

Public Comment For City Meetings

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please mandate masks and 6 ft. apart on the beach instead of no chairs, umbrellas, etc. We older people can't sit on a towel, and we need the protection of shade. You're just opening the beach for young people. The beach is the only place many people have where they can find peace and relaxation and a stress-free environment. As this pandemic continues with no end in sight, we need this setting to stay calm. Please allow us to have it.

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We have been coming to your beautiful island for 24 years. So we are getting older and really need to sit in chairs on the beach. We stay in a rental house every year and plan on not leaving our house this year except to sit on the beach. I work in Healthcare and understand the need to make hard decisions but hope you will still allow the private home guests to enjoy the beach in front of the home.

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Iop needs to reinstate the 'Keep Moving' on our beaches. We are at a critical level (Hot Spot) in this state... and people are coming here from everywhere...they are NOT social distancing & NOT wearing masks! Beaches are extremely overcrowded. Something sooner than later needs to be done to limit parking as well... iop residents are at risk!!☐

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I am coming to IOP on Sunday, we have rented a beachfront home(was not cheap!). We are 4 adults (60 yrs old) that live in the same household in NC.

I can't see how sitting on the beach in front of our house is a problem, it is not a crowded area, it is south of the town of IOP. I understand your concern on public safety but we are extremely careful about social distancing etc. Will we be able to play bocce or throw a frisbee ? Will there be fines for those that don't follow the rules? Thank you

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Please , please do not allow more restrictions! It's in humane and unconstitutional! If people are terrified they can stay home! Businesses need to remain open!!! For revenue and morale! Let's be an example of freedom!

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Pass it! Don't allow chairs, umbrellas, etc!! We have to stop the spread of Covid and our beaches are getting crowded. If we limit these things, and keep people moving while enjoying the beach- it will only make positive impact for our community's health!

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I do not support stopping chairs and umbrellas from the beach if they are supplied by local vendors such as Chunky's. If you do, you may put them out of business. I recommend you charge for parking at the Rec Center along Hartnette St. which will reduce beach traffic and help with the distancing!! Please help local businesses.

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I have a rental property in Wild Dunes. Our guests have rented our unit because it is close to the beach and pool.

It is rented for the summer months. Why do you people want to jeopardize that. Guests come because they like our beaches.

There is plenty of room to social distance. Mariners Walk is doing a good job at the social distancing and people are respectful

Of each other. Just because the Boardwalk hotel closed, doesn't mean that you punish the rest of us.

If our guests can only use the beach for walking, I see cancellations in the future and no revenue for Isle of Palms or the owners.

Please reconsider your ordinance.

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Dear Council Members, While I certainly understand the need for safety in these trying times, I do not believe punishing short term renters that actually add to our economy, by banning all chairs and sun shading from the beach. Knowing that this will greatly impact all short term rentals (and therefore decreasing revenue from accommodation tax and other economic gains), I hope you will be judicious in your voting. I realize this has worked for Sullivan's Island, but they do not depend on rental revenue the way IOP does - In fact, I believe that the Sullivan's Island's ordinance has caused an even greater influx of day trippers to our island. If you could look for a way to curtail this, it would benefit everyone. Thank you for serving, Beth Keetch

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Closing or limiting the beaches is the wrong decision. This is the one place where you social distance. I have not seen any abuse of this at all since the summer began. We are inside wild dunes and residents and guests have all respected the mask policy and have been vigilant about safety.

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As a homeowner in Wild Dunes I do not feel that restricting beach access for residents would be helpful in any way. I do not believe there is any risk to socially distanced people sitting on the beach. If anything just mandate that chairs/umbrellas be a certain distance apart

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I have recently been able to go to the IOP beach with 2 beach chairs and a cooler and find a place to sit that was more than 20 yards from anyone. This results in far less contact with other people than would occur with a requirement to keep moving. Enforcement of responsible use of beach chairs will be far easier, and reduce the spread of COVID more than people moving constantly.

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Please leave the beaches the way they are and advise people who are susceptible to the virus to stay home and avoid exposing themselves. There isn't much to do during Mt these hot, covid-restrictive days that is relaxing and enjoyable.

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We are on the beach every day and ever within 50 ft of others. Everyone is respectful of others space. It's the ONLY place we can go where we have this space. Please don't take that away from us.

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Comments for Council Meeting

We enjoy the beach every week and where's the science to prove placing an umbrella in the sand causes spread of Covid? How does my private chair or cooler infect passersby? Please consider it's OUR beach and we have the right to enjoy it. If you are going to ban something...ban large groups for gathering...not families or individuals.

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I am a Daniel Island resident, and regularly enjoy IOP's beaches. I fully support any restrictions you feel necessary on the island or its beaches. While we want to assume beachgoers will be safe and remain distant, I have not found that to be the case. While I would mourn the loss of beach time personally, it's a sensible restriction in light of this pandemic and the overall failure of citizens to self-police and maintain safe distances.

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I am writing to you today regarding your upcoming consideration of Emergency Ordinance 2020 - 11. I would like to let you know that, as a resident of IOP, I am completely opposed to any restrictions on chairs, coolers and umbrellas on beaches. There are more effective measures that can be taken to combat the spread of COVID - like closing bars or using resources to control large gatherings rather than punishing taxpaying citizens who want to take a break and relax on our beautiful beaches.

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I do not agree with not allowing umbrellas, etc on the beach. This has no scientific basis. Thank you.

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Please consider limiting group sizes and implementing distancing requirements instead of not allowing people to sit on the beach. Limiting the ability to enjoy time on the beach will encourage people to seek indoor activities where social distancing is more difficult.

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If IOP residents are exempt from this ordinance, it only serves to prove that the ordinance is more about making a legally private beach than concern about the spread of COVID19. Are IOP residents immune? If you're going to enforce restriction on the beach, they must apply to all regardless of address.

My second concern is the reasoning behind not allowing chairs/coolers. How does demanding that beach-goers constantly walk/run past every other person on the beach lessen the spread of COVID19 more than finding a spot on the beach greater than 6' away from others and staying put? Can you please provide studies/citations that explain that?

Thank you

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As a full-time resident of IOP, and have been for 21 year, I request that you consider the roadblock again so only people that live on the island or are renting on the island can use the beach. Closing our beaches to residences and Rentals is extremely unfair. Outside on the beach is one of the only places we feel safe other than in our home. Please consider this!

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Council members please consider that residents of surrounding towns use the beach as an outlet for not just exercise, but relaxation as well. Our family enjoys weekly treks to play on the beach and to enjoy our beautiful coastline. We are always respectful of restrictions and abide by the rules. How exactly are coolers, umbrellas and chairs increasing COVID spread? What scientific proof is there that placing an umbrella in the sand risks the lives of passersby? How is my cooler or chair spreading germs at random? Is there evidence that my towel placed on the sand can leave behind trace germs (were I to be a carrier of the virus)? Quite honestly, this seems more of a power grab to shut the island off from everyone but residents. Please reconsider your very harsh and severe restrictions and allow us to enjoy OUR coastline.

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I am concerned about your latest beach ordinance. No chairs, umbrellas, or coolers?! How are people supposed to stay hydrated and avoid heatstroke? Hopefully you will still allow water bottles, towels, and hats. I realize I am not an IOP resident, but am a lifelong South Carolinian. I appreciate you trying to limit parties of 20 year olds, but it is a PUBLIC beach. This ordinance essentially says stay away. You might as well place the keep moving ordinance back. I just don't see how bringing a chair that NOBODY else touches but me spreads Covid. Thanks for reading and allowing the feedback

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This is absolutely crazy that IOP City council thinks we need restrictions OUTSIDE ON THE BEACH!!
Research the CDC, outside exposure is very low risk. The home owners and residents of IOP are against further restrictions!!

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No restrictions on our beach! I enjoy setting up my chair under our umbrella with our neighbors and reading a nice book. We are able to socially distance and stay safe outside while doing so. Don't impose restrictions that affect the older responsible generation while the teenagers and college students are causing the problems!

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Please do not take away our shade on our beaches. Our older population needs shade to be safe, and we need our beaches for our mental, as well as physical, health at this time especially!

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Don't punish the residents using the beach as an escape from the stress of the pandemic. Keep the beaches restriction free so the TAXPAYING resident homeowners can utilize them.

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Honestly we need more restrictions than what is being proposed. People will not follow the masks or social distancing rules. Bars should be closed, all indoor dining should be until there is a significant drop in cases. If the governor WON'T DO HIS JOB TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF SC, then it is up to the individual cities and counties to protect the public.

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Close bars, restrict restaurant capacity, but PLEASE do not restrict beach chairs or umbrellas. The IOP beaches are not crowded; people have been distancing. Please keep the beaches open for chairs and umbrellas

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Please do not restrict beach access or the use of chairs and umbrellas. With proper distancing - which people are maintaining in the Wild Dunes area in which we own property- the beach is a very safe place.

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Many people have paid a lot of money to visit the beaches of Isle of Palms. People can safely sit on the beach and socially distance. What is the difference in socially distancing while running/swimming/other recreational activities and socially distancing while sitting? I would think sitting would cause less instances of coming in contact with other than running/walking. It doesn't seem to promote any more social distancing by banning chairs and coolers on the beach. If anything, limiting restaurant capacity makes the most sense.

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We have a second home on IOP and we have used the beach as a getaway from this madness this summer. We have always and will always follow all CDC guidelines and regulations. Please, I beg you, do not close our beach down. I'm also a teacher and these times are extremely stressful as talk about reopening schools. IOP is a safe place for me and going to relax on the beach with my family has been one of those most important things to me mentally during this time.

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Comments for Council Meeting

The upcoming discussion regarding changes for IOP due to the COVID-19 spike is a necessary one, and one that I know each of you find challenging to manage. You'll never please everyone as everyone has their own opinion. I don't envy you but you have to make some tough decisions.

