

Public Comment For City Meetings

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please reinstate the free parking on Palm Blvd for everyone. This has had very divisive consequences in our community. While eliminating the parking for non-residents on IoP may benefit some residents, it has become very clear that this is not the wish of the general population of the island. Multitudes of residents have spoken out against eliminating these parking spaces for non-residents. Please do the right thing and give the beach back to the public. You have the power to put UNITY back in our commUNITY!

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Council Member,

Being a relatively new resident of South Carolina who moved here to enjoy the public beaches and parks adjacent to the beach I am appalled with the restrictions on parking since the coronavirus began in March. Making the islands, Isle of palms, Sullivan & Folly virtually a private island! Using an ongoing state of emergency related to the coronavirus pandemic to block access to these communities is a crime. My taxes go to maintain the public beaches and I want to have accessibility to them as I did before coronavirus began. My move to SC. was to live close to the beaches. Which has been a dream of mine. To explore the beaches and learn as much as I can about them. To be involved in volunteer groups that help protect, preserve and enhance the beaches. Get my exercise and make friends there. All of your coronavirus pandemic restrictions such as restricting parking, no coolers, umbrellas, chairs and time restrictions have little to none science based evidence to the curving it. Simply put, you're abusing your position as an elected council member to achieve a private island.

A reminder, this is an election year.

Sincerely, a very active voter.
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It has certainly been nice to have our Island back. I'm sure our intelligent council will continue to restrict parking to appropriate areas only: vis a vis: one side of Palm and Rec Center for only Rec Center users. (this has not been enforced in the past weeks - 63 people passed my house in 1 hour streaming from Rec Center-but hopefully will be enforced in future).

Thank you for the time and effort you all put in for all of us and our Island.

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As a Charleston County resident for almost 20 years the new spirit of feeling unwelcome on our local beaches saddens me.

Please remove the unsightly No Parking signs on Palm Boulevard and remove unnecessary restrictions.

South Carolina residents and Charleston county residents all contribute to funding the roads and infrastructure in the area and should be able to visit freely.

Please realize that restricting easy parking on the island causes more traffic due to people not being able to find a space or all being packed into a small area. Also, parallel parking tears up the ground much more than pulling straight in and out.

Perhaps consider reducing the speed limit on the island to 25 miles per hour if pedestrian safety is a primary concern.

Please help restore the neighborly spirit of the Lowcountry.

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Dear IOP Council,

I hope my message gets heard. We recently moved to the area, I have Multiple Sclerosis. I was going to the beach once a week, and found my health had greatly improved (mentally and physically) Vitamin D is especially important for those with MS.

Since the parking restrictions have been in place I have been to the beach only once, and only because of the kindness of one of your residents who golf carted me from their house to the beach because I cannot tolerate to walk so far in the heat. I could have gone more I suppose, but the whole island (aside from the people who helped me, and gave me hope that there are still good people in this world) felt so unwelcoming that I have been anxious and depressed about going back. Though I should have taken them up on the offer more than once, I have been sad and without much motivation to do so - I shouldn't have to ask permission to come to the beach! (And my health has taken a slight hit... and yes it's because you restricted me from the beach.)

I do not qualify for a handicap tag, but do have some physical limitations (especially when dealing with heat.) Your ban was discriminatory against people like me - without the kindness of your residents, I wouldn't have been able to visit the beach at all. Even if I could walk that far in the heat, \$10 is far too much to pay if I'm only going to be at the beach for two hours (MS keeps me from having a full-time or even part time job at the moment because of mask ordinances.)

Live News 5 reported this morning that Mayor Carroll said the closing of the parking did nothing to curb the spread of COVID-19. The ban didn't stop COVID, instead brewed animosity, put people like me into depression and negatively impacted the health of many South Carolinians, particularly in the Lowcountry. This is a time when everyone could use the ocean and sunshine - and it was stolen from us. We will not get our month back.

Please make this right, people will have much more respect for you all if you admit this was wrong and fix it. And by fix it, I mean RESTORE all the parking you stole from us in the name of COVID-19, and restore it today. Anything less is uncalled for and will negatively effect the health and wellbeing of your neighbors. I beg you to please do the right thing.

Thank you for your time,

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I'm astonished that anyone thinks that cramming all visitor parking (and beach visitors) into one small space is any effective remedy for COVID-19 infections. In fact, the dense grouping of persons is completely contrary to medical advice. Of course, public comments by members of the council have made it clear that COVID is merely a convenient excuse to restrict parking to residents and high-dollar renters. If residents of other parts of Charleston county are unwelcome on IOP, I will certainly encourage surrounding cities, towns, and the state to apply measures to reciprocate.

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I am writing to reject the extension of any parking bans on Palm Blvd. Businesses, restaurants, parks, pools, gyms, entertainment venues and recreation facilities are all managing to operate their parking facilities safely. Surely, IOP can do the same.

In addition, I'm writing to reject any future parking limitations including "pay to park".

The beach should be readily available to everyone.

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I am a resident of MtP. My husband and I are Charleston Co foster parents. The IOP parking ban has caused great distress for our family. We not only use the beach as recreation, we also use it as therapy for children currently in our home. This may not sound like a big deal unless you understand the trauma that these children in care have endured and the great strides that must be taken to help them learn to trust and let their guard down enough that they can enjoy a day of nothing but free play and fun. After much professional therapy, they now yearn for beach time...only it's been yanked from us! These children come to us broken and traumatized; our weekly beach outing was one thing that they came to anticipate. In the lives of some of these kids, no one steps up on their behalf but we are changing that, if only for the ones in our home! We are fighting for them and their biological parents (who even on a good day would never be able to afford to pay to park at the beach). What about the large population of low income families in Chas Co? The non-white population of IOP is 1%, which means the island is predominately populated by wealthy white people. The seeming optics here cannot be missed. Please tell me, the parent of 3 children of color, that your goal is not to make the island exclusive and privatized to weed out those that some may deem *less desirable*? Because that is very much what this seems to be. Charleston Co is beautifully diverse racially yet the income divide is unbelievable. We are fighting for our family and moreover for low income families (and CHILDREN) to be able to have access to our state coastline. Please do not extend the parking ban! Give us our free access beach back! No one owns the beach, not even wealthy white people that can afford to live on Isle of Palms. We all deserve a day at the seashore, even those that cannot afford to pay for it.

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SI and Folly Beach seem to reach consensus and stick with it.

IOP apparently folds to unwarranted attacks from Charleston County and Mt. Pleasant and folds to public opinion of non-residents.

We appreciate all the time you spend on this. We are not anti Mount Pleasant - all will return to normal soon. But for now we need to protect IOP residents.

Thanks for all you do.

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The Isle of Palms neither owns nor maintains the public parking along state highway rights-of-ways, and is required under its agreement with the State of South Carolina to preserve, maintain, and increase public access to the public beach as a condition of receiving state support under the Coastal Tidelands and Wetlands Act, § 48-39-320, et. seq.: The department's responsibilities include the creation of a long range and comprehensive beach management plan for the Atlantic Ocean shoreline in South Carolina. The plan must include the following: . . . (b) development of a beach access program to preserve the existing public access and enhance public access to assure full enjoyment of the beach by all residents of the State; In addition, the State provides the City of Isle of Palms additional tax money specifically earmarked to assist the municipality in acquiring, expanding, and protecting beach access for the public."

As tax paying resident of Mount Pleasant, we will fight to no longer support beach restoration funding if we are not allowed to park free of charge at our natural resource on Isle of Palms.

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Dear IOP Town Council:

I once again find myself writing to ask that you reconsider your ban on parking along Palm Blvd. I thank those on your council that have voiced their opposition to the parking restrictions, along with the multitude of IOP residents that have stood up for what is right.

I understand that it must be frustrating that your neighbors in Sullivans Island have kept up with their absurd rules disallowing beachgoers the ability to bring chairs, umbrellas, and coolers. All this has done is cause more traffic in IOP because everyone's options have been limited. Maybe your efforts would be better spent putting pressure on the Sullivans council to roll back their restrictions, thereby alleviating some of the congestion on IOP.

Before living in Charleston Co., I lived in another beach town, and no one ever discussed taking away parking to limit visitors to the beaches. We knew that we were blessed to live so close to the ocean, and also accepted the extra traffic/

hassels that came with living in what so many were only able to experience for a few days or a week if they were lucky. It was

just the price we paid for living in what so many considered "paradise", for we knew that if we could make it through those 3

busy summer months, that we would be able to enjoy our piece of heaven after the tourists were gone.

Please take a step back and think about the joy you are taking away from so many at a time when so many desperately need it.

As a mother of 3 small children, you have basically taken the beach away from us by taking away parking along Palm Blvd. It is

no fun (and virtually impossible if my husband is not along to assist) to drag all your beach stuff out onto a crowded beach and

have to trek down the beach to find a spot in which you feel is safely distanced from others. This is the unfortunate reality

you have created by cramming all "day trippers" into the County lot or the paid municipal lot. This only adds insult to injury,

especially during a pandemic.

I beg you to reconsider.

Thank you.

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Your lack of leadership has caused enough frustration and stress for nonresident. Its time to give everyone equal access to the beach . On my way to the beach last week later in the evening an IOP resident had mentioned they haven't seen me in awhile. I told them that's because there is no parking allowed on Palm Blvd so I can't go to beach early in the morning any longer . I was shocked by their response " I know it's great I can get to downtown in 15 minutes there's no traffic. There was no mention by the resident that the restrictions were for safety reasons. The council has created a divide between residents and non residents. The decision to restrict parking and eliminate beach access shows lack of leadership and judgement.

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These parking restrictions are ludicrous. It makes it almost impossible for me to enjoy the beach with my family during the brief time I have off from work on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. I am a 44 year old lifelong resident of the Lowcountry with two young daughters. I currently work two jobs to support my family and being able to spend a few hours watching them play on the sand and in the surf as I did growing up is priceless. Last weekend we came out and parked in the municipal lot. After working a morning shift and coming home to get our beach stuff together, wrestle my very active 5 year old and 8 year old into bathing suits sunscreen etc drive over the bridge we got one of the last few parking places available. Front beach was crazy packed and we stayed less than an hour because I did not feel it was safe. You have limited my families access to our public beach and you're just wrong and selfish doing so. Maybe I didn't make all the best choices in my past 44 years but I work hard to provide for my family, I am a good member of my community, I work on many of the houses on IOP in one of my professions and provide transportation for many IOP residents and visitors in my other. I recently moved my family to mount pleasant largely for the school my daughters attend but also to be closer to the beach which you are limiting my access to. Please consider these things during your meeting. Know that I will not stand idle but band together with all the others that are going to fight you on these restrictions.

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Please modify (or cancel) the parking restrictions! The current restrictions CONCENTRATE all the day visitors near the pier and increase COVID risks! Many in your neighboring communities would like to walk and run on the beach and DO practice social distancing! Parking in the congested areas is not a good option! Please find a way to be neighborly! And if you are truly concerned about the virus, why are you permitting short term rentals?

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Thank you for your previous support on COVID-19 concerns for IOP residents. I am very much in favor of our council and mayor standing strong against much controversy other communities. I would like to have the restrictions extended, even with some declines in positive numbers, until other beach communities all agree to similar ordinances/or continue their current ordinances.

I am in favor of paid parking for all of the island. Even many tourist agree that no entertainment areas anywhere have free parking.

As a side, traveling on weekends on Palm Blvd has been so wonderful but I do know how much everyone loves the beach and that is why I live here.

Please consider wisely and always keep residents in mind first!

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Dear council,

Please reconsider the opening of the beach parking. I have lived in the area for 10 years and going to the beach is some of our favorite memories. The ease of parking not at the county park ensure that we are able to social distance and we are able to get to our favorite stretches of beach and tide pools. Please allow free parking access to all those who want to enjoy the beach and isle of palms

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Good morning all.

I would like to take a moment and point out some observations I have noticed since the parking fiasco you created last month.

1. Eliminating parking on both sides of Palm Blvd was a huge mistake. Instead of limiting traffic to one side of Palm Blvd you took away ALL parking.

On top of that, you reduced the municipal lot capacity by 50%.

