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Laguna Niguel City Council Adopts New Ordinances To Discourage Amtrak Mooning Event

The ordinances will prohibit public alcohol consumption and urination

LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA -- April 8, 2009 -- The City Council approved two new ordinances that will make it unlawful to consume alcoholic beverages in public and urinate in public within the City's boundaries. The ordinances were passed unanimously by the Council in response to last year's "Mooning the Amtrak" event. According to Laguna Niguel Mayor Robert Ming, "Thousands of rowdy partiers from out of town have forced us to take this action. This event happened for many years without problems, but it has now gotten out of control. We cannot allow a situation where public safety and our local businesses are threatened. That kind of environment is simply unacceptable."

The event drew a crowd of 10,000 people last year and required the Orange County Sheriff's Department, with assistance from law enforcement officers from neighboring cities, to disperse the crowd by mid-afternoon after complaints were received regarding public nudity, intoxication and general unruliness. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic was so dense in the area along Camino Capistrano that Deputy Sheriff's could not safely patrol and emergency vehicles could not safely enter or exit the area. Surrounding businesses were negatively affected by the large crowd and many said their customers could not reach their place of business the day prior to and the day of the event.

Other existing laws will be strictly enforced including prohibitions on:

- Public intoxication
- Public nudity
- Controlled substances
- Drunk driving
- Street Vendors
- RV parking

"If you've come to the event in the past, and are thinking about attending again this year, you will want to think twice," warned Linda Solorza, Chief of Police Services for the city. "The Orange County Sheriff's Department will be out in force, enforcing all laws and ordinances to ensure our citizens, the general public and our officers remain safe."

The Council also approved a temporary parking restriction on Camino Capistrano, from the north to south city limits, effective July 9 - 12, 2009. Motorists will still have access to Laguna Niguel-based businesses located along Camino Capistrano, but vehicles in violation of parking restrictions on Camino Capistrano will be towed.

For the most current information regarding law enforcement activities and parking restrictions on Camino Capistrano between July 9 and 12, follow us on [Twitter: @LagunaNiguelCA](#) or [become a fan of the City of Laguna Niguel on Facebook](#).

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