

Public Comment For City Meetings

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please keep Tidalwave!

I get it... this debate has been going on for awhile.

I get that verbal and written communication has gone to where no one wanted it to go..

At the end of the day you have a group fighting for their livelihood. Tidalwave is fighting for their work, their passion, their community ... their family.

So many positives of who and what they are over and beyond just a jet ski rental place .

Tidalwave makes up our community... they are our residents!

In addition to all the positives that have already been spoken of.. please remember that Tidalwave were the ones who stepped up and were willing to get our kids to school FREE of CHARGE when 526 was shut down .

Let's talk mental health, Covid and all the challenges our island kids are facing.

Tidalwave before Covid and currently has always given Our island kids a safe harbor as well as so many others.

Tidalwave is a place where they can go and visit even without renting a ski .

There is a not time my daughter has been at the marina that she just runs up to say hello, volunteer to learn the business, clean the marsh or just say hello to Ginger and crew.

They welcome anyone on their dock and treat them like family.

The discrepancy of the outdated lease? Change it. Make it doable for both parties. Work with each other.

I could go on , however...

At the end of the day I question how you can sleep at night knowing that you have shattered livelihoods , especially during Covid.

Does it matter to you that one of the owners is expecting a child?

Tidalwave is a fabric of our community... not just a business.

I employ you to keep Tidalwave.

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Please renew the lease with Tidal Wave Sports. We own our home on Isle of Palms and enjoy having their business available for us, family and friends. They also provide access to the water sports we would not be able to enjoy. Tidal Wave is a small family owned business which deserves our support as they always give back to the community. Thank you for your consideration.

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TidalWave has been a positive force in this community on so many levels. Please do NOT put a wonderful, caring, people-base local business out of business!!!!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Having been a small business owner, I can really identify with TidalWave. Please reconsider before you put a positive, community-active local merchant out-of-business!!!

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Dear Council, Please reconsider a new lease for Tidal Wave. The vast majority of our community supports this thriving, local business and would like for it to remain. Thank you!

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There is no reason to kick these guys off the island and feel if you do your only reuning the island. Where will everyone in Wild Dunes go to have fun business sure to drop with no water activities?!? Also not to mention these guys employ so many people over then summer and the pay is BETTER THAN MOST JOBS. There is no reason other than greed to not re-new their lease and force them out. Michael and Mark have shown amazing support to the community and they need to stay or y'all will of for ever changed the island for the WORSE and us locals will never forget!

LET THIS COMPANY STAY!! Not a single excuse for y'all to make them leave other than greed! Shame on every last one of you who voted them out, you will be voted out next!

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Our entire family wants Tidal Wave to stay on Isle of Palms. We parasail & dolphin cruise every summer & enjoy our time with TW!!!

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I strongly urge the Mayor of IOP add to the next city council an amendment to revisit the issue between the city of IOP and Tidal Wave. Why exactly does the city of IOP want to rid the IOP of a local, family run business? They have agreed to a higher lease, better terms for the city and funds for green space. What exact issues have led us to this point. It seems a majority of the residents of the IOP want Tidal Wave to stay. But a majority of city council wants to rid the IOP of a local business. It doesn't make sense, unless there is something we don't know. Transparency would be nice for a change.

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Please utilize the former Tidal Wave space as green space for residents. I believe residents have indicated this desire since the original referendum. A volunteer committee is already established for assisting in planning, planting and upkeep. That in and of itself should indicate the residents strong desire. Please do not bend to the bullying of some residents and non locals. The threats and hatred need to end and there is no point going backwards. The residents have spoken on this many times and for quite some time. Do not fold to recent clanging, especially from non residents. Give us the green space we have asked for.

Thank you!

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Comments for Council Meeting

I would like to thank City Council for voting to proceed with promoting the goal of public access space at the Marina. Most residents believe the new restaurant will totally change the character of our marina for the better and resident involvement in the space can only be a positive force in improving what has only been a neglected, unattractive and unprofitable space. I hear a great sense of optimism from my neighbors about the future of that valuable property that has been supported by our tax dollars for 20 years.

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Please allow Tidal Wave to stay! We have come every year that we've come on vacation

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As a Landscape Architect and full-time resident I want to applaud City Council for voting to establish greenspace/public use within the new design for the marina/restaurant property. I have heard some disparaging remarks that the property in question is too small to be useful. As a design professional I could not disagree more. I did the design for the property at the head of the new Isle of Palms Exchange Club dock. I did so as a service to our community and to further the goals of the Exchange Club. I can assure you that small can be appealing, useful and designed in harmony with the surrounding area. This small parcel can be of significant use value to our residents and a point of pride for this community. I hope you will move forward rapidly and try to have this project completed by next summer.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please do not allow our city mask ordinance to expire on September 16th.

I firmly believe it must be extended.

Also, please continue with the parking on Palm Blvd. to be on the ocean side only. It's really so much easier and safer to pull out onto Palm for drivers and not to have people darting out from between parked vehicles.

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I strongly urge the Mayor of IOP add to the next city council an amendment to revisit the issue between the city of IOP and Tidal Wave. Why exactly does the council of IOP want to rid of a local, family run business that has such a great reputation? They have agreed to a higher lease, better terms for the city and funds for green space. Show proof that this decision was made based on what the residents want. Let the residents make the decision.