Now add in the restrictions between 3rd and 9th Ave along with the restrictions on Hartnett Blvd.

Way to go. You are really making friends that way.

2. Council members making derogatory comments about day trippers really show the caliber of the individual.

You really fuel the fire when statements like these are quoted in the Post & Courier.

3. Parking should be restored sooner than later. I'd hate and try to run for re-election on the heels of this parking disaster. You might want to make amends with all those voters you are alienating.

4. This could be a legal nightmare for the City of IOP. Lawyers aren't cheap.

So, while y'all ponder what to do today rest assured I'll doing my best as The Goodwill Ambassador of the IOP and hand out as many free residential parking passes as I can, trying to show people we are not the elitist snobs we're portrayed as on social media, due to your actions.

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Dear IOP Council,

I am writing once again to ask that you keep beach access parking free and unrestricted. Those of who use the island for surfing, biking, and other activities have also been the ones to clean up after your out of town renters. We regularly visit your businesses and eat at your restaurants. Don't discourage us from visiting. Do the right thing, not just for the island residents, but for the the whole Charleston community. On an unrelated note, I feel that the way Tidal Wave water sports has been treated is shameful. Let them renew their lease. They provide a positive service to the island and the marina.

Best Regards,
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I moved to Mount Pleasant SC 13 years ago specifically for close proximity to beach access. Over the past 13 years I have regularly enjoyed beach access at 36th. I was greatly saddened at the onset of the pandemic when the beach was closed but can respect your decision to try and maintain health of island residents and first responders however I was overjoyed when the beach access opened up. To close down public parking with the exception of very limited parking at a park which ensures much closer proximity of beach goes under the guise of safety is preposterous. You are turning the island private and catering to the rental properties. This needs to cease immediately

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If we can't park and go to the beaches, then the SC tax payers shouldn't have to pay for the beaches, roads, or any state funded help for the beach areas!

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I think the existing emergency measures should be extended to after Labor Day. Please do not cave into Mt. Pleasant, but continue to make the safety of the Island residents your priority.

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I would like to see the absurd parking ban restrictions placed on our community which was voted on by IOP council removed immediately. These restrictions have placed such a heavy burden on the already suffering community. We have thousands without jobs, no paychecks, no church services, no family dinners, no social gatherings and now we can not even go to the beach to unload just a little of this stress. I think it is appalling to watch the meeting on July 17th where only one member on this council (Susan Hill Smith) that took a moment to consider the hurt and hardship this would place on your neighbors, our families, our community. I would hope at this point with 8000 people signed up to take action against this you would have a change of heart. This is not about social distancing, the beach is very large and folks need a place to go to just try to be normal again even if for a 30 min walk. I do hope tomorrows meeting with begin with showing your fellow citizens a little more compassion than you did at the last emergency meeting.

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Good afternoon,

Undoubtedly all of you have received emails about beach access. I certainly could expound upon all the pros and cons from all sides but not sure that reflects what I believe is the core of the above issue.

As a true South Carolinian who is from Edisto and have lived on IOP (resident) in addition to using all three of Charleston area beaches (IOP, SI and Folly) fairly regularly before the heavy and less than transparent guidelines by the beach officials. What I find fascinating is that the draw of Charleston and the influx of people and revenue and life style is a result of our tr-county's uniqueness. I am sure when Volvo, BMW, Boeing, Nucor etc thought about locations, I am sure the charm and history of Charleston as well as financial concessions were factors. I also strongly believe that having three, distinct flavors of beach did not go unnoticed in their decision process.

We need to find a way that enables the beaches to maintain their draw. If we remove their uniqueness and accessibility, then we have negatively altered our beloved area and in my humble opinion, allowed greed (mostly on a personal level by a few) to go unchecked. This state is a mecca for others in the country who are wanting to move here. I travel domestically and international with my job and many times I hear my clients say they love Charleston (from a previous visit usually more than 10 years ago) and would love to return. I thank them but sadly and painfully I have to be honest with them and share that Charleston has significantly changed, the charm is being replaced by greed or the desire for non-true South Carolinians to transpose Charleston into their desire. At the end of the day, everyone loses.

I have followed the Facebook group and it is clear, the beaches are a state-wide treasure which should be shared. Certainly there are enough collaborative and rational people in government to truly understand the only way to solve is through compromise. As a negotiator, I have found for a deal to be lasting and work, it has to be somewhat painful for both parties.

I implore and encourage each of you to come to the table with openness and receptivity. We can find an agreeable and transparent solution that is about all South Carolina residents and not just a few who happened by chance to have the means or luck or family heritage to live on one of our treasured beaches. To me, sitting and listening to the wind, the birds, smell of salt air, and seeing the sun cast it's last rays on the waves or on a wading pool, make me appreciate where I live and surely demonstrates God's beauty. His beauty should be shared and not controlled.

Kind regards,

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Ladies and Gentleman

I am writing on behalf of my sons (34 & 36), grandchildren (1,2,3&4). We are 26 year residents of Mt. Pleasant and have enjoyed a symbiotic relationship with the islands. We are flabbergasted at the way your council and your residents have turned on us. For years we have graciously dealt with residents, renters and tourists from your community in regards to traffic, bar and restaurant access, events and even schools. Now Mt. Pleasant residents are feeling the rude slap in the face as IOP turns on us. Your practices in regard to eliminating most parking and charging high prices for what's left is discriminatory and rude. We all pay for local beaches and access through our tax dollars and we will continue to bring this matter before every jurisdictional council and court until we feel it's been resolved to our satisfaction. We will not settle for measly concessions and conciliatory scraps. We want parking returned to pre-2014 status or please find a different way to access your "private beach" than through our town.

Thank you

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Get your fucking heads out your asses and revert all parking back to normal.

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My husband and I retired to Mt. Pleasant in 2008. We aren't beach goers but enjoy walking the beach in early evening year round. My granddaughter was visiting 2 weeks ago and after dinner, we decided to walk the beach. We couldn't believe the signs posted that there was no parking on Palm Blvd. or the side streets. How unjust. This is a public beach. We refused to pay high premium to park for an hour at 7PM in the evening. For 12 years we have walked the beach year round and then ate at one of IOP's restaurants. This won't be happening any more. If I can't walk the beach for free I am not going to frequent any of your restaurants. I am not the only one who feels this way. You have hurt every business owner on the island

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I am writing to ask that you roll back parking restrictions that have recently been imposed as well as those that have been implemented over the last several years, before the appearance of COVID19. We all know that the current measures only promote the spread of COVID, not prevent it.

We live here because of the beach; it provides us a place of peace and enjoyment. It is therapeutic for many. Those of us that live here treasure the beach, it is OUR natural resource to cherish and protect. I'm willing to bet we are not the ones who are leaving trash, tromping through your lawns and disrespecting residents. You do not own the beach. You don't have the right to prevent non-residents from leaving their stress behind and relaxing on a little piece of paradise. We should not have to hassle with a lack of parking or deal with resident's trash cans and landscaping hindering where we park.

Further, implementing all paid parking 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. Do you want to turn our area into what is happening in Chicago? 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.

If you need help figuring out ways to help with REAL issues that your residents might face living in a beach town, we have almost 8,000 minds in the Charleston Area Public Beach Access and Parking Group who can help you develop real solutions that will work for everyone.

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I wish to keep free access to the beaches and available parking. Walking on the beach is one of the healthiest activities of any age, especially now with the COVID-19. I have moved to Charleston area to be able to walk on the beach, even though I do not live on the islands. If parking is a problem for the local residents can the tax money be used to build a parking space/garage for the locals to park? To pay \$8 or more for 45 min walk seems for many pretty high price.

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We all agree that enjoying a day at the beach restores the soul, but there's this thing called Covid 19 that has many of us cautious when we leave our homes, especially for me and my husband. We are seniors that happen to live in a neighborhood that thousands of others feel entitled to. We have lived in this neighborhood for 30 yrs and have paid our fair share of taxes that everyone keeps talking about. Our City Council is looking out for our safety, and, I, for one, appreciate that. Thank you, Council Members! Many think that your actions are elitist and that it gives us residents our own private beach. Far from it for me and my husband. We have been to the beach twice since May 15. We haven't felt safe because of the crowds. Because of the parking restrictions, we have felt a little safer, but still have not gone back to our usual all day, every day Summer pattern. And don't plan to until the danger has passed, but it would be nice to spend an occasional morning on the beach without having to wear a mask. We can only feel safe doing this if the parking restrictions are in place. The restrictions are intended to control the crowds, thereby controlling Covid exposure. Council reduced our City Lot to 50%, but the County did not reduce parking in it's lot, therefor the overcrowding at Front Beach. Keeping others from coming to the beach was not the intent, but it has seemed to have inconvenienced many of our Mt. Pleasant neighbors. Please continue to protect the citizens that live here and not be ruled by those that don't. Our Public Safety Officers, who are awesome, deserve to be protected as well.

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Ive lived here 45 yeas, both on Palm and Waterway. If you choose to extend Palm Blvd restrictions, please modify to

1. One side of Palm only (beachside) so families don't have to cross road. OR...
2. Match residential street restriction of 9-6 , allowing for early morning and evening access. Or
3. Keep current restrictions on Palm for weekends only.

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Please don't turn your backs on people who live in the area by blocking us from going to the beach. Please do not eliminate parking on either side of Palm Boulevard. If necessary to charge for parking, please consider giving local commuting area residents in the Tri County Region an opportunity to purchase annual passes for a reasonable price, maybe \$100 to \$200. I've been a Charleston County resident for 21 years and live 5 miles from the Isle of Palms. The island is a place I cherish and have visited frequently until the recent aggressive parking restrictions. I have always advocated a balance between people, their use of the land, and a sustainable coastal ecosystem. This has included picking up litter, educating people about the smoking ban, sea turtle and dune protection efforts, and bird counts. Environmental conservation is critical and there are many people outside of the island who help with monitoring and their own positive steps.

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Hi everyone, thank you for your time. I sent a longer, more meaningful message in ahead of your last meeting, and directly to all of town council as well as the Mayor with no response. I am a proud Lowcountry resident of now 13 years – I moved here for the way of life, the charm of our amazing city, and to live NEAR the beach. The underhanded moves that have been made to keep local Charleston residents off our public beaches is shameful. You're taking advantage of a volatile, unprecedented, vulnerable time under the guise of 'safety' when that logic in fact is completely backwards based on what you've actually done. There are public beaches that need to be opened immediately along your entire coast – beaches that we all pay for, beaches we live here for, because we all have the basic right to enjoy. We should all work together as one community, not put up a boarder wall across the connector to your neighbors. You rely on Mount Pleasant and all of Charleston for hospitals, schools, culture, shopping. If there are issues you need to address, for example trash on the beach, then let's work together and get groups out to take care of OUR beaches regularly. What you've done has reflected very poorly on not only your community but all 3 beach communities as a whole. Look around, this has struck a chord and the fight to get back something we all deserve won't slow down. Please take a step back, and take the opportunity to do what's right, immediately. I'm humbled I'm able to raise my kids in this way of life, and it's been the most eye-opening, disappointing experience watching what's happened on your island.

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I want to thank the Mayor, Council and City Staff, for taking the decisive and appropriate action to reduce the numbers of people on the Island. The steps this city took as well as the rest of the community has reduced the number of Covid cases by 25% from two week ago. Standing your ground and doing the right thing is difficult especially when you can be attacked from outside influencers attempting to rattle and make you second guess your decision. Way to stand your ground. As far as opening up parking I would like to recommend that we open up the beach side of Palm Boulevard, to test the crowd size and to keep the island safe. Thank you. Vince DiGangi

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I would like the council to please consider restoring free parking along Palm Blvd. In the last few weeks, the parking restriction has created a bottleneck of traffic and people unable to socially distance at the county park. Because of the restrictions on SI, there are more visitors to the beach and it would be safer to either open up the parking on Palm so that people, especially elderly and families, can create distance upon the wide expanse of beach, or shut down the beaches all together to residents and visitors alike. Either of these options would be safer than the current situation, keeping in mind the goal of safety due to the Covid pandemic.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Good afternoon Mayor and council members. As an IOP resident, I am pleased with the manner in which you are handling the Covid-19 pandemic. Difficult and it seems volatile situations have been brought before you and you are handling them with grace and professionalism. I also appreciate you bringing in professionals who are science based to help inform you with your final decisions.

