

Heather Finnell

From: Babs Tomlinson <babsabc123@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 12:31 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Paving of Brunswick Ave. West

My duplex is situated at 325B Brunswick Ave. West. I purchased this property in 1986 when the road was unpaved. It has been paved twice since then. (Second time was after the sewer pipes were installed under the road.) Each time the pavement has risen so that the roadway is higher in elevation than my lot causing rain water to pond on the front yard and runs under my home with heavy rain. This water also runs down the road from other homes that have been allowed to cover their driveways and yards with concrete. I am very concerned that another paving will increase water run off into my yard. Please take this concern into consideration when and if the pavement project goes into effect. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Barbara Tomlinson

Heather Finnell

From: Anne Wright <annewright@carolina.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Holden Beach

Sorry if this has been discussed:

1. Repaint cross walks on Ocean Blvd and place or replace cross walk signs. If OB is repaved, this should be in the plan.

2. Consider buying land on the mainland on the right just after leaving the island for parking.

Run a shuttle from that parking

lot to QB. This would allow a car to drive onto the island, deposit beach equipment and family members before returning to park the car and take the shuttle to join the family.

3. Some how purchase some or all of the pier property and make that a park with grass and some picnic tables.

Anne Wright

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: Karen Dodd <kadodd24@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Heather Finnell; patricia kwiatkowski; sullivm4@gmail.com; Brian Murdock; geraldbrownb365@gmail.com
Subject: Proposed Public Parking
Attachments: Holden Beach Parking Lot Zoning 3.15.21.pdf

I respectfully request that my questions and concerns be added to public comments for the Board Of Commissioners March 16, 2021 meeting.

Thank you for your consideration,
Karen A. Dodd

Re: Proposed Parking Areas on Holden Beach

My family has owned property on Holden Beach since 1978 and I am a current homeowner on the Island. As a former Town Councilman and Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board of another municipality in North Carolina this current endeavor sparked my concern.

I have always been impressed with the Holden Beach elected official's decision for so many years to have a height restriction on building structures on the Island. This restriction allowed Holden to have reasonable controlled growth yet keep the small community feel that I believe all homeowners and renters covet. So, I was concerned to learn that there is a desire to add 100 public parking spaces in residentially zoned areas on Holden. This will have a major impact on Holden Beach.

All decisions should be made with fact-based information and not on emotion. As a result, I have been searching for information that I am not finding readily available to homeowners. Please advise where to find the impact study, feasibility study, environmental impact study and the return on investment for the homeowner's tax dollars that are to be spent.

After listening to the February 5, 2021 Parking Committee meeting, the question was asked about rezoning the parcels in question. The answer given was that if the town considered a parcel "necessary for town use" no rezoning is required. I believe you are going down a slippery slope and in this situation a public rezoning hearing should occur and this property is no longer residential and should be rezoned.

It appeared after reviewing what was posted for the March 5, Parking Committee meeting, the purpose was to interview potential companies to operate public parking lots. So, are we to conclude this decision has already been made and the property owners/tax payers concerns are not going to be addressed?

Have you considered that a paved parking lot for public use may not be in the same character as a private home that is adjacent? Are these public lots in harmony with the adjoining properties? Fact: Based on an additional 100 public parking spaces, Holden Beach will provide the opportunity of adding 400-day visitors to our current population. This means 100 additional cars to our current traffic level. These 400 people that are not residents or island renters will require services. First, toilet facilities/bath houses are a must. Second, additional crosswalks and beach access will be needed. Third, lifeguards may be necessary to add to the town's staff. With that added volume of people, that is a liability the town needs to consider. Fourth, can the current water system handle the increased demand, or will the system need to be upgraded and at who's expense?

Also, to be considered, who benefits and who is harmed from this decision? Will this decision cause serious harm to landowners? Does the gain of having the parking lots outweigh the physical impact and financial impact to our citizens? What is the compatibility with the current uses of the adjacent properties? What is the impact on our road structures? How will this impact our police department? Is it in the town's best interest to spend taxpayer money(i.e. the property owners on Holden Beach) to provide services to those who do not pay taxes here at all? Is it not reality that money spent by day visitors is going to be off the Island with businesses that do not pay taxes to the Town of Holden Beach?

Homeowners that rent their homes from what I understand, usually have many repetitive renters. If they have a bad experience due to overcrowding, will they return?

I feel more public input is needed along with more information provided to homeowners before such a major decision is determined. This decision will have major implications for all of our citizens and could significantly impact their quality of life, safety, and financial security. The environmental impact is also an important consideration with the level of flooding that is currently happening in most of the areas that you have identified as potential good options for parking lots.

Providing information to homeowners is a necessity and warranted. An informed populous is extremely important on issues that could potentially impact their lives.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to receiving more data provided by you in the near future.

Sincerely,
Karen A. Dodd,
111 Fayetteville Street

Heather Finnell

From: Patrice Marshall <patricemariemarshall@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Bike Lanes

Hello to Town Hall and Commissioners-

I'd like to put in my two cents worth about the bike lane proposal-

As a permanent resident and my husband & I bi weekly cyclists - I think the idea to have a lane on one side of Ocean Blvd is a wonderful idea, and I live on Ocean Blvd W. I am all for the many pedestrians using the sidewalks, also dog walkers, strollers and mini cyclists who try to share the sidewalk - but I find there is often lot to try to pass- or a truck parked on the sidewalk just when I need to pass someone and we're all in the street. I ride a recumbent that is 30" wide, so I have to go out into the street often even tho I try to get & stay on the sidewalk when I see a vehicle approaching. It's already getting much busier than February and feel that a designated bike lane would be a major safety improvement to our island- much better money spent for those who are already here, than money spent making more parking -

Thank you for your time listening -

Patty Marshall
1252 Ocean Blvd West
919-810-5325

Heather Finnell

From: Linda Blanchard <lblanchard91@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 9:07 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Bike Lane

Heather,
Please forward this to the mayor, town manager and commissioners:

I would like to express my feelings on the bike lanes the DOT has proposed for OB. We desperately need these bike lanes for safety, island appearance, and updating our island. We need these so bad. As you know there is only one main road and sidewalk on the island and it is currently very over crowded and dangerous. With walkers, pets, bicycle riders, runners, baby carriages and children in wagons it is dangerous. I would rather see our tax dollars spent on bike lanes rather than parking at this time. The population on this island is exploding and we need more room to move along the main road. It is so dangerous for bikes, cars, construction traffic, golf carts, etc, etc, etc, on the road. Please consider the safety of our residents, property owners, and visitors.

Sincerely,

Linda Blanchard

Sent from my iPad

Heather Finnell

From: Mei-chien <mfucci6494@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Comments on an agenda item discussed in February 2021 meeting minutes

We are owners of a 2nd row rental property. We have enjoyed biking on the island and see many others doing the same on OB. Many bikers use the current sidewalk, which is also used by many persons taking a walk. This can create "close calls" when walkers are unaware of bikers approaching from behind. OB does not have "shoulders" that other roads sometimes have. Therefore, biking on the side/edge of the current paved road is taking one's life into the potential path of frequent traffic of service vehicles including large vans and trucks.

The addition of bike lanes will provide a separate "traffic lane" for bikers going faster than walkers, but slower than motorized vehicles. Providing bike lanes would also transmit a message from the town that we are concerned about the safety of guests who love to bike and supportive of a means of transportation that is not carbon-generating. Having a safe means of biking on the island may also promote more bike rentals from local vendors by guests.

The February minutes comment that pursuing grants to cover the cost could delay the paving of OB by the NCDOT. If our decision is further delayed, it will only reach a point when any grant application will become moot.

Thank you.

John and Mei-chien Fucci

Heather Finnell

From: Wally & Geoffrey Gantt <wgantt1@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 3:18 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: bike lanes

Hi,

I wanted to put my husband and my "vote" in that we would really be in favor of bike lanes added when OB is repaved. They are so needed, would be so used and appreciated and add to the enjoyment of the residents and all the many visitors as well.

We are also in favor of learning all the options for parking/paid and otherwise,

Thanks,

Geoffrey Gantt

Heather Finnell

From: Robyn Metcalfe <rmetcalfe@sc.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 6:18 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash ordinance

Hi Heather,
I was directed to write to you to say NO to the trash ordinance.
I like the ruling where we are now.
Wish we could leave good enough alone.

— trash

Also, I am still disappointed in the speed limit on the west side streets. If no one can find the original ordinance why can't we vote to keep the whole Island at 35.
It makes no sense to have half the island one speed limit and other half a different speed limit.

I am not sure who you can send this to , to Make my voice heard.
I would appreciate any thing you can do to get my voice heard.