Something clearly needs to be done as the opening of the island has caused more issues than anticipated from parking to now a spike in COVID. I support aligning with Sullivan's Island for consistency to ensure 'moving' on the beach vs. sitting there but know this is not a popular decision. Tough times take tough measures -- it's time to step up to them.

While most comply with social distancing, there are many who don't. Wild Dunes Grand Pavilion (GP) was a good example and a disaster waiting to happen. When first opened things worked like a charm...then July 4th hit. Today you go to the GP and it's wall-to-wall people, no social distancing, and no masks. I fault Wild Dunes for not managing this better! But this can happen elsewhere on the island. Therefore, I am also in support of mandatory masks for 30 days to see if things improve. This is for day trippers, tourists, and residents alike. Frankly, having to cater to every exception or whiner gets old -- make it mandatory PERIOD. Like it or stay home. Get over it people!

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From the CDC website: Indoor spaces are more risky than outdoor spaces because indoors, it can be harder to keep people at least 6 feet apart and the ventilation is not as good as it is outdoors....with that being said why not let us sit on the beach under an umbrella?

From the CDC website: Lowest risk: Staff and beach visitors stay at least 6 feet away from people they don't live with. Staff and beach visitors do not share food, equipment, toys, or supplies with people they don't live with. Why would we limit people using their own chairs, umbrellas and coolers as long as they stay 6 feet away from other groups?

Getting outside for exercise is what we all need at this time. From a Medical Director: Outside exercise lowers the chance of spreading the virus by a magnitude of 10 compared with the same level of exertion indoors, said Dr. Gary Green, medical director of infection control at Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital. Why would we want to force people inside when outside is clearly better for all of us?

A nice breezy day on the beach is much safer than other places, why put these restrictions in place? From a Virginia Tech scientist "I think outdoors is so much better than indoors in almost all cases," said Linsey Marr, an engineering professor and aerosol scientist at Virginia Tech. "There's so much dilution that happens outdoors. As long as you're staying at least six feet apart, I think the risk is very low."

It is hard to find a scientist that does not think sun and wind are perfect conditions for avoiding getting covid: According to Dr. Chudnovsky, a sunny day is better than a cloudy day, because there's more sunlight to kill the virus and more wind to dilute it.

The unintended consequences of keeping people locked up far outweigh the risk of spending a beautiful day on the beach.

"The numbers are unprecedented," said Dr. Michael deBoisblanc, referring to the spike in suicides.

"We've never seen numbers like this, in such a short period of time," deBoisblanc added. "I mean we've seen a year's worth of suicide attempts in the last four weeks."

A recent Wall Street Journal report shows a surge in the number of people taking drugs for anxiety and insomnia, prompting physicians to warn about the long-term risks of increased prescriptions, which include drug addiction and abuse.

Stay-at-home orders may seem relatively benign, but they are not. Science shows that human beings struggle mightily in isolation from one another.

A wave of new research suggests social separation is bad for us. Individuals with less social connection have disrupted sleep patterns, altered immune systems, more inflammation and higher levels of stress hormones. One recent study found that isolation increases the risk of heart disease by 29 percent and stroke by 32 percent.

Another analysis that pooled data from 70 studies and 3.4 million people found that socially isolated individuals had a 30 percent higher risk of dying in the next seven years, and that this effect was largest in

middle age.

Loneliness can accelerate cognitive decline in older adults, and isolated individuals are twice as likely to die prematurely as those with more robust social interactions. These effects start early: Socially isolated children have significantly poorer health 20 years later, even after controlling for other factors. All told, loneliness is as important a risk factor for early death as obesity and smoking.

Are we using actual facts and data to make these decisions that impact our health and well-being or unsubstantiated fear?

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My family opposes the proposed Emergency Ordinance 2020-11 as written. Please allow residents to have chairs and umbrellas on the beach.

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Please allow residents to continue having chairs and umbrellas on the beach. Please do not vote yes for the emergency ordinance being discussed at this afternoon's meeting.

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Please do not restrict the use of umbrellas and chairs on the beach. Our family is happy to practice appropriate social distancing, but time on the beach without an umbrella for respite from the intense sun can be miserable. The focus of our family trip, at great expense, is Beach time. Otherwise, we could socialize in our own backyard at no cost.

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My wife and I are requesting you do not change the present regulations for the beach. The beach is outdoors and constantly has a breeze which does not contribute to the spread of the virus. On most days the sand is so hot the virus is inactivated on contact. The oceans salt water also inactivates the virus upon contact. Most people shower after leaving the beach again diminishing the contagiousness of the Coronavirus. Yes you may have a lot of people congregating on the beach, however compared to any other business on the island, it presents the lowest possibility of transmission. Please remember on the beach you're sweating from the heat, playing in the salty sand and water and toweling off. Unlike Florida during spring break, we don't have parties, beer drinking contests or congested gatherings on our beach. If you really feel you need to stop the replication and spread of Covid, it occurs inside buildings not outside.

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please keep beaches open. for our sanity we need in outlet besides our home. our beach is a family oriented place who are respected social distancing.

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For your considerations on beach closings, please keep the beaches open for us Isle of Palms residents.

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Limiting beach access is not based on any supportable research data. Don't do it just because you need to show you are doing "something".

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Don't take away the outdoors. That's NOT where people are spreading the virus. Close the bars and leave restaurants open at 50% capacity and patrons must wear masks unless seated at a table. We just came from the Keys and these same rules worked out just fine. Mask at all times while indoors or under any outdoor covering unless seated. Don't allow more than 6 to dine together. All were wearing masks even on snorkel boat tours. Restrictions on the beaches will just make us all really really upset. We will just congregate elsewhere inside because it's too hot to do anything else. Look at Sullivan's island.... that's why everyone is congregating at IOP. The beach isn't where people are getting covid. It's the indoor places where restrictions aren't mandated that is causing more spread. Please don't restrict the beaches.

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I understand restricting rental chairs and umbrellas however if people are using their own equipment I do not see why that is a safety hazard. The same with coolers. If the coolers, drinks and snacks belong to the user they should be safe. Please consider mandating masks in buildings and cease chair and umbrella rentals. The rental chairs seem to be the problem.

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I dont understand the beach restrictions on chairs and umbrellas. If someone sits on a chair under an umbrella reading a book how is that harming anyone?

You could have 8 people sitting in a living room in a house watching tv and that would be ok, but if those same 8 people decided to sit on the beach how is it now a problem?

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I think you should make Sullivan's Island LIFT their restrictions and then your beach wouldn't be so crowded! This is our public natural resource and nobody has the right to restrict how we use it.

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Dear City Council Members,

Our family has been planning our IOP vacation since August, 2019, with much anticipation. First of all, we do not take COVID-19 lightly. We have all been practicing social distancing, wearing masks while in public, and minimizing exposure to others. The members of our family include 4 of my grandchildren that my husband and I have been unable to physically be with since March. No umbrellas and no chairs on the beach greatly restricts our ability to spend much time on the beach playing with our grandchildren (and our adult children, too). Being outdoors and practicing social distancing on the beach seems much safer than being in a bar or even a restaurant. Please consider the importance of families actually getting to spend precious time together making fun memories at the beach...ON the beach. We love IOP and certainly hope you will consider our situation while making your decision. Thank you!

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There is no need to close the beaches or to limit to only exercise. If it is determined that the number of people on the beach need to be reduced to ensure social distancing, all is needed is to reduce the available parking. This way access and enjoyment is available to owners, guests, and limited visitors. This would ensure a reduction in financial burdens on owners and other local businesses, while also ensuring the city continues to receive tax revenue from rentals.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear City Council

Beaches are for everyone and there should not be restrictions hindering people's enjoyment of the beach. Restricting chairs and coolers hinders people from enjoying the beach. I have two children under 5 and it is not feasible for my children to be continuously moving. They enjoy playing in the sand and relaxing with some juice and crackers. People in the same household can safely social distance while on the beach. The outdoors is one of the safest places to be during this unfortunate pandemic, please don't restrict our enjoyment of the beach.

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Comments for Council Meeting

What you are proposing is ridiculous and unnecessary. Just go over to SI and see the giant groups of teens and college kids packed together on beach towels drinking their beer from insulated cups they keep in their backpack coolers. Banning chairs, umbrellas, and coolers only affects and hurts families and older people who just want to come and sit for peace, relaxation, and to watch their kids play. Don't be like SI. Coronavirus is not spread on the beach where everyone is spaced well enough apart in fresh air and sunshine, and you all know it.

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Comments for Council Meeting

My family and I ask you to allow residents to use the beach as it is basically our front yard. My little grandchildren are coming next week and they can't just stand on the beach in the sun without an umbrella and look at the water. We oppose Emergency Ordinance 2020-11 as written.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Preventing chairs and umbrellas on the beach will not do anything to curb the coronavirus, it will simply remove outdoor activities from citizens, encouraging them to gather in crowds in restaurants, bars and houses in the Charleston area. I am strongly against imposing beach restrictions. Outdoors is the safest place for people to be to prevent the spread of the virus. It is 95 degrees outside, preventing umbrellas from being used would be a terrible idea.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I understand the need to try influence people to practice safe social distancing, but I am asking you all to please consider amended the Emergency Ordinance 2020.11 to allow people who live in the same household to use beach chairs and umbrellas. Allowing people who live in the same household to sit on a blanket on the beach, but not have a cooler for hydration or an umbrella for shade seems unreasonable and unsafe. We as a community should be supportive of families trying cope through this pandemic, not trying to ruin their family vacations by attempting to control them. I fear if we overreact we will drive vacationers away from our great island forever.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Good afternoon. I writing to you in the public comment section as a follow up to the email I sent Council last night. I appreciate those Council members who responded to my email. I am writing today to express my opposition to any type of beach ban, whether it be chairs, umbrellas or coolers. This makes no sense whatsoever. If we are having issues with social distancing on the beach, let's increase the ticketing, increase the fines, whatever needs to be done to send the message. I was at our Wild Dunes condo Fathers Day week and everyone was being very respectful of social distancing issues. I realize I am not a full-time resident of IOP, as our full-time residence is in Clemson, but we have been in a partnership on a Wild Dunes condo for 23 years and we purchased our own condo in April, 2019. In my humble opinion, second home owners deserve a voice in these decisions as we pay a lot of taxes at a 6% rate. With all this being said, I do not envy the position the City Council is in at this time as we are all searching for answers.

