

Public Comment For City Meetings

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Mrs Beatrice Love

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Comments for Council Meeting

Regarding the new Emergency gate on Wild Wood. Please make sure it is written that only the Fire and Police Chiefs have the keys. And only they can make the determination of what constitutes an emergency. The residents of Wild Wood are afraid this will turn into a 3rd gate for Wild Dunes.

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Good afternoon,

I have been making grocery deliveries to Isle of Palm residents since the pandemic started in March and am constantly driving the length of Palm Blvd. I am a county resident, providing an essential service to City residents, and a supporter of free public beach access in our region.

I do not understand why the land side of Palm Blvd was ever closed to parking. This does not appear to be a public safety concern, there is adequate setback space, sidewalks, and crosswalks to allow for parking on the land side while still being far enough over to allow emergency vehicles to pass. Additionally public parking is already prohibited on the parallel side streets for emergency vehicles to use between 22nd and 40th if the City is not enforcing the setback.

If the city is deciding to close parking in this area, they should not do it under the guise of public safety. This is entirely a revenue generating decision and should not be put in the Public Safety Committee. The Isle of Palms is considering charging for parking on the beach side, which has tighter parking than the land side and sends people walking into the road instead of on sidewalks in order to get to the beach access points. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitting this comment knowing no one on this council cares what anyone off island thinks about your policies. We've been voicing our concerns for months and obviously the majority of council wants a private island. Residential only parking should not exist. The bus route will see little use because families can't bring all the things they need for a day on the beach. A bus route to help the businesses in the evening could get mt. P residents to come across for dinner. Parking needs to return to maximum number of spaces to help alleviate traffic. Traffic is a result of having nowhere to park to access a beach that belongs to the state, not IOP. A commission needs to look at every homeowner violation of blocking the state owned easement with overnight cars, fake mail boxes, landscaping, too wide of driveways, and any other miscellaneous infraction designed to keep day trippers from parking on state owned roads. I pray daily for the SC legislature to step in and take control of this parking nightmare that y'all have created through greed and elitism.

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In an effort to increase public safety, please consider amending the current policy for dogs on the beach. I have witnessed a steadily increasing number of safety concerns directly related to animals that are off leash on the beach. Dogs are often hundreds of yards from their owners and clearly not under voice control. My two-year-old child has been repeatedly approached by large dogs; sometimes while in the stroller, sometimes while on foot. Seemingly, the beach has become a popular large-scale dog park, where dogs have precedence over people, including young children. It is not uncommon for dogs to run up to strangers and jump on them. I've had dogs try to bite me while jogging on the beach. I've seen dogs chase and try to bite others. I've seen dogs actually bite other people and other dogs. It's also worth mentioning that dog excrement is prevalent, especially along the beach between 21st and 25th beach access paths. Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. Please amend the current policy for dogs on the beach.

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I am writing to ask why the council refuses to acknowledge the validity of the SCDOT directive. Palm BLVD is a state road and the safety issues cited by the council of concern for people crossing is null and void given that there were zero reported incidents of people being hurt crossing Palm. It is a shame that you would rather spend your money for lawyers and suffer the ill will and backlash that certainly will ensure by not following the law.

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As a 20 year resident of Mount Pleasant and a 30 year resident of South Carolina, I'm very concerned about the parking restrictions being implemented on IOP. I hope that City Council remember that these beaches belong to ALL residents of SC. I know that safety is top of mind, but I'm sure that there is a way to keep safe and allow access at the same time. It's not as if "unsafe" is the first word that comes to mind when you think of IOP or Palm Blvd.

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I will continue to park on Palm Blvd to go to the beach. You have no right to prevent me. Suck it up.
In protest, Linda Hall

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SCDOT clearly told you that you can't ban parking on a state owned street.

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The South Carolina DOT has instructed your committee on September 23rd, "the public has the right to park along the state owned right of way". Please do not disregard that Palm Blvd is a state owned right of way. Violation of this directive would be a legal mistake and the Isle of Palms would surely face lawsuits. Please follow laws and directives from the SC DOT.

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Please adhere to the SC DOT directive to allow the public to park along a state owned right of way. Palm Boulevard is a state owned right of way, so there should be no question as to letting the public park there. The Isle of Palms will face unpleasant litigation if this directive is blatantly disregarded. Dear committee please save us all this waste of time and resources by following the SC DOT directives.

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Dear Mayor & Council Members:

Pursuant to the directive you received from Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall by letter dated September 23, 2020, "the public has the right to park along the state-owned right of way, unless SCDOT identifies a safety related issue. To date, we have not identified any safety issues along Palm Boulevard that would warrant the elimination of parking. These state-owned highways are public facilities and the rights of the public to utilize these publicly owned assets may not be permanently eliminated by the action of local governments."

Now that you have received the final word from SCDOT, please remove any restrictions on parking along any state-owned highways on the Isle of Palms immediately, and permanently. If you refuse to do so, you are in violation of your responsibility to carry out the laws and regulations of the State of South Carolina, and subject to further repercussions.

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According to the Secretary of Transportation for South Carolina, Palms Blvd is a state right-of-way. Today my husband and I received a parking ticket, although we followed the rules posted on the sign next to our car: parallel parking only and parking only within the arrows. This was our first visit to IOP. No where did we see signs posted where we were driving and looking for parking that said we had to park at least 4 ft away. Why would this rule not be posted WITH the others? Furthermore, and to my original grievance, we parked on the state owned right-of-way. Clearly, IOP's desire is to keep non-locals away. I look forward to your response.

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I am again writing to ask that you do not vote to implement island wide paid parking and and roll back restrictions that been implemented over the last several years. IOP also must abide by the SCDOT's ruling that you cannot restrict parking on the land side of Palm. Just because you live on the island does not give you the right to disregard the law and prevent non-island residents from parking there. Further, implementing all paid parking and administering exorbitant fines (particularly during a pandemic) is discriminatory. Many people in this area and state cannot afford to pay to park at the beach, and they should not have to. All of the racial angst leading to the recent riots is build up from systematic inequalities, such as what you are doing with moving towards limited, paid parking. We should not have to hassle with a lack of parking or deal with resident's trash cans and landscaping hindering where we park. Please consider the consequences of what you are doing and make parking free for all who just want to smell the salt in the air and feel the sand between their toes! In this time of high stress and hate, you have an opportunity to make things right and bring many people a sense of peace.

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Hello IOP Public Safety Committee:

- 1) As Charleston County and the State of South Carolina has returned to work, school and recreation - how is it that the Isle of Palms Council continues to maintain "Emergency Status" for the town?
- 2) How is it that Town Council continues to restrict parking on Palm Blvd. in direct conflict with SCDOT's order to halt that activity?

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For the IOP council and Mayor to use public safety as the reasoning for public parking restrictions, could not be more disingenuous. That has been proven so with your plan to use the shuttle bus as a suitable solution. It's actually a ridiculous idea. The worst thing is that you all know this to be true. The beach is for everyone to enjoy. Not just IOP residents. We all love the beach, it's shops, restaurants and it's residents. Some are my friends. When homeowners purchase a house on IOP, they most certainly know about the space allocated for public parking. If not, then their issue is with their realtor. Your actions are causing business to close and animosity between low country citizens. It's shameful. Especially in a time when everyone needs as much support as possible.

Sincerely

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