



City of Gainesville

Office of Ed Book
City Commissioner District II

August 9th, 2023

Re: 2023-622 Open Container Ordinance

City Commission Colleagues,

I have provided these reports as information that can help inform our decision making. I believe all are credible sources and have deliberately not summarized so that we all can review objectively. Thank you for considering these as they relate to open container, violence, and policy.

Alcohol and Violence Research & Reports

USA Today – June 2023

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/06/02/gun-violence-alcohol-deadly-combo-research/70273264007/>

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health – New Policy Recommendations - 2023

<https://publichealth.jhu.edu/2023/addressing-alcohol-use-as-risk-factor-for-gun-violence#:~:text=An%20estimated%201%20in%203,before%20they%20died%20in%20suicide>

Manhattan Institute – Fixing Drinking Problems - 2022

<https://manhattan.institute/article/fixing-drinking-problems-evidence-and-strategies-for-alcohol-control-as-crime-control>

National Institute of Health - 2021

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8729263/>

Alcohol Rehab Guide – Alcohol-Related Crimes

<https://www.alcoholrehabguide.org/alcohol/crimes/#:~:text=Alcohol%20plays%20a%20large%20role,the%20rise%20throughout%20the%20country.>

Addiction Center – Alcohol-Related Crime

<https://www.addictioncenter.com/alcohol/alcohol-related-crime/>

National Institute of Health (Library of Medicine) – Alcohol Use and Firearm Violence - 2016

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4762248/#:~:text=One%20large%20group%20of%20studies,use%20as%20a%20suicide%20means.>

Bureau of Justice Statistics – Alcohol and Crime - 1998

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/ac.pdf>

Brookings Institute – 1996

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/broken-bottles-alcohol-disorder-and-crime/>