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Comments for Council Meeting

My family opposes the proposed Emergency Ordinance 2020-11 as written. Please allow residents to have chairs and umbrellas on the beach.

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Comments for Council Meeting

PLEASE do not impose new restrictions at the IOP beach. It is our family's last place of outdoor respite. We social distance while there and have observed others being respectful in that regard as well. Thank you.

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Comments for Council Meeting

We should not be considering this again. I can understand restaurants, but prohibiting coolers, chair and umbrellas on the beach is ignorant. I was just there last Friday, and although it appeared crowded, everyone was keeping their distance from each other outside of their family/group. Also, setting up umbrellas and chairs effectively marks your "territory", so others are able to appropriately distance. The main purpose of this suggestion is to just keep people from the beach period and that is not right.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Absolutely NOT in favor of masks on our beaches! Stop the madness!!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please do not buy into this hysteria, banning chairs and coolers from the beach is just wrong. We own our home and do not rent, and have a pool - so we're not personally impacted, but why ruin the experience for our friends? Being on the beach is one of the only safe things left to do. These crazy mask people should stay indoors and have their groceries delivered, don't punish reasonable people.

Additionally, please consider doing opposite of whatever Sullivan's is doing in perpetuity - they are overrun with self-involved, elitist Democrats who don't want families on their beaches but are inviting homeless people to the island for hot meal service. They are nuts and we purposely we bought on IOP so as not to have to interact with them or expose our children to their Anti-American lunacy.

Thanks for all you're doing,

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Comments for Council Meeting

I hope you do take this action (in addition to limiting groups on the beach to 6-10). It will set a great example of leadership and inspire other Charleston area beach communities to do the same. Thank you for the leadership you are providing to your citizens to save lives.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Banning chairs and umbrellas, but allowing people to sit on towels, only serves to put our local beach chair rental companies out of business. It won't stop the crowds. In the short term, the only way to get SI to share some of the burden, is to be on an equal playing field with them. Perhaps we should limit beach access to residents and guests, maybe renters with proof. That will send the Mt.Pleasant visitors to SI and Folly. They have been sticking it to IOP for a while now. Long term, I think paid parking on Palm and at the Rec. Center might help alleviate some of the traffic. Also, better-looking signage on Palm Blvd.would be nice as well as "Residents Only \$100 fine" signage on the side streets.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Thank you for requiring masks. That's a welcome commonsensical measure that should never have been political.

Banning umbrellas, chairs & coolers from the beach, on the other hand, is not a reasoned response to the current surge in Covid-19. Limiting the amount of parking, number of people in a party, and observing social distance are far better ways to make time spent outdoors as safe as possible. Spending time safely on the beach can provide a much needed respite.

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Comments for Council Meeting

The provision on the proposed ordinance to prohibit chairs and umbrellas on the beach is not a reasonable measure. The proposal of 50% occupancy at indoor restaurants basically says it is OK to sit in an indoor space, but not OK to sit in an outdoor space. That makes no sense and goes against current best knowledge to prevent virus spread. Keep our outdoor spaces open. If intent is to restrict large gatherings, then do that. A family sitting together on the beach is not a problem requiring government regulation.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am of the opinion that we should close the island to nonresident until conditions improve. Once conditions improve, then reopen the beaches to walking.

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Comments for Council Meeting

While I understand and agree with the need for some additional beach restrictions, I think these should be limited to just prohibiting more than 3 people congregating unless members of the same family or household. I also believe this should be more strictly enforced. Limiting the use of chairs, coolers, or shade devices is too restrictive - example being I like to read on the beach alone and/or with my dog. With temperatures at 90 degrees and above, not allowing shade or people to bring a cooler of water is dangerous for heatstroke for both people and any animals at the beach. Given that vacation rentals are still allowed, there will still be people going to the beach and staying for extended periods of time, they'll just be unprotected from the sun and at risk for dehydration. Additional precautions could be actually enforcing the social distancing and/or limitations of people per group, that are already in place.

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Comments for Council Meeting

RE: Jul 15 at 2:30 pm meeting / Beach Rules EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-11 PROHIBITING THE USE OF BEACH CHAIRS, SUN COVERINGS AND COOLERS ON THE BEACH, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AFTER 9:00 P.M. AND LIMITING OCCUPANCY IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS TO FIFTY (50%) PERCENT.

I support IOP beach rules being consistent with Sullivan's Island beach rules. It appears your intent for the Jul 15 2:30pm meeting is to enact an ordinance that is consistent with SI rules, and please make it for the same time period parameter if possible. It's obvious that when IOP removed "keep it moving" and SI changed to "no chairs, umbrellas, coolers", that IOP was inundated with the population diverted from SI. In addition, please note this is only a "canary in the coal mine" for how the issue will increase with the tri-county general population increase in future years.

Please be sure that <https://www.iop.net/beach/beach-rules> is updated accordingly. I note because I found it challenging to confirm SI's rule is still in effect; not obvious from their "Beach Rules" webpage at <https://sullivanisland.sc.gov/residents/beach/beach-rules-regulations>. Website top banner "For the latest news on COVID-19 and beach restrictions Click Here" routes to <https://sullivanisland.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/News/Emergency%20Ordinance%202020-10.pdf> (not visitor-friendly)

Hope after today's IOP Council meeting we return to consistency with our island neighbor!

See also this Jun 23 article, asking our question, "how is it fair to IOP when SI has different beach rules?" and Andy Benke's answer. Hope this helps, if you haven't seen.

Cecilia's Scoop: SI beach regulations

By Cecilia Brown editor@moultrienews.com Jun 23, 2020

Sullivan's Island beach ordinance

(picture of beach rule sign with caption "Sullivan's Island restricts the use of chairs, coolers and umbrellas in response to COVID-19.")

Q: "Why is Sullivan's Island still not allowing people to sit on the beach with a chair and umbrella? They are the only local beach doing this. It puts a burden on Isle of Palms and is not very neighborly to any of Charleston County. Their own residents have to go to another beach if they want to sit. Even the water parks are open." — Terry Free, Mount Pleasant

A: "The beach on Sullivan's Island is completely open. The chair/umbrella/cooler restriction remains in place due to COVID-19. Latest information from South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control indicates that as of late, each day has exceeded the largest confirmed daily positive cases of infection since the pandemic peaked in South Carolina. Dr. Michael Sweat who leads the MUSC Covid-19 Epidemiology Intelligence Project and also serves as director for the MUSC Center for Global Health provided the town council with an update on developing trends of the COVID-19 virus in the Charleston area and state at the June meeting of council on June 16. Currently there is an increase in the number of

confirmed positive cases. Hence, town council did not reverse the restriction on chairs, coolers and umbrellas at the meeting. The town acknowledges that while those items do not constitute a vector for the spread of the virus, the items do promote large crowds and clustering on the beach. Science tells us that social distancing is the key to flattening the spread. Moreover, the town has limited resources to enforce the governor's mandated social distancing requirements out on the beach. Typically those without chairs et al. will keep moving and not gather in a tightly compacted area. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause." — Andy Benke, Town Administrator, Town of Sullivan's Island

https://www.postandcourier.com/moultrie-news/news/cecilias-scoop-si-beach-regulations-riding-bikes-in-mt-pleasant/article_3d4e4e70-b190-11ea-8b1d-8f92682aa521.html

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please keep in mind today when you are discussing Beach access, that exercise, breathing fresh air and getting Vitamin D from the sun is essential to overall health and well-being. The heat and humidity here is enough to kill the virus in less than a minute. No one needs to be closer than 6 feet from individuals they don't live with on the beach unless they choose to. Confining the public to indoors (or to make seniors who can't walk well or far, keep walking on a beach vs sitting and getting needed exposure) is detrimental to both physical health and mental well-being. So many citizens have lost their jobs or partial incomes, to where ensuring we as a community provide recreational opportunities, is critical to overall health of these citizens.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I would like to breathe in the fresh salt air of the beach (without a mask), soak up vitamin D from the sun, give my feet a foot massage in the sand and savor God's glory with the expansive beautiful ocean and cloud formations (while social distancing). Please don't force us to have unreasonable and laughable restrictions like Sullivan's Island (like not allowing shading devices and chairs on the beach, but allowing towels. lol). Where are the statistics that show that any of that makes any difference? When my friend visited recently from Illinois, we avoided Sullivan's Island and downtown Charleston because of the COVID-19 restrictions but had a wonderful time at the Isle of Palms and Folly Beach. And the businesses were thriving again at the Isle of Palms this past weekend thank God. Please help to protect our local businesses.

If you need more statistics about the truth of COVID-19 and what the media is NOT reporting, please check this out. <https://off-guardian.org/2020/07/07/second-wave-not-even-close/>

Thank you for using common sense and don't become power hungry, unreasonable members. Thank you.

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The no chairs and coolers are about the ridiculous thing I've heard of. You can sit in a restaurant and be served food by a stranger but can't drink out of your own cooler or sit in your own chair?

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please allow chairs and umbrellas on the beach. The beach is a safe activity for my family. We will be using masks and staying more than 6 feet away from others. Grandparents and little kids won't be able to go to the beach without chairs and umbrellas. Taking away chairs and umbrellas on the beach will push people to other vacation activities that may not be as safe (more touch points, inside air, etc). I am a visitor and have a vacation planned at IOP in July.

