday, **or before 12:00 p.m. on** Sunday between the last Monday in May ("Memorial Day") and the first Monday in September ("Labor Day") in any given year.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of resolutions or ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. CODIFICATION. The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include, and publish in electronic format the provisions of this Ordinance within the Panama City Beach Code, and unless a contrary ordinance is adopted within

ninety (90) days following such publication, the codification of this Ordinance shall become the final and official record of the matters herein ordained. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any clause or portion of this ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: _____

Mark Sheldon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynne Fasone, City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this ____ day of _____, 2023.

By: _____

Mark Sheldon, Mayor

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