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Comments for Council Meeting

The job of IOP City Counsel is to listen to its residents and represent what they want in the community. Collectively, you have failed to do so. Renew Tidal Wave's lease. IOP residents want Tidal Wave to stay. Your job is not to serve your own interests. It's to serve your community. It is not too late to do the right thing. Show us that you are a council that cares for their people. There is no reason to force another local business to close during this pandemic, especially when they are bringing in money and people (who bring their money) to the island and support our economy. Additionally, no one wants a "green space" at the marina. We want Tidal Wave to stay. THEY care about the community. Do YOU?

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Comments for Council Meeting

TidalWave is such a great asset to our island!

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Comments for Council Meeting

This company host a great time and are focused on great service and customer safety

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Comments for Council Meeting

This was my first time being able to experience something this fun and cool. The people are nice and are very big on safety and watch and explain what they they and expect and what you should expect. They make you feel comfortable and like family. Being from Kentucky and visiting you state that is very appreciated and you should keep the companies that allow your visitors to feel that way.!!! That is very important!!!!!!

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This place is amazing, the energy is incredible, it brings fun and youthfulness to our island

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Comments for Council Meeting

Tidal Wave is a wonderful enterprise and a great experience! My kids and I loved going up and seeing the best views of downtown Charleston, Sullivan's Island, Isle Of Palms, and Mount Pleasant. I don't see any valid reason why a business on a dock should not be allowed when it brings so much joy to so many! They are also fun, caring people who don't deserve to lose their jobs. My daughters kindergarten teacher works there as a summer job, and has for years, and it's perfect for her.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please don't end the lease arrangement with Tidal Wave water sports! Today 3 generations of women/girls went parasailing. We had a wonderful time, and look forward to going again. The crew was absolutely wonderful! They were affordable, knowledgeable, and professional. A great asset to the island, and the best part of our visit.

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I have been concerned for some time that the City is using Roundup/glyphosate herbicide on cute grounds. Several recent court rulings have found that continued use by ground keepers caused cancer. If for no other reason than for fear of litigation against the City, I urge IOP to discontinue use of glyphosate for the safety of our city staff and our community.

Organic products have been shown to be very effective. Here is a great video about organic use
<https://youtu.be/4hxogS-pal8?t=56>

I would love to see IOP take steps toward a chemical free community. There is even a non profit organization dedicated to helping cities across the country. I'm happy to help assist on the communication and transition as well. <http://www.nontoxicneighborhoods.org/>

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Comments for Council Meeting

I support Tidalwave watersports remaining at their IOP location. I love IOP and have been coming since I was a young kid and I love having the option to enjoy various water sports and this business has always been professional and focused on customer service and safety. They've had my business for a number of years and I'd love to see them stay.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am concerned about who will have the keys to the new emergency gate planned for Wild Wood.. I want to be assured it is written that the only key holders will be the Fire and Police Chiefs. They will make the determination of what constitutes an emergency.

Once again I wish Council would consider changing short term rentals to minimum of 30 days in Wild Wood and Forest Trails Residential Neighborhoods.

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Please vote to give us green space at the marina. That is what the citizens voted for at the referendum to purchase the property and that is what we want. We don't need more commercial space. Our Government does not need to be in business. This for some is a once in a lifetime opportunity...a 30 year lease for a 60 year old resident...would end all opportunities. I don't have a brick at front beach, but I'd love to have a brick, a palm tree or a bench funded by my donation. I'm happy to help with plantings, planning, Landscaping, clean up. We need more green space, especially with all of the fighting over parking, we don't need more commercial space.

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Since the Island Residents bought the Marina property for their free access to the water I believe the area vacated by Tidal Wave should be a public dock, green space and an area to launch non-motorized sports equipment..It should not be shared with a commercial establishment.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Honorable Mayor Carrol and Respected Councilmen,

Our community is very fortunate to have you folks such as you willing to represent the residents on many diverse and challenging issues. Thank you all for leading from the front.

Please continue to be advocates for better use of our marina for a public dock and greenspace. We do not need more fast and loud machines. We do not need to mix paddlesports and power sports. We do not need scare tactics and bullying that implies loss of a jet ski concession represents a public safety risk. We do not need fewer public-controlled parking places.

Please stay the course and not bow to special interest lobbying. Let's work together to build a legacy of nature based access through a public dock and greenspace at our marina.

Cordially,

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Comments for Council Meeting

Requesting that the renegotiated lease with Tidalwave Watersports be put on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting on September 22, 2020 and voted on.

There is great support for this business that has been a long time tenant on IOP. They are asking the City to renegotiate the lease so they can remain on IOP and have offered more money for rent and provide money towards Greenspace. As you know they have assisted in emergencies on the water, and many people on and off the island enjoy this business. Not everyone has their own kayaks and paddleboards and it is a great place to come and have a good time. Since we know they are good tenants and residents want them to stay on the island, as well as tourists, could you not renegotiate the lease with them and still have the beautiful restaurant and Greenspace? Each of you were elected by the voters to represent us. We are the City of Isle of Palms and we care about our friends and neighbors. We also care about what our neighboring cities who enjoy coming to IOP think and say about us. Yes, change is here and it's progress. We have lived on IOP 48 years and seen many changes, but why don't each of you remember WHO trusted you to represent the CITY OF IOP, which is the residents and deal with this situation fairly and openly?

2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. We all appreciate the work and time each of you have given and I hope and pray each of you will do what is best for everyone.

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I prefer green space at the IOP marina.

