The County Board of Supervisors adopted some significant changes to the county ordinances that will greatly enhance Isla Vista Foot Patrol’s ability to address the consistent party related issues in Isla Vista.

**These changes will take effect February 10, 2024.**

Section 6-70: “Outdoor festival” defined.

Outdoor festival means any music festival, dance festival, “rock” festival or similar musical activity, at which music is provided by paid or professional, or amateur performers or by prerecorded means, which is held at any place other than in a permanent building or permanent installation which permanent installation has been constructed for the purpose of conducting such activities, to which members of the public are invited or admitted or which otherwise open to view for a charge or free of cost which is to be or is attended by five hundred persons or more, except those outdoor festivals that are held 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 the Isla Vista which is to be or is attended by two hundred and fifty persons or more.

Section 6-70.01(a):

"Outdoor festivals" as defined in section 6-70 and any musical festival, musical performance, musical amplification, dance festival, "rock" festival or similar musical activity, at which music is provided by paid or professional, or amateur performers or by prerecorded means, emanating from residential or commercial property and amplified through any radio, loudspeaker, sound amplifier, or similar device, which is audible from the public right of way adjacent to or surrounding the property line of that residential or commercial property, and is held at any place other than in a permanent building or permanent installation that has been constructed for the purpose of conducting such activities, to which members of the public are invited or admitted or which otherwise are open to view for free or by paid admission are prohibited from 6:00 p.m. the evening of, to 7:00 a.m. of the following morning of the following dates, 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 on the following dates:

1. The Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the first week of Spring Quarter of the University of California Santa Barbara Academic Calendar.

2. October 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st and November 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th of each year.

In short, music cannot be audible from the curtilage of a residence or business from 1800-0700 during Halloween and Deltopia. A violation is an infraction.

Section 6-70.01(b): Outdoor Festivals (including concerts and DJs) with over 250 attendees are prohibited at all times on residential properties. This includes mixed-use buildings such as the Icon apartments. A violation is an infraction.

Section 6-70.02(a): Outdoor Festivals and any other live musical performance or sound amplification (i.e. DJs), regardless of size that require a ticket purchase, donation or fee are prohibited at all times in Isla Vista residential properties. A violation is a misdemeanor. Violators are subject to arrest or citation.

Section 6-70.02(b): Outdoor Festivals and any other live music performance or sound amplification, regardless of size, that sells alcohol is prohibited at all times in Isla Vista residential properties. A violation is a misdemeanor. Violators are subject to arrest or citation.

Section 36-6(b): This section is known as the “Social Host/Nuisance Party” ordinance. Along with 36-6(a), it gives law enforcement authority to shut down parties when certain activities are observed or connected with a party at a specific address. Subsection (b) now gives the authority to shut a party down when one of the following events occurs:

- 243(b) PC Battery on a Peace Officer, Firefighter, or EMT
- 243(d) PC Battery with SBI
- 243.4 PC Sexual Battery
- 245 PC Assault with a Deadly Weapon
- 272(a)(1) PC Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor
- 451 PC Arson
- 455 PC Attempted Arson
- 148(a)(1) PC Willfully Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer
- 148.2(1) PC Willfully Resisting/Obstructing a Firefighter/Medic
- 647(a)PC Lewd and Lascivious Acts
- 417 PC Brandishing a Weapon
- 25658 B&P Furnishing Alcohol to Minors
Section 36-6(c): In addition to the criminal offenses in subsection (b), observation of a single instance of the following activities or offenses can cause a party, concert, or gathering to be shut down:

- Throwing objects that may inflict injury or damage.
- Stage diving or diving from balconies, rooftops, or raised structures.
- Partying on top of rooftops or allowing people to access the roof to party or congregate.
- Climbing over, under or around any bluff barrier to access the open bluffs, or allowing people to access the bluffs in such a manner.
- Any party or concert that charges a ticket, fee or donation that is held on a residential property.
- Any party or concert that sells alcohol without a permit in violation of 25604B&P.
- Any party or concert that significantly obstructs the public right-of-way preventing the free movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

Section 36-8: Any person violating any section of 36-6 is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person guilty of a violation of 36-7CO (Failure to Disperse Upon a Lawful Order), is guilty of an infraction.

FAQ:

Who is responsible for a violation of these sections? The owner, tenant, occupant, organizer, promoter, performer, or anyone who assisted in the act that caused a violation of these sections.

Will the music equipment be confiscated if I violate these sections? Yes, if you violate these sections the music equipment used during the violation may be collected and booked as evidence and held until the conclusion of the court process.

Will these violations be eligible for Isla Vista Foot Patrol Restorative Justice? Only SBCO 6-70.01(a), 6-70.01(b), 36-6(a), and 36-6(c) will be eligible for Restorative Justice.

How to avoid having your party shut down, equipment confiscated, and citation or arrest: Do not sell tickets for entry to a party, this is a violation of these sections and will result in citation or arrest, and collection of your music equipment. Do not sell or provide alcohol to party goers, do not host a party that is attended by more than two hundred and fifty people, and keep party goers off rooftops and bluffs.

Additionally, monitoring and policing your party will help in preventing violations of SBCO 36-6(b) and SBCO 36-6(c). You can always call the Isla Vista Foot Patrol and request assistance in removing guests if your party gets out of hand, reducing your chance of a violation of these sections.
If you have any questions regarding these ordinances or changes, please reach out to Community Resource Deputy Carrell at 805-681-4602, or at crm5205@sbsheriff.org.