I would ask that until this pandemic loosens its hold on us, that you remain steadfast in your decisions surrounding it to keep your constituents health and safety in the forefront of your thoughts as you process information and then cast your votes on matters at hand.

Please keep the parking restrictions in place for at least 60 more days and hopefully this will help with a decline in our statewide Covid -19 cases. This is a once in our lifetime (hopefully) event and I appreciate that this council is taking this pandemic seriously. The virus is not gone, it will not just "disappear" it takes a community that is fully invested in what is best for all and using science based decision is the cornerstone of making wise decisions with regard to this pandemic.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

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Comments for Council Meeting

How is eliminating free parking a strategy to reduce covid spread? Perhaps if you remove 2 out of 3 spaces that could make sense but to allow only paid parking, which is all in the same area, that will not reduce density. Furthermore, Palm Blvd is a state-maintained road. How can a City mandate paid parking within a right-of-way they do not own nor pay maintenance for. Lastly, Folly Beach began charging for street parking not too long ago via an app or credit card pay stations. They NEVER work and support never answers the phone call. We all need to do more to control Covid-19 so how about you start by closing bars and restaurants and other indoor spaces and inform people how to use the beach and other outdoor spaces in a responsible way. Paid parking is not about covid.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I don't want to take up your time repeating the same sentiment around parking you've probably heard countless times. Just want to say thank you all for doing a tough and sometimes unpopular job. And thank you for listening to the broader community. Please continue to do so. Somewhere out there is the smartest solution. Maybe not the most popular. But the smartest. One that balances the needs and wants of both residents and non-residents. Please never stop looking for it.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Regardless of anyone else's opinion, before the parking restrictions it was difficult to social distance on the beach. There were large groups of young adults actively engaging in a myriad of beach activities which would often put them in close or direct contact with others on the beach. At high tide it was impossible to stay at the beach because it would be so crowded. It was like everyday was a Saturday and Saturdays were like the 4th of July. It is apparent that many in Mt. Pleasant, according to the Post and Courier, are not interested in wearing masks or social distancing. Thank you for taking the initiative to protect, and hopefully continue to protect, the people that voted for you, the citizens of Isle of Palms, as well as the community at large and not to be swayed by individuals that do not vote here or pay the taxes. Therefore, I think these parking restrictions should remain in effect until paid parking can be initiated. If that is not feasible, at least until after Labor Day and only opened up on the ocean side of Palm if the number of COVID-19 cases continues to decrease. I have to believe that the parking restrictions initiated by beach communities has helped alleviate the spread of the virus to not only individuals who live at those communities but to the entire Tri-County area as well. Thank you for your diligence in this most trying time.

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Comments for Council Meeting

(1) I just wanted to thank the IOP City Council for its perserverance in trying to protect the public health during this pandemic. You have faced unrelenting criticism and denunciation from all kinds of people, many of them not even area residents. The motivations behind these comments have run the gamut from a lack of understanding to uncaring selfishness to frustration over change. Yet the Council has put public health first notwithstanding these attacks. Thank you for your concern about and commitment to the IOP and to the entire metro area. (2) Re the parking controversy. The overwhelming majority of critical comments about IOP parking policies concern "access." People are up in arms about access being limited, either by a reduction in the number of spaces or by the increase or imposition of parking fees (and violation fines). Few people if any consider the other side of the equation, which is "capacity." Nobody seems to understand that access must balance out with capacity, and when demand is greater than the island can handle, some mechanism to ration access must be utilized. Pricing is the way every beach city in the world does this. And capacity is not just parking. It's also road capacity and the costs of beach services/island maintenance. So here's my ask: When you hear complaints, please ask the person complaining to offer a capacity solution to go along with their access request. If you don't, you'll keep getting these ugly, withering, one-sided remarks and criticisms. I think you not only need to invite comments, you need to focus people on the proper way of evaluating this issue. Access demands are spiking because of metro area growth and the capacity of the island is not infinite. I commend the Council for understanding this imbalance. I urge the Council to be clearer about this with the public at-large and to channel the debate in this way. Thank you very much.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Regarding beach access: it's disgusting that you use a pandemic to drive your parking agenda. If you want to charge for parking, that's fine, I'm happy to pay. But if you're going to cut off most access and alienate all your county neighbors, get ready for a fight. We're going to stop supporting your businesses, erosion control, hurricane support, etc. There will be a day you need us and your selfish leadership will cost your residents. By the way, pointing out that the entire county can still use the small beach and parking in the county lot contradicts your COVID concern and makes you look foolish.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I have lived here in Charleston my entire life, and it's a shame to see the greedy people now running the cities that our beaches are located within. I have loved being a part of Charleston because of the beautiful place we live, which our beaches are a huge part of. Charging people money to access our beaches is nothing but greed. These are PUBLIC beaches and should be accessible to the PUBLIC for free as they always have been. The city should not be receiving more money than they already do just because people want to visit their PUBLIC beaches. The local visitors as well as tourist spend their money in the restaurants and shops which make the city plenty of money. Isn't that enough?! The statement #lovewhereyoulive is being ruined by these city officials and those officials should lose their positions for this reason alone.

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My wife and I went to the beautiful IOP beach a few weeks ago, and it was apparent to us the order has concentrated a greater number of beachgoers at the County Park. Making parking available along the road would enable greater social distancing because the points of entry to the beach will be distributed across a greater area, and less people will be forced to go through the single point of entry at the county park.

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I understand that my letter starts as if it is addressing Sullivan's Island but I feel the issue on IOP was compounded by the severe restrictions your neighbor placed on the use of the many miles of their public beach space. Maybe the IOP council should talk to the SI council:

I am quite sure that you have been inundated with calls and emails over what is happening on our local beaches. I am sorry to add another email onto your plate but if I did not I would not feel I was being a good citizen or trying to do my part. Back in April, I was very upset by the severe restrictions that Sullivan's Island placed on the use of the beach. I have loved the section of Sullivan's I sit on for 15 years and find my beach time necessary for my peace, health and well-being. I am a front line health care worker during this time but I don't think that entitles me to be able to enjoy the beach anymore than anyone else. I think that everyone deserves access to the beach and that people should be allowed to be comfortable while enjoying the beach. I also feel strongly that this access should be available to all people regardless of finances. People with low income should have access to free parking so as not to cause them a hardship to enjoy our states beautiful beaches with their families.

In May, I emailed everyone I could think of that may listen and help with what I noticed was happening. The police and beach patrol were up and down Sullivan's Island every 15-30 minutes harassing everyone. After the first one told me I could not have my chair and tiny cooler I quickly fell in line. I go to the beach with a blanket and drink water out of a thermos. I emailed McMaster, Mace, Cunningham, Grooms, Graham, Scott, the entire council of Sullivan's Island and their Mayor several times and the Mayor of Mount Pleasant. Nobody cared. I received an answer from the Sullivan's Island town Administrator who told me quite abrasively that they did not think chairs, coolers and shade devices caused Covid19. They were trying to prevent crowds gathering on the beach to stop the spread. I was angered by this response because every time I drove by their commercial district I witnessed people crammed in their restaurants without social distancing or wearing masks. Joe Cunningham's office sent me an automatic response that didn't even touch the topic. Larry Grooms was the only one thoughtful enough to answer me personally. He replied that he understood my frustration and that if I was patient it would all be over soon. I appreciated his thoughtfulness and as a result feel he is the only one entitled and humble enough to hold a position serving the public that voted him in. The others ignored me. As time passed, I noticed that people stopped attempting to go to Sullivan's Island. They were all going to IOP so they could enjoy the beach with their families in comfort. I knew this would be a problem and when I attempted to go to IOP I could NEVER find a parking spot in the locations that you did not have to pay for and always reverted back to my Sullivan's spot on my blanket. As a result of the overcrowding spurred by Sullivan's severe restrictions, IOP has drastically reduced their free parking and the citizens of this county have very limited access to the beach.

I was shocked, dismayed and deeply offended recently when I watched a young police women in a police golf cart pull up to a lone senior sitting on rocks and make him put away his rain umbrella. At this point, there was only a few people scattered on a large beach space and why she would harass a senior holding a rain umbrella I did not understand. I spoke to him after she pulled away and he told me he was visiting with his wife from Rockhill to celebrate their anniversary and they were not aware of all of the rules prior to coming. He has suffered from skin cancer in the past. She told him if he did not get rid of the umbrella she would have to fine him \$100. Did making this senior put away his rain umbrella help stop the spread of

Covid19 on the Sullivan's Island beach? Does the restriction about shade devices apply to handheld rain umbrellas? Or has the harassment and attempts to make citizens enjoying the beach uncomfortable gotten completely out of control?

We recently started a Facebook group for concerned citizens who wanted to do something to draw attention to what was happening and stop the control of our beaches by these towns governing bodies. It was very disheartening when the judge presented with the case denied the motion to stop the parking restrictions for non-residents due to the Governor's ongoing state of emergency. The same Governor I have watched on TV opening up our community and encouraging people to get back to their normal lives. I would think that some common sense would prevail but it has not. Some common sense things to consider.

- People are much safer spread out along our miles of beautiful beaches as opposed to crammed into one commercial area.

- The entire public has the right to have reasonable access to our public beaches. Our tax dollars are spent on them and all people have the right to access them for their health and well being.

It is my hopes that somewhere there is a some elected official who is man or women enough to stand up and do the right thing. Fight for the people who voted you in.

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Thanks City Council for remaining firm on parking restrictions. There needs to be an unified body to take on the masses. My suggestion is charging for parking on Ocean side of Palm blvd and not allowing parking on across street. Too much traffic and chaos.

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If you would like to become a private island like Kiawah, you need to maintain all your roads, easements, and bridges yourself. Charleston County residents shouldn't have to use their taxpayer funds for the island if you refuse us beach access.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Thank you for the residents from IOP who support the free access to the beach. The beach is part of the South Carolina story, appeal and history.

We all pay and contribute to the beach and all its funding.

It really is shameful for a few to try to price out or keep our citizens out in this manner.

To think beach access restrictions would ever be a thing to be contemplated shows how out of mainstream this ruling or policy has become.

We are all South Carolina for all, not for a few.

Policies like this are bad policy and hiding under the guise of an emergency does not cover the attempt to steal away our public beaches.

What would our Grandparents say about this? I am sure they would say "shameful".

Reverse the policy and allow of of us to enjoy our beach.

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By taking away parking everyone is clustered around pier area thus having the exact opposite of you supposedly trying to do in reaction to covid.

There are so many people like myself severely affected by covid layoff. the only thing that makes us feel better sometimes is a day at the beach.but we cannot do it because of these ridiculous no parking.

Do you also not take into effect how it affects the businesses??

Why are you essentially letting short term rentals with non residents use the beaches and not residents of Charleston county??

It's shameful what you are trying to under the guise of " health & safety."

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The Isle of Palms beaches have been a part of my life since I was a baby. I graduated from Wando High School and College of Charleston. The beaches are the place of family gatherings, friends laying out together, early morning and late evening walks to soothe the soul, and so much more! We have rented countless beach houses on Isle of Palms summer after summer. We celebrated with family at a rented beach house on Isle of Palms after our wedding and reception in Mount Pleasant. We celebrated other family members weddings, birthdays, first communions, and just summer vacations at rented beach houses on Isle of Palms.

I am absolutely disgusted by this blatant attempt to steal our public beaches from us by these city council members and the mayor. This is an abhorrent abuse of power and yet nothing less than thievery by arrogant imbeciles. How dare you? How could you? These are sacred spaces and sacred waters to thousands throughout the Lowcountry who depend on them for Constance in a time of unprecedented uncertainty.

Back down and back off. You have overplayed our patience.

May Karma return to you each devastation 100 times the contempt you have displayed toward every human being in this amazing county and state.

Open up Our Public Beaches and make them accessible with free parking for the less fortunate than you! Return every free parking space you have stolen from us. You purchased property on public beaches. Live with that fact or move.

You do not have the right to lower the property values of your neighbors in Mount Pleasant. We will fight you every step and every weekend of the way!!!

