

DOGTOWN

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 2015

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“No Cooler” Rule for 2015 St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Dogtown

ST. LOUIS -- The Dogtown Business Merchants Association and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in partnership with the Clayton Tamm Community Association, have adopted a “no cooler” rule for the 2015 Saint Patrick’s Day celebration in Dogtown on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. This was a result of concerns from the neighborhood residents in previous years. It was then recommended by the Clayton Tamm Community Association to the organizers of the event, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, that this change be enacted in order to cut down on trash, underage drinking and “binge” drinking. The Clayton Tamm Community Association represents the neighbors of the area in Dogtown in which the parade is held each year on St. Patrick’s Day.

This cooler ban will be enforced at various checkpoints within one block of Tamm Ave on Tuesday March, 17, 2015. Those living within these checkpoints will still be permitted to have coolers. The ban

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only limits those coolers entering the area by pedestrians.

The checkpoints will be operated by professional security personnel (including off-duty Saint Louis Metropolitan Police officers). Those attempting to enter with coolers or boxes of packed liquor (beer, wine or hard liquor in cardboard containers) will be turned away.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the organizers of the event, the Clayton Tamm Community Association and the Dogtown Business Merchants Association will not take any responsibility for items left behind.

Undercover Saint Louis Metropolitan Police officers, uniformed officers and state liquor control agents will be assigned to the Dogtown area on Saint Patrick's Day.

The City of Saint Louis maintains a zero tolerance policy for underage drinking, public intoxication, and drunk driving. Law enforcement has said that they will arrest and prosecute offenders to the full extent of the law. Trespassing can be punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a significant fine. Vandalism can result in \$250 to \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail. In addition, illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed and towed.

Business establishments in the neighborhood will close at 8:00 p.m.

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