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My name is Annie Holtz.

I have emailed previously, and once again am emailing to express my concern about three legislation items on the agenda for tonight. I am glad to see the Impact Fee deferment was removed, it was an inappropriate use of Impact Fees against EXISTING businesses.

With regard to the Mask Requirement amendment, The Florida Covid Dashboard shows that not only does a public health emergency NOT exist in Monroe County, but that we SHOULD BE in Phase 3 of the State's reopening plan.

So I ask you, why are you still imposing severe restrictions on business operations? Why are you now considering imposing even greater penalties and punishments with these new Ordinances?

Now, I get that you all want proceed with caution as we return to normal, that I can understand. However, this draft still says in 3 (b) that face coverings are required "AT ALL TIMES" regardless of Social Distancing. Not one official health agency in the country makes such an extreme recommendation, and there is NO scientific evidence that proves transmission can occur passing someone on the street. This section SHOULD read "at all times when 6 ft social distance cannot be maintained." Otherwise it simply contradicts the language in 4.12.

You should delete the language in 4.12. It makes no sense, is contradictory and confusing. For example, people on hotel grounds could be targeted for violations when they are by a hotel pool, even if they are social distancing. This then exposes the hotel/inn to potential closure by the city under the new verbiage.

By adding these 30 day closures, you are placing an undue burden on the business owners. You do not have the legal right to shut down a business without Due Process, and you have no provision for such in either Ordinance.

Please modify the language in the amendment to 20-08 or vote No.

With regard to the last minute addition to the agenda, the proposed ordinance mandating thirty day closures on bars/bar seating, again there is no data to support this legislation. It is overly harsh and burdensome to businesses who are struggling. There is no Due Process. This is unconstitutional and you are exposing the City to more litigation. Withdraw this item or vote no.

Thank you.

Annie Holtz