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Can we please find an amicable solution that enables your other Charleston county neighbors to enjoy our beautiful natural resources that we grew up enjoying. I do appreciate that traffic is an issue. Emergency vehicles need access, and more so as the population is aging. But orchestrating a takeover under the cover of a national health crisis is disingenuous and wrong. Short term emergency regulations are fine, but these clearly aren't short term plans being made. Parking fines and traffic tickets disproportionately affect the poor who are just looking for a free activity for their families. There has to be an equitable solution that helps day trippers and residents. Not to mention the IOP businesses who are getting caught in the cross fire. I want my son to have the same beach filled childhood I did. We are neighbors, not enemies.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I have lived in Charleston for my entire life. 50 years. And have always been able to take my family here and out of town to show them how wonderful and beautiful our local beaches are. During a time where there's so much uncertainty and fear in our world right now everyone deserves a place to walk,run,relax on order to decompress and gain perspective. This should be available for everyone without an extra cost. The beach has ALWAYS been FREE for EVERYONE. Our numbers are decreasing from COVID and I truly believe people will do the responsible thing and help to keep everyone healthy. Please consider removing the restrictions so we can not only help our physical well being as well as our mental health. Thank you

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Please halt the illegal restriction of public parking within public rights of way. If the parking restrictions are continued I will petition every lawmaker or politician in the county and state to withhold county and state funds from Isle of Palms.

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As a 30 yr resident of IOP, I appreciate that our City Council is listening to us and considering our quality of life in decision making. Thank you for the hard thoughtful decisions thus far. Change is inevitable, but the changes we IOP residents have seen in recent years is disproportionately burdensome. The population growth in our area has overwhelmed us. It is time for limits in order to strike a balance. Please do not allow any kind of parking along Palm Blvd. It's too dangerous! Allow parking in "mini lots", such as on 21st, which would also be for handicapped, since this walkover was built from a grant. Another "mini lot" could be at Breach Inlet and any other such areas deemed safe to park. These "mini lots" should be pay to park 7AM to 7PM, and, perhaps, free any other time. Establishing the minimum parking requirements would be a great place to start and anything above that would be determined by "push back". If overcrowding continues, this Island will lose what makes it so special and it will become a burden to continue to live here. Please continue to make the hard decisions representing Residents first, Vacationers second, and, lastly, Day Trippers.

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When the storm/hurricane comes in. will you be asking for money? Do you expect ems , county, or even national guard to help. what about that sand and roads. Your also harming your business owners. The greed of a few selfish and entitled will be your demise. Build your home on the sand it will fall. Build on a solid foundation it will stand for ever. May you IPO. Be totally independent of all financial benefits.remember Hugo!! The storm is coming. Don't ask us for a penny. Enjoy your private beach and all it cost.

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you have managed to make a fairly awful time in United States history even worse with your sense of entitlement. Most of us have taken a major hit to our household income and what is a cheaper activity for a family than a day at the beach? In a time when we should be caring for each other we are fighting to stop YOU from taking away a given right. Shame on you and your selfishness. This is not about covid and you know it.

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Please end the no parking on Palm Ave. I agree with ticketing those that don't follow parking rules I.e double, triple parking, parking between signs and curbs and not properly around fire hydrants. I heard tickets couldn't be given when people were triple parked because officers didn't know who was there first. Please clarify in ordinance so officers do not have difficulty in holding those people accountable. Thank you, I look forward to using the beach while also staying away from crowds!

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Regarding the current non-resident ban on parking, I would be in favor of parking approved on the ocean side of Palm Blvd. Think that this would show support for neighboring communities. Covid is a concern, but so is the mental health of folks during this critical time. Time outside by the ocean/beach can help with this.

Also, for the longer term (not just Covid related), I believe that we should put together a taskforce made up of City Council Members, IOP Residents/Businesses & possibly Representatives from some of our neighboring communities to address the ongoing issues surrounding parking/access to the beach for non-residents and to develop a long term plan. I would suggest researching what other beach communities have done to address and determine what the best practices are.

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You are limiting parking in the wrong areas if you are even trying to reduce the spread of Covid. Those of us who park in the outlying areas are trying to avoid the crowds. By limiting parking to Front Beach you are helping the spread of Covid along with making money off it.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I would like to add the following to the record as messages sent to Mount Pleasant and Charleston County representatives. While retaliation by the Town of MTP of Charleston County is not something I want to see happen, I'm not sure how else to compel the IOP council to make the right decision. What you are doing to funnel people into a small area of the beach is more dangerous for the spread of COVID-19 than letting people spread out. This alone shows your actions are not to prevent the spread of COVID-19 but to create a private beach for your residents and renters. While I sympathize with your traffic issues, we have our fair share in Mount Pleasant and learn to deal with it. Some people cannot afford to pay and park at the beach, and you are depriving families from being able to enjoy the beach. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

I will also be petitioning my state representatives and departments to take action. I respectfully ask that you rescind all parking restrictions immediately. I sincerely appreciate the IOP council members who have already fought against these restrictions.

Begin Mount Pleasant Message

Mayor Haynie and Council Members:

Can you please help me, one of your constituents, understand what you are doing to end the parking situation on the IOP and Folly? I just sent the following to Charleston County Council but I would like to know how my Mount Pleasant representatives plan to respond. Currently, all I've seen and heard are polite statements but no action. While I understand the Town of Mount Pleasant does not have jurisdiction over the islands, there must be something you can do to compel the island governments to rescind their restrictions. Hurt their pocketbooks or restrict their residents in the same manner from enjoying Mount Pleasant facilities and conveniences. While that may seem harsh in the COVID-19 world that we live in, it is no worse than how IOP and Folly are treating their neighbors. Please be sure that this will be one of the main issues I vote on in the future, and I imagine many of my neighbors feel the same way. Residents of Mount Pleasant pay a premium to live here and a main reason for this is access to the beach—we expect this the beach to always be there to enjoyed at our convenience.

If this is something you are working on behind the scenes, I thank you for your action and look forward to seeing the outcome.

Begin Charleston County Message

Dear Council Members:

By now, I'm sure you've been inundated with calls to pressure the island councils of Isle of Palms and Folly beach to rescind their restrictions to beach access. Here's another one.

As a tax paying resident of Mount Pleasant and Charleston County I demand that the county takes swift and strong action to compel the islands to end their parking restrictions to Charleston County residents. As Charleston County residents we are entitled to access the beach. We do not deserve to be funneled into a

small area of the beach. To any reasonable person, claiming COVID-19 as the reason for the restrictions to parking is disingenuous, dishonest, and frankly more dangerous than allowing people to spread out. IOP and Folly residents enjoy many of the services provided by the county and paid for by my taxes, yet they want to create private islands for themselves and their paying renters.

Again, please take action before it is too late. I will be monitoring how you handle this situation and it will dictate how I vote and who I support in the future. If you fail to take action, please be assured I and many others will vote for your opponents in the future. Your constituents are not looking for strongly worded statements any longer, we want to see action. Defund the islands, take them to court, solicit our state legislators who you assuredly have more sway with. Compel the islands to rescind the restrictions immediately. You are letting a small council that represents a small population of constituents to control the activities of all residents.

For those of you that are already working on this, I appreciate the efforts.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear Isle of Palms Town Council:

August 28, 2009, 11:20 pm. It was a beautiful summer evening with a sky full of stars. My twelve year old son Thomas and I left our house in Mount Pleasant for the dark skies of the Isle of Palms. With the clock approaching midnight it wasn't a time most people go to the beach, but we were on a mission. We parked on Palm Boulevard, past the Methodist Church, before the curve, and walked down the darkened path to the beach. After waiting a short while at 11:59 we looked due south and saw a slight glow on the horizon turn into what appeared to be another sunrise. This ball of fire quickly rising was the Space Shuttle Discovery taking off on mission STS 128. It was an amazing sight to see it streak up the coast. We watched in awe for a few minutes until it went out of sight probably off the coast of Delaware. We stood there in silence mesmerized by what we had seen. My son then pointed out two lights directly in front of us slowly sinking from high in the sky over the ocean. We couldn't figure it out until he said those are the jettisoned solid rocket boosters parachuting down. That was just the icing on the cake to see this. What a sight for a twelve year old boy, and his dad!

Palm Boulevard at the turn by the Methodist Church is our "go to" place for extraterrestrial events. The darker skies provide a perfect place for gazing at the heavens. We have seen many meteor showers and have spotted hundreds of satellites including forty-one in a straight line in a recent Starlink pass. On March 7, 2020 at 11:50 pm my fourteen year old daughter and I watched The SpaceX mission CRS 20 launch from Cape Canaveral on a Falcon 9 rocket. It was an amazing sight watching a rocket leave the planet. My daughter was on cloud 9 seeing the launch and the ball of flame travel north until it was out of sight.

On December 20, 2019 at 6:39 am I witnessed the launch of the Boeing Starliner Capsule on the United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket from the usual spot on IOP. I was alone this time as my son and daughter were at Cape Canaveral watching the launch with my wife. Fortunately I was in the right place at the right time as I shot one of the most incredible pictures I have ever taken. The exhaust plume was lit up against the early morning sky. It was a beautiful sight.

On July 11, 2020 at 4:30 am My wife, daughter and I watched Comet Neowise in the predawn sky from the beach at the Isle of Palms. Truly an epic sight.

Watching these events has instilled a love of space, astronomy, engineering, and science in my kids. Thomas, that twelve year old boy, has graduated college with a degree in Aerospace Engineering and is working on his masters in Spacecraft systems, robotics and propulsion. Kathryn is following in his footsteps and starts Academic Magnet High School later next month. She hopes to work in aerospace one day and knows every detail of a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.

These events were witnessed late at night or early in the morning from the Isle of Palms. The darkened skies away from the glare of lights at front beach are best. The Perseid meteor shower peaks August 12, and I cannot take my daughter to see it. Under the guise of protecting us from Covid19 we are not allowed to park. There is no way in the world we can get Covid19 at the beach at night while watching the heavens. I think you can see the folly in this and I urge you to reconsider the parking ban.

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Comments for Council Meeting

The beaches are public, there should be parking for those wanting to go to the beach. Using the state of emergency is a coverup for them to keep the beaches private. It will destroy our economy for tourism, nobody is going to come to Charleston if they can not go to the beaches.

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Comments for Council Meeting

The beach is for EVERYone. The reason you cite for restricting the parking because of COVID is insulting to the people in our area. If that truly was your concern you would stop the short term rentals to all those converging from the north. Front Beach is packed and social distancing is impossible. What you call as us "day trippers" and how annoyed you are with us, well we have just as much right to walk the beaches as you. Charging the elderly and the single moms and dads who use the beach as their inexpensive time with their kids is important and essential. The stories I have heard about how IOP is treating people is shameful. The fact that you all think it's your beach is appalling. I would really hate for your family to be treated like you all have been treating people that want to visit the beach. It is time to open the beaches and for you all get off your power trip and get your heart and souls back.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I grew up in Mount Pleasant, the beach was our get away in high school when we were young and broke. We'd pile up in a van and spend our day on the beach. We'd spend the few dollars we had at Beach Town on some board wax and do it all again the next day. I've sat on that beach during the best and the worst moments of my life. It has been a mental escape, a place to reflect on my life and a place to get physical activity as well. By forcing people to pay to visit this precious resource you're putting people with less funds at a disadvantage. Young people and the poor need free access and that means free parking. Please do not take this away from the people that need it.

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Comments for Council Meeting

We are still in the middle of a pandemic. When the numbers get better, slowly return parking to normal. Who cares is non-residents are whining. This is a public health issue to important to return to business as usual. Besides, the beach isn't closed. Non-residents are welcome.

Regarding the initiative to implement paid parking next year: As an island resident I pay double the fee for a yearly membership to the Mt. Pleasant Senior Center (\$280 vs. \$140 for Mt. P residents). If the concept of "usage fees" apply, then non-residents need to help pay for the services IOP provides so they can use the beach.

Thanks for the onerous amount of time you are all devoting to city council this year. It is appreciated.