↓
Speed
limit

Thank you
Robyn Metcalfe
120 Starfish

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: Louise Gregory <gregory_lou@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Re: Proposed trash and waste removal

Thanks Heather then you have my feedback on the email above. Please just ask them to consider part-time residents who do not rent. Any occasional visits - we need flexibility for bringing bins to the curb and support on bringing them back. Thx!

Louise Gregory

On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 10:26:31 AM EDT, Heather Finnell <heather@hbtownhall.com> wrote:

You can submit feedback to me by 3:00 p.m. tonight to have it considered for the meeting.

We do not have control over the pickup times. Waste Industries selects the times based on the efficiency of the routes in the area.

Heather Finnell, CMC, NCCMC

Town Clerk

Town of Holden Beach

heather@hbtownhall.com

telephone: (910) 842-6488

From: Louise Gregory <gregory_lou@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 5:03 PM
To: Heather Finnell <heather@hbtownhall.com>
Subject: Re: Proposed trash and waste removal

Hi Heather - I can see why my neighbors were concerned. We are part time residents and come to Holden mostly on the weekends. We do not rent. When we leave on Sunday we take our bins to the curb for pick up on Tuesdays. We can't be fined for having them out there too early and then leaving them there empty until we return. We need the crew to put them back under the house. Where do I send in my feedback?

Also my other request would be to change the time of pickup on Saturdays during the summer. They often start before 6AM and the truck noise wakes up the whole street. There has to be a noise ordinance that says before 6AM is too early. They should start later in the morning. I would think starting after 10AM would be wise since renters will pull the bins out when they leave.

Thanks!

Louise Gregory

On Monday, March 15, 2021, 04:40:43 PM EDT, Heather Finnell <heather@hbtownhall.com> wrote:

The proposed ordinance is attached. You can view the full agenda online at <http://hbtownhall.com/files/135718829.pdf>.

Heather Finnell, CMC, NCCMC

Town Clerk

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From: Louise Gregory <gregory_lou@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Heather Finnell <heather@hbtownhall.com>
Subject: Proposed trash and waste removal

Hi Heather - I'm a new HB home owner and heard that they are some new proposed trash/waste removal ordinances on the island. Can you share with me where I find the current ordinance and proposed ordinances and/or a summary of the changes?

Heather Finnell

From: Cheryl Cox <cherylcauseycox@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:44 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: trash ordinance concerns from a long time (27+) resident

Greetings and salutations Holden Beach friends and family:

I pray each of you are well and have survived this horrific pandemic.

Mayor Holden, please know many prayers were lifted for you by our family and your HB friends.

First, let me start off by saying "Thank You" for serving in the capacity you do on the Holden Beach Town Board. I know it is a difficult and challenging job.

I am sure you realize I am writing to suggest you hold off on moving forward with the proposed trash ordinances.

There must be a better way to handle this proposed garbage issue other than imposing "non compliance fees" for those who own property on the island who are in violation because they lack resources or ability to be compliant.

We must work "together" to make this island better and safer. Please, I ask you to hear the voices of the island property owners. How do owners abide by these rules and regulations when they are not there during the time of pickup because they are not full time residents. ? They simply cannot.

But there are solutions:

1)Remove this recommendation from discussion and continue on as we have for many years. It appears only a "few" people feel it has merit. In all honesty it does not reflect a third of the homeowners support nor reflect their approval.

2)IF this decision moves forward then the TOHB needs to find a logical and self supporting way to assist homeowners to have these cans positioned the "night before" and the "day after" by contracting with businesses who are willing to provide for these services.

What an amazing way to help entrepreneurs start their own business. Another suggestion is to contract with temporary employment agencies for assistance in meeting the proposed mandates via personnel.

3)If the island is seeking a "clean" curb "look" why not do what other communities do and provide trash "corrals" that all look the same and provide safety from storms etc. Again, contract with a vendor to provide and have them installed at all the homes.

4)Lastly, in accordance with your trash can ordinances to "stay clean and odor free" I pay to have my three trash cans sanitize by Santastic Can Cleaning weekly. They are cleaned each Tuesday (less island traffic on that day) and promptly returned to our home within four hours of being emptied. They do an amazing job and the cost is very reasonable.

I know your plates are full. This trash can ordinance and subject matter has many concerned and worried. In a world where democracy is paramount, I offer my personal suggestion with the upmost respect.

I humbly suggest, especially in this post pandemic year, you and the Town hold off on making any decisions of this magnitude during this physical year. We have many, many, more pressing issues at hand besides trash cans. This island needs to stand together and not be divided. All residents - permanent-part time - property owners period - as well as

our friends and neighbors who enjoy this island deserve to be heard and to be made to feel that they are important to the islands sustainably. They must not be felt that their opinions have no value or voice.

Below are just a few of my concerns:

- 1)Handicap accessibility increased and more mats placed on the island for access.
- 2)Golf cart and Bike lanes provided for safety.
- 3)Noise ordinances from all sources - guests/construction/loud trucks need to be upheld and cited.
- 4)Enforcement of grilling ordinances - Personally seeing more and more disregard of properly placed grills and people grilling under homes with propane cooktops and deep fryers.
- 5)Town enforcement of properties that are abandoned and are fire hazards because of lack of care and/or property/lawns not being cared for and maintained.
- 6)Provide a reasonable solution for beach parking for the growing number of day visitors and homeowners who love this island.
- 7)Rip tide signs posted along beach access points and an island campaign to have information posted inside all homes regardless of rental or personal.

Please consider ways to help
make our community united and not divided by a channel of water.

Please help this community we all love be the best it can be.
United we can accomplish so much more.

Respectfully,
Cheryl Causey Cox
Cheryl Causey Cox
160 Ocean Blvd West
Holden Beach, NC 28462

Heather Finnell

From: Barbara Miller <rbmiller50@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:03 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Garbage

Heather,

Still furious about what a few want to do with our garbage. When we come down for a weekend visit and will leave on Sunday, will we have a big garbage can on the island to take it to, or can we bring our bags to people who live there? We are not paying anything because we want to come to the beach when we want to. We pay the same taxes they do and have paid them for more years than the ones trying to do this!!,
Barbara Miller

Sent from my iPad

Heather Finnell

From: Marcus Talbott <marcus.talbott@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:49 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Cc: Ellena Talbott
Subject: Owner comments on tonights board meeting

Hi Heather,

I'm sure you're bombarded with emails about this topic, but I thought I'd express my opinion as well.

While I understand what the community is trying to accomplish in curbing (see what I did there?) the unsightly trash bins up and down Ocean Blvd at all hours, I do have one point of concern with the proposal.

We live about 6 hours away and our time at the beach isn't necessarily as frequent as maybe some of the other owners. We often leave Sunday afternoons as we have work and sometimes school for the kids on Monday. My concern is that if the town imposed a 6pm night before rule on trash going out then our trash from Saturday and Sunday will potentially rot in our trash bin until the next time we come down which could be a month later. That would pose an even greater smell and potential safety hazard to the trash collectors as the bacteria grows and festers. 6:00pm also doesn't get us home until about midnight which isn't great either.

As an alternative, I'd like to propose 4:00pm Friday and a 4:00pm Sunday. That would work better for us and something we could easily work within.

Hopefully my thoughts are considered and thanks to the board for looking at different ways to improve Holden Beach!

Thanks,
Marcus

Heather Finnell

From: John <captjgray@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:44 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash Ordinances

Hi Heather. My wife and I have been property owners at HB for a long time. During that time it seems we have seen multiple changes with regards to trash bins for many different reasons. Can't say I can ever remember Blind Spots being one of them or smell. The smell concern is actually funning like moving the bins closer to a house will address that. I also question the lack of safety concerns over leaving the bins unattended until someone moves them. Is that a service only provided to homes on the main road? I personally have rebuilt my Corel several times in the past for changes in the requirements. Now you ask that I demo it?? Seems to me the real issue is Ocean BLVD. I recommend the town structure something around those homes since it appears most of the concerns mentioned by the town are based on those homes. Or plan to have someone pull back all bins after each pick up.

Kind regards
John Gray

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: Brown, Sheree I. <Sheree.I.Brown@nccourts.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:37 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: trash ordinance

Good morning Heather,

This is a post I posted to Facebook. I was told to send this to you. Please have this considered at the meeting tonight. This could have a major impact on most of the property owners. This is just not a realistic ordinance for Holden Beach. I understand the ones who are presenting this may be full time residents, most of the population of Holden Beach are not. Please don't allow a couple of people to harm the majority of the owners.

