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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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"Fabulous Fourth Information"

The following information is being proactively disseminated well in advance of this year's Fabulous Fourth Festivities in reference to the following concerns; parking enforcement, fireworks restrictions and the Countywide "Burn Ban".

Sea Dune Parking Enforcement

Residents and visitors should be aware that parking on vegetated sections of the dune is a violation of Florida State Statute 161.053 and Flagler Beach City Ordinance 5.02.04. Sea Dunes are not only a beautiful natural resource but serve as the first line of defense against storm surge. Compliance with parking restrictions is our goal.

On SRA1A from South 7th Street to South 28th Street, there is no parking on the east side of the roadway *at all*. On SRA1A north of SR100, vehicles may park on the east side, but only where there is no vegetation. Refer to the example photographs below. Compliance from motorists is required. Law Enforcement Officers will be enforcing Sea Dune parking violations to preserve the dunes. The fine for parking on the Sea Dunes can be up to \$500; so please don't park on the Sea Dunes!



Rear View of Properly Parked Vehicle



Front View of Properly Parked Vehicle

Fireworks Prohibited

Under Flagler Beach **City Ordinance 9-17 (b) (1)** it is considered unlawful for any person to possess, store, use or explode any fireworks in our City Limits.

The City of Flagler Beach utilizes the State of Florida's definition of "Fireworks", under **Florida State Statute 791.01 (4) (a)**, which reads as follows; "Fireworks" means and includes any combustible or explosive composition or substance or combination of substances or, except as hereinafter provided, any article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation. The term includes blank cartridges and toy cannons in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel them, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, dago bombs, and any fireworks containing any explosives or flammable compound or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance.

Fireworks present two (2) serious safety concerns for Law Enforcement and Fire Service personnel: 1) Personal Injury, and 2) Fire. If the City Ordinance is obeyed, these two (2) concerns go away, freeing Public Safety Officials to focus on other important duties.

County-wide Burn Ban

On May 1, 2017 a Flagler County-wide "Burn Ban" went into effect. The purpose of the "Burn Ban" is to prevent the ignition of dry vegetation. The following acts are prohibited:

- a. Open burning, burning of lawn debris, and use of open fire pits and containers. Attended and monitored propane barbeque grills are allowed.
- b. The tossing of matches or cigarettes by motorists or pedestrians, or any other items likely to cause a fire; and
- c. Parking a vehicle with a catalytic converter in high grassy areas.

The City of Flagler Beach welcomes our citizens and visitors to enjoy this year's Fabulous Fourth Festivities. Compliance with the aforementioned restrictions will greatly increase the overall safety and success of this year's events. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chief Doughney at (386) 517-2020.