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Regarding item nine(9) of the September 22, 2020 City Council agenda:

Mayor Carroll and Members of City Council: You have the opportunity to turn residents' dreams into reality by making the commitment to a public dock and green space on the ICW side of the Isle of Palms Marina. . It is no secret that I have championed this effort since November of 2019 and am more enthusiastic than ever at the possibilities on that site. I encourage those of you who are in favor of a public dock and green space to stand firm, but I am also beseeching those who were not in favor, to step back from all the rhetoric and evaluate personally how much a public dock and green space would mean to not only those of us over 75, but your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. There are few places on our island where the "quiet" of nature can be heard and that opportunity is in your hands tonight. Thank you, SANDY

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Comments for Council Meeting

Congratulations on arranging the beach shuttle from Mt. Pleasant. This is a great idea that will improve the quality of life for our community and visitors.

I support converting the former jet ski dock at the marina to a public paddlesports dock with green space. This would promote environmentally friendly interaction with our incredible natural ecosystem and mitigate crowding at the marina.

Thanks for all you do,

Cynthia McDowell

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Dear Council,

I have previously written on numerous occasions expressing in detail my hope that our City Marina will include a public recreational dock for use by residents as a waterfront park and I will not reiterate this hope. I trust that you will do what is best for the residents of our community. However, should your discussion devolve into a bean counting exercise based upon comments received, please count my comment as one in favor of a public dock with greenspace and residential parking spaces.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please do not eliminate parking/continue to reduce Parking. Shuttle is not realistic for families and paying for all parking to a free public beach is not right. Instead work to solve the parking problem and perhaps insert road safety humps to slow traffic, pedestrian crosswalks with flashing lights, and pave the easements to allow for safe walking and reduce the issue with divots in the grass.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Thank you for public safety concerns for parking on the land side of IOP . I believe the marked cross walks are sufficient to protect the parking public. Advise to enforce, yield to pedestrians in Crosswalk, with fines or ticket for non compliance . Pedestrians have the right of way. Thank you , Robert

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If safety is a concern, then lower speed limit and clearly mark crosswalks. eliminating parking does not stop a car from speeding. A parked car is not the problem, problem is the moving cars. Thus, limiting parking on land side does nothing to slow speed of moving cars or improving the attention of the drivers.

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"Eliminating parking due to public safety concerns"? Nuh-uh. The public is no more concerned for safety when it comes to the rudimentary human endeavor of crossing a two lane street than it has been for the last two decades. You have presented no data regarding auto accidents related to pedestrians that would indicate that this is suddenly such a dire concern. Pedestrians have the right of way. And that goes for residents, renters, and day trippers. This sudden pearl clutching is disingenuous, as is the feeble attempt at introducing a "beach bus" after the tourists are all gone. If you really want a bus system, that's going to take a year's worth of running to gage it's efficacy and to know what demographics use it the most. Running a single bus on a measly hourly schedule that is basically only practical for tourists looking to dine and shop seems like a straw man pseudo-solution that will enable you to claim good faith efforts towards an alternative for your true intention of eliminating parking and raising fines on land that you have absolutely no right to. Buses could be a viable element in a comprehensive plan to reduce traffic to the island, but not in lieu of the free and open public parking that all beach goers have a right to.

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I appreciate that Council has responded to resident comments in the past. I'm writing to convey my support for resident green space, waterway access and parking on the property adjacent to the former Morgan Creek Grill.

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No paid parking! I have been coming to IOP for 30+ years. Y'all are ruining it! Easements are easements! Property owners do not have the rights to that property. We all do! Letting residents take up spots by parking permanently on these easements is against your laws! Why aren't they being ticketed or towed?

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Being being a walking challenged senior citizen moving to Mt. Pleasant in 1960, I consider myself someone who has seen multiple changes in the East of the Cooper Community. Yes, it was a community that went to school together, especially High School in addition to church, grocery stores and played rec ball together. We also enjoyed the beach tremendously during the Summer.

Unfortunately, my ability to enjoy a life long retreat has been removed from me this year and permanently from this time frame forward. Handicapped availability appears to be of no consequence to either IOP or SI. Shame on you for impending and restricting my RIGHT to access and enjoy the beach.

Restricting everyone to an extremely small parking area on IOP meant overcrowding in a "small" area which prohibited me from access. Now this foolish idea of dumping all of us or even many of us to limited transportation, which this trial weekend was not even on schedule. Initial run did not take place! This ridiculous idea that those of us, which through this week, are still being advised by the CDC and DHEC to socially distance and prepare for this same dangerous situation well into mid 2021 suggests that you simply are ready for all us "day trippers" senior citizens to contract this Corona 19 Virus and leave you to your own vices.

Apparently the concept of "inclusiveness" is a concept that none of you truly know the definition.

My prayer for you is that you never become the object of a group attempting to eliminate one of your freedoms, that you've helped to support financially for decades and expect and are counting on our financial support after we've been denied our rights!

Shocked at the new normal,
Julia HERNs

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Dear Council,

As Council considers eliminating parking on the landward side of Palm between 22nd and 40th avenues, please also consider the effects that action will have on parking along Palm from 42nd to 57th avenues because it will surely increase the demand for beach parking on these upper Palm avenues where the only allowed parking is on the landward side. Whatever the public safety concerns are for parking along the landward side of Palm between 22nd and 40th avenues, the same public safety issues are also present for parking on the landward side of Palm from 42nd to 57th avenues, in fact, since it is not possible to require parking 4 feet from the pavement along much of this stretch, the public safety issues are magnified.

