

CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS

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February 7, 2022 Council Meeting

New content:

Submitted on Fri, 02/04/2022 - 07:25

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Subject

Short Term Rentals

Address

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Message

Thank you for reconsidering this issue. I am 100% in favor of allowing short term rentals such as Air B and B.

Best regards

Mark Baldassare, Portsmouth .

Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.

Yes

Submitted on Sun, 02/06/2022 - 18:13

Full Name

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Subject

Sidewalks Outside Downtown & Islington

Address

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Message

I hope every member of the City Council, Professional Management and DPW Management read the following post in the Facebook group Portsmouth, NH.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/PortsmouthNH/permalink/10158081954382331/?comment_id=10158082053047331&reply_comment_id=10158082410527331¬if_id=1644070896359141¬if_t=group_comment&ref=notif

Simply put, there is an excellent dialog about sidewalks in this post and it is something City leadership needs to know about. As a 30+ year resident of The Cedars, Elwyn Park and the Woodlands, I will tell you that I feel this end of Portsmouth is marginalized compared to downtown and the burgeoning West End. What sidewalks we do have are rarely used because to walk anywhere outside the Woodlands itself or the south end of Taft Road and Hoover Drive, you have to walk on a busy street. I see that there are some plans for sidewalks and traffic calming on McKinley and Harding roads, but not the entire area. Consider that from my current residence on TJ Gamester Avenue, I am unable to walk to the neighborhood Dondero School, the Urban Forestry Center or any of the nearby shopping areas without walking on busy and often dangerous roads without sidewalks. While my first-hand experience is in the neighborhoods where I have lived, I know the same holds true for many other areas of Portsmouth. I certainly appreciate the desire to focus on downtown and now Islington, but is it not possible to also pay some level of attention to other areas in the City?

I encourage the City to do better in treating all areas of Portsmouth with the same level of attention, care and funding as the downtown. Thank you.

Respectfully,

MJ Shoer
40 TJ Gamester Avenue
Portsmouth

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Yes

Submitted on Sun, 02/06/2022 - 20:24

Full Name

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Subject

Mandates/Directives/Lockdowns & Their Effect

Address

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Message

Dear City Councilors,

I am writing once again because as time goes on we are learning NEW things about the pandemic and the actions that we took. As you may have heard a very large study using data from around the country and world has been done on lockdowns and if they actually reduced mortality. This study looks at the different aspects of lockdowns including mask mandates etc.

Their Conclusion:

"Overall, our meta-analysis fails to confirm that lockdowns have had a large, significant effect on mortality rates. Studies examining the relationship between lockdown strictness (based on the OxCGRT stringency index) find that the average lockdown in Europe and the United States only reduced COVID-19 mortality by 0.2% compared to a COVID-19 policy based solely on recommendations. Shelter-in-place orders (SIPOs) were also ineffective. They only reduced COVID-19 mortality by 2.9%."

Rather than relying on the biased media here is the ACTUAL STUDY if you would like to read it:

<https://sites.krieger.jhu.edu/iae/files/2022/01/A-Literature-Review-and-Meta-Analysis-of-the-Effects-of-Lockdowns-on-COVID-19-Mortality.pdf>

Further, country after country are now removing ALL mandates including MASK, VACCINE etc because in their view the pandemic is over and it is time to get back to normal.

It is time that Portsmouth follow suit and remove this non science based Mask Directive. This directive makes it miserable for all residents and visitors of Portsmouth. Because the SCIENCE is NOW showing very clearly masks make VERY LITTLE difference, it has now about COMPLIANCE not SCIENCE. And COMPLIANCE should NEVER EVER be a reason to do something in a community like ours.

I ask that you please remove the Mask Directive immediately so that businesses can go back to normal before the weather starts warming up. You owe it to the residents, restaurants and businesses to be HONEST about the UP TO DATE SCIENCE. Please respond to me and let me know when the Directive will be removed. This needs to be soon.

Thank You,

Peter Geremia

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Yes