This really is going to penalize most of the home owners who cannot be full time residents. If we are down and leave on a day that is not within the 48 hours are we going to either have to leave the trash in the receptacle or face a \$50 a day fine? This just doesn't seem right and in the best interest of the majority of the taxpayers on the island who are not full time residents.



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Heather Finnell

From: Connie Gray <lakeboundgrays2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:44 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Cc: John Gray Home
Subject: Trash Ordinance concerns

Good Morning

We own property on the Island, Dolphin Street. We do not rent our property. Today we are weekend warriors and average about + 20 visits a year. Most of the time we must leave on Sunday to report to work on Monday. With trash pickup on Tuesday we place the trash cart street side as we leave.

The new proposed ordinance is a huge concern for us.

What happened to the rollback service that we are currently receiving? Why will it not continue? We would like the rollback service to continue to be part of the service we receive from the Carrier currently assigned.

Thank you so much for your consideration John and Connie Gray

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: Mandie Nance <fancynance33@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:24 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Proposed Trash Ordinance

Good Evening,

I'm writing in regards to the proposed trash ordinance that will be discussed at the next HBPOA meeting. I have some concerns regarding the rules you'll be implementing if this ordinance is passed.

We own a home on the island but do not live there full time. Quite often we go down for a few days here or there or just a weekend. How do you expect those of us that are part time residents to comply with a rule that one must not roll out their trash before 6 pm the night before trash pick up? I'm all for removing the trash corrals near the road but I cannot see any feasible way that you can implement rules for roll out times. I appreciate the commissioners taking this issue into consideration before voting this ordinance through.

Sincerely,
Mandie Nance

Heather Finnell

From: Page Dyer <dawgdr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:44 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash Ordinance Changes

I am writing with my concerns of changes proposed in the trash ordinance. There are a few changes that I don't agree with and do not feel they are fair to the homeowner.

Correl requirements : We live on a side street and most trash cans are in corrals near the roadway. We pull the cans out closer to the road. To have the cans required to be next to our homes is not fair. Many homeowners have landscaped yards with rocks, sand, or mulch. These are improvements we make to the homes that make the homes and area look nicer. It will be difficult for many of us to drag cans from the road to the home. Also, the smell and flies in the summer are a hardship. The complaint of walking past trash cans /odor is a short-term issue. Keep walking and the odor subsides. If we have trashcans next to the home that is something that will be a hardship long term. Many people have spent time and money building and maintaining these corrals, it's not fair that we can no longer use them.

Many of our neighbors are weekend visitors so they must put their cans out on Sundays when they leave, we do help each other out and try to put the cans away.

Renters that put their cans out on Saturdays after the trash pickup has occurred is a problem that will be the responsibility of the homeowner but how can they be held accountable for people that are disrespectful? The owners can't force people to the cans out . And how can you enforce the time cans must be removed. The trash is not always picked up at the same time of the day especially in the summer. What if the homeowner is at work all day?

May be the days of the week should be changed and the renter be held accountable if they don't return the can while they are renting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Heather Finnell

From: Sylvia H Pate <sylviahpate@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 7:26 PM
To: Michael Sullivan
Cc: geraldbrownb365@gmail.com; vccbrian@gmail.com; pattykwi@gmail.com; Holden@atthebeachnc.com; Heather Finnell
Subject: Re: Trash Issue & Bike Lanes

Mike:

I appreciate your response back however this proposal does create a burden for a lot of people. I feel you missed many of my points. This is not just a renter issue but impacts many homeowners that do not live here 100% of the time and do not rent their homes. They should not have to schedule visits to their homes around trash pickup days nor should they have to rely on a neighbor to take care of the trash for them (assuming one is available).

I am not sure I see where this trash issue is having an impact on property values...they seem to be quite high currently....have you tried to sell a home? Aesthetically, the trash cans by the road do not look good, admittedly, but we have to get rid of our trash some how. Just because somebody does not want to ride by or bike by and smell a trash can is not reason enough to change the rules that impact the majority of the property owners. I don't want anyone to have to pay \$50 fines either because their trash can is put out at the wrong time and neither should they or their neighbors have to smell stinky trash if their full trash can is rolled back.

Just leave the trash rules alone unless you and Pat can come up with something better than the proposed rules on the table. Thanks for your consideration but it is fairly obvious that you are not being very open-minded when it comes to this issue.

Sylvia H. Pate

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2021, at 12:03 PM, Michael Sullivan <sullivm4@gmail.com> wrote:

Ms. Pate:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the proposed trash ordinance revisions.

The revisions are a reasonable attempt to improve the safety, sanitary conditions and property values on the island. As I said when introducing the revisions, they aren't meant to be a burden to anyone, but rather a benefit to everyone.

The Town now provides for everyone's trash receptacle to be returned to the house after pickup, so the only responsibility remaining is to place the can at the curb within the prescribed time frames. I believe that there are a number of options available to everyone, so we can all comply with the ordinance without insurmountable difficulty.

The proposal is an attempt to solve the very issue you cite related related to Saturday departures. If the proposal is adopted, I'm confident the renter or rental agent will find a way to comply in both prime and off season.

Waste Industries' contract with the town no longer provides for the removal or placement of receptacles in a corral. The receptacles must be curbside because they are emptied by use of a mechanical lifting device extended from the truck.

Mike Sullivan

On Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 11:26 AM Sylvia H Pate <sylviahpate@gmail.com> wrote:

These comments are made mainly regarding proposed changes to trash concerns....just leave the policy as is....seems there are bigger issues to deal with than trying to penalize homeowners for trying to get their trash picked up. This policy overly penalizes homeowners who do not use their homes 100% of the time (which is way more than the majority of your homeowners). Some points I will suggest:

1. Homeowners should not have to schedule their home visit based on the trash pick up schedule.
2. Perfect example, this past Saturday afternoon, lots of trash cans out by the road until Tuesday pickup; these were either homeowners that went home on Saturday or renters that checked out Saturday morning which under the proposed rules would violate the 48-hour rule, thus a fine (rentals don't just occur during the summer).
3. Who is going to go along & determine if trash can is out by road in violation of time limitations? Are you going to hire someone to do this? Who is going to roll the full trash can back to house if trash has already been picked up if it is after roll back crew comes along?
4. While I would agree having trash cans out beside the road is unsightly & can be a safety factor, perhaps at a minimum, they could be left at edge of yard along the boulevard instead. We used to leave ours on the yard side of sidewalk & they would pick it up but now if it is not on sidewalk side, closest to road they will not pick it up.
5. When the cans are rolled back currently, they are rolled back to the front yard, not put on side if not raised home and in some cases around me, they are left in front yard even if raised home; they stay there until owners return unless a nice neighbor puts it back where it should go.
5. What works in another area does not always necessarily work for Holden Beach.
6. Let's move on from trash and talk about bike lanes which could be related. Speaking of bike lanes, if you put a 5 ft. bike lane between the sidewalk and the road on the boulevard, that is going to be a great obstacle course for the bike rider dodging trash cans (maybe supports my argument of putting cans at edge of yard).
7. It seems to me that the best solution is to have trash corrals (at least on boulevard though I am sure a lot would be opposed) and have trash removal company roll them from that point & put them back in corral (this way there would never be any cans out by the road, full or empty). I realize some people don't have a trash corral so would have to get one and the trash pickup service may not be willing to remove from corral, but it is worth trying over other proposed solutions). This would solve the unsightly display of cans by the roads & safety factor. This however would require the corral to be closer to edge of property, not 30 ft back.

Thanks for consideration of my points.

George & Sylvia Pate
(family owners since 1968)
264 Ocean Blvd. West
910.736.2038

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: rhartu4 <rhartu4@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 6:46 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash containers

To whom it may concern:

My husband and I are new homeowners on the island but have been visiting since the early eighties when my aunt and uncle built their home. I understand how the growth of permanent and visiting households change the amount of trash and trash containers.

My first question is how many complaints have been logged concerning the smell of standing trash? Secondly, trash corrals were encouraged at one time but now create a hazard. Why is it necessary to require them to be 30 feet from the street? Why not 10 or 15 feet when replaced or a new structure built. Compromise for those that complain of smell at the street or near the home.

Also are the complaints pertaining to the same repeat offenders or just a general complaint from permanent residents disappointed with the growth of the community?

When determining the action to be taken regarding the trash can issues I believe it is necessary to represent the collective whole of the island not just a few disgruntled individuals. Of course not knowing the actual number of complaints over the past years regarding this issue makes it hard for residents to be objective.

Hoping this can be discussed and resolved without an extreme decision that may need to be addressed within a few months.