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To Each Council Member:

Please answer these questions so that I may better understand your position:

What is the personal reason why you, not the Council as a whole, are you taking action to limit parking on the Isle of Palms?

Are you trying to keep nonresidents and non-renters off the island?

Are you trying to generate income by making everyone park in a paid parking spot?

Do you want your businesses to suffer from lack of traffic?

Do you care about your businesses, or are you trying to appease your residents who don't like the inconvenience of a bit of traffic when others come to visit the public beach?

When you purchased your homes on the Isle of Palms, were you aware that the beach was not private and that the roads were State-owned roads and, thereby, accessible to the general public?

Has the beach become private since you purchased your home?

Are you aware that there are multiple roads within which emergency vehicles can travel on the island, and that Palm Blvd. is not the only road?

When you drive on the island, do you take the back streets with ease to get to where you need to go?

Is Palm Boulevard the only roadway in which you have safety concerns?

When you drive to Mt. Pleasant for shopping, dining, etc., would you like having to pay to park?

If the shoe was on the other foot and you lived in Mt. Pleasant, would you happily agree to pay to park on the Isle of Palms?

Do you think that by offering a shuttle from Mt. Pleasant, one in which you can't take a chair, umbrella, dog, surfboard, bike or a chair, is a viable option to allowing parking on the Isle of Palms? (Would you do this?)

By allowing a CARTA bus on your roadways, isn't that more of a safety issue and hindrance to travelling on the Isle of Palms, than by allowing vehicles to park 4 feet off the road?

By instituting paid parking island-wide, are you aware that you are excluding those who are financially unable to pay for parking from enjoying a right to access the public beach?

Why should the people of the State of South Carolina agree that eliminating parking on State-owned roads and instituting paid parking island-wide is good for them, and not just for the residents of your community who don't like "day-trippers?"

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Public Comment For City Meetings

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear members of City Council for the Isle of Plans,

I would like to submit these comments to record for the meeting on September 22nd at 6:00 PM.

In reference to the agenda for the meeting, public safety committee, consideration of eliminating parking on the land side of Palm Boulevard between 22nd and 40th Avenue due to public safety concerns, how can you continue to eliminate parking from the easement and public right-of-way of a state owned road that has historically been used for parking?

By eliminating parking, you are essentially blocking access to a public beach. The outcomes are the same. If people can not park, they can not access the beach with their needed recreational gear, such as surfboards, fishing poles and coolers.

The courts have interpreted the public's rights of freedom of speech and assembly in the First Amendment, and the rights to liberty, due process, and the privileges and immunities guaranteed to all citizens in the Fourteenth Amendment, as protecting our right to travel to, and gather in, public places for social or recreational purposes.

The SC Constitution clearly upholds the Public Trust Doctrine under Article XIV - Eminent Domain. SECTION 4. Navigable waters free; tax for use of wharf.

All navigable waters shall forever remain public highways free to the citizens of the State and the United States without tax, impost or toll imposed; and no tax, toll, impost or wharfage shall be imposed, demanded or received from the owners of any merchandise or commodity for the use of the shores or any wharf erected on the shores or in or over the waters of any navigable stream unless the same be authorized by the General Assembly.

The Public Forum Doctrine also protects the public rights. Justice Roberts wrote in Hague: "Wherever the title of streets and parks may rest, they have immemorially been held in trust for the use of the public and, time out of mind, have been used for purposes of assembly, communicating thoughts between citizens, and discussing public questions. Such use of the streets and public places has from ancient times, been a part of the privileges, immunities, rights, and liberties of citizens."

I'm sure you are aware that you can not discriminate against non-residents. By eliminating parking from the land side of Palm Blvd, for safety reasons, you are saying that it is not safe for non-residents to park and cross Palm Blvd., but it is safe for residents and their guests to park in the residential only areas, or at their homes and cross the same street. We have historically parked along the land side of Palm Blvd. with no reports of accidents or injuries. I do not understand how this has now become a safety issue. If you are referencing the ability for emergency vehicles to pass by, I will remind you that there is a street parallel to Palm Blvd. that can easily be used as an alternative route. There are other ways to improve safety on state roads. The speed limit could be reduced and more cross walks at every beach access could be added.

Section 48-39-260 of the Beachfront Management Act established eight state policies to guide the management of ocean beaches. Number six is, preserve existing public access and promote the enhancement of public access for all citizens, including the handicapped, and encourage the purchase of lands adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean to enhance public access.

The Beachfront management act also states that the City inspects road rights-of-way upon which public beach access parking is allowed, and prohibits any new encroachments.

You have residents with permanently parked cars in the public's ROW and landscaping encroaching the ROW. I have called some of these in to the Isle of Palms police department and I was told It would be passed on to Officer King. Is this being enforced?

By continuing to eliminate parking, and allowing your residents to block beach access by blocking parking, you are stripping the public's right to access the public beach. Public beach access, including the parking for beach access, is protected by state laws. City ordinances must comply with state statute.

"If a local government fails to establish and enforce a local coastal beach management plan, the government automatically loses its eligibility to receive available state-generated or shared revenues designated for beach/dune system protection, preservation, restoration, or enhancement, except as directly applied by the department in its administrative capacities."

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please extend the mask requirement and occupancy of bars and restaurants. We all know Covid is still very much a threat to our health.

