

Dear MCBOS,

I would like to express my thanks and admiration for the hard decisions and work being done during the COVID 19 crisis.

In particular, I think that parks should remain closed until we are considered past the hump of corona virus cases.

As we all have witnessed, closing tourist accommodations and attractions was the only effective way to slow the travel of people from out of the county to our area. Although tourism is one of the main components of our economy, at this time of emergency we must protect the health and resources of our residents first.

I know that there has been a lot of agitation on social media to open parks, and the latest health order made it confusing to people whether they could use parks again.

But, people are not careful at parks. And it is almost impossible to determine if people using a beach or park are local or from out of town. We certainly do not have the enforcement resources to monitor and cite people if parks are open to locals. Also, if we open our parks while counties around us do not, it will make our county a hotspot for travel.

Ideally, I would like to see the sheriff office (and hopefully local city enforcement and state park enforcement) begin giving citations to people not sheltering in place and to businesses like Airbnb and vrbo who are not following shelter in place. I think the citations for not sheltering in place should increase from \$500 to \$1000 per person.

Thank you for your consideration. I love and miss using the parks and beaches, but at the moment it is not a necessity for anyone.

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