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Comments for Council Meeting

We have a 4mo daughter as well as 7yo and 10yo boys. Without shade, I won't be able to come with the boys to the beach with the baby. The boys love to surf. And our baby isn't old enough for sunblock. So...asking that shade be permitted.

If the goal is to reduce people on the beach, I would suggest reducing parking further. Maybe prohibit parking on the land side of Palm.

Also, it is impossible to distance on beach access paths. One idea to help with this would be to have in and out access points. Maybe evens are in, odds are out

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The proposed language in Ordinance Part 6 is ambiguous when it comes to the very last sentence. Can you please clarify if the restriction on beach chairs, shade devices and coolers applies to (i) people with disabilities, (ii) property owners and (iii) those with verifiable property rights? Because my reading of Ordinance Part 6 is that it is NOT applicable to those three groups. I believe that is only fair and reasonable that those three groups are not restricted from the extreme measures enacted in Ordinance Part 6. Thank you for clarifying!

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Comments for Council Meeting

We are property owners in Mainers Walk at Wild Dunes with plans for a trip down 7/26-8/1. We have rented a beachfront house close by for our children and their 3 babies under a year old. If the ordinance restricting umbrellas & chairs passes, we will be unable to spend any time on the beach due to the babies and fair skinned family members not being able to be in direct sun. We understand the Need for social distancing but these restrictions would prohibit family members, who have already been together during these 4 months, from being outside together. We were there in June and didn't see any issues around us with different groups of people getting too close. While it's so important to keep groups of unrelated people from gathering, please consider that this can be managed without restricting families. Officials can monitor the beaches & ask for ID if it looks like a gathering of unrelated people. Thank you for considering our opinion.

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Thank you for your concern regarding our health

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Mrs. Tina Marie Watts

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Comments for Council Meeting

We save our money to spend a week at Wild Dunes every summer. There are only 3 people in our family. If we cannot sit on the beach and relax, read a book etc, then you need to mandate that we are refunded our money for the rental of a condo. We would not have made reservations under these conditions. Sitting together as a family poses no public health threat to anyone. Arthritis prevents me from walking on the beach, so we feel like we rented this condo under false pretenses if the beach is restricted. I will not be able to enjoy the beach so I will not be getting what I paid for. People congregating and causing problems should be targeted, not the people socially distancing in an outdoor area like a beach. Especially when we paid a lot of money for this beach time.

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Please allow us to sit on our beaches!

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Comments for Council Meeting

About reinstating the " keep it moving". When I go to the beach and sit in my chair I come in contact with no one until I get up to take a walk. Then it is non stop coming into contact with people. Please use common sense when making this decision.

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Andrea Hawkins

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Comments for Council Meeting

Do reconsider closing IOP beach. Come together to create another option instead of closing beach.
Consider plan A , plan B , plan C format instead.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Vote NO to taking away our chairs & coolers. This is one of our great mental helps right now - being able to sit apart from everyone is so healing. Do Not take away chairs & coolers!!!!!!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Irregardless of the strictest guidelines at Mom's assisted living home, she tested positive and has been quarantined since July 7

And yet today, walking the dogs across the Rec center field children and adults with NO masks, NO distancing, were screaming at each other , jumping on each other, so for a second made me believe everything was back to normal.

Please, please, protect these children even if their parents sign a waiver.

Whether we like it or not, this virus is spreading like wild fire. We know how to stop it.... we did it in March when we closed the connector. We know what works, please bite the bullet and be the leaders we voted you to be,

Wild Dunes is closed, why not the rest of the island, or do we want more deaths on our hands?

Please don't white wash the order, put some real restrictions and teeth into it.

Thank you, Sandy

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Kim Slater

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please do not reinstate the "keep it moving" initiative for IOP beaches! This is entirely unnecessary and, in my opinion, a huge government overreach. Being outside is HEALTHY and using the beach to exercise, read or lounge is one small pleasure left for residents.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please quit trying to over manage the beach situation ... there is ABSOLUTELY no empirical evidence that sitting on a beach chair is furthering the spread of COVID. This isn't the same as shoulder-to-shoulder in a bar. What happened to using data as a guide? Quit making stuff up and use common sense.

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Comments for Council Meeting

First of all, thank you for your service, especially during these extraordinary times which require so much of your time and attention. Regarding implementing additional COVID 19 restrictions, we believe it would be better to restrict access to the island for day visitors, and short term rentals if necessary, rather than restricting the rights and privileges of residents. One of the primary reasons we live here is to enjoy the beach. Please insure this freedom for which we pay with our taxes. Many thanks, Ida and Bob Havelka

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear Council,

Please leave the beaches open and do not add restrictions. As residents, we have the benefit of avoiding crowded weekends and utilizing the beach at off times. I am typing this from the beach now and it is almost empty and gorgeous. Taking away shade and chairs is only going to scorch children like my fair redhead. The beach has been one of the few saving graces of this epidemic. Let's not over regulate.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am writing in support of the 2020-11 Ordinance which would restrict chairs, umbrellas, and coolers on the beach due to the current COVID19 crisis. Charleston county is now a virus hot spot and with the sullivans island restrictions, the IOP beach has become so crowded that we are allowing the spread of the virus. We must enforce restrictions to keep our residents safe.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I have already sent an e-mail to all of Council as well as the Mayor and the City Administrator expressing my opposition to prohibiting chairs, umbrellas, and cooler on the beach. The agenda did not include any opportunity for Citizen Comments, but I am sending this anyhow in hopes that it will become part of the public record. To deny use of chairs, coolers, and umbrellas on the IOP Beach would greatly restrict the ability of many IOP residents, myself included, to enjoy the beach. IF it were to have any impact on slowing the spread of Covid-19, it would do so only because far fewer people would be on the beach. There are other ways to accomplish the goal of having fewer people on the beach, e.g. more parking restrictions, that would still allow those who can get to the beach to be able to relax and enjoy being there. Please vote "no" on the ordinance as it is currently written.

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Please ban all sitting not just chairs

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mr Jeffery Forslund

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Comments for Council Meeting

Umbrellas, coolers and chairs have nothing to do with the spread of the virus. A person sitting on a towel is no more dangerous than one on a chair. What does an umbrella have to do with the virus? If 4 people sit under an umbrella and the umbrellas are spaced they would help distance people and be in compliance with CDC suggestions. Vote no on foolish do nothing feel good ideas please.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Reinstating "keep it Moving" is a good idea. The more people we can discourage from congregating on the beach, the better.

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Comments for Council Meeting

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to acknowledge that we are in a period in time where there is a lot of uncertainty. Thus it is difficult to make any decision with high convection. With that said, there is a general consensus that the virus is more difficult to spread outside due to a number of factors. We have been living up here since March and have been able to watch the behavior of the beach goers through out the entire process. Everyone has obeyed the social distancing rules while on the beach. When people come to the beach, the other patron's areas are easily identifiable due to people setting up chairs and umbrellas. When picking their area to set up I would argue people space well over 6ft away from each other. In addition, I don't believe there is any science that says beach towels prevent spread of COVID19 more than chairs and umbrellas. Also, in regard to coolers, don't you think people preparing their own food and drink is safer than relying on other services? People visit our beach and respect our rules although there is an argument to make about our front lawns. These measures being considered make no sense and if you wanted to make a big difference shut down access to the island again.

As I first said these are difficult times. Leadership and courage is in short supply. I believe Sullivan's leaders have been cowards and have handled everything poorly. I commend you for opening the beloved beach which allowed countless families and friends to enjoy being outside during these hard times. I suspect it is the only escape for many people. Please reject the proposals today and keep our beach open as is.

-Jay

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please VOTE NO on the proposal to ban beach use (umbrellas, coolers, chairs). The science is very clear that there is virtually no virus transmission in open air and sun. Even on the busiest weekend days, there is still adequate space for separation. I have witnessed people being very responsible. As a full time resident, I think EVERYONE should be able to enjoy the beach, especially during this time. People are free to make the choice that is right for them.

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Comments for Council Meeting

City Council Members,

While I am not an IOP resident, my family and I visit several times each year and have done so for the last 20 years. I felt compelled to express my opinion so that it may help provide additional insight to the decision you have to make this afternoon regarding beach access. We have visited IOP in May and June of this year through the use of rental properties and are planning to be there again in August as well. There is no question we have noticed a difference in the level of concern between what we see on a daily basis in Greensboro, NC and that of IOP and its surrounding areas. But in my opinion, the problem is not the beaches-it's the restaurants, bars, and shops. These are the areas you are within close proximity of people you do not know. It has been shocking to see that there have been no capacity limits in place for these spaces. Not always, but typically most people that are on the beach are there with their family, the people they live with directly or know how they've been protecting themselves. Our trip to IOP in August will most likely only consist of us being on the beach and being in the rental property unless we felt measures were in place to protect us elsewhere. I am only one person and one opinion but I believe the solution lies with real safety measures in areas you are around people outside of your normal nucleus, not whether or not you can sit on a beach.

Thank you,

Johnny Mavromatis

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My husband and I are both in favor of doing everything possible to get this spread slowed down. If that means shutting everything down we are in favor. What we are doing now is not working

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Comments for Council Meeting

I understand the concern about the spread of Coronavirus on the island. We are inundated with people who normally would go elsewhere. Is there a way to carve out an exception for property owners to sit in chairs and have umbrellas? We love our beach but some of us need shade from the sun. Our family for example is particularly fair and we have a grandbaby. Please consider this request to allow property owners to have chairs and umbrellas, or at a minimum umbrellas. Thank you
George Smythe

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Robin Kraha

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Comments for Council Meeting

If restrictions are being added to the beaches then why aren't restaurants being closed? There are seats there as well, no mask while eating of course and they are outside. This is the same as being on a beach . And if these restrictions apply they should apply to IOP residents as well.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Hi- I understand the thought behind the proposals that you are discussing today but feel like it limits freedom of using our publicly owned beaches. I ask that you consider (1) an exception to your proposed rule that will allow families using the beach as a family unit with a limit of X number of family members. Chairs and umbrella's should be allowed if a family wants to use the beach. It was nice during the lockdown to limit the island to property owners and where there is plenty of social distancing and using the beach could still be an option. (2) I suggest consider this option again.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please do not restrict access to the beach. I do not ever see anyone abusing social distancing. I do see families together, but they are family members who live together or socialize with each other anyway. The beach and being outdoors is much safer than ANY indoor activity.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I approve of the measure to prohibit chairs, coolers and tents. Sullivan's is already doing it and wild dunes is closing for a month. this is just going to squeeze everyone into an even smaller area. It isn't prohibiting the use of the beach just trying to cut down on the footprint. I think its a good idea. Thank you for all your service. This has been a very busy year for you guys and I know it hasn't been easy. Hang in there!