Thank you

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Comments for Council Meeting

Hello! Please allow free parking for the beach. We have lived here for 42 years and love the beach. I am a retired teacher and all of us teachers love the beach! Please free the beach! THANK YOU ALL for your time.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I hope you will reconsider your stance on instituting paid parking along Palm Blvd. in 2021.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please complete the process of securing a space at the marina for the free use and enjoyment of all island residents and visitors. This is our last opportunity to have a public area for viewing sunsets, launching kayaks and paddelboards at a usable launch area and having a dock from which people can fish and enjoy being "on the water". Please vote to make the current watersports dock, surrounding area and 10 parking spaces unavailable for commercial use.

Thank you.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I moved here in 2002, because my spouse was raised on IOP and would never live anywhere but here. We settled in Mt. Pleasant, and came often to the Island, pretty much every weekend when our babies were young. To the beach where he grew up, to the place that housed all his best memories from childhood. And I considered it my island too....I supported the beach renourishment funding, after all it was public beaches, recommended it to family and friends for vacations and visits, and to tourists as well. I came to the restaurants faithfully and often.

And I had inlaws who said, the island has changed so much, and I would think, no it is still great! Well.....you have taken that shine off the penny in the last year with your over-reach to restrict parking long term. Yes, the few years of weekly accidents was terrible, I agree; and the last few years it's been so much better with Mt. Pleasant lending support. As long as you time it right, you're okay. It's been hard for my aging mom to get out to 'her favorite place on earth' given the parking restrictions prior to COVID 19 and now for sure. I am sad to have reached the point where I don't quite look forward to my early Sunday morning runs on the beach quite the way I once did. And the birthday and anniversary dinners at IOP restaurants- previously a tradition- now seem perhaps better spent elsewhere, at a place where we are WELCOMED.

If you pass these parking restrictions you will have an island of IOP residents and tourists and us Mt. P folk will leave you to it, I fear. And come hurricane season, that might present some challenges for you. And come beach renourishment time, I'll call MY representative to let him or her know how I feel about IOP- you want a private island? Pay for your private island!

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Comments for Council Meeting

1) Regarding concerns over public safety on Palm Blvd: Has there been a significant increase in accidents or injuries in connection with parking on Palm Blvd that warrant the proposed change? The side streets allow several avenues for emergency vehicles to reach Palm Blvd, and/or for cars to clear the way for them.

2) In Jimmy Carroll's message to the public on Sept 14, 2020, he stated that the concerns on IOP beaches stem from increased police, fire and trash service costs from Memorial Day-Labor Day. If this is the case, why is the new ordinance to require paid parking set for March 1-October 31?

3) I would like to request that the Council obtain input from the citizens of Charleston County before finalizing decisions about beach access that will impact most of us. A survey with options to share additional ideas to consider could be a good way to collect this feedback.

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Dr. Laura Councell

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am staying with my Aunt on the Isle of Palms and we heard about the opportunity to have a space where we might be able to take our 3 year old daughter to see the boats go by the Intracoastal. This makes so much more sense for this area than a Watersports dock. Loud jet-skis are not fitting for such a beautiful coastal environment.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Last month when you discussed the future use of the watersports dock at the IOP Marina, a few of you stated that the residents had spoken and that the majority want that space to be used for greenspace and a public dock. After that meeting I took it upon myself to go through data from the City website that indicated otherwise, i.e. the majority of residents prefer Tidalwave over greenspace or a public dock.

I assume that Council may receive e-mail from residents at any time whereas I have learned that Public Comments may not be available to Council until 1 hour prior to each meeting. Given the number of Public Comments prior to the last meeting, it is understandable that you may not have had time to read all of them. If you had, you would have seen that there were way many more Public Comments than e-mail messages and the Public Comments showed overwhelming support for keeping Tidalwave. I also looked back at the July slide show presentation of the results from the January Community Forum. Even when you discount the red-dot votes obtained at the Forum, there is still overwhelming support for keeping Tidalwave at the Marina. I have sent a copy of my analysis to all of you via e-mail and I received responses from all but 2 of you.

In a recent visit to City Hall, Mayor Carroll gave me a copy of a 1998 newspaper article about the City purchasing the Marina. That article states that the Marina was purchased to avoid residential development there, saying "If developed as residential, the city would not only lose the opportunity for a boat ramp, but numerous small businesses catering to the needs of tourists...would be displaced." Thankfully we still have that boat ramp, but sadly some now want to displace one of those local businesses!

Some want to dismiss the issue citing an April 2019 vote not to renew the Tidalwave lease. Renewing is one thing; renegotiating is something else. Tidalwave is prepared to renegotiate a new lease at a considerably higher rate. Tidalwave has offered money to create greenspace at the Marina. Tidalwave has stated that they never turn down a request from anyone who wants to launch their paddleboard or kayak from that dock. Tidalwave purchased a van to transport their customers to and from that area, thereby lessening their impact on parking in that area. Without any explanation of your reasoning, it is very difficult to understand why their offer has been stonewalled up until now. Accepting their offer would be a win-win situation for everyone! If you feel the need to issue an RFP so that other entities could compete for use of that dock space, so be it. You could find out if any other company would be so generous with their proposal. But again, without any explanations, it looks very unreasonable to turn your backs on the idea of giving Tidalwave an opportunity to be there next season, with a renegotiated lease or as the winner of the RFP.