Sarah Hartung 181 Brunswick West

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Heather Finnell

From: Joyce Maxwell <jillconnect@att.net>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Comments Regarding Proposed Trash Ordinance Changes

I have owned the home at 143 Brunswick Avenue East for 19 years this May, have been a good neighbor, paid my taxes on-time, and never rented my vacation home. This year I have replaced the roof, windows, some siding, and am painting the exterior. I'm a responsible non-resident owner!

I am twice a widow with no children, and generally do not have guests unless I am also at the home with them.

I don't have a trash corral near the street. The wheeled bin is stored under the house. There are a few corrals on my street, but I don't consider them unsightly and they do NOT block my line of sight when I'm driving. Likewise, bins do not interfere with sight lines as long as they are placed on the property, not in the street. My neighbors do this - but the pick-up guys sometimes leave them in the street.

Odors should not be a problem if all units are required to bag all trash in bags treated with Febreze. That would be a reasonable requirement.

Unlike those who rent, my trips from Charlotte to the beach vary according to the day of the week that I arrive and leave. I definitely object to the idea of being fined \$50/day during the rental season if I need to depart on a Wednesday, for example. There may not be many others with this concern, but the BOC needs to provide a central bin or dumpster that we can use in these situations.

If this is not done, the proposed fines are unacceptable to me, and I expect the Commissioners to vote against them. I suspect a few locals have been upset by some extreme violations, but I am quite sure the trash bins do not detract from the overall positive opinion owners and visitors have of our beach.

Joyce ("Jill") Maxwell

Heather Finnell

From: Mike Lynch <mslynch004@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:24 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Re: Trash can question

Thank you for the quick response.
After reviewing the proposed changes I would offer the following comments.

Thank you for opportunity to provide comments on the proposed changes to the Solid Waste Disposal Policy. These comments are from the perspective of a non- full time resident but full time tax payer.

1. The requirements to place the trash can curbside no earlier the 6:00pm the day prior to collection and retrieve it no later then 3:00pm on the day of collection presents a challenge to non-full time residents. Our family , as well as many others, spend two weekends a month at Holden Beach normally arriving Friday and departing Monday. Prior to departing on Monday we place our can curbside on our property , but out of the right of way, around noon. The can has always been returned to our property and remained their until either we return or a neighbor moves it under our house. We like many other non full time residents are fortunate to have good neighbors however they can not be designated trash can retrievers. As written the proposed changes appear to unduly penalize non full time residents (which I would believe is a large portion of the Islands overall population). Implementation of this proposal , and it's proposed fines, will require non full time residents to either haul their trash away so the trash can is not left curbside or to adjust work and travel schedules in order to be present on trash collection day .

2. We would request that these impacts to non -full time residents be given consideration and implementation be delayed to allow further study.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments for consideration.

Mike Lynch
151 Sailfish Dr
Holden Beach

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 15, 2021, at 1:46 PM, Heather Finnell <heather@hbtownhall.com> wrote:

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> The proposed ordinance is attached. The ordinance has not been adopted yet. The Board will discuss it at their meeting tomorrow. If you have comments on the ordinance, you can send them to me before 3:00 p.m. tomorrow so I can provide them to the Board.

>

> Heather Finnell, CMC, NCCMC

> Town Clerk

> Town of Holden Beach

> heather@hbtownhall.com

> telephone: (910) 842-6488

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> —Original Message—
> From: Mike Lynch <mslynch004@gmail.com>
> Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 1:18 PM
> To: Heather Finnell <heather@hbtownhall.com>
> Subject: Trash can question
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> Hello!
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> I have heard there is are new proposed trash and solid waste rules(see below). What are the new rules and when will they go into effect ? We are not full time residents and do not rent out our home. Thank you.
> Mike Lynch
> Sailfish Dr.
>
> "This proposal does not address the problem of trash cans so full the tops do not close and plastic bags of trash, broken chairs and abandoned tents sitting next to the trash cans. I think that eyesore is much worse than cans sitting at the curb with lids closed.
> One argument for this proposal is stated that trash cans block the line of sight for drivers. It is far easier to back out of a driveway with a trash can at the street than to back out of a Food Lion parking spot. This is a weak argument at best.
> I think the \$50 fine needs to be clarified. If I leave the island and roll my trash can out to the curb too early, the proposal says someone will roll this full can back under my house. Will I still be fined in this situation? I roll it out 4 days early, how much will I be fined? I am not a full time resident and do not rent my house. This proposal seems to penalize me UNLESS I plan my departure from Holden Beach totally around trash pickup. Ludicrous!
> Please delay this proposal until you have a more viable solution for everyone on Holden Beach."
>
> Sent from my iPhone
> <Ordinance21-05.pdf>

Heather Finnell

From: Emily Cook <emilycook6714@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Proposed Trash/Solid Waste Rules

To whom it may concern:

I am very concerned with the new trash proposal rules. As a property owner who does not reside full-time and does not rent this proposal will **NEGATIVELY** impact my family. How is it fair to penalize those who pay property taxes for leaving their trash can out because they are not present to return it? I cannot schedule my trips to Holden Beach based off the trash pickup schedule and it's a ludicrous thought to think I'd have to travel with my trash 2+ hours home to dispose of or better yet, leave it in the can until the next time we return. I'm sure the trash, that also includes dirty children's diapers will smell great for my wonderful neighbors in the heat of summer. Please reconsider, there has to be better alternatives!

Thank you for considering my opinion,

Emily Cook
Holden Beach Property Owner

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: katat422 <katat422@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:03 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash can proposal

To whom it may concern:

We have owned a home on Brunswick Avenue West for over 18 years. Trash can usage has never been a problem for us. The rollback has worked well since instituted. The recent proposal, however, does not work well at all for those of us who are not full-time and do not rent our homes out. Sometimes we leave on a Thursday morning...so what do we do about the trash? We will have to pay a hefty fine for putting it out two days early?! The proposal makes no sense, especially for those of us not living on Ocean Blvd. where the issue seems of greater relevance, which is a lot of us. It's ridiculous to penalize us.

There are other issues more pressing to worry about like repair and upkeep of the wooden walkways to the beach (the 329 OBW entrance especially) and street repairs before someone gets injured.

Thank you.

Karen and Glenn Tatro

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Heather Finnell

From: Peter Gmail <petercorbett.atlanta@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:41 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Comments on Proposed Trash Ordinance - for Commissioner's Meeting

It is disappointing to see this matter raised again, and with a similar approach of levying fines and making rules that are impossible for non resident property owners to follow.

If this really is an issue, I appeal to the Commissioners to come up with a proposal that meets the needs of non resident property owners, as well as residents.

I don't know what to do if I come down in the off season and leave more than 48 hours before trash pickup. Am I supposed to just leave a full can of garbage under my house until I come down again a month later? What about if our renters decide to leave on Friday rather than Saturday during rental season?

When we first became property owners in 2000, the town had a great system. We had corrals, and the trash company had a system to determine full and empty cans, and it all seemed to work great. Why can't we go back to that system? Instead we were told to remove our corrals, and the trash company was no longer willing to roll out cans.

Please can we come up with a system that works for non residents. We need a roll out service, as well as a roll back service. If you need to charge a fee, and allow people to elect to have the service, so be it. Those who are able, and want to do their own roll out can do so and avoid the fee. I suspect many non residents owners want this sort of service and will pay for it. We already pay for extra cans anyway.

Please come up with a system that gives non residents a way to comply.

Sincerely

Peter Corbett
1103 Ocean Blvd West

404 290 7517

Heather Finnell

From: Glenda Dozier <dozfam7@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Proposed trash ordinance

Heather,
Please forward my thoughts to the board.

I have seen the new proposed trash and solid waste rules.

This proposal does not address the problem of trash cans so full the tops do not close and plastic bags of trash, broken chairs and abandoned tents sitting next to the trash cans. I think that eyesore is much worse than cans sitting at the curb with lids closed.

One argument for this proposal is stated that trash cans block the line of sight for drivers. It is far easier to back out of a driveway with a trash can at the street than to back out of a Food Lion parking spot. This is a weak argument at best.

I think the \$50 fine needs to be clarified. If I leave the island and roll my trash can out to the curb too early, the proposal says someone will roll this full can back under my house. Will I still be fined in this situation? I roll it out 4 days early, how much will I be fined? I am not a full time resident and do not rent my house. This proposal seems to penalize me UNLESS I plan my departure from Holden Beach totally around trash pickup. Ludicrous!

Please delay this proposal until you have a more viable solution for everyone on Holden Beach.

Sincerely,

Glenda Dozier
154 South Shore Dr

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: Constance Blevins <scottielady@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:07 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Cc: Constance and Tony Blevins
Subject: Trash and solid waste

I have seen the new proposed trash and solid waste rules.

