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SPRING BREAK 2019

Spring Break 2019 has arrived and the Fort Lauderdale Police Department is prepared to keep our beaches safe and enjoyable while college students and families visit over the next few weeks.

Spring Break officially began Friday, March 1st and will continue through April 7th. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department encourages all visitors and local residents to educate themselves of the City of Fort Lauderdale's municipal ordinances.

Below are some municipal ordinances relevant to Spring Break. More information can be found at: <u>https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale</u>. The public is reminded that a violation of any of these ordinances may result in an arrest or the issuance of a Notice to Appear before a judge:

- Possession/serve/give an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21
- Refusing to leave or returning to an establishment after being warned
- Possessing or displaying fraudulent identification card
- Possessing an open container of alcohol within a public place which is not an enclosed structure
- Causing a public disturbance while intoxicated
- Engaging in physical fighting or in violent, threatening behavior
- Public indecency; exposing sexual organs or female's breasts

In addition, the following measures will be enforced while on beach property from the 900 block of Seabreeze north to the 1700 block of North A1A. Pursuant to City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance C-19-03, Sec. 8-55.5, beach property is defined as the area between the water line and the westernmost sidewalk of State Road A1A within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

- Tents, tables, and similar structures are prohibited
- Live or amplified music shall be limited
- <u>ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES unless being consumed within a</u> <u>permitted establishment</u>

The public should also note, electric or motorized scooters and other dockless mobility programs are prohibited on the barrier island during Spring Break (March 1st to April 7th).

Due to the increase in visitors, motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes or modes of transportation (i.e. public transportation or bicycling) to avoid heavy traffic congestion and delays.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department anticipates a fun-filled Spring Break for those who visit and reside within our city. The public is encouraged to follow us on Twitter (@FLPD411) for important public safety and traffic information.

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