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Beaches have been socially distancing. Restrictions on the beaches makes no sense. Especially when gyms are open. Indoor restrictions are needed but don't restrict the beaches.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I do NOT approve voting for a keep moving policy on the IOP beach. Through COVID - people have the right to not go to the beach if it is too crowded. If a keep moving policy is put in place- this will impact the families and business owners of the island. Please please vote NO. Thank you!

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Comments for Council Meeting

OK limiting indoor activities, prudent. However, all research I have seen concludes that outdoor activities are far safer than indoor. Folks should be able to have chairs, umbrellas and coolers on the beach.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please DO NOT CLOSE BEACHES without some leeway. Please allow till at least Monday for families already here to finish their vacation. These times are very stressful and vacation is still important.

I appreciate your concern for safety. Please allow a few more days for present vacationers. I believe I speak for all when I say certain restrictions are welcome if that is what it takes to access the beach. You could limit groups to 8 or less, specify groups must stay 10 feet apart, and say no food on the beach. This would allow a proper balance between safety and some aspect of normalcy. This is an important decision and I ask for strong consideration of this comment. Thank you

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Comments for Council Meeting

Not allowing chairs/umbrellas/coolers is not the answer. Give us enough credit. If we see the beach is crowded we go home. Not allowing double/triple parking helped a little. Not allowing parking at Rec center helped a little more although people park around perimeter so I would ban that too. Please—allowing a 62 year old to sit on the beach in her chair is the only thing that calms her in this crazy time.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear Council Members:

My family has a vacation planned at a private rental through Island Realty coming up in two weeks. I cannot imagine why we would not be permitted to put up a tent and sit in chairs on the beach in front of our private ocean front rental, which by the way costs \$14,000+ for a week, with the family we are staying with for a week. I understand in public areas where there are large crowds you would be considering this. However, there should be exceptions such as a family vacation at a private rental. Our rental is no where near the downtown IOP public beach access and pier. Our family should be permitted to sit on the beach on a beach chair under a tent at a private rental. By the way, my step-mom who will be with us has cancer. She should be able sit under a tent on a chair at a private rental. Please take into consideration private rentals when making your decision today. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Comments for Council Meeting

We live in Greenville, but own a property on Isle of Palms we intend to use this weekend as we have in previous weekends this summer. We are within the area of Wild Dunes, and have had no issues with social distancing, setting up our chairs and umbrella for shade at least 25-30 ft. from the nearest other person. In these trying times it is one of the few safe ways to get away from crowds, relax, and enjoy nature that is still available. I am wholeheartedly opposed to a banning of chairs, umbrellas, and coolers, but do think that maybe the ban on groups larger than 3 could be more enforced.

I agree that masks should be required in retail establishments, and do not think that indoor spaces at bars and restaurants are safe and should be seriously limited. The beach itself is not the issue and limiting its use in this way would only cause more headache, strife, and stress, without any real effect on the spread of COVID-19. I believe a more targeted strategy aimed at bars, indoor dining and retail would be far more effective without taking away the ability to safely relax on the beach while socially distanced.

Additionally, Wild Dunes Resort has already closed the availability of all rentals. That will seriously cut down on the number of tourists coming to Isle of Palms, and surely reduce the number of people using the beach. The banning of chairs, umbrellas and coolers would be a measure that is complete overkill, highly unpopular, and highly ineffective.

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Comments for Council Meeting

RE: Emergency Ordinance 2020-11

As a resident of IoP, I implore you to not punish the residents through a veiled attempt at controlling those who do not obey current rules in place in this time when a State of Emergency exists. Seems "day trippers" and guests are the real targets, and we all see those who are non-compliant on our beaches. Create an ordinance that fixes the issue you are trying to solve and do not cast that broad net that would affect the liberties enjoyed by those who are compliant and who do follow rules.

1. Close the bridges again - yes, you will need to have the "political will" to do it. Protect those who have made the investment here, those who entrust you to make the hard decisions. Afraid of a threat of a lawsuit? State of Emergency, period. Find a defensible position. Surely the attorneys can figure this out. Money well spent to protect your citizens.
2. Strike the first sentence in point #6. The veil in this emergency ordinance is the prohibition of beach chairs, shade devices and coolers. Instead, prohibit congregations of more than 3 people unless members of the same family AND who live in the same household. And enforce it. I should be able to sit on the beach with my husband, at least 6 feet apart from anyone else.

Please do not punish your residents and homeowners for the actions of others. I sat on a city council for 7 years, in a city of 80,000. I know it's hard. Do what is right for your citizens.

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Do not shut down the beach. Do not shut down the island.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I would like to encourage the City Council to please limit beach access to exercise only during this rise in the cases of the virus. This boils down to a matter of life and death for all who may contract the virus. No one is immune. I think our wonderful city needs to put the health and safety of the tax paying residents first. You did that with the mask requirement. Now it is time to go a step further and do our part to help flatten the curve. This will eventually pass. We will get back to normal at some point. We all have to sacrifice some to reach that goal. Thank you.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I did not rental a beach house on the ocean for \$14,000 a week to not be able to sit on the beach under an umbrella with my family. Perhaps if you increase the spacing between umbrella's. We are in an area where there are long distances between families groups.

Please do not ruin our much anticipated family vacation.

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We have rented on the island for over 60 years. Both parents raised on the islands and family returns every year. We are now paying large rental fees to stay on Ocean Blvd on a private section of the beach. The rental chairs and umbrellas are needed and we only sit in front of the home we rent. I can certainly understand restricting public use however many of us rent our homes over a year in advance. We have all been very careful using masks and social distancing and would greatly appreciate your council considering private home rentals and our needs. Thank you

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Kim Freeman Kim Freeman

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Comments for Council Meeting

We have been visiting the island for over 35 years. My grandparents grew up on Sullivan's Island and lived on Isle of Palms until 1989. Please consider allowing beach chairs and umbrellas to renters of the island only. Thank you.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear Grand Muckety Mucks,

Under the proposed things we can't do of proposed Emergency Ordinance 2020-11, the last two sentences of item 6 read: " Beach goers shall remain six (6) feet apart from each other. People with disabilities who can provide a handicap decal, property owners and those with verifiable property rights are exempted except from social distancing requirements."

What is it that I and other property owners exempted from?

Must my wife carry her automobile handicap license plate with her at all times to confirm that she is really disabled and not just faking it as she is pushed along in her chair? And how in the world can she social distance from the person pushing her chair?

In the entire emergency ordinance, the word mask is never used.

Seriously?

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please continue to allow beach use at Isle of Palms.

We own a small condo at Wild Dunes, that we are able to rent out.

We feel we offer a safe place for a getaway for those to enjoy the out doors.

We are not dependent on the large Wild Dunes Resort.

Please allow the continued use of the smaller units and beach access.

Thanks

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Mrs. Peggy Ann W. Maughon

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am truly upset that once again our town council is considering penalizing local residents because people from ALL over Charleston County and other parts of the country are coming to the beach on IOP and refusing to follow COVID protocols. Restrict the hours that off islanders can come over and allow tax paying residents the opportunity to continue to responsibly enjoy the beach.

Thank you,

Ann Maughon

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear Council,

A cooler or an umbrella on the beach don't cause or even predispose one to a COVID-19 infection. Nor do any known behaviors associated with coolers and umbrellas cause or predispose one to the COVID-19 infection. However, it is for certain that those who will be most affected by prohibiting beach umbrellas will be the Limbach family, a beautiful hard working young family of four who live and work on the island and derive their living from beach umbrella rentals.

Social distancing and wearing a mask when it is impractical to social distance or when indoors are known to slow or prevent the transmission of viral particles. As we all know, many people are simply not distancing or wearing masks. This behavior must change. How to do we change this behavior? I can think of two ways that may work.

The macho- ness associated with going maskless must be exposed for what is...utter unadulterated stupidity. It must be inculcated into the mindset of those who go maskless or do not socially distance that they are peabrain with IQs less than body temperature in degrees Celsius. We must dispel the notion that these behaviors are personal choices. They are not. They are dangerous choices being made by the few for the many under the guise of freedom. Stupidity! Our leaders, including our Mayor, must be completely aboard and leading by example. This is no time for the do as I say, not as I do mentality.

The second way the culture associated with mask wearing and distancing can be changed is by active enforcement and severe penalties for those who refuse to practice these simple, safe behaviors. We have tried being nice and it didn't work. If a \$100 ticket dissuades double parking on Palm Blvd, why wouldn't it be just as effective in persuading folks to social distance and to "Wear your damn mask".

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Look at the virus recovery rate before making a decision to cripple your economy.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please do NOT vote for the emergency ordinance prohibiting umbrellas, coolers, chairs and reduced occupancy at the restaurants and bars. Small local businesses are already struggling due to mandatory closures and need the high season to help make up for lost income from mandatory closures. The increased numbers are unfortunate but inevitable as people return to work and live their lives. Hopefully the mask ordinance will assist in slowing the spread. If anything please have local businesses enforce this (if possible)! The gas station has both employees and customers without masks on. The increased numbers throughout the county are not from people enjoying the beach with their families and studies have shown the heat kills the virus. Please allow for people to live their lives again do not vote for ordinances that are affecting people's ability to survive financially. Thank you for your service to the community and serving on council as I know this year has been extremely difficult and you are trying to represent the community.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Won't the no chairs/coolers rule only overcrowd the remaining open beaches even further?

