

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA AMENDING CHAPTER 36, CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PUBLIC STREETS AND CERTAIN BEACHES,” SECTIONS 36-6 OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE PERTAINING TO PUBLIC NUISANCE PROHIBITIONS.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 36 of the Santa Barbara County Code, Section 36-6. Public nuisance declared, is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Sec. 36-6. Public nuisance declared.

- (a) A social gathering or party shall be deemed to constitute a public nuisance when, by reason of the conduct of persons in attendance, it results in at least three or more of the following violations of local or state law or ordinance and which violations occur at the site of the social gathering, or on adjacent public property in connection to the social gathering or party within the area bounded by, and including, El Colegio Road, Camino Majorca to Stroke Road, Ocean Road to Stadium Road and the Pacific Ocean in the unincorporated area of Isla Vista, and all properties in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County located on Ocean Meadows Lane:

Penal Code 242	Battery
Penal Code 602.5	Unlawful Entry into Dwelling/Building
Penal Code 602(I)	Trespass
Penal Code 415(1)	Fighting in Public
Penal Code 415(2)	Disturbing the Peace
Penal Code 422	Criminal Threats
Penal Code 594	Vandalism
Business and Professions Code 25662(a)	Minor in Possession of Alcohol
Business and Professions Code 25659.5(a)	Keg Registration
Vehicle Code 21954(a)	Obstructing Roadway
Vehicle Code 10852	Vehicle Vandalism
Health and Safety Code 12680(a)	Unlawful Fireworks

Health and Safety Code 41800
Santa Barbara County Code 24-15
Santa Barbara County Code 24-34

Fires
Public Nudity
Urinating in Public

(b) A social gathering or party shall be deemed to constitute a public nuisance when, by reason of the conduct of persons in attendance, it results in one or more of the following violations of local or state, or federal law or ordinance and which violations occur at the site of the social gathering or party, or adjacent public property in connection to the social gathering or party within the area bounded by, and including El Colegio Road, Camino Majorca, to Storke Road, Ocean Road to Stadium Road, and the Pacific Ocean in the unincorporated area of Isla Vista, and all properties in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County located on Ocean Meadows Lane:

Penal Code 243(b)	Battery on Peace Officer/Firefighter/EMT
Penal Code 243(d)	Battery with Serious Bodily Injury
Penal Code 243.4	Sexual Battery
Penal Code 245	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Penal Code 272(a)(1)	Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor
Penal Code 451	Arson
Penal Code 455	Attempted Arson
Penal Code 148(a)(1)	Willfully Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer
Penal Code 148.2(1)	Willfully Resisting/Obstructing a Firefighter / Medic
Penal Code 647(a)	Lewd & Lascivious Acts
Penal Code 417	Brandishing a Weapon
Business and Professions Code 25658	Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

(c) A social gathering or party shall be deemed to constitute a public nuisance when, by reason of the conduct of persons in attendance, it results in one or more of the following unsafe behaviors that are likely to cause injury to persons and property and/or provoke a violent reaction from another person:

(1) Throwing objects that may inflict injury or damage, including but not limited to, rocks, bottles, cans and other objects, missiles and projectiles.

(2) Individuals launching themselves from a stage or similar raised platform into a crowd.

(3) Climbing onto or remaining on any roof, rooftop or other exterior landing that is not specifically designed to accommodate or hold the weight of a person or persons for an extended period.

(4) Climbing over, onto, under, or around any fence, railing, wall, or similar device installed as a barrier and placed for the purposes of public or personal safety onto any exposed bluff or cliff.

(5) Any social gathering, concert, or party at which a ticket, fee, donation or other purchase is required as a condition for entry to the event on any property zoned or utilized for residential use within the area bounded by, and including, El Colegio Road, Camino Majorca to Storke Road, Ocean Road to Stadium Road and the Pacific Ocean in the unincorporated area of Isla Vista, and all properties in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County located on Ocean Meadows Lane:

(6) Any social gathering, concert, or party in violation of Business and Professions Code 25604.

(7) Any social gathering, concert, party or performance that utilizes or obstructs, or causes an obstruction to any public right-of-way to the extent that such use substantially prevents the free movement of pedestrians or vehicles.

(d) A social gathering shall also be deemed to constitute a public nuisance when an open keg of beer is situated so that it is visible to members of the public standing on public streets or sidewalks, or in any other place, including private property, which is open to the public or to which the public has access or over which there is an express or implied license to enter or remain.

(e) A person shall be deemed to be in violation of this section if they are the property owner, tenant, or occupant of a property which is under their control, and they knowingly host, allow, promote, support, encourage or otherwise endorse or assist in hosting a social gathering or party that has been declared a public nuisance as defined herein.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 27th day of January, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Lee, Capps, Hartmann, Nelson and Lavagnino

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Signed by:

9DD6B7A21FC646A...

BOB NELSON, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

Signed by:

0B03F3DDF9EE4AA...
By _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By 
Deputy County Counsel