This proposal does not address the problem of trash cans so full the tops do not close and plastic bags of trash, broken chairs and abandoned tents sitting next to the trash cans. I think that eyesore is much worse than cans sitting at the curb with lids closed.

One argument for this proposal is stated that trash cans block the line of sight for drivers. It is far easier to back out of a driveway with a trash can at the street than to back out of a Food Lion parking spot. This is a weak argument at best.

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Please delay this proposal until you have a more viable solution for everyone on Holden Beach.

Regards,
Constance Blevins
691 Ocean Blvd West
704.467.0778

Heather Finnell

From: dbabingdon@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 10:09 PM
To: Heather Finnell; holdenatthebeach.com@aol.com; geraldbrownb365@gmail.com; vccbrian@gmail.com; sullivm4@gmai.com; com@aol.com; pattykwi@gmail.com
Subject: Public Comment Trash Ordinance Proposal Heritage Harbor Neighborhood Comments
Attachments: HB Public Comment Trash Short.docx

Heather Please Read the following into the minutes: Thank you

Honorable Mayor & Commissioners

We believe your intent is always honorable and respect your elected positions and Our Town Staff/administration. Thank you for your work and cooperation with us.

I write/Speak after canvassing my neighborhood of Heritage Harbor Holden Beach, the 500 Block including the Fire Station. We discussed the specifics of the proposed Trash Ordinance with 32 of neighbors. **We believe it would serve our neighborhood & the town to retain the current Trash regulations while continuing to provide rollback service to all residents. Please Vote NO to the proposed changes due to the lack of support by property owners of all designations.** After direct conversation with over all these neighbors **NOT one agrees with the proposal.** Our neighborhood is one of the oldest on the Island with a vast cross-section of Income levels, demographics and home values. Please feel free to visit and speak with our residents and homeowners on any topic.

The key factors cited as objectionable or Onerous

1. We believe Core Services should be the focus of your expenditure of Tax assets. Trash is a Critical Core services including all necessary elements to efficient collect the trash as a Turnkey service. We need to put trash out as many depart on Sunday and travel is very fluid. If cuts must be made to fund the services please cut noncore services like concerts per the suggestion of our neighborhood.
2. NO FINES: these are daily and considered unreasonably high and not necessary
3. Corals were the request of the Town many years ago; we complied and find they work extremely well & the roll back service gentleman do an excellent job returning our cans. Many residents have built new ones after the Hurricane August 2020.
4. We do not have an issue with the Visual Sight of Trash can/Totes. We do NOT want more Ordinances that are not an absolutely necessity to provide core Services including Trash Collection. We suggest education & Dialogue with Residents & Visitors. Communication via direct phone & in person conversation would solve most of our Town Issues. WE respectfully request all Commissioners provide a phone number if they Serve as an elected or town official. Perhaps this change can be made to the BOC guidelines for members. We have bright out of the box thinking people. Since we are not a resort or gated Town we do not have strict covenants We do not want restrictive Covenants or more Ordinances. HB has traditionally been and still is relaxed area with limited governmental intrusiveness into personal property rights and limited Ordinances, Yet remains a pristine community for over 50 years. Why? Respect & Communication through dialogue vs. Ordinances.
5. We have no forum for exchange of ideas with our Town Government other than a one way statement by email. This is very frustrating. We need more Dialogue with all the people having a voice and seat at the table before Ordinances are ever introduce vs. 3 minutes of Public Comment. Respectfully "What we have here is a Failure to Communicate"

6. Holden Beach is a largely Nonresident population who travel frequently and have very fluid travel schedules that does not comport with the proposal. Many people are on limited income most of whom have been here way before the mega houses vs. beach cottage community we have been for decades. Let us live together with respect regardless of income and ability to hire vendor services. I beg you take care that Taxes and Ordinances costs should never force out another homeowner. These people built the Beach that others though not nice enough for 30-40 years.

7. We have a Community we feel is the best on the Beach. We police our own & we Keep it clean. We pitch in to help one another. We don't need restrictive Ordinances to have a beautiful neighborhood & Beach. **Communication & Spirit of Cooperation is working Great. Thus far no one agrees with this ordinance** & Most are Upset about the lack of communication in the Town before issues are put to Ordinance rather than Posting a request for a working session with the People coming up with solutions vs. ordinances. **We believe in small government with limited Rules & Regulation: Fines only as a last resort. Our Police don't warn on Violations of Law. Let us keep our limited Police Force preventing real crime and stopping dangerous speeding on Ocean Blvd.**

Respectfully Submitted

Heritage Harbor Residents & Property Owners

DSBailey, Summary Scribe

Heather Finnell

From: Judy Parks <judyparks@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:59 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash

I again have concerns about the trash can issue. As a property owner who doesn't live at HB nor rents my house, it becomes a very big issue to comply to the rollout plan. Especially during the off season with only one day pickup. Are we supposed to take our trash back home with us??? Someone needs to represent us on the commission!! What was wrong with the plan that was in place this past year? Hopefully everyone will think this through and put themselves in our situation. It used to be so great to spend time here, don't know what has happened.

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: DEBBIE IRVIN <irv908@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 9:46 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash

Hello Heather. I am again addressing the trash can issue and proposed ordinances. This is ridiculous. We can not possibly abide by these new rules if voted in. When we leave on Sundays our only option is to put our trash out when we leave. Yes, trash cans are not attractive, but most people living in the real world know they are necessary. If some of our residents are repulsed by trash cans, I can not imagine how upset they will be by the smell my trash will cause when it sits under my house for weeks at a time. And I am upset about the unpleasantness this will cause my neighbors. And then there is the resulting rodent problem we will have. I honestly can not believe the absurdity of this even being a topic to waste time on again.

Thank you. Debbie Irvin
Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: Lynne Anderson <lynneanders@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 7:13 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash cans

We do not rent our home. We come weekends during the summer. We MUST put our trash can out on Sunday for Tuesday pick up. We are on South Shore drive. The can on the road does not impact traffic or pedestrians. Some accommodations should be made for houses thAt are not rental units.

Lynne Anderson
138 South Shore Drive

Heather Finnell

From: Nancy Jones <rfjones1@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 6:58 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash

The proposal of \$50 a day if the trash can is put out too early is a major problem for owners of rental properties. If I get a fine I will not pay, and I would expect the rental agency in charge of the house to pay it. I don't expect they'll want to drive up and down the island on Friday night moving trash cans . Be reasonable. This is a common sense issue. Nancy and Richard Jones.

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: Gary Docken <gdocken@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 6:17 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash

Good afternoon,

As far as the trash pickup goes, what is going to be offered for homeowners who do not rent our homes out and come down on the weekends and go back on Sunday and are not able to put our cans out on Monday? Will the town furnish a place to throw our trash before leaving ? Something needs to be allowed for homeowners who do not rent and use our homes for the weekend.

Thank you,
Gary Docken
226 Brunswick Ave West

Sent from my iPad

Heather Finnell

From: Paul J Arena <parenava@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 5:43 PM
To: Heather Finnell

Hello Heather,

I wish to voice my opinion on the proposed ordinance change regarding trash cans on the island. My wife and I feel that this proposal is wrong. If we are at the beach until Wednesday and need to leave we can't roll the trash out for pick up. That means the trash will fester , smell and possibly attract animals . We live 3 1/2 hrs away. The commissioners obviously know we don't have a vote there although we of course pay our taxes there w/o any voting power.

The idea that

"no viable solutions to help absentee property owners comply with these new requirements" is absurd. The town admits they have no solution but they are ok with fining a property owner fifty dollars an occurrence.

I urge the commissioners to use common sense and leave this issue alone.

Thank you.