Sincerely, Jeff Evans

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Comments for Council Meeting

Parking for the beaches should be free and easily available. There should be parking along Palm Blvd and along the side streets. The systematic reducing the parking over the last year or two on side streets and now on Palm is shameful. The beach is public and there should be public free parking for anyone who comes to walk the beach. This is NOT a cove issue, this is an issue of residents who want a private beach and politicians who are backing them, as well as those in power who have money in the real estate on the islands. Many people come to our community to go to the beach for the DAY not before 9 and after 6. This is the most ridiculous and discriminatory ruling I've seen. It's blatant favoring of the residents and keeping those who can't afford a beach house off the beach during the day. Shame on you who have pushed these rulings through. The Palm Blvd spaces need to be reopened and the side streets as well. All of the parking limitations need to be reversed from the last three years.

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Comments for Council Meeting

My 12 year old has been in Atlantic Beach, FL for months surfing this summer. She is home now and only wants to surf. Trying to explain child that the beaches are not allowing parking on Palm, took away more than 1/2 of the other parking at the town center is total BS. During these times kids need to be out and free. Not on top of each other like the parking situation is forcing us to do. Taxes are paid by many more people off the island....this not a private island. We all contribute and should be given the same access as the IOP residents and the many VRBO visitors.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Hello

I was born and raised in this very special place on earth and love it very much.

It is breaking our hearts to see what is happening on Isle of Palms. We can no longer go to a beach without sitting amongst hundreds of people. As a local we prefer not to have to go to the pier. I'm sure you understand this. So, we can't go to the beach and enjoy the day. We can't do this at SI either because, well, skin cancer from them not allowing us to protect our skin with an umbrella.

What should the locals do? I ask this. What do you suggest for long time residents of Charleston and MT Pleasant? Do you want us all at the pier?? Will that stop Covid?

My family and I strongly disagree with IOP and their new parking rules. Shame, Shame, shame.

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Comments for Council Meeting

1. Limiting parking does not decrease the spread of coronavirus.
2. Consolidation of parking may increase the spread by aggregation of vehicle occupants.
3. You can not protect IOP residents from non-residents unless you prohibit residents from leaving the island, but it is too late for that.
4. Charging people to park to access the beach is unethical, elitist, classist, and probably also racist (as there are proportionally fewer people of color who reside on IOP.)

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Comments for Council Meeting

Regarding the parking restrictions on Palm Blvd, it is apparent the class system is alive and well in Charleston County. We will fight against any additional funding for Isle of Palms until this is resolved and all Charleston County (and really all US taxpaying citizens) can park as needed on IOP And Palm Blvd.

You have really shown your true ambitions for a private and exclusive island. This will not stand. It is not what I served in military for 20 years for.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please remove the no parking. Your neighboring communities would like to park near beach access points and enjoy OUR beach again. This is a time when we should be coming together and taking care of each other. Limiting parking therefore limiting beach access to many is not in the best interest of all. The beaches are for ALL. I respectfully ask that parking go back to how it was... Thank you.

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As I have already written to every member on council and Mayor Carroll, I find the current parking restrictions to be completely unacceptable. I would ask that all parking (free and paid) that was open prior to this ordinance be reopened and operate as it did previously. This is a horrible infringement on the public's right to access public beaches on roads that are paid for by tax payer dollars.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear Isle of Palms Mayor and council,

I believe that you had good intentions when enacting the last ordinance and shutting down all parking along 3-9 avenues and all of Palm Boulevard. However, your intentions were flawed and actually had the opposite effect of what you wanted to achieve — having people be able to "social distance" on the beach. The island has seven miles of beach, and congregating everyone into a four block area on front beach is absurd. I'm a life-long resident of Mt. Pleasant and Isle of Palms is my beach of choice. And for as long as I can remember (58 years), that part of the beach has ALWAYS been crowded. Locals don't go there! Avenues 3-9 have very limited parking anyway, why get rid of those? And the beach along Palm Blvd – from my personal beach experience before Covid and during Covid – not once has there been problems with social distancing on any other part of the island beaches other than front beach! What were y'all thinking? There's a whole lot of beach out there to enjoy safely, so please make it so and get rid of the ridiculous no parking rules. People need relief from these crazy times. You can make people angry next year when you start charging for parking.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear IOP Council, I am Charleston County Resident. Resident of James Island to be more specific. I do not go to your beaches, however I do go to Folly and your decision has directly impacted my ability to do so. They said in their meeting their decision was a result of the decision you made. I understand the threat of Covid. My husband is a cancer survivor and considered to be immunocompromised and to be frank he is terrified of catching it given his history. Covid has turned our world upside down, as neither of us are working. As a result of your decisions we can no longer safely go to the beach because parking is limited to paid parking, which funnels all the people into small areas. Given my husband's history and my asthma we are both at risk. Given that paid parking is the only thing allowed, now going to the beach even in the evening is not wise because we can no longer park where we normally do. Normally we intentionally park where there can't be crowds, but that's no longer an option or else we will be hit with a hefty ticket. Please listen to your police when they say social distancing hasn't been a problem and open the parking up for all ages, health status, and SES. Have a heart and imagine if the beach is your one safe place for a bit of peace and then someone steals it for you, under the guise of for Covid sake when only further causing people to congregate..... Do what's right and give Sc taxpayers access to the beach please and thank you!

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Comments for Council Meeting

I believe there should be some form of parking, either free or paid, along the beachside of palm blvd. This will help reduce the potential for pedestrian accidents, leave more room for emergency response vehicles, and help prevent overcrowding on the beach while also ensuring there is room for non-residents to park and enjoy the beach.

Please continue to limit nonresident parking on the side streets and continue to only allow parking for rec center users only in the grassy areas around the rec center.

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Funneling everyone into a few city blocks of beach parking and access is LUDICROUS. Your focus should be on controlling the possible spread in the INDOOR areas, as the COVID expert CLEARLY said at the last emergency meeting. Can you not have a staged plan made in advance instead of all of these KNEE JERK reactions? It's embarrassing to watch.

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While my wife and I are not big beach goers, but do come over for an event or to dine, I think that this whole episode has been a bad look for IOP Council. The "It's about the Virus" is a real tough sell when out of the other side of your mouth your telling your short term vacation renters to "Come on down" and that some of the effect of the parking situation has tended to cluster folks. You've brought on a wave of anti IOP sentiment that I fear, that while not justified, may have the effect of negatively impacting innocent businesses. You've got some folks on social media who seem to have the idea that their taxes alone support your infrastructure and beach renourishment! If you are looking for it to be you, The Elite, vs. the rest of SC, keep up the good work. If not you need to rethink the program pretty quick. It's every bit as much our beach as it is yours.

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Comments for Council Meeting

The beach belongs to everyone. Please quit restricting parking, allow parking in the easement again. The beach is what my teenage son needed this summer for healthy outdoor activity, when all summer camps were cancelled. I need a safe place to go outdoors as well.

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Comments for Council Meeting

We moved here for the close proximity to the beach and downtown. You want to call us "day trippers" but I am a resident. Using Covid as an excuse is just an out and out lie! I will not be herded into the one area that has access to parking by the pier. I like to have space. We are always respectful to property and we always take our garbage because we consider it our beach. The fact that this council is pandering to the rich that live on IOP is disgraceful and you should all be ashamed of yourselves. With the country so divided as we are at this moment you have now created another division and again it is disgraceful sad and unacceptable behavior. Please act like humans instead of elitist and open parking back up.

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Are the beach communities prepared to be separated from the county and become self sufficient? In the great state of South Carolina, ALL beaches are public and not privately owned. The road sides I believe are easements owned by the county which the tax payer Of the entire county pays to upkeep. If the beach communities want to upkeep beach erosion and roadways on their own then perhaps the tax money of the people would be used more wisely on our interest elsewhere. This also will pertain to garbage, police, road workers, fire and rescue, as all these are also taxpayers of the county and not just beach monies that pay for these precious resources. You cannot have it both ways. Maybe a toll bridge for beach home owners would then pay for beach owners use of county public roadways and pay noN beach residents use of public roads. I grew up in sc and on the beaches and never in my 51 years have I seen a more elitist attitude driven by money and greed and a more separate attitude toward fellow man. This whole ordeal is a shame and frankly and embarrassment. This state is known for kindness and treating our fellow man as we would want to be treated. Do not let the dollar dirty the waters and try to think like a South Carolinian, kind, generous and polite society. Thanks y'all.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Hello, I would like to ask that all parking places recently restricted be returned for all citizens of Charleston county. While we own a county park pass, we do not appreciate being clustered together in large crowds and would enjoy a quieter beach experience. I have two small children (ages 7 & 4) and when we go to the beach, it's first thing in the morning and only for 1-2 hours and we never litter or cause any disruption. I think beachgoers who do create problems could be dealt with by ticketing, without affecting the many wonderful citizens of Charleston county who are paying taxes for these beaches. If free access to the beach is removed, it lowers the value of homes in this area and erodes relationships between our community and yours. Please do the right thing here and restore our access to the beach. Thank you.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Mt Pleasant resident here! Just an FYI- I have in the last 2 weeks, advised out of town contacts to investigate Edisto, Kiawah/Seabrook in lieu of IOP/Sullivan's. Why?? Because you don't allow me to easily park and enjoy the beaches that my taxes help pay for.

It's my estimate that I receive 8-10 calls/inquiries each season from friends, family and acquaintances asking for area-information. These potential guests only prerequisite usually is proximity to CHS for convenient day-tripping. That leaves many area beaches, the aforementioned, as well as Pawley's/Litchfield.

I used to say IOP/Sullivan's, no question. Not anymore. You will eventually see a decline in tourism of some sort, simply by isolating your good neighbors to one over-crowded area of IOP. It would be hubris to think this will not affect your tourism bottom-line, long-term.

Not to mention how unbelievably tacky those temporary (and eventually permanent) signs look. . Are you trying to look like a retirement village????

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Comments for Council Meeting

Council Members - I am writing to urge you to reconsider the parking ban which you have enacted due to the COVID19 pandemic. I attempted to visit the beach on Friday August 7, 2020 (via paid parking) and was astonished by the crowding levels at the front beach and county park areas; social distancing was not being practiced nor enforced. I fear that these measures, put in place to ostensibly decrease the spread of the virus, may have the opposite effect. This puts all members of your community and your neighboring communities at heightened risk. The CDC has been clear that stopping the spread can be accomplished by mask usage, social distancing, and avoiding crowded enclosed areas. Your parking ban does not address any of those areas, and decreases the opportunities for many to socially distance. I would encourage you to consider enhanced mask ordinances and further limiting of crowds (particularly in enclosed spaces) - these measures are proven to slow the spread of this virus. If general crowd density on the island is a true concern, I would highly suggest you consider limiting rental and hotel occupancy before you enact measures targeted solely at neighboring communities which have the net effect of creating super spreading events in certain areas.

As a resident of Mount Pleasant, I would also encourage you to consider that we remain your neighbors in a symbiotic community. Anyone who visits or transits Isle of Palms must also traverse our community. What effects your community (be it traffic, crowding, or a global pandemic) also effects ours. I would highly encourage you to work with our local leadership to find solutions which are fair and equitable to all. I would highly discourage you from using terminology such as "Lets just say it, day trippers" or "lets go all in" when discussing your neighbors access to the public beach, I assure you this type of thinking will result in a complete lack of goodwill and protests uncomfortable to all.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I understand the intent to have a protocol to uphold the health and well-being of citizens. The beach belongs to us all, not to a select few. I am urging you to immediately end the current parking ordinance and revert to the ordinance prior to the COVID19 crisis. Allow non-residents to continue to park wherever they have always been able to park, and at the previous established time frames. IT makes absolutely no sense to limit access to a small stretch of beach. This creates is a health hazard local to IOP as beach goers support your local business and will have contact; also a health hazard to the community/county/state as they people could inadvertently spread the virus along their journey home. The answer to to revert to prior parking polociies, and allow beach goers to spread, that's s-p-r-e-a-d along the length of the beach, instead of limited to a small portion of the beach.

The restrictions you have in place impact the entire county in other ways. It impacts the value of real estate property, and it will impact IOP too. Imagine someone interested in relocating to Charleston County from Greenville, expecting to use the beach. And now they can't. Perhaps they will look to other locations instead of the Charleston area. Multiply that by hundreds of other people choosing to move away from here, or choosing to select Bluffton or somewhere else to settle. Your local businesses will not yield any dollars from those you are pushing away.