If you vote to restrict usage of the watersports dock area to residents wanting greenspace and residents wanting to launch their own kayaks and paddleboards, you are essentially denying access to the Intracoastal Waterway to the majority of IOP residents and our visiting family and friends. The City will lose a paying tenant and all IOP taxpayers will end up footing the bill to develop and maintain the greenspace and the dock, whether we use them or not. I hope you will consider all of the implications of your decision tonight and vote to do what the majority want, even if it does not agree with your own personal agenda.

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Comments for Council Meeting

In regards to eliminating parking on the land side of Palm Blvd for the sake of safety, please share the data showing there have been any pedestrian accidents to warrant this change. The emergency vehicle access excuse is a red herring. There is plenty of room for vehicles to pull over to allow East passage. Parking does not cause a problem with this. Any problem can be attributed to a driver compliance with pulling over, not because there is not room enough to do so. Emergency vehicle crews are experts at navigating through traffic all over the Lowcountry. Land side parking has zero to do with emergency vehicle passage. Note, too, that doing so will eliminate 60% of the parking spaces available on Palm Blvd. Add to that the easement encroachment by residents who have added flared extensions to their driveways, landscaping, hardscaping, and block right-of-way parking with their own permanently parked cars and you then do not have the required number of spaces required to satisfy state law beach access parking requirements. If you are truly concerned about the safety of crossing a street (without any data driven proof of a safety issue) of day-trippers, but apparently not island residents, a reduction in speed on Palm Blvd would actually make the road and crossing that road safer. You would have the added bonus of revenue from potential speeding tickets.

Lastly what is the plan/procedure for eliminating the aforementioned encroachment into the parking easement by island residents, which further eliminates beach access parking. It has been, and continues to be, documented by many concerned citizens. Does IOP have a plan for correcting this obvious encroachment, or must it be reported directly to SCDOT?

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Comments for Council Meeting

I have been surfing, windsurfing, paddling, kiting, and more on a daily basis for 30 years. The selfishness of this council and community makes me sick. This has nothing to do with safety.

I am no day tripper , just a guy that loves the ocean before and after a hard day of work!! I am outraged by what you are doing to this community. Wake up.

I hope there is some way you make the right decision about public parking!!!!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Also, what is up with all the golf carts? Why do you need them? Are a ton of residents handicapped? It takes 9 minutes on foot to traverse the breadth of the entire Isle of Palms at its widest point. That's it. 9 minutes. How lazy do you have to be to live within two blocks of water in 2 different directions and not be bothered to walk over there? Half the time the people I see on golf carts aren't even carrying a single item of beach paraphernalia. Just Driving to the beach to go for a walk. Do you hear how dumb that sounds? "I want to go for a walk, but not one that involves walking 9 minutes on something that isn't sand." Just driving around. Surveying their domain, as it were. Well, the space they are taking up with their pseudo vehicles isn't theirs, it is public domain. Golf carts are a waste of space. They aren't even necessary for the actual game of golf! They are used by retirees who wish to remove all traces of actual physical exercise from a sport. They are nothing but a way to flex on your neighbor and take up parking space that doesn't belong to you!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Parking on both sides of Palm has never been a danger or an issue prior to covid. Know that it was IOP's solution to what most beach communities along the Atlantic, Pacific, or Gulf coast offer - which are ample parking lots spaced periodically along the shoreline. Since we do not have parking lots every block or every few blocks, and since IOP does not want a national public label of being discriminatory, the only fair thing is to re-establish parking in the manner it was several years ago before parking was limited (like on 42nd street, etc). Do the right thing and stop the "division".

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Comments for Council Meeting

I hope you will make the waters of our area available to local residents by transforming the Tidal Wave Water Sports space into a public launch and green space. The local residents need you to hear them. Thank you!

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Comments for Council Meeting

I have lived in Mount Pleasant and visited IOP for the last 14 years. I am unaware of any documented accidents from pedestrians crossing Palm Blvd to get to the beach. I have been on Palm Blvd many times, both in a vehicle and on a bike, when an emergency vehicle with lights and a siren has come down the road and everyone moves aside to let them pass with plenty of room. To claim a safety issue to eliminate parking on the land side of Palm Blvd is a fabrication. Or at least a misguided extrapolation of possibility. By this reasoning, you really should just close the beaches entirely. Unfortunately, there are plenty of documented incidents with drownings and shark attacks. If safety is really the issue, IOP should keep everyone out of the water.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Removing parking on the land side of Pam Blvd reduces 60% of parking on that end of the island. The data does not show that there is a public safety issue and there are no pedestrian accidents on record. The negative impact of further limiting parking on IOP will have a detrimental impact on the island, surrounding communities and denies community and fellow local tax payers the right to access state roads and public beaches. Please reconsider and consider the long term affects on our community.

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Comments for Council Meeting

The continuous ingress and egress of 11 jet skis every other hour with inexperienced riders noisily transiting the ICW at high speed threatens the safety of other boaters, kayakers, SUP paddlers, creates unacceptable levels of noise and carbon pollution, disturbs fishermen, alarms dolphins and sea birds, and will permanently rob our grandchildren and future generations of a greenspace on the ICW and IOP marina that encourages use of environmentally friendly, non motorized sea craft. Other venues exist already for those who want the noisy, carnival atmosphere created by jet ski's.