Paul and Nancy Arena
294 Brunswick Ave W. Unit B

293 Marina Rd
Bracey VA 23919
703-581-5017

Heather Finnell

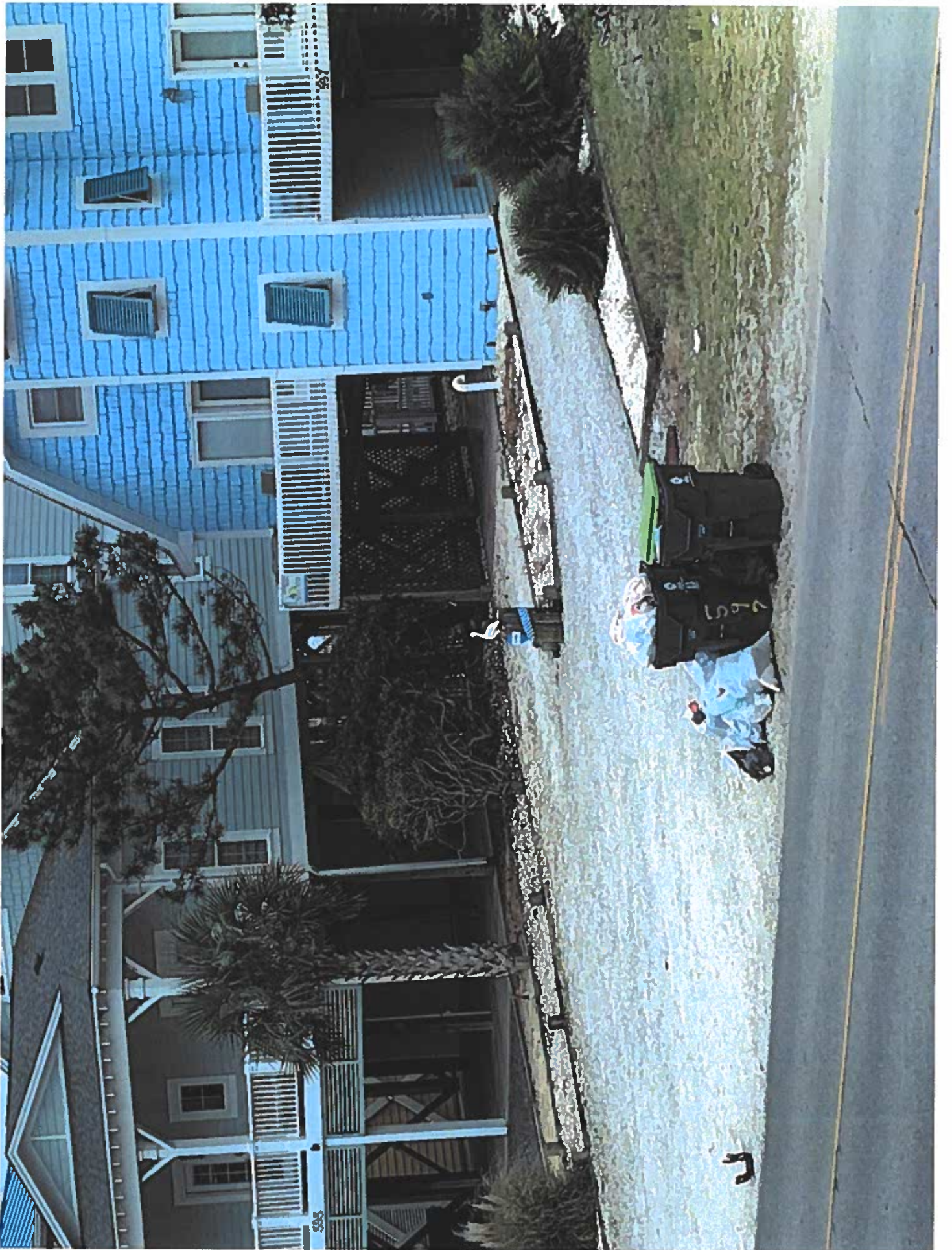
From: Rosemarie Rovito <captal923@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: DISGUSTING

Hi Heather,

I'm not sure who to send this to but this is disgusting. There is already garbage flying around. Hopefully you can get this rectified.

Thanks in advance,

Aldo Rovito



Heather Finnell

From: Barbara Miller <rbmiller50@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Garbage pickup

Please , can someone explain this to me. How can 5 or 6 people vote on what will happen with garbage pick up on Holden Beach. Shouldn't ALL the homeowners have a say? We've had a summer home there for 33 years and garbage has never been a problem!! This is really a problem for us that do not live there full time. This has got to stop!! Holden is a family beach with a lot of renters, thank goodness because they spend a lot of money on the island. This will be a very big problem for owners who do rent, so I really think there should be a vote on this from ALL homeowners, not just a few people. For some reason all these new ideas have happened in the last few years. The newcomers moving here full time need to realize Holden a vacation island and will always (hopefully) have visitors all year!!, Barbara Miller, 177 Brunswick Ave west.

Sent from my iPad

Heather Finnell

From: cmwj1 <cmwj1@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: RE: trash pickup. Heather, I have owned a home at Holden Beach for 33 years. Whenever We leave the beach we place our trash can where it will be picked up. I arrange for someone to put trash can back into location after pickup. In 33 years I have never

In 33 years I have never gone around and smelled other neighbors trash. I go to beach to enjoy and get away. My neighbors have always taken care of their trash. I would hope we leave things as they are. Thanks for taking care of the trash. You are doing a great job. Dr. C. M. Worthy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Heather Finnell <heather@hbtownhall.com>
Date: 3/16/21 11:11 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: cmwj1 <cmwj1@bellsouth.net>
Subject: RE: trash pickup. Heather, I have owned a home at Holden Beach for 33 years. Whenever We leave the beach we place our trash can where it will be picked up. I arrange for someone to put trash can back into location after pickup. In 33 years I have never

I am not sure I have the whole message on this one. It stops at In 33 years I have never.

Heather Finnell, CMC, NCCMC

Town Clerk

Town of Holden Beach

heather@hbtownhall.com

telephone: (910) 842-6488

From: cmwj1 <cmwj1@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 12:50 PM
To: Heather Finnell <heather@hbtownhall.com>

Heather Finnell

From: cmwj1 <cmwj1@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Sorry for rambling. I am Dr. C. M. Worthy. I'm the guy who has owned a home for 33 years. I am grateful that we have trash service. I am pleased with the way we have it now. Feel free to share this with commisoners or town meeting. Thanks.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Heather Finnell

From: Mike Moran <mmoran1953@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 12:22 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: \$50 fine for cans placed at curb

I think this creates an undue hardship for absentee owners who do not rent their property. Full cans left under homes lead to a health concern. Rats, mice and other animals love garbage Left for weeks under a home are problematic.

Mike Moran
248 OBW

Heather Finnell

From: Gay City <gaycity@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: trash ordinance

Questions:

- 1) What are we supposed to do if we come Mon-Wednesday and have trash that needs to be picked up? We can't roll our can out to the street? We live 4 hours away. If we leave it under our house, it will both smell and attract wild animals.
- 2) Why is this an issue? Where our permanent residence is located in NC, we can roll our trash can out anytime. What are homeowners who have vacation homes at Holden supposed to do? This really infringes on our rights as property owners.

Property owners,
Bruce and Gay City

Heather Finnell

From: Dan Heacox <danheacox543@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash Cans

The 30' setback requirement is arbitrary and unreasonable. Why not 25' or 20' or 15'. There is no magic number that is better than any other number. The problem is walkers don't want the cans near the side walk and owners don't want the cans near the house. I would propose making the cans halfway between the street and the house and require a corral that at least blocks the view on three sides. That would mean most owners who have corrals now would most likely meet the requirements. It also means the town doesn't have to roll them back twice as far. Only the most offensive situations would need to be corrected, like leaving cans at the street.

For properties like the Sea Oats Villas 104 Ocean Blvd east where there are multiple tenants it is not possible to put them under the building. The only common area is in the sand area which would be a difficult task for tenants to roll them to the street so they are less likely to do it as well as difficult and time consuming for the town to put them back. We have new trash corrals that are attractive and hide the cans on three sides and we have bushes that help hide the corrals. There is no sidewalk on our side of the street so there is no impact on passerbys. There is absolutely no reason to require the cans be 30' from the road or under the building. That is arbitrary and capricious.

Regards,

Dan and Dorinda Heacox

Concerns:

- Trash does smell, which is why some owners want the cans in a corral away from their house.
- The cans in the corrals are more secure from storms than when unsecured under a house. This is especially true for oceanfront homes.
- Many owners do not want the trash near their house because renters/guests occasionally dump hot ashes from grills or live cigarette butts in the trash. They are concerned about the fire hazard with the cans under the house and feel it is safer away from the structure.
- Trash near the home can attract pests such as insects and wildlife.
- Some homes use all the space under the homes for parking, taking a spot for trash cans violates the parking plan submitted when the home was built.
- Some owners feel the corrals work for them and their guests, they have used them for a long time and are happy with the arrangement.
- It is unclear that the Town can tell an owner where to keep their cans
- Unless it is in the right-of-way, it is unclear that the Town can insist you remove your trash corral because it is not a structure, no permit was required to build it. Ironically, in the late 1990's the Town encouraged owners to build corrals as a solution to the trash problems at that time.

Heather Finnell

From: Cathy Miller <yhtac987@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash

You actually mean if we leave our house a day or two before trash day. We cannot sit our trash out? Just what our we supposed to do with it. Leave it so it will stink up the neighborhood until we return. This is ridiculous. Shame on you.

Cathy Miller

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: Barbara Smith <bytlsmith@northstate.net>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 7:11 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash Cans

Heather, what in the world is happening with this trash can thing?

We have owned a home there since 1992 & have never had any type of issue with our trash cans. Really don't understand what the problem is. Since we are senior's & come as much as we can sometimes we have to leave our trash can out when we leave to come home. Usually someone returns it back where it belongs as we do for our neighbors when we are there.

We are totally against fining people for their trash cans being out!

Barbara & T L Smith

Sent from my iPad

Heather Finnell

From: Sherry Horton <sbh2617@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 9:56 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash cans

Heather,

I have been a homeowner on Holden Beach since 1988. There have never been the types of issues that are going on right now. Why would there be a fine imposed for people putting their trash out to be picked up? Homeowners do not have the luxury of always being on the island when the trash is picked up. This has never been a problem in the past. I am totally AGAINST fining people for putting their trash cans out whenever it is convenient for them to put them out.

Sherry Horton

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: DEBBIE IRVIN <irv908@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 7:50 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Fwd: Trash can concerns.

Hello Heather. Please scroll thru to see email I sent to Pat related to current HB issues. Thank you. Debbie Irvin

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: patricia kwiatkowski <pattykwi@gmail.com>
Date: February 24, 2021 at 4:58:17 PM EST
To: DEBBIE IRVIN <irv908@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Trash can concerns.

Heather Finnell is our town clerk. Any comments regarding agenda items related to Board of Commissioners Meetings that you want to be part of public comment for all the commissioners (and public) to see should go to Heather. Ideally discussions at BOCMs will address the variety of questions/concerns we receive thru public comment.

Pat K.

heather@hbtownhall.com

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 24, 2021, at 4:17 PM, DEBBIE IRVIN <irv908@aol.com> wrote:

Would you please give me the correct email address to do that? Is that how I will get my questions answered ? Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 24, 2021, at 4:01 PM, patricia kwiatkowski <pattykwi@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Debbie

Please send any comments to the Town Clerk so they are part of public record for all the Commissioners to own and discuss. Thank you for your input.

Pat K.

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 24, 2021, at 12:44 PM, DEBBIE
IRVIN <irv908@aol.com> wrote:

Hello Pat. From what I have read, trash cans are once again an issue. I believe you are strongly behind this reintroduction. Please answer these questions for me:

Why is this an issue again? I thought it was resolved.

We are not year round residents. How are we supposed to handle our trash situation? We put it out on Sundays (or day we leave) and our neighbors put it back . I will not impose on them to take my trash out the morning of. I guess I can leave it under my house until my visits coincide with trash days. Can't imagine that would be a very hygienic solution or one that would be very respectful of my neighbors, but would do that to avoid a \$50 a day fine. Yes, trash cans are unattractive- but a necessity.

I notice cars speeding down Ocean Blvd year round. The 45 MPH speed limit is ridiculous and dangerous- yet it is raised to 45 every off season. Is this to appease the year round residents that hate to be slowed down to 35MPH? And yes, I did read that NCDOT deemed 45 an appropriate speed limit.

Trash/litter under the bridge was out of hand last year - was that ever addressed?

Building codes are so strict on people wanting to make property improvements - yet there are houses in disrepair on the island and even a few cars parked permanently in some yards. Are these issues ever addressed?

I listed the above items because I feel there are many more important issues to discuss and fix than if my trash can goes out a day before pickup and sits there a day after.

I would appreciate a reply so that I can understand the need for the recurrence of this issue and how you expect law abiding and considerate property owners that aren't year round to actually abide by the new rules I am hearing discussed.

Thank you so much.

Debbie Irvin

Sent from my iPhone

Heather Finnell

From: bob martin <bmarti36@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: FW: Trash Ordinance Changes

Please forward to commissioners, thx

From: bob martin [mailto:bmarti36@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 1:43 PM
To: Alan Holden
Subject: Trash Ordinance Changes

I see that that the town seems to be moving toward restricting when trash can be put out for pickup again. As noted last time the vast majority of homes at Holden Beach are owned by people who do not live there fulltime. They go to check their houses periodically and leave the beach on most any day of the week or weekend. When they leave they put the trash out for pickup (a service that we pay for with our taxes). It is unreasonable to expect owners or those using houses to leave only on Sunday or Monday if they have trash that needs to be collected. An owner going to the house for a few days to check on things, make repairs, arrange maintenance, etc. will likely not always leave on Sunday or Monday so if they cannot put out the trash, what is to be done with it. Does it remain to rot until a future visit in a month or two when maybe they can leave on Sunday or Monday?

If the commissioners are going to limit when trash can be put out they should also have a solution to deal with trash when people are leaving the beach on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Another issue on Ocean Blvd. is that cans must be placed between the sidewalk and the road or Waste Industries will not cross the sidewalk to empty a can that is set near the sidewalk. Having to place the cans between the sidewalk and the road increases visibility of the cans and could be avoided if Waste Industries would empty cans positioned on the North side of the sidewalk.

As noted previously, I don't see why putting out trash for pickup when leaving the beach should be a problem (it hasn't been for 50 years) but if commissioners set a limited window, they have the responsibility to provide a reasonable solution for those who leave the beach on the other 5 days of the week.

Bob Martin

Heather Finnell

From: Tim Flynn <timmaryflynn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:35 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: New Solid Waste Changes

Heather,

Just wanted to register my vote against the changes proposed. The biggest issue is the timing aspects of putting out receptacles. As a Non Full Time resident, we routinely leave our house on Saturday/Sunday and put our trash out. This would violate the ordinance and result in a \$50 fine per day. Even if living here full time, if I am gone on a Tuesday night, the only solution is to leave the trash under the house for a week or more at a time rotting. This will only attract pests. Additionally, I can't control what renters do when they are in the home.

Someone is currently paid to return the receptacles under the house, why not offer to charge each house that wants it a fee to bring the receptacles out at the appropriate time each week.

I am firmly against the changes.

Thank You,
Tim Flynn

Heather Finnell

From: Lorraine Terry <laterry20@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Fwd: Trash Can ordinance 19-03 commissioner mtg

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From: Lorraine Terry <laterry20@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 2, 2021, 3:10 PM
Subject: Trash Can ordinance 19-03 commissioner mtg
To: <heather@hbtown.com>

Please forward for upcoming meeting .

Commissioner Kwiatkowski and Sullivan so you are concerned about 1. appearance of the island 2. trash cans blocking line of site for drivers 3. litter 4. smell for those walking/biking past trash cans.

Trash and Trash Cans and smells from trash are a part of daily living. I believe most of us have enough common sense on trash days to be more cautious when driving, trash stinks especially in warmer months. Common sense if trash smells bother you don't walk, run or bike on those days. Litter is always a problem because people are lazy have you seen our main roads lately.

If you are truly worried about appearances take a look at the disrepair of some of the homes on the island. especially the home on East Blvd ocean front with the spray painted message "why no building permit" which I get to look at for more than 2 years when out walking.

I believe that approximately 80% of the homeowners are part time residents and it appears that you are targeting this population by your proposals, yet I pay the same taxes as if I got daily town services. My question to both of you, since ordinance 19-03 was past what has changed? evidenced by what study or statics have been done.

In closing, I love this island and love the fact that Holden Beach is a slice of Heaven for the ordinary woman, man and child.

Thank you, Lorraine Terry

Heather Finnell

From: Debbie Anderson <debbie.f.anderson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:33 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash can issue

We own a rental house , but use it October- April.

As someone else said if garbage day was a Monday , in off season, would be great bc yes , we leave on Sunday, so. Will be a major issue to not put it out when we leave!

When it sits under house with garbage in off-season you get maggots! Ugh.

Must be picked up Saturdays during the season though....

Debbie Anderson/ Kindred Spirit
Sent from my iPad

Heather Finnell

From: blocksemester@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash ordinance revival

Good Morning Heather!

This is for the Mayor, and the Board of Commissioners.

I am seeing evidence that a few members of the town board are once again working on putting rules in place about when, where, and for how long you can (and cannot) place your garbage cans on the streets for pick up.

So, here is my nickel's (maybe a dollar's worth) worth of input.

First, I DO understand where they are coming from. Riding down Ocean Blvd. on a Saturday morning (especially in the high season) is quite the sight. Too many of the weekly renters do not do their part to make sure the cans are out on Friday night for pick up early on Saturday morning. They don't really care that by the time they leave the garbage truck has already been by to pick up the waste. They are leaving... a mess. A mess that will stay in those cans, and sometimes on the street from Saturday until Tuesday. Yes, it smells. Yes, those cans can be traffic hazards. And yes, something should be done.