I implore you to please end the restrictions. Walking the beach is the number one mental health activity that has kept my optimism in tact during this pandemic. Let us return to the beach.
Thank you for your time and consdieration. Please decide to do the right thing.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I believe the IOP parking restrictions to be unjust and have undeniable resulted in more congestion on our beach with parking limited to the county park. This congestion has made it nearly impossible for non-residents to enjoy the beach while maintaining a safe distance from others. Only residents of IOP are able to enjoy the numerous other "public access" points along IOP.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I don't understand why it is necessary to allow no public parking along Palm Boulevard 24/7. We like to go stargazing and there were too many people in the front beach area the last time we tried. It is hard to socially distance along the paths when everyone parks in the same area. We, also, find the area too crowded to even consider eating or shopping.

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I think it would go a long way to at least open up one side of Palm boulevard and restrict everyone from using the other side. I would think this would give us enough parking to satisfy our obligations even in a non Covid environment. The stretch of beach from 25 th to 40 th has been pretty empty even on the weekends. Not informed enough on other side of island and front beach for increasing parking. Thanks for your hard work during these times.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please open up the parking areas on Palm and residential streets. We love coming over for lunch or dinner but at this point it's not worth it. Too much hassle to park. I'm sure you're business owners would appreciate the extra \$\$ especially now

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My husband and I have enjoyed IOP's beach for 15 years. Especially the ability to park away from parking lots and Front Beach. We were able to enjoy the beach away from the crowds. This is particularly important to us now because of COVID-19. We are retired and are in the high risk group. We have been home since March. The only outings we have are a trip to the grocery store and a beach drive with our cup of Joe. We don't get out and go to the beach because the situation right now only allows us to park in a concentrated area of parking and no non-resident parking on Palm Blvd. Please reconsider the parking ordinance in place and allow some consideration of Charleston County Residents. We don't mind being charged for parking on Palm Blvd. Thank You, Bill & Carol Banta

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As a family household with elderly residents as well as young children, it is important for them to have access to recreational activities at the beach where we can enjoy some sunshine during this pandemic. We have been county pass holders for years but it isn't even worth it for us to go because of the limited parking. We are also blessed in that we could afford the passes and/or parking, but also what about other families that cannot? This action results in excluding local families from accessing the beach, which is why most people live in this area to begin with. Please consider removing the paid/limited parking , or allowing via an annual pass parking for other local residents.

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As a long time resident of both S.C. & Mount Pleasant, it's very upsetting that you've implemented a no parking policy along the side streets of IOP. While you claimed this was due to Covid, we know that's false as your actions are actually causing people to congregate in a smaller area. Your residents utilize numerous Mt P facilities, so stop with this government overreach to try & make public beaches private. Y'all should be ashamed of these actions.

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I am a resident of Mt Pleasant. I pay taxes to the state. The beach and road in IOP are state property. You have no right to restrict parking for non IOP residence on the guise of COVID19. The parking at the public parking is full by 8 or 9am and people are crowded together at one part of the beach. How does that provide social distancing? Please dont treat non IOP residence as dumb. What you are doing is trying to dictate who can go where and when. This is a disgrace and will not go without consequences. The consequences will be that we will do everything in our power to make the city council regret this effort by not visiting restaurants, not shopping in town etc. Even though it might not be the businesses that have initiated this restriction, it is your responsibility because you have caused the situation and will result in indirect suffering of businesses on the island

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Comments for Council Meeting

No parking on Isle of Palms. Fresh air cancelled to Charleston residents. Sorry I guess their town can't enforce the people that are ruining it for everyone else who needs sunshine, fresh air and the relaxing sound of the waves during these stressful times. I'm a Charleston county resident and this is horrible. Trust me, I know how serious COVID is. I've lost 4 family members. IOP of course has paid parking where the boardwalk is. The busiest section of the beach which I always avoid. I guess it's okay to cram them all in there if they're paying.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I have been a Charleston County resident for almost 40 years and, as such, have enjoyed taking my family to the beach. I am aware that my tax dollars go to support our local beach towns and have no issue with paying taxes knowing that I and other Charleston County residents are able to access the public beaches. I do have an issue with beach towns that (1) take over state-owned roads and allow only residents and renters (from outside of Charleston County) to park on those roads, (2) restrict access to beaches, and (3) charge excessive parking fines (\$100 - \$150) in violation of the South Carolina State Constitution. It appears that the beach towns and their residents are profiting from these while other Charleston County residents/taxpayers are being penalized and discriminated against.

When the residents of our beach towns purchased their properties, they assumed all that entails owning property in a city with public beaches: summer traffic and parking, wear and tear on their homes due to saltwater, threat of hurricane, etc. It appears that now these beach towns are taking advantage of COVID-19 and using it as an excuse to restrict "Day-Trippers" from their towns. Unfortunately, the restrictions put in place on parking are only causing more problems associated with COVID-19. Day-Trippers, if they have enough income to pay for parking, are forced to park in concentrated areas and are, therefore, unable to socially-distance while on the beach. We need to open more areas to the public so that they can spread out and enjoy our public beaches. Even the CDC notes that it is important for everyone to get fresh air and sunshine. It is safe to go to the beach, if you are not restrained from socially distancing.

Why am I taking the time to address my concerns to you? I care about doing what is right, and allowing access to public roads and public beaches to all of Charleston County residents, including the young and the old, the healthy and the handicapped, and those of every color and socio-economic status. Do you? You have the power to do the right thing. Please take action now.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear City Councilmembers, Ms. Fragoso, and city staff:

First, I would like to acknowledge and thank you all for your work this year. I think we can agree there have been more than a few challenges, some mistakes, and still more uncertainty going forward. Many of you have been inundated with often-emotional, occasionally vitriolic communication from residents and the public, and I hope that we will soon be past much of this.

Press coverage, a 7000-member Facebook group, a lawsuit, and even proposed state legislation all underscore the mistrust, animosity, and division that the current parking restrictions have caused among neighbors and neighboring cities. I believe council has had the city's best interests in mind when taking emergency actions, especially earlier this year. At this point in the pandemic, however, the broader public interest for widespread access to the beach seems paramount. We certainly seem like hypocrites for reducing local visitors while welcoming short-term visitors from off.

I respectfully request that the current parking restrictions be allowed to expire. Going forward I believe we should facilitate and consider input from our mainland neighbors regarding changes to parking cost and availability. While you are directly accountable to this island's citizens, including our quality of life, you are also entrusted as stewards of safe, sustainable beach access for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
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Comments for Council Meeting

This comment is submitted August 8, 2020 for the August 13, 2020 Special Council Meeting since comments are read in the order in which they are received.

I implore the Council to extend the parking restrictions on Isle of Palms for an additional 30 days. Our island COVID-19 numbers are still rising and the courts are on our side regarding not causing irreparable harm to our neighbors. Please give our Public Safety employees more time in an effort to reduce the crowding and parking frenzy we endured when there were no restrictions.

By mid-September, surely the "day tripper" beach crowd will turn their attention to school and hopefully football!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Thank you for making the courageous Decision to discontinue parking on Palm Blvd per the residents wishes. Please do not cave to the threats of MT P, at a minimum, if you have to, please allow parking only on the beach side and charge for it. I would prefer no parking either side

The island is simply being overwhelmed by the growth around it. I'm tired of picking up "visitor" trash.
Please continue to do what the residents desire.

Thank you

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Comments for Council Meeting

The following is a copy of an email I sent to all council members. I neglected to state that I think these parking restrictions should remain in effect until paid parking can be initiated. If that fails, at least until after Labor Day and only opened up on the ocean side of Palm if the numbers come down.

Good morning,

In light of several articles recently published in the Post and Courier, Mt. Pleasant Covid cases some of the highest in the state and Isle of Palms being sued over parking restrictions, I felt I should write and urge all of you to stay the course.

Regardless of anyone else's opinion, before the parking restrictions it was difficult to social distance on the beach. There were large groups of young adults actively engaging in a myriad of beach activities which would often put them in close or direct contact with others on the beach. At high tide it was impossible to stay at the beach because it would be so crowded. It has been like everyday was a Saturday and Saturdays have been like the 4th of July. It is apparent that many in Mt. Pleasant, according to the newspaper, are not interested in wearing masks or social distancing. Thank you for taking the initiative to protect the people that voted for you, the citizens of Isle of Palms, and not to be swayed by individuals that do not vote here or pay the taxes.

The lawsuit, I believe, is not really about the amount of parking, it is about free parking. For too long the citizens of Isle of Palms have shouldered the financial burden for the people mainly of Mt. Pleasant to have free parking at the beach. We are not all rich, as the people in Mt. Pleasant have insinuated and we are not acting like children as they seem to be. It is time to try and stop the spread. It is time they start paying their way. If the number of spaces is currently an issue, open the city lot to full capacity. Most beach towns only allow parking in paid lots, it is time we do the same. Make certain we are allowing the appropriate number of spaces to meet state requirements and hold the course. Next year ALL beach parking on Isle of Palms needs to be paid parking, the city has been dancing around this issue for too long. Do not be intimidated by these people or their threat of a lawsuit.

Thank you for your service to our city,
Ann Maughon, a resident for 31 years
7 Wills Way
Isle of Palms

PS: Mt. Pleasant has continually impacted our quality of life with uncontrolled growth, new neighborhoods, a multitude of multi-family housing developments, and new hotels. All of this has significantly impacted the out of control numbers of people coming to the beach. Would they have listened to me when I voiced opposition to this uncontrolled growth? I doubt it, I am not one of their citizens and I don't pay them taxes.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Honorable Mayor Carrol and respected members of City Council,
Thank you for leading from the front during this chaotic, unprecedented summer. From your actions, it is clear you are making a huge effort to control the chaos and overcrowding that saps our city resources and stresses our lifestyle.

Your recent controls on parking send a clear signal that we can no longer tolerate the uncontrolled growth of itinerant populations. Not that folks aren't welcome here, and we have a well run town and amenities for them to enjoy, but we are in danger of being smothered by visitors. This outcome is not in the best interest of anybody.

Now you have a chance to make a stand at our marina. Closing down the Tidal Wave concession will alleviate overcrowding, provide a little breathing room and precious public space for the residents, as well as abate noise and environmental pollution.

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Comments for Council Meeting

We came for the day last Saturday, August 1, 2020.

After coming over the bridge it was apparent there was no available parking. A woman on the side of a lot mentioned she owned the lot and was taking \$20 per car for a spot. She had just opened and lot was half filled and completely filled by the time we were walking to the beach. Will this be common happenstance going forward? Also, we were about 100 yards from the body washing ashore and those in charge handled the matter swiftly and professional. It was the second time I had seen them react to an incident on the beach and I was very impressed with both situations and how they were handled. The first situation I spoke with the emergency people and they were very polite, professional and got to who needed to help immediately. I was there when they were called as well so it was noted how fast they responded. Great service in the time of need.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am writing to voice my opposition to kiosk parking in and around the rec center. My children play there, ride bikes, skateboard, etc. in and around that area. There are no or limited sidewalks in that zone. Kiosk parking will draw more traffic and make it more dangerous for them. Thanks

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Comments for Council Meeting

Good Evening,

We are writing to share our complete support of Tidalwave (TW) and respectfully request that their lease be renewed. This locally owned and operated family business is a tremendous asset to the residents of Isle of Palms, day visitors and tourists. They offer a variety of activities that are not offered anywhere else locally and their footprint is very small. We understand that parking is a premium at the Marina, but TW operates its own shuttle; they pick up and drop off local customers therefor limiting excess cars parked in the area.

Tidalwave has given back to the community on several occasions over the last several years. They have participated in fundraising for the MUSC Children's hospital wing, offered FREE boat shuttle service for kids to get to/from school, and they have also provided many young islanders their very first job!

Times are tough for many many small businesses due to the Pandemic, but Tidalwave does not need to be another victim of this terrible disease. They are willing negotiate to do what the City requests. Please seriously consider renewing their lease.

