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Dear Resident/Owner:

As we prepare for another college school year at Fairfield University and the influx of students to our neighborhoods, I wanted to reach out to you to once again communicate the expectations of off-campus housing students and those young people who will be making use of our beaches in the coming weeks and months.

This year will certainly be different than in year's past due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There are current restrictions at the town's beaches and those restrictions may change depending on the status of the coronavirus situation. In addition, without currently knowing what classes will look like in the fall, students who have already signed leases and rental agreements may be spending much more time in their apartments and homes if they are taking online courses in lieu of going to their classrooms.

The Fairfield Police Department has worked hard over the past several years to curb noise disturbances, underage alcohol consumption, partying, traffic/parking violations and overcrowding. We want to once again reiterate that these quality of life issues are a priority for our department and we remain committed to working with our community partners and residents on these issues.

In year's past, the Fairfield Police Department, in cooperation with Fairfield University, has either relocated or dissuaded the hosting of several large-scale student events such as Clam Jam, Oktoberfest, and Sham Jam.

The Fairfield Police Department will continue to play a key role in communicating to students both the expectations and the consequences of any crimes committed or violations to the quality of life of residents. Noise complaints over the years have dropped and our goal for the upcoming school year is to seek further reductions. It is important to note that any late-night disturbance is a direct violation of your neighbor's quality of life. As part of this effort, the Fairfield University Dean's Office will continue its partnership with the Fairfield Police Department to have an officer participate in their off-campus discipline process, when necessary.

While we seek to build upon past successes, the "beach area" remains a specific challenge due to the high number of disturbance calls received by the department. The beach area consists of Reef Road, Fairfield Beach Road (and all streets intersecting) south of Edward Street.

This notice is to remind off-campus housing students of the department's zero tolerance policy in this neighborhood. Specifically, should a nuisance or disturbance violation occur - to the degree that satisfies the

legal elements for arrest - an arrest will be made without prior warning. Police officers will also be enforcing alcohol violations and pedestrian violations, among others, without prior warning. This notice serves as an initial warning and as a call for responsibility.

We recognize at times that the issues in the beach area are not necessarily the result of students who live in the area, but on-campus students traveling from campus to the area to socialize. If you are not an invited guest of an off-campus residence, you should refrain from traveling to the area.

The mission of the Fairfield Police Department is to "Make Fairfield Safer". We are here to protect and serve all citizens of the Town.

Your questions or comments are important to us. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Lyddy", is written over a horizontal line.

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