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Comments for Council Meeting

This is absurd. As a Charleston citizen and a regular on Isle of Palms beach, I urge the Council to leave the beach open.

I have observed a quiet, family, socially distanced atmosphere every weekend on the beach. Based on current evidence, being outdoors and swimming are not conditions that promote the spread of Covid-19. I know the beach has been critical to maintaining my mental health. I'm certain it has the same effect for many others that are doing their part to stay safe stop the spread of this virus. I agree with limiting indoor opportunities such as bars and live music venues. That makes sense. Prohibiting citizens from enjoying the beach DOES NOT make sense. Enjoying the beach with my grandchildren without shade provided by an umbrella is unacceptable. Please consider managing high risk places like restaurants and bars and leave the peace and tranquillity of the beach alone.

Thank you.

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Comments for Council Meeting

With all due respect for the tough job y'all have to help protect our community, I don't see the point of restricting coolers, chairs and umbrellas unless you can point to valid scientific data showing that the coronavirus is transmitted by those items when they are brought to the beach.

If you are trying to limit the density of gatherings on the beach, fine. Do that. Mandate something that is meaningful and enforceable. Align with Charleston County about face coverings in public spaces with, preferably, an exception while on the beach. Enforce social distancing rules on the beach and elsewhere. If venues that play amplified music are a problem because of crowds not wearing masks and/or not social distancing, cite the owners and then be prepared to shut them down in the name of public safety.

But please don't resurrect the "keep it moving/no chairs etc" policy. Area families and citizens deserve to be able to sit on the beach in a chair under an umbrella and to stay hydrated, especially as this pandemic drags on and on.

Thanks and stay well!

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Mark Lee Thompson

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Comments for Council Meeting

My family has been here since March 15 and I have been to the beach almost daily either in the morning before 9:00 am or (usually) in the evenings at around 7:00 pm through sunset. I take a chair and sit - my wife usually joins me. In that entire time nobody has come up to us or gathered around us in any way that would violate social distancing requirements. Why prohibit chairs? I see groups around walking and playing that are either safe because they all know their safe status or they are in danger of infection because they don't care or do not know. If the issue is groups, prohibit groups. It isn't the use of chairs or umbrellas. Individuals and immediate household members should be able to rest and exercise in the beach. The issue really is the re-opening without any real teeth in the "suggestions" that people social distance. Limit the groups and you help with that issue. The chair and umbrella prohibition won't help and in fact it will hurt. Keeping people separated and aware they cannot gather is the key.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear council members, my small family and I are scheduled to arrive to the Isle of Palms on July 25 for a week long stay. We have a house rented on 42nd Ave. that we have been saving up for. We come from a small mountain community that only has 18 cases of COVID-19 at this time. We are all diligent mask wearers. We have preplanned our meals so that we can come prepared and stay in our own small family unit for the week. We plan on staying to ourselves and just enjoying your beautiful beach. I ask you to please reconsider the idea of no coolers, chairs, or umbrellas on the beach. My sister is much older than I am and would need all 3 of these things to be able to enjoy and be safe while on the beach. I do not envy the decisions you are being forced to make during these unprecedented times. Thank you for listening.

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Comments for Council Meeting

If the purpose of banning chairs and coolers etc is to prevent people from staying too long or gathering too much, why not just ban sitting as we did before, and as Sullivans has maintained

I would hope council would vote pro residents

with the full opening of short term rentals , and full use of beaches, this current situation might have been expected, but appears main concern was business

So...I'm not sure why thinking would be different now

Good luck

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Comments for Council Meeting

Why not go back to 7a - 7p restriction on non residents entering island? Maybe make it a 9 a - 5 p restriction? Lessen the mob. Close the bars. End indoor gathering. This is not about personal liberty, there is no pandemic clause in the Constitution, nor the Bill of Rights: it is about public health. It is a PANDEMIC. Where are you getting ongoing advice from in the medical field of experts? Name your key advisors, please. What is the average age of HOMEOWNERS on this island ? Protecting the tax paying municipal residents > that is who the Mayor and Council must consider FIRST and FOREMOST. And you may want to start some sort of municipal coordinated encouragment of formal networking of resident parents of school age children, because Charleston County Public Schools assuredly won't open this year. We must have a lot of educators and academic admin experienced residents, perhaps they could help island families expand their options for educational opportunity. Good luck in focusing on protecting our RESIDENTS! Consideration of the rest of the planet should be far secondary. Charleston County is THE most infected area of the state, by far, the most contagious area of this entire Lowcountry. Our current laxity in restricting behaviors such as not wearing masks and not respecting social distancing is certainly a factor in increasing transmission. Y'all have very hard choices to make, err on the side of resident well being. Thanks.

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Comments for Council Meeting

If you're going to allow visitors to the beach to sit and enjoy the beach, they should also be allowed to have a chair, coolers, and umbrellas. I am a Charleston County resident and have two small children. If I can take them to play at the beach, I should also be allowed to provide them cold water, snacks, and a cooler/shady place to sit. We have not been visiting beach shops or restaurants, nor have we been interacting with others at the beach. I am really not sure what umbrellas, chairs, and snacks/water from my home for my own children have to do with the spread of COVID.

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Comments for Council Meeting

If this ordinance goes into effect this week and I've prepaid a rental service for an umbrella and chairs, would this cancel our reservation?

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18 Beachside drive, IOP, South Carolina 29451

Comments for Council Meeting

Testing is free now and many people are curious, this is one reason for more test results. Florida just proved they falsified positive rates. Sitting in a chair with a cooler sitting 6 feet away is how all people hang out at the beach. No one is less than 6 feet away unless you are in a family group. Sitting versus walking or running does not spread the virus and differently. People are enjoying their vacations, they have come to enjoy our beaches and they are not getting sick. There is no credible evidence that a positive test results in a death or even a symptom. The CDC has already posted that the death rate is BELOW epidemic rates. Beaches need to stay open allowing chairs, coolers, tents, towel and games. Normal beach activities need to remain. It will do more damage to close the beaches than the slight risk of anyone actually getting sick. The business's are finally open and people are traveling. At the MOST have people set up their family groups 6 feet apart. There is always a breeze and people need this for their mental health. Business's need this for income and their mental health as well. Do your own studies and quit listening to the hype. Our state relies on this and we have great beaches. Do not close them or set curfews. And the beaches belong to the state, not the cities.

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Comments for Council Meeting

May I suggest you discontinue any parking in Palm blvd , side streets and public lots. That would allow people like me who already rented property this week and next and now are told we can't sit on the beach.

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Comments for Council Meeting

This is a ludicrous idea to think this will stop the spread or has anything to do with the spread. The beach is the last place people can go to destress from all the crazy right now. Please stop with the over reach and control measures. I personally go to the beach with all the above and sit with my family by ourselves. Not fair to punish us! It's too hot to go without coolers for water and food or sun shades.

No you not care about your locals who support your local iop businesses when coming out to the island? What about your Brno homeowners? Do you like to see homes go to foreclosure? The vrbo owners will loose business if you do this.

The locals will still come you can't close a public beach we have already been through that.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Keep the beaches open just as they are. There is plenty of room to social distance out there.

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Mr. Chris Burrell

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am not in favor of the proposal to restrict beach access (chairs, umbrellas, and coolers). It's outside and from my experience people are practicing social distancing. Enforce the current mask ordinance and do other proposed items but don't restrict your resident's access to our beach. Thank you.

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Steve Rowell

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Comments for Council Meeting

As a property owner on IOP since 1992 and as a family that rents our home, we would like to implore the City Council to not further restrict activities on the beach. We were there for 3 weeks in May and early June after many restrictions had been lifted and we never felt crowded or unsafe despite our being in a higher risk age group. We would also urge the Council to not impose more restrictive measures on business or property owners. Many families count on being able to relax and enjoy time at the beach every summer and people need that now more than ever! Thank you for your consideration. Steve and Nancy Rowell

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Comments for Council Meeting

Rather than restrict (and attempt to enforce) chairs, umbrellas etc in an effort to control the spread of the virus why not restrict access to the island (as we did earlier this season) to residents and renters - easier to enforce than beach restrictions and parking.

Residents and renters arguably spend considerable more dollars on the island than day visitors so the financial argument some may make (and have already made) is moot. Beach restrictions will hurt owners who rent their property (we do not) and hurt IOP not collecting rental tax. Why rent a beach house if my only option is to sit in the sun and risk skin cancer. Stores and such will also suffer to a greater degree if renters don't come. The influx of daily visitors appears to have a greater negative impact on social distancing not to mention the damage that is being done to city and owners property. Palm Blvd is starting to resemble Max Yasgur's farm after Woodstock. It's unsightly and poses potential risk of harm to people and property.

If we have the authority to restrict what can and can't be taken to the beach why can't we restrict who can come onto the island. These are after all extraordinary and unprecedented times, and that calls for extraordinary and unprecedented actions.

Thank you.

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Comments for Council Meeting

It is absolutely ridiculous to police the beaches to that extent. I've spent \$2600 on my condo alone. I'll be there for 7 days. I'm pregnant and ALL I CAN DO IS GO TO THE BEACH! Now you're telling me that I can't even go to the beach and be comfortable and have a proper chair or a cold water in extremely high temperatures! Either close the island and give FULL REFUNDS or leave the beach alone!!! This is insane! If people are not smart enough to be careful, let them pay the price. Don't punish the rest of us bc of the idiots.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please be judicious on beach restrictions. I do not support "keep it moving" ordinances for our beaches and recommend we maintain current status on the beach. Banning shade devices would not reduce virus exposure

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Comments for Council Meeting

I'm down for 50% or no indoor dining BUT GOING TO THE BEACH IS ONE OF THE ONLY SAFE THINGS LEFT TO DO. I will stay 6' away from others but I must have a chair and an umbrella.