Thank you for your time

Respectfully,

Amy and Robert Evans

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am fully in favor of paid parking. I am also fully in support of limiting parking during the pandemic. City council graciously left all beach accesses open to the public beaches so any people complaining about limiting access is out of line. I don't believe we are in any way expected or required to provide a free place or even provide a place for the general public's vehicles. Nor are the residents of IOP supposed to provide garbage services. If the state or federal government mandate IOP to provide police and emergency medical services as well as patrol beach accesses and dangerous situations such as breach inlet, I would ask what state and federal funds are provided to support this. Dedicate that money 100% to beach service of the stat and/or the federal govt.and have them operate outside of IOP government. Federal parks provide their own park rangers at federal expense so should provide rangers to public beaches. Since the state owns the right of way along our roads, including Palm Blvd., I feel the city of IOP should request they make it a 2 lane divided road with turning lanes. That would help our traffic jam problem on Palm Blvd. as well as beautify the road with a landscaped median.. It would really help when Wild dunes hotel expansion is completed. And it would remove the parking problem along the Blvd. the state or federal govt could then take responsibility for providing parking for the public by buying a park and ride lot on some of the state land nearby. This would remove the ill will toward IOP.

I noticed in other places I have lived or visited that state parks and their parking lots are the only places available for the public unless they pay town parking, rent a place in town, And/or buy a badge to use the beach and find their own way to get there without having to park a vehicle.

Why is IOP responsible to solve the public beach demand problem.....

By the way, there are companies that you can hire just to drive you and you stuff to the beach as well as taxis and uber type services. Or have a friend drive you and drop you off and pick you up. And perhaps Carta can bring a route to a location on each island with a public beach. If people want free beaches with free parking, and free services 24/7, there are places where they can live to get this. Perhaps they can chose to live those places,

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What you are doing regarding parking is exclusionary and illegal. You have succeeded in getting your Mt. Pleasant neighbors up in arms, many of whom grew up on IOP. Your actions are so heinous that you've managed to bring together a grass roots of objectors in a record quick amount of time. We have also recieved a record amount of donations toward legal recourse as well as a record amount of letters to ALL local and state agencies and news outlets. Is this how you wish to be seen by the neighbors across the bridge that IOP relies on so heavily for goods, services and mutual aid?

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Comments for Council Meeting

I just wanted to go surfing with my kids this weekend without a ticket on my car! We can't surf at that gross and packed area of the county park, also we don't want COVID-19! Open more parking to spread out the beach and tell your fellow Charlestonians that you care.

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Comments for Council Meeting

As I watch the IOP council meeting of July 28 I listen to the reading of comments from off Island non residents complain about beach parking. To my shock a comment I wrote about the air and noise pollution from the waste water plant which was to be discussed at that meeting was not read. I recall writing it before the new parking laws took affect and listen to council say they would read comments in the order they received them.

Also I listen to council members explain the need for a new waste water plant because the one in Wild dunes is in disrepair. Also saying they have toured the plant off the Waterway and that it is all wonderful and does not produce noise or smell. I saw them on a black golf cart do a quick drive by the tank that reeks earlier in the day when the smell is not as bad. What was said at the meeting is false. I can produce a half dozen people that will say that comment is false.

I have been awoken in the 5am hour many times from vacuum trucks, garbage trucks alarms going of and diesel generators running. I have a horrible smell coming from the storage tank ten feet from my back yard many times. This year everyday for a month three weeks before July 4 and a week after you could not be outside my house and even smelled a foul odor inside my house. July 16th and 17th they worked on the tank after I brought this up. The smell went away during the next week until the weekend. I texted both Chris from the water company and Jay from the sewer commission to come and smell it themselves seeing how they both called me a liar and says repeatedly that it does not smell and does not make noise at the 5am hour even on Sunday. There should be a police report on file when I called the IOP police on Sunday morning only to have the officer tell me the water company can work anytime they want. That Sunday morning it was a vacuum truck doing maintenance. The truck driver said he wanted to beat the heat and traffic for this I was awoken at 5am.

Yesterday Aug. 1st the smell came back with a vengeance a little before 4pm. Thunder could be heard in the distance and everyone left the beach and went home to take showers would be my guess why the storage tank smelled. It is the time of day that it reeks the most rendering my pool in the back yard unusable along with any other outdoor activity such as reading on the front porch.

It is my understanding that the tank is from the last plant and is a storage tank to hold excess waste til the plant can process it. I texted Chris and Jay to come by and smell it for themselves and was ignored again. At least I was not called a liar again.

I am concerned for my families health and welfare. It is science that waste water carries virus's and a host of other harmful stuff. I have read articles that covid-19 can be detected in waste water. I am concerned that an air born virus such as covid-19 is escaping the storage tank. If I can smell the sewer gas to the point it is giving me headaches I am concerned it can also infect me with covid-19 and other illness's. Something needs done about this I have call DEHEC and have a call into the DEP. I should be able to swim in my backyard or read a book on my front porch or cut my grass without the smelling foul odors. I should not have to worry about catching some virus from the fumes escaping the storage tank. I should not be woken up at 5am on a Sunday. I should not be called a liar when I bring this up to the people in charge. I should not have to hire a lawyer to seek justice. I should have the same quality of life as the rest of the people living on the island.

Again I ask why is another plant being moved from wild dunes where it sit in an open area with no homes or business around to suffer what I am suffering?

The water company has been a very bad neighbor and acts above the law. I would not wish them on no one.

Something needs done about this ,sweeping it under the rug will not work.....

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Comments for Council Meeting

I was at the beaches on the weekends before the parking ban. People were with their own families and social distancing. We parked near 33rd. Everyone was 20+ ft. apart. By limiting parking to the state park and neighboring lots, you are actually causing people to gather in one spot. Common sense has left the building apparently. We pay taxes too and moved here 6 years ago partly for the beach access. If IOP wants to become a private island, then let's see how you all do without the rest of CHS county residents paying taxes that go toward IOP.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am in favor of paid parking on the ocean side of Palm Blvd. so long as those revenues are used to improve both shoulders of Palm Blvd (and a drainage plan) as well as a dedicated person to clean the trash left behind by visitors. The parking "spaces" particularly on the ocean side are left littered with every imaginable item and of course now includes used/discarded masks. If parking remains free of charge there should still be a direction of funds to improve the aesthetics and functionality of Palm Blvd to include a dedicated bike lane. It would improve the overall quality of living for residents and visitors alike. Thank you for soliciting comments.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I just wanted to send a quick comment because I'm sure you hear a lot of negative. We were super nervous that we would have to miss our yearly trip to IOP. We are a family of teachers and this has been a stressful year. The vacation was amazing and your precautions made us feel safe and still welcomed as visitors to the amazing island. We had no problems cooking in the house and we utilizes the food truck options in wild dunes for a treat. We stay in Ocean Point and we are already booked again for our 6th summer next year. Keep up the great work. Don't let the negative nellies get you down.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Morning, I am so disappointed with little to no beach access during this time of the pandemic. It does not make sense to cram everyone into a small area of the county park instead of letting them spread out along the beach. It appears to be making the situation worse creating little social distancing.

I propose allowing Charleston residents parking. As a physician I am helping all citizens of Charleston including those of IOP. It seems only right to allow all the citizens of Charleston to use the public beaches in a safe manner and not have to pack into the county park parking. Thank you, Jennifer Vollmer

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am writing on behalf of the decision made to significantly reduce parking and specifically banning parking along Palm Boulevard with the exception of residents with decals and people conducting business with proof of business license. While I am not a resident of IOP, I am a resident of Mount Pleasant and the reason we chose to live where we do is having access to beautiful IOP. While I fully understand your desire to limit crowd size due to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As this parking restriction expires from the 30 days as it was communicated, I urge you to reopen parking to the general public.

If it is really crowd size and the traffic that comes with it that causes IOP residents to seek permanent changes, I implore you to consider ways to enable local area residents to continue to have access. I would be willing to pay for an annual parking pass provided it is 1) reasonably priced and 2) enables me to have parking access when I need it.

Nothing would be more disappointing to our surrounding communities than to implement a permanent change in parking that significantly curtails access to such a beautiful island. I ask that you seek a win-win solution that not only residents support but also surrounding residents who add to IOPs economy.

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Comments for Council Meeting

When moving back to South Carolina, one of the biggest decisions on where to live was how close to the beach we could be. We have loved being able to enjoy the beach year round and at all different times of the day and evening. We understand the need to help the Covid outbreak. However, we do not understand how nor believe closing the beaches and limiting parking is greatly beneficial to that. I know that there have been many points given on what would help. One potential help to curbing Covid was heat. Therefore, it would make sense to be outside. If you look at peoples' habits on the beach, most people do not want to be set up near strangers. People set up in their own space and interact with their group they are with.

I believe the IOP council is only using Covid as an excuse to limit visitors to the IOP. I have never seen any trash left on the beaches and people always place big items that have failed such as umbrellas and chairs by the trash cans. So, having more people enjoy the beaches doesn't ruin the beaches. I hate to see how these parking restrictions have caused problems.

As a resident of Mount Pleasant, we go to the restaurants and businesses such as Harris Teeter often. However, during this, I am not willing to patronize any business on IOP.

Our family is willing to purchase a yearly parking pass if that were offered as a solution for residents of Mount Pleasant. We understand parking is limited without taking all of it away before this. Taking away the beach does not help especially during these difficult times.

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Please allow us all to enjoy the public IOP beach, observing covid distancing guidelines. Restricting parking is not the answer. Instead, the authorities need to be on the beach making sure the family and other groups are keeping their distance from one another. You can't keep families or friends groups separated within the group, but the groups can be told to stay at least 6 feet from one another. Thank you for allowing us all to enjoy the beach!

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Comments for Council Meeting

This banning of parking for beach access is what will drive the train on me selling my house and moving to a community that allows people to use the beach. I moved to MT P due to the proximity to the beaches now I can't use them? I spent a lot of time at the VFW and other restaurants in IOP so we can enjoy a drink or dinner and a walk on the beach. If this plan passes and I can't enjoy the beach all the time I will not step foot into IOP again. When I retire in a few short years I will sell my house and move.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Hello and thanks for your continued bold responses to this pandemic.

During this time when almost everyone's nerves are already a little frayed, is there ANYTHING that can be done about the nuisance of the noisy Geico banner plane that has circled the island all day long for weeks now, even on weekdays? I'm guessing that local governments don't have jurisdiction over airspace but, even inside our home blocks away from the beach, it sounds like a landing strip must be nearby so that plane certainly is creating a community nuisance.

I realize this isn't a life or death issue but, honestly, it is absurd that residents have to listen to the loud engines of this plane day after day and now week after week. If it were occasional, I could certainly tolerate that. But it is absolutely constant. Every single day.

Even if we as a community have no recourse, thanks for letting me express my concern about a livability issue that has gone on for far too long.

Take care and stay well.

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Comments for Council Meeting

In regards to beach parking.

I hope you will consider to at least leave some areas of free parking on the island. Although I can afford to pay for parking on the beach, there are many that don't have that luxury. Please don't take away the beach from those people.

I think a good plan would be more balanced in nature. You can have both free and paid parking on the beach and it could still accomplish the same things. Furthermore, you could see the effects of taking away, for example, Half of the free parking spaces and see how that affects things on the island. I think taking away all of the free parking is a bit drastic in nature and doesn't seem like the right way to go. Why not take half away first and see how it goes? Maybe even take away 75% of the free parking spots, but leave something available for free.

Would the island benefit from a smaller parking garage near the business district? This could allow for more parking closer to businesses which could benefit them.

Thanks for reading!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Paid Parking on Palm Avenue in 2021

I suggest you sell an annual parking sticker, like the one I have for the IOP parking lots, to cover day parking on Palm Ave and elsewhere in 2021. This would help your regular day visit guests from Mt Pleasant and elsewhere park for our visits conveniently, but still reduce volume. I suggest \$100 a season.

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Comments for Council Meeting

This "pay to park ordinance" under review is outrageous! Our tax dollars in Mount Pleasant contribute directly to the Island and its emergency services. Your residents utilize our schools and lobby to use our new ones. This council and the Island residents use our infrastructure on a regular basis free of charge. Yet this council seeks to punish and extort the very same people it relies on for so much? Also, has this council considered at all. The effects on families that struggle financially? Folks who now cannot exercise on our coastline without now having to pay admission? This council MUST strike down this ordinance!!!