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Don't take away free parking on our PUBLIC BEACHES Allen Reyes Martin

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Comments for Council Meeting

My family and I live in Charleston county and frequently visit Isle Of Palms beaches and businesses during both on and off seasons. We pay taxes to help maintain these public beaches and taking away free parking for us as residents while catering to tourists is absolutely despicable. Over 100 free spaces taken will crowd other parts of the island where we normally would park. Nothing is wrong with what has been working for years. IOP makes a lot of money each year from tourists and businesses alone. Why add the extra burden for tax paying citizens? Free our beaches!!!!

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Comments for Council Meeting

The beach is held in public trust for all. Please stop working to eliminate parking.. We live and work in Charleston to be near the beach. Please stop

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Comments for Council Meeting

I have been a resident of Mt Pleasant for 40 years. My family and I have been going to Isle of Palms all my life. I am now raising my children here. It is disgusting and sad that my children are unable to enjoy the same beach experience and freedoms that I did. One of the reasons we decided to live in Mt Pleasant was for the freedom of attending Isle of Palms beaches and the parking associated with it. We cannot afford to live on Isle of Palms. Making Charleston County residents pay to park in a limited amount of spaces is criminal. Isle of Palms is not a private beach. It is public and my tax dollars go to fund it. I strongly disapprove of The new parking injunctions for Isle of Palms.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear Council Members:

Hello again.

As a resident of neighboring Mt Pleasant, I respectfully ask that you reconsider your intentions to implement paid parking, as well as eliminating parking along the land side of Palm Boulevard. Your neighbors in surrounding towns, as well as many of your own residents are not in favor of this. I fail to understand how it is safe for your residents to walk across Palm Boulevard to the beach, but not for others that park there. I have lived in a beach town. We understood that part of the deal was that a few months a year we dealt with traffic and additional people visiting. If you truly were concerned with safety, you would reduce the speed limit on Palm Blvd at peak times and not try to implement a shuttle with no social distancing to get us "undesirables" to "your" beach. This shuttle is the most out-of-touch solution I have seen floated to date. I'd like each of you to try to get a family of 5 to the beach with chairs, coolers, beach toys, boogie boards and other items needed for a family with small children. That means loading the car, unloading the car, loading onto the bus, unloading off the bus, and then all crowding onto the beach where the bus drops you off. That is not an option for me and so many families, which, I suppose, is exactly what you are hoping for.

Our public beaches are for all of us, not just the select few that live on Isle of Palms.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Isle of Palms Council Members,

I'm writing to ask that you please not eliminate parking on landside of Palm Boulevard. This would be a drastic reduction in public beach access. The beach is meant for all to enjoy. This action would drastically reduce public parking by over 60%. I realize there is increased traffic but it's only for a few months in the summer. Traffic may not be relieved by this parking reduction as people will be driving around looking for parking spaces. If safety is a concern, maybe a better alternative would be to lower the speed limit and maybe put in more crosswalks. In addition, I believe a return to perpendicular parking is a safer option. I have four children and when we go to the beach, I always felt safer pulling in perpendicular on the landside of Palm Blvd. as it is further in from the road. Also, the beach side of Palm has drainage issues which even further reduces the amount of parking spots available to the public. Anyway, I hope you will take this into account and not eliminate parking on the landside of Palm Boulevard. Thanks for your consideration. - Francie Wright

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Comments for Council Meeting

I wish to express concern over the mask mandate. Although it hasn't been reported my mainstream media, the CDC has said that people that died from conditions other than covid were counted as a covid death if they had any trace of it when they died. In other words, car accidents and suicides were counted as covid deaths if they had a trace of covid when they died. The actual number of deaths reported by the CDC is around ten thousand, not 200 thousand. The director of the CDC as well as Dr. Fauci was against mask wearing at the onset of this thing. They have since flip flopped. The mask is useless and a symbol of compliance. It's an apparatus of marxists and communists to force citizens into submission and fear. Citizens are easy to control when they're frightened. Please rescind any and all mask mandates. We're not sheep

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Comments for Council Meeting

To the council

Regarding your agenda to remove parking Palm Blvd due to safety concerns I just spent a week in a rental home on Palm and 38th. I observed fire and rescue trucks operating at least twice with no issues on Palm. I also personally crossed and observed many crossing and walking on Palm also with no issue. People are smart enough to cross carefully and cars are polite often to stop and allow crossing. If you really want to do something about safety lower the speed limit because there is plenty of speeding on that road.

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Comments for Council Meeting

As residents of Isle of Palms who travel Palm Boulevard daily, my wife and I would like you to know that we support the proposed reduction in parking on Palm Boulevard. This is a safety issue from an emergency vehicle standpoint as well as a safety issue for pedestrians crossing the street. Please do not be intimidated by threats of legal action and threats of other retaliation from people who do not live here. The first concern must always be safety. Do the right thing.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I've been living in Charleston since 1993 and spend lots of time on the beach. When I went to College of Charleston and MUSC Asylum Beach and studied. Now that I work for MUSC I'll like to spend my days off on the beach. There should be no obstacles placed to having people be able to park near the beach. And I absolutely will not be getting on a bus with my family, which include the physical he disabled child, to make my way to the beach. I pay lots of taxes just like every other Charleston County resident and there should be plenty of free parking available along Palm Boulevard and the avenues that run perpendicular. Trying to keep the beach for only the rich is selfish and ridiculous.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please explain to me

Why the people that live on the land side of Palm Blvd are safe to cross the street but if I park on that side its not safe for me?

