From: Thomas E. Vest
To: BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com
Subject: RE: [External]Re: We are open for business but . . .
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 4:30:32 PM

Some thoughts below for you to review and add or remove whatever you would like. I put in specific information from those ordinances (**in bold**) which is factual but I will leave it up to you if you want to put that in. Let me know if you need anything else. I think Henry spoke to her as well back in June.

Thank you for reaching out to me with your concerns. The safety of our community is my highest priority. I and others in the community share in your concern based on what has happened in other parts of the country. Here in our community the protests have been peaceful aside from a few individuals who chose to act apart from the peaceful groups. In this case the protest group worked closely with the police department to develop a plan and to comply with all laws and ordinances while expressing their first amendment right. Our officers escorted the group to ensure everyone's safety and also had plans in place should individuals within the group demonstrate a desire to act outside the