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Comments for Council Meeting

My family and I are longterm residents of Mt Pleasant and have always enjoyed the beach at IOP. It breaks my heart to see the direction the island is taking by basically telling those of us over the connector that we aren't welcome. Those are public beaches and roads that our taxpayer dollars help maintain. You are not Kiawah island but it sure seems that's what you want. You should all be ashamed of yourselves and your actions and attitudes towards the surrounding area.

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Comments for Council Meeting

The parking ban on Palm Blvd has nothing to do with COVID-19. It is purely a ploy by city council to restrict a public beach to town residents and renters only. A public beach that receives county, state, and Federal funding. The push to allow parking but with parking fees (along a state hwy) is equally egregious. I'm not sure if the end goal is increased revenue due to declining sales tax income or to further restrict island access. Eliminating free parking along a public right of way effectively ensures that low income residents of the low country will no longer have access to the beach.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I would support either paid or free parking along the beach side of palm blvd. I don't think parking should be allowed on both sides for safety reasons.

I am not in favor of reopening resident only spots to non-residents.

I live directly across from the rec center and would like the grassy areas around the rec center on 29th and on hartnett to be for rec center users only.

Thank you for your time!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dear City Council, please do not pass a plan to move beach parking along the Rec center. This is dangerous for our children and it would completely change the character of the rec center as a community gathering place. As it is now, Islanders as well as others can come and enjoy the rec center but if it is completely full of beach parking throughout the summer, we will not be able to enjoy activities that will certainly return sometime in the future.

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Comments for Council Meeting

PLEASE...do NOT inundate our neighborhood with Rec Center -beach parking.

You're lessening one problem on the front and pushing it into residential area. We have tons of kids here!!!

Beach goers leave their trash and other "stuff" behind. And, that would create a horrible situation for our children!

BAD IDEA!!!

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Comments for Council Meeting

I called the IOP police department today to inquire if I was still able to use the handicap parking spaces as I have my placard. I was told NO. IOP residents were the only ones permitted to use them. This is outright discrimination. I'm disgusted.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please vote No to Rec Department beach party.

Please keep this our safe, quiet island neighborhood.

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Please vote No to Rec Department beach party.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please do not allow our island's residential areas to become parking lots for beach party goers.

Please do not allow parking around the Rec Department. That area should be a safe, quiet zone for those who live on 27th and 29th and for residents who use the soccer fields and the playground- not for added cars speeding on our residential streets.

Think of us. You are our only hope!

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Comments for Council Meeting

I get it. These are unprecedented times and council is navigating uncharted waters. But these parking restrictions have gotten WAY out of hand! You tried something. It didn't work. It made things incredibly worse at Front Beach. You can fix this! Please, take down the countless signs and make IoP like it used to be. Welcoming to everyone. I have lived on IoP for 23 years and I grew up in Mt. Pleasant going to the beaches on IoP and Sullivan's Island every summer weekend. What the "new comers" are getting away with in their efforts to privatize the islands is just WRONG! Using COVID as an excuse to essentially eliminate parking on IoP is arrogant and cowardly! The beach belongs to everyone!

Please hear us, the ones of us who grew up here. This has always been a beach town and in the summer, people want to go to the beach! You know that when you choose to live here! Anyone who moved here thinking they were going to "own" the beach, needs to go on back where they came from. Or move to Seabrook or Kiawah! Learn how to share!

As far as emergency vehicles not being able to get through, that's just another excuse. We who have lived here a long time, know to use Waterway during peak beach times. Surely emergency personnel can figure that out too.

Please consider all the heartfelt pleas you have gotten in the last couple of weeks and do the right thing!

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Comments for Council Meeting

I do not want beach parking around the rec center. I don't believe it is needed when beach parking operations is under normal conditions. Paid parking at rec center will not alleviate any spread of virus. I understand this maybe an opportunity to capture lost revenue for the city but this is NOT the way to do it!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please keep the parking the way you voted last week. It was a zoo on Palm Blvd and The Rec area before this week!!! What about restrooms, emergency access on Palm? Please rethink your chance of changing your votes!!

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Comments for Council Meeting

It amazes me that there are continued efforts to take away all free parking on the island. Shame on us. I have seen several families this week in the late afternoon/early evening driving on Palm Blvd obviously trying to find a place to park. Has anyone considered what a \$15 dollar parking fee, much less a \$100 parking fine, means to a family who lives in poverty or who are struggling financially right now? Children can't go to school, but they should be able to come play in the waves and run on the beach. They are not shopping at Harris Teeter or overcrowding the bars/restaurants on Front Beach. The bottom line seems to be that unless you are fortunate enough to live on IOP or wealthy enough to afford a weekly rental, you really are not welcomed. Goodness gracious folks, have a heart.

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Comments for Council Meeting

No one owns the beach, but closing parking in areas that were sparsely attended at the height of the season when everything good has been "taken away" due to Covid seems mean-spirited. I urge you to do the right thing and reopen parking to all, and it should remain free. We participate in beach cleanups and can't even do that now! And 42nd street should have car parking as well. Thank you - We have lived here part time since 2003, full time since 2006, fyi.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I understand that you are considering allowing parking around the community center. This will basically turn the area into County Park.

The residents on 27th through 29th St didn't sign up for this when we bought or built our homes.

On the beach a couple of weeks ago, I was asked by a visitor where the bathrooms were. A resident on the beach side of Palm Blvd has been asked multiple times by beach visitors whether they could use their bathroom. I came home one day only to find a stranger on my property using my water hose.

And traffic with all the kids in the area? After a day at the beach drinking? Will it take a child being killed as a vehicle is speeding down the road for you to think of this ? (the speeding is already happening).

Trash? Another problem we have already seen. Overflowing trash cans and trash on our lawns.

This is getting out of control. Parking should not be allowed on the grass along the edges of the community center. This is for parking for activities AT the Rec center and a place where our kids can feel safe.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I am writing to you in regards to the proposal to implement parking fees on street parking on the Isle of Palms. While I understand the urge to shift costs toward visitors and away from Isle residents, it strikes me as deeply un-neighborly and disingenuous to monetize Low Country residents' beach visits. Such a move away from precedent would severely harm the Isle of Palm's standing as a member of the Low Country community, and make many citizens think twice about frequenting IOP business or how state resources are allocated, especially around beach restoration or infrastructure. I politely urge you to leave the street parking as it is.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Reconsider restricting parking. You just increased probability of spreading COVID-19 by corralling everyone in the same area. COVID-19 isn't killed by UV light like everyone believes. It literally can spread at the beach even in 90-100 degree weather. All it takes is one person sneezing. I'm concerned about families coming together as a group, as COVID now presents in young children and young adults who are the main components of visitors - and the reason for beach visits.

If you really want to restrict fun on the beach, play it the way Sullivan's Island did - and the people who aren't interested in coming without a cooler, chair, etc wont bother coming. There would be less complaints coming from the public and residents as a whole.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Hello,

I'm asking that the City Council rescind the ordinance that prohibited parking across much of the island. I'm asking that you also consider ways to expand beach and parking access to area residents. This includes keeping both sides of Palm Blvd. open for parking and expanding beach parking into some of the nearby residential streets. Lastly, I'm asking that future decisions regarding beach parking and access include community input and coordination with the other area beaches.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Re: Paid Parking at The Recreation Center...

Please consider a few points in your discussion/planning on this topic. 29th & 27th avenues are major Beach access streets to the Beach for residential and rental traffic.. We see first hand how busy it is currently with pedestrian, cyclists and golf carts. A vast majority are Children and the Dog Park visitors. Turning the Rec center into paid parking will insure a nightmare for our residential traffic..

Can we not develop a plan that can use the municipal properties more effectively? Could Palm be used one side as an alternate?

Seems Sullivan's Island has set their mandate and has learned to live with it. Sadly, we cannot continue to accommodate the continued

Growth of Charleston County on the Backs of our residents. Thank you for your continued efforts in support of our Community

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Comments for Council Meeting

Hi City Council,

I am writing to express my complaints with the new parking policy(2020-11) that has been enacted at Isle of the Palms. I feel that making the public spots for residents only has had a negative impact on the traffic flow and experience of the island and is intentionally forcing visitors to one side of the island. This plan is like communism, good in theory, but does not work when actually enacted. The purpose of the plan, per city council, was to cut down on the amount of visitors to the island to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This sounds like a great idea but when actually put into place yields terrible results. No one is going to cancel their beach vacation because of fear from not finding a place to park. Instead it caused all tourists to fight for a spot and jam themselves into Isle of the Palms county park. I encourage city council members to drive to the park on Saturday with your beach chair in hand, go fight for a spot like a tourist would and find a nice spot on the beach. Good luck! I am an SC resident and have visited Isle of the Palms many times before, always parking in the beach parking on the finger streets 3rd through 9th avenue. I parked the same place that I have always had, no sign was displayed when I parked on the morning of Friday July 17th. When I came back out after a nice day at the beach with my family, I had \$100 parking ticket on my car. I was baffled! I really didn't know what I had done wrong. Then I saw that a sign had been posted after I had parked there. It was just a cheap sign that said "No Parking Residential Only \$100 Fine". Not to mention the sign had no mention of Isle of the Palms on it. I looked it up and saw that a law had been passed changing public beach parking to residents only literally enacted that day. Isle of the Palms City Council saw an opportunity and took advantage of it to push all visitors to one side of the island and essentially try and give themselves a private beach. Last I checked the beaches in SC were public including Isle of the Palms. As an SC resident my tax dollars go to maintaining the beach that I can't attend because the IOP City Council has gotten rid of the "public" parking spots. IOP City Council saw this as a great way to take advantage of folks in the middle of a pandemic and generate some revenue. There were 347 tickets written in the first weekend this was enacted. 3 times the normal amount. That is \$34,700 in revenue for the City in one weekend. They are taking advantage of people knowing that most folks are from out of town like myself, it'll cost more to fight the ticket than to actually pay it. I have no other option than to pay the \$100 ticket. As an SC resident that has loved IOP and visited many times this has left a poor taste in my mouth. I hope this policy is rescinded so that all are able to enjoy IOP, not just the local residents who own a house there.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Good for you starting discussions on pay to park on Palm Blvd! (and thank you for the suggested 9-6 time frame, so 'early morning local walkers' will still be able to enjoy) The citizens of IOP and volunteers of the 'surround' should not be responsible for and continue to absorb the cost of picking up and/or repairing the 'mess' left behind by disgusting and entitled beach goers. It is about time! (Oh, and how about really high fines for littering while you are at it! :))

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Comments for Council Meeting

As a resident of Mt Pleasant who enjoys the public beach access on IOP, I question the necessity of charging for beach parking all along Palm Blvd. (Will there also be charges at the other end of the Island?) I wonder if Isle of Palms is trying to find a solution to a problem that isn't there. Is the idea to make money from parking fees in order to pay for parking attendants who will check parking stickers or payments on the parking app? No parking fees; no need for additional parking monitors.
Thank you.

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Comments for Council Meeting

I visited the beach this past Saturday, as I do multiple times a week to walk my dog. And we noticed that the beach area by the state park was completely unresponsively jammed and not safe for Covid related reasons. Meanwhile we were down the beach at 6th st and it was spread out. So, blocking parking is not resulting in safe social distancing. I'm not sure what the rules were trying to achieve but we all have a right to the beach and can't locals from the tri county area, who support the islands and businesses be granted some resident passes too? I get it if you want to charge out of staters a fee for a day but to charge us all that live and support the area, and do pick up trash and take care of the beach just isn't fair. Please consider those that just want to enjoy the great place we all call home.

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Comments for Council Meeting

We sincerely hope that the idea of kiosk parking at the Rec Center is just a rumor without merit! It would destroy our quiet neighborhood with increased traffic and unsafe driving practices, as evidenced by the events proceeding the parking restrictions. Kiosk parking belongs in a commercial area, not a residential neighborhood. Thank you in advance for putting the safety and quality of life concerns of residents, before the demands of others without a vested interest in our island!

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