There are NO records of ANY pedestrian vs. car incidents so how can this be about safety?

There is plenty of room for emergency vehicles to get through Palm Blvd and other back roads they can use with little or no delay.

I thought that the reason behind taking away parking was due to COVID? But you expect people to get on a bus vs a personal car to get to IOP.

I will not stop fighting against you for free parking and public beach access. We are not going away.

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Thank you in advance for listening to mine and others' comments. Very briefly, I want to point out that removing parking on the landside of Palm Blvd. will violate the conditions of the Comprehensive Beachfront Management Act. There will be several locations along Palm Blvd with fewer than the required 10 parking spaces per "Local" beach access point. A parking survey of available parking on the ocean side of Palm would show quite clearly how many man made obstacles, including extra wide driveways, landscaping, hardscaping, unassigned and misplaced mailboxes, and other objects, have severely limited parking and would break compliance when land side parking is removed. Additionally, the ocean side of Palm has no sidewalk along a 35 mph road which will create a much more hazardous condition with further crowding along this side of the road - especially for families with young children who will be forced to walk along the roadside to get to beach accesses. Lastly, I've spoken with first responders who have worked on IOP and they object to the idea that eliminating parking on the land side of Palm will speed up response times. If the issue is truly about safety, a much better option is to reduce the speed limit on Palm Blvd. to 25 mph or seek state or county funds to install crosswalks with speed humps. These are much better solutions for the residents as well as visitors. Thank you.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I would like to let my voice be heard in regards to eliminating even more parking on IOP. It seems that the council is trying to use covid as a ploy to make IOP a private community. It's not based on a need for safety, it's based on a desire for exclusivity and greed. Isle of Palms is a PUBLIC BEACH. If you want a private beach, move to Kiawah or Seabrook. If you reduce parking even further, cars will jam up the roads circling over and over looking for parking. Please go back to what the actual problem is (if there is one!) and look for win/win solutions that benefit all, not just the privileged.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I've been a longtime resident of Mt. pleasant, that has grown up & raised a family playing on the beach. One of the major reasons my family has not moved away has been the wonderful accessibility of IOP and the great relationships these two municipalities have. I find the arguments for doing away with the proposed parking spaces to be inadequate and insulting to tax payers.

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2017 Country Manor, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29466

Comments for Council Meeting

Please do not eliminate parking on the land side of Palm Blvd. Please also stop referring to all non IOP residents as "day trippers". Most of those who are opposed to the changes in parking and the way it has been handled are local residents who love the beach! We respect the beach, the properties and residents of IOP. We take our children to the beach as an affordable, usually free healthy activity. We want IOP to be a safe, welcoming place too. Eliminating a huge amount of parking is not the answer. We love IOP and know that there are ways to make traffic and parking better for residents and other beach lovers!

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Dear City Council of Isle of Palms,

I have lived in Mt Pleasant since 2010 and worked at 1022 Carolina Blvd for 2 years. I kiteboard around 150 days a year and currently work for a Wall Street investment firm.

I wanted to start a dialog with this group as there have been a number of restrictions to access over the years by the Town Council which while on the surface seem logical. In reality these restrictions are not really to the long term benefit of the community and it seems like there are better alternatives for Isle of Palms to explore.

Bit of background. I grew up in Atlantic Beach NC and attended UNC-CH graduating with a degree in Poli Science. After Carolina, I moved to New York City where I was an options trader on the NYSE. I held seats on the NYSE, AMEX, and ISE exchanges. During that time I surfed and kiteboarded in northern New Jersey. Towns like Seabright have taken similar actions to restrict parking while claiming public safety. What they did not take into account is that the local population and vacationers were going to come to the beach no matter what. This lead to accidents, gridlock and a bad beach experience on the weekends. I was lucky to have a friend with a house on the beach and we would just sit and watch the gridlock. He blamed the local government for this and said his quality of life was impacted. He could not go to the store to get groceries, he did not want to leave the island as it would take him too long to get back on. I think you need to come to the realization that people are moving to Charleston and there is nothing IOP can do to change this. Also if you continue to take state and federal money you need to provide available parking on the island.

I ask you to be smart about how to improve safety and quality of life. Both using volunteers and having paid parking can help with the budget and would be smart ways to improve the situation being addressed. I would pay a yearly fee to park on IOP so I could surf and kiteboard on the island. I would also volunteer my time for beach safety if a formal organization were created(think Australian water safety clubs). I am a former lifeguard, sailing and kayak instructor, and have made several saves in the ocean. Alot of the surfing, paddling community has similar backgrounds. With the average age of 64, Isle of Palm residents should welcome people who would like to help with physically challenging water safety. Let me know if you would like more detailed thoughts on this plan.

I know you have had some legal challenges on your recent restrictions. These will continue until you start to work with the local community as a whole(not just IOP residents). I have seen these type of fights in places like Deal New Jersey. A number of national beach groups were in litigation for years with Deal. Please avoid this. Start working with the people that are here to help. If you need follow up or if I can be helpful please let me know.

Kind regards and thanks for reading.

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Stop hiding behind the virus (which is clearly waning and was never a reason to shove people together) and safety (which is clearly not a realistic argument because there is NO evidence of any safety issues with parking) and say what you mean--you simply want a private island. So if that's the case, admit it so we can all move on and make sure IOP NEVER EVER gets any public funding for anything they ever need. Your self entitled elitism is disgusting

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