However, I feel the wrong people are being punished with these new rules. Responsible homeowners. We are the ones who always follow the rules, but get lumped in with irresponsible renters. For example: We own a home with several couples that is not a rental, and for various reasons our week runs from Monday to Monday. Part of our house rules are that the garbage can (and recycling when it's the right week) is to be put out at the curb on the day you leave. Sometimes our folks have to leave on Sunday, which could possibly put us outside of the 48 hour window. But we do put it out to be picked up. Sometimes the next person in our rotation cannot arrive before Thursday, which would also put us outside of the allotted time to roll the cart back. WE do not ever have overflowing carts filled with all the things I see on Saturdays, including chair and tent skeletons, and a nasty conglomerate of items. We are being as responsible as we can.

So... these new rules remind me of the teacher parents complain about. You know, a few of the kids misbehaved so the entire class gets punished...

This issue falls squarely on the rental management companies, and those who rent their homes through other means, to people who are irresponsible. Those are the homes that look like landfills on Saturdays (and sometimes Tuesdays). The rental companies are going to have to have consequences either for tenants, or the town needs to give the agencies consequences. Before I was a homeowner, for years we rented weekly properties all up and down Holden Beach. We always read the information in the packets we were given, and we followed the guidelines. But as you know, there are many people do not take responsibility for their actions anymore, and I feel (from what I have witnessed in the last few years) they do not read, nor do they abide, by those guidelines. It should be the rental management companies, big or small, public or private, who should be dealing with and suffering the consequences of this literal mess. But am I correct that they are exempt? That is ridiculous!

Jamie Cobbler

Sent from my iPad

Heather Finnell

From: Craig Bromby <craigbromby116@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: proposed solid waste ordinance amendments

Ms. Finnell,

Re: Proposed amendments to Ch. 50 regarding solid waste

Please transmit to the Town Council in an appropriate manner the following comments on the proposed amendments to Chapter 50 of the Town's solid waste ordinances (the "Amendments"), which I understand are on the Board of Commissioners's agenda for their regular monthly meeting scheduled this evening, Tuesday, March 16.

My wife and I own a home on Holden Beach, in addition to our primary residence in Wake County. We are retired and spend part of our time in Holden Beach and part in our primary residence in Wake County. We have never rented our home out, and we have no plans to do so. However, our schedule is dependent on obligations without regard to trash pickup. In discussions I have had with others, our situation is reasonably common among other part-time residents on the island,

The provisions in the proposed language for 50.04(A) makes no adequate provision for compliance by persons in our position when it mandates that:

Containers will be located at streetside no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before designated collection days during the summer rental season. For the rest of the year containers will be located streetside no more than 48 hours before the designated collection. All containers should be returned to the normal storage location by 3:00 p.m. the day of collection during the summer rental season and 6:00 p.m. the day of collection for the rest of the year.

Such requirements are often impossible to comply with for many people – like us – who own and enjoy dwellings that they visit occasionally. For example, if we leave on Sunday to be back to Raleigh the next morning, it will not be possible for us to comply with the 6:00 p.m. restriction during the summer rental season, as well as the 48-hour restriction the rest of the year. Likewise, compliance with the restrictions for timely returning the trash containers may be similarly impossible.

If the intent of the ordinance is to address safety hazards on Ocean Boulevard, those same concerns do not pertain on side streets less heavily traveled. Perhaps consideration should be given to distinguishing Ocean Boulevard, and perhaps even Brunswick Avenue, from the streets on which traffic is composed principally of residents on those streets. As to those residences, the proposed ordinance is unnecessarily heavy-handed and unduly burdensome.

Indeed, the effect of the ordinance is to perversely discourage ownership and use of second homes on the island. What is someone supposed to do with their trash when they are about to leave and it is well before the time allowed to place the cans near the street for collection? Rather than looking forward to returning to the beach, I can worry about whether we will be the subject of some enforcement threat or action by the Town. It is unreasonable for the town to put people in the position of leaving full trash cans under their homes because they can't meet the time restrictions for putting

the cans out for pickup and putting them back. This invites vermin, foul odors, and other unsanitary conditions under homes.

Moreover, the proposed ordinance may well be beyond the Town's statutory authority. While G.S. 160A-303.1 authorizes the enactment of an ordinance prohibiting the placement of cans on streets and condition that prohibition on the containers being "placed in a designated location or container," the statute nowhere provides for time limitations. Similarly, the statutes cited by Sec. 50.04 regarding enforcement (G.S. 160A-174, 160A-175, and 160A-193) provide no authorization for such limits, particularly where a significant portion of the private residences on the island are neither occupied by fulltime residences nor rented to third parties. As noted previously, the ordinance could lead to creation of nuisance conditions by forcing people to leave filled trash containers for extended periods under their homes. In addition to lack of statutory authority, an ordinance which is incapable of compliance through reasonable efforts by persons covered by it raises serious due process and equal protection concerns.

I strongly encourage the town to give additional consideration to the proposed amendments to the solid waste ordinance to ensure that it can be complied with by the large number of part-time residents on the island, who visit their homes on weekends and at other times. Enacting an ordinance that does not allow for such compliance hurts the attractiveness of Holden Beach as a location for those who neither rent nor live here full-time.

Craig Bromby
919.801.3097

Heather Finnell

From: Sue Lee <slee@sampsonnc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash can issue

Heather,

I would like to throw my two cents worth in on the debate with the trash at Holden Beach. We have been property owners since 1986 in three different locations. Our schedule does not allow us to push out and retrieve our trash can in such a small window of time. Also, we do not have a neighbor on either side that is a permanent resident to do that for us.

In my humble opinion, this issue needs to be reconsidered.

Thanks,

Sue Lee
182 Greensboro St.

Sent from my iPad

Heather Finnell

From: Mark Eminhizer <meminhizer@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:52 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash Ordinance

Hello Heather,

I would like to comment on the re-visiting of the trash ordinance. Since there are very few full time residents on the island it seems we are inconveniencing the majority for the wants of the few. We no longer rent our property but as absentee owners we still have the same problem as those that do. Not being able to take your trash out before 6 PM, really? This is a case of somebody not having enough to worry about. Many people are there at different times visiting their homes so we take our trash out when we leave. Would the city prefer we leave it under our house to rot for weeks or months? It seems the main issue is getting it back under the house in a timely fashion. I thought the city was providing this service, is that not the case? What is the cost of that service and do our taxes cover it?

Regards

Mark Eminhizer

112 Shell Drive

269-207-4305

Heather Finnell

From: Jane Spruill <jane.spruill@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: trash bins

I have a concern relating to the rolling back of trash cans in the summer after 6pm the night before collection. We do not rent our house(877 Ocean West) and often leave on Sunday after a weekend stay or are there at other times and leave before the 6pm deadline. Therefore we are opposed to this policy. It would be a sanitary problem to keep trash under house until the next time we returned and even then it might not coordinate within the time frame.

Jane and Murray Spruill

Heather Finnell

From: Rita Watts <wattsrh@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash cans

To whom it may concern:

My family has own a house on Holden Beach for over 30 years. This new trash can regulation with a \$50.00 fee for noncompliance seems to be an overreach of the town board. The board's interest does not lay with the homeowners or the taxpayers on the island.

Normally, a HOA not a town board imposes fines for trash cans. And by the way, the HOA does not agree with this policy. Who is going to police it? Someone requiring more tax dollars! It is going to be the case that people will not want houses on Holden Beach. Why doesn't the town board show concern with flooding on Ocean Blvd and policing the island.

Rita Harris Watts
107 Charlotte Street
Sent from my iPad

Heather Finnell

From: Robert Rhoades <xlnose@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Trash corrals

I am opposed to moving trash bins and corrals ,along with the smell and flies under or next to my home on Scotch Bonnet Dr.

Heather Finnell

From: Anne Arnold <annearnoldhb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Cc: Alan Holden; geraldrowngb365@gmail.com; Pat Kwiatkowski; Michael Sullivan
Subject: Opposed to Ordinance 21-05

Opposed to Ordinance 21-05: An Ordinance amending the Holden Beach Code of Ordinances, Chapter 50: Solid Waste.

Leave the ordinance as it stands.

Respectfully submitted for the town meeting 3/16/2021

Anne Arnold
Resident 124 Salisbury St
Holden Beach, NC 28462

Heather Finnell

From: Cathy Lineberger <catline304@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Possible change to trash ordinance

I want to encourage the leadership of Holden Beach to not make a requirement that cans can't be put out until after 6:00 or we will be fined. Many times we or our guests leave on Thursday or Friday morning. This is not realistic.

Catherine Lineberger
564 Ocean Blvd West

Sent from my iPhone