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Comments for Council Meeting

What data do you have to show that eliminating chairs, coolers and umbrellas will have any impact on COVID? Most people on the beach are naturally 6 feet apart, in addition they are outside in UV light which quickly kills the virus (fact), and in wind which very quickly disperses any particulates expelled by a person (again fact). Whatever decision you make needs to be based on facts and data not feelings and the need to think you have to do something just because you have the power to do something.

Being outside is the best place you can be. You need to think about the ramifications and consequences of forcing people to be coup you inside their homes. Depression, anxiety, physical abuse, alcohol abuse, drug abuse are all real consequences of keeping people shut in. These are facts.

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Comments for Council Meeting

How do you not allow umbrellas?

My daughter has special needs and loves the beach.

She is very fair and needs an umbrella from getting sun poisoning. How can you deprive someone shade??

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Mrs Jaime Lovello

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Comments for Council Meeting

City Council Members, I sent in an early comment about the Emergency Meeting tomorrow. I have one other idea concerning the chairs and umbrellas. The chair/umbrella rental companies are local small businesses. They will suffer if everyone has to cancel their reservations. These businesses do a great job on social distancing on the beach. Please consider allowing these companies to continue placing these on the beach. They are already almost completely booked--I know because I almost didn't get 2 chairs and an umbrella. Also, you can limit the number of chairs and umbrellas to be rented. There are people coming to the beach they will need a place to sit. They cannot get up and down from the ground. Also, for some this is their only outlet and might be the only thing they get to do or be outside. I ask you to please consider either not taking away chairs and umbrellas or do not take away the rentals. Please take away the tents. The tents are a nuisance on the beach and a danger, plus more people gather inside of the tents. Tents are different from umbrellas. Thank you once again for your consideration.

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Public Comment For City Meetings

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David Buddemeyer

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am against the proposal in its entirety outlined for the 7/15/2020 meeting. The beach is a valuable outside resource especially during this pandemic. People typically congregate in small groups are well separated and are able to enjoy some well deserved recreation time. Restricting its use in anyway does not serve the greater good of the community

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Comments for Council Meeting

There is zero proof that limiting coolers, umbrellas and chairs has any link to spread of coronavirus. We also have a 1% infection rate and a slightly higher than 1% mortality rate. Anything that impacts the ability to go use public facilities would do more harm to the CHS region would do economic damage that will take a decade to restore.

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Lauren Trainor

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Comments for Council Meeting

I see no reason to close the beach if social distancing is enforced. The private beaches can easily distance and I see no reason to close all beaches simply because the public beach may get crowded certain days of the week.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please stop restricting S.C. residents like the people of Mount Pleasant from using beaches. And start restricting tourism. You should've never allowed ppl from high risk states such as NY back in May! THAT is why we all have a problem here in Charleston! Shut down tourism. Or ppl like me in Mt P will no longer support your businesses in the future.

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Stephen Brown

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3D mariners walk, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 45459

Comments for Council Meeting

Please do not ban chairs and umbrellas on the beach. You can limit the size of the gatherings and insist on social distancing. You can also limit the number of visitors from off the island. The beach is outside and safer than many other locations

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Elizabeth Crocker

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Comments for Council Meeting

I would purpose that Isle of Palms follow the same guide lines as Sullivan's Island has enforced all summer. We have been inundated with beach visitor because of our unconcern for the control of the COVID-19, Why? The pressure from our adjoining communities, rental community, or "beach day group"? Please stand up for our residents.

I, personally, do not grocery shop on the island, preferring to go to stores that require mask. Is there a reason that our tourist can not be encouraged or enforced to be masked?

Please, let's not knuckle under again!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please reconsider the ban on umbrellas and chairs. Discouraging people from staying in one place seems counterproductive to the goal. If people are moving, instead of sitting stationary in a chair, they are coming in contact with more people. The beach is one of the safest places to be right now. I go multiple times a week with my wife and three young kids. We have never had a problem finding a place to properly distance ourselves, even on the weekends. This is the one thing we have been able to do in this pandemic as a family and feel safe. If this ordinance passes, you will have taken that away, as children need snacks, drinks and a place to get out of the sun for awhile. Parents need chairs and umbrellas while their children are playing.

If some people don't feel comfortable at the beach during this time, they don't have to go to the beach, or they can go on off hours. Don't ruin it for everyone to appease a small but vocal minority.

Instead of going the route of Sullivan's, use your time and influence to encourage its council to rethink the their chair and umbrella ban. It would likely benefit IOP, as it would allow families to have the option of either beach.

Again, banning chairs and umbrellas is a solution in search of a problem. I have not seen any medical evidence to support it. Allow people to stay in one place and enforce the distancing (which in my weekly experience, hasn't been an issue either).

Thank you for your time and consideration, we have all sacrificed a lot during the last 4-5 months, please don't make it unnecessarily harder on families.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please do not vote to ban chairs, umbrellas, coolers on the beach. Instead stop short term rentals - the people renting those houses brought the virus here. Let us enjoy our beach.

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Susan Antonelli

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please do not prohibit chairs and umbrellas! Several people in my family battle skin conditions and must have shade to enjoy the beach. Older folks also cannot get up and down off the sand easily and need chairs. If you must enact new requirements, perhaps you can set limits on group size and a minimum distance between groups? I really think it's the indoor activities (bars, restaurants, barbershops, etc) that are spreading Covid more than the sunshine and ocean breeze! Thanks for your consideration. The beach is one of the only outlets we have this summer.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Do not restrict chairs and umbrellas from the beach. Safest activity we have. Enforce mask rules and prohibit gathering in bars. It is BS to allow even 50% occupancy in a closed restaurant and then prevent families from sitting on the beach. I am 72 years old and cannot walk continuously but I can maintain a safe distance from people on the beach.

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Mrs Elizabeth White Morris

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Comments for Council Meeting

It has been brought to our attention that Counsel is meeting to review current safety protocols, one of which being the possibility of reverting to "keep it moving" on the beach. It is my opinion that this is totally unnecessary. For one, for the most part, people have been doing a great job of socially distancing on the beach and when there has been an issue the beach patrol has broken up large groups. It is not fair for the majority of families to not be able to sit and read on the beach or build a sand castle with children who have already lost so much during this pandemic, for example, because of a few that can't follow common sense. If the beach patrol can do just that, and patrol for large groups, this would be simply solved. Thank you for your consideration.

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Property owner Tony L White

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Comments for Council Meeting

I don't think the keep it moving is all that helpful. Officers should patrol the beach and break up large groups that aren't in the same household. No parties.

Sitting on the beach seems like a safe way to get they this.

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MRS. Jaime Lovello

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am a visitor of Isle of Palms for many years. We will be there a n Thursday-Sunday. I am asking to please consider not taking chairs and umbrellas away. My parents will be coming and they have really looked forward to being outside with the beach air. They have to have an umbrella and shade as many people there do. I have been down there two other times this year and felt safe. Everyone did a great job of social distancing. We are staying at sea cabins and hope that we will be allowed to sit on the beach and enjoy it. The sun and vitamin d is needed against covid. I know that you are considering the safety of everyone there but taking chairs and umbrellas will not make things safer. It is outdoors and people are safe at the beach. 50% capacity inside is very important. I agree with that. Please reconsider or consider beginning this ordinance at the beginning of the week and not when people have planned for a weekend. I thank you for your time.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I do not understand why the council is considering the keep it moving again. The hospital rates and death rates are not increasing. Cases are just indications of positive tests not the number of sick people. The CDC has stated outdoors and sunshine is a safe place. I can not believe it's even being considered again. Let people make their own health choices. I am an RN and work with the most vulnerable patient groups so I am well educated on the real risks. Pull up the Scdhec and the CDC numbers, and read it ALL THE WAY THROUGH!!!! Keep our beaches open for relaxing and respite! For goodness sakes even Disney is back open!!!!

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Randelle Smith

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Comments for Council Meeting

Emergency Ordinance 2020 - 11. Please do not prohibit chairs / umbrellas on the beach - as a local resident, spending time on the beach is a welcome reprieve during these crazy and uncertain times. As resources would be required to enforce this measure, couldn't those resources instead be used to encourage social distancing and / or to remove large gatherings from the beach. Please do not limit our use of the beach!! Thank you!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please pass the keep it moving.. we just had a local passing, a wild dunes employee, at a young age from COVID-19.

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Greg ODonnel

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Comments for Council Meeting

Our family is totally against the banning of chairs / umbrellas on beach. We live in wild dunes and it's one of the few places we can safely go with our children to get them out of the house and be socially distant from others. This time of the year it's next to impossible not to have a umbrella to and be safe from the sun. Not sure why we can't just police the people who are gathering in large groups.

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Jen Baltgalvis

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Comments for Council Meeting

Where is the proof that says sitting on a beach chair or bringing an umbrella or cooler to the beach contributes to the spread of Covid? I go to the beach regularly and have never had a problem with people sitting too close to me. Everyone is spread out in their own groups with plenty of space around them.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Regarding the emergency meeting about chairs and coolers on the beach. We are in desperate need of this vacation. My husband is a firefighter and with everything going on in the world we need this. My parents will be with us as well. We have no pool access at our resort now. We just want to relax on the beach all day. We cant do that without chairs or coolers. That is a hard trip to go back and forth all day and hard to sit on a towel all day on the hard sand. Please reconsider and allow chairs and coolers in the wild dunes area.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am NOT in favor of banning chairs, etc. Please. This is not going to help but make your constituents angry.

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Comments for Council Meeting

These new emergency ordinances are completely ridiculous. You are essentially attempting to tell people to stay away from the beach. This is all people have left. What does sitting in a beach chair under an umbrella impact anything. You are trying too and this ISN'T the answer. You are crushing your small businesses and you don't appear to care. Are you going to pay their bills during the off-season? Are you going to pay their staff now? This isn't your call to make! If you pass these things you are endangering a lot more people than the virus. Don't abuse your power!!!

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Gina Ludwig

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear Council Members,

Please consider keeping the beach open with chairs for visitors that have reservations on the island or locals only. My family has looked forward to this low key, beach and condo only, takeout for dinner, hope for many months now.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Judy Donohoe

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Comments for Council Meeting

I do not think that banning chairs will keep people away. They'll just sit on towels. Please keep our chairs. If we ban coolers, they'll bring stuff in a bag & leave it on the beach rather than putting it in their cooler. Keep chairs & coolers. Masks should be required in all businesses, not just the HT.

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Comments for Council Meeting

PLEASE look at the science!!! The risk of contracting COVID by visiting the beach is almost non existent! We should be able to bring a chair, umbrella, cooler or whatever else we choose as well! Sitting with my own family and maintaining safe behaviors poses no risk to my family or others! Recall that when arriving to the beach most all search for a spot Away from others to put their chairs that is generally more than 6 feet apart in the absence of the pandemic. Eliminating coolers and chairs changes nothing! Furthermore I find it completely self serving to deny others their rights to enjoy this natural environment when it is the one place where risk is low and benefit is high. I live in Mount Pleasant and feel if you restrict my right to visit "your" beach, your rights to visit my town should be limited as well. Perhaps you should only be allowed leave the island on foot and without a water bottle to travel into Mount Pleasant to get your groceries, do your shopping or visit our restaurants after all you could bring the virus to my townsfolk or service providers just as easily. And don't even think about using our Mount Pleasant resources (police) to implement the ridiculous restrictions either! While I am at it please return my taxes that pay for that public...or as you would have it, private beach. This is infuriating!!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Yes, please do whatever is needed to close things down or return to phase one for reopening. We need to slow the spread of the virus and locals and tourists are not being mindful enough. As a local I will miss sitting on the beach but haven't been out often because of the heat and virus. We have to do all we can to slow this down.

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Linda McAllister

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please don't implement "no chairs." I'm 71 years old and love bringing my 5 year old niece to play in the sand, but I just can't stand for long periods. It is possible to distance. We have been successful in sitting at least 6 feet apart.

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Craig Eddy

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Comments for Council Meeting

Restrict indoor activities all you want but don't restrict the beaches for umbrellas, chairs or coolers. Enforce the social distancing.

Extended exposure to the sun without shade is not a healthy plan to deal with this outbreak.

Don't punish the residents.

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Comments for Council Meeting

If I was the town attorney, I would kill the "umbrella prohibition" part of this proposed ordinance. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States and worldwide. 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70....especially if they fail to limit sun exposure...and prohibiting umbrellas substantially increases sun exposure. More than 2 people die of skin cancer in the U.S. every hour. Having 5 or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma. Sun screen is no substitute for an umbrella.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Instead of shutting down the beaches, could you limit beach access to people that live or are currently staying on the island. Maybe not allow people to come in to the beach from off the island? That would help limit capacity, Thank you!

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Rusty Williamson

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Comments for Council Meeting

I strongly recommend leaving the beaches as they are, by letting people sit in chairs etc.

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Mr. Lawrence P Milly

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Comments for Council Meeting

Last week I was awakened at 5:30 in the morning by loud sounds from a vacuum truck coming from the waste water plant at Waterway and 41st street doing general maintenance which has been going on for years. The police would do nothing about it a year or so ago. But it has gotten worse since and I complained once again last week and was told by Douglas Kerr in an email that it would stop. Well this morning a week latter at 6:30 I was awakened again to loud noises coming from a diesel backhoe with the beep beep beep beep of the reverse beeper and the sounds of a dumpster banging the ground several times.

To add insult to injury the noxious fumes coming from the plant lately have started to make me feel sick when I smell them. I have lived here for over 6 years and the smells have been no where near this bad. Something is wrong with the plant. The odor takes your breath away. I am concern for my health and the health of my family. Something needs done about it.

Seeing how I am being ignored by the city I will reach out to DEHEC over this.

All of which leads me to question why the sewer plant in wild dunes which is in an open area of wild dunes with no homes or business's near by that would suffer from the water company being a bad neighbor making loud noise's at 5:30 in the morning even on Sunday's and the city not enforcing the noise law. Also there is no homes or business's around to have health issues from the noxious fumes coming from a waste water treatment plant malfunctioning. Why do as a resident of the Isle of Palms I have to suffer with the pollution that no one seems to care about resolving? Why not move the plant on Waterway to wild dunes where the water companies bad behavior would not effect a resident? I am opposed to moving the waste water plant to my back yard. I am already suffering from one plant that is making my standard of living and health decline let alone two plants being built in a residential neighborhood when it could be built in an open area in wild dunes.

I asked myself why is this happening and who would benefit from this. The answer I come up with is the person who owns the property that the wild dunes plant is currently on would benefit the most at mine and my neighbors expense.

Please do not build another waste water treatment plant in my backyard when it could be built in an open area of wild dunes with no neighbors to torture with noxious fumes and loud noises all hours of the night.

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Comments for Council Meeting

- I think summer camp is risky given the amount of infection and considering the kids can't be outside the entire time with the heat.
- Love the idea of adding surf lessons to rec center offerings
- hopeful that outdoor rec activities will return in the fall. Soccer, tennis, t ball, ballet or karate on the field?

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Comments for Council Meeting

The current concept is exactly what this island needs, and I encourage the Council to finalize an agreement so the Island can have its restaurant back. The last thing the island needs is to have to rebid the process, especially given the state of restaurants/restaurant owners in the current economy. If this does not happen now, I am afraid it never will.

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Comments for Council Meeting

There is growing concern among IOP residents regarding the possible over-use of Executive Sessions. This is largely because they occur during so many Council and Committee meetings and residents are kept entirely in the dark about what happens in those sessions. Please explain why so many Executive Sessions are needed and at the very least explain the nature of the topics discussed in those sessions even if you can't provide specific details about the discussions. Transparency is so important, especially in these times when actions and decisions are being widely questioned on so many different levels. Lack of transparency leads to lack of trust and I'm sure none of you want that.

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Comments for Council Meeting

It's me again. I finally found the original proposals, If this is the group of Lorenze and Bushnell their proposal looked reasonable. I think 49 years is too long. Ten with option to review and renew.

Thank you

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Comments for Council Meeting

I wrote to Council and spoke with several members previously regarding my 4 year old daughter being attacked twice by dogs in a two month period this Spring. I also noted the case of Rebecca Kovalich, who was viciously attacked by two dogs during the same timeframe, and her story documented in the Island Eye News. Just today I saw a dog at 11:01 AM dragging a leash wandering the beach, its owner 50 feet away. Just today, there is a new social media post regarding an incident on IOP last Thursday of a pitbull attacking a dog and its resident owner, both of which were bloodied. Post here:

https://www.reddit.com/r/Charleston/comments/hmb628/mt_pleasant_has_a_racism_problem/ and quote from the post: "pit bull attack this precious dog Sammie... and I sprint over to help. The dog unlatched and Sammie and the female owner are bleeding."

Administrator Fragoso had the following comment in the packet presented to Council today in regards to the current off leash situation: "Difficult to know that handler is not "in control" of the dog until something happens". This is precisely what I have observed, many people believe that off leash hours do not require them to have their dog under voice control, despite that being very clear in the law. Many view off leash time as a free for all dog park, not a time for responsible owners with under control dogs.

I support the following proposal put forward to Council today: "Dogs registered with IOPPD that hold a dog obedience certificate". This would allow people with well behaved dogs, that care enough about having them off leash to go to necessary steps to allow them to be off leash, to still have their dogs off leash. It would keep poorly behaved or dangerous dogs from being off leash. It would also prevent people with merely a casual interest in having their dog off leash, as people only casually interested are likely only casually interested in having their dog under voice control.

IOP has a dog problem on our beach. The constant stream of dog attacks and injuries, presented in the press and in social media, do not look good for IOP, for our residents, or our vacationers. I am a dog owner and my family loves dogs. I have heard from people on Council that there are some that want IOP to be considered the most "dog friendly" beach. I say no, we should strive to be the most "family friendly" beach. This would best meet the needs of our residents, most of whom have children or grand children that they want to safely enjoy the beach. It would best meet the needs of our visitors who bring their families to rent and eat on the island. And a family friendly beach would allow dogs to safely use the beach on leash or under control, while eliminating out of control dogs that continuously harm adults, dog owners, other dogs, and children.

Thank you

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I do not know which group the IOP group is. I do know I do not want a lease with the group that includes Wild Dunes. They want to re-zone the property, build a dry stack (which has already been soundly defeated) and have a 99 year lease?

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Comments for Council Meeting

I have concerns regarding the moving of wild dunes waste water treatment plant to a new location at the plant on 41st street and Waterway Blvd.

I was woken up this morning at 5am with sounds of loud noises coming from a vacuum truck which has become common. I have called the police and have been told by the policeman that the water company can make noise anytime they want and there is nothing he can do.

I have brought this to the attention of the water company to no avail.

Also the aerosols coming from the plant lately have been very very bad like the plant is not working properly and I am concerned for my families health and safety.

The wild dunes waste water treatment plant is located where there are no homes close by to be subjected to a bad neighbor like the water company producing excess noise at dawn and hazardous aerosols into the air .

Would it not make more sense to move the plant at 41st and Waterway to the wild dunes location where the water company can make noise and pollution without affecting the standard of living for an island resident?

Enough is enough I am tired literally from being awoken at 5 am on Sunday's to the sound of a vacuum truck and the smell of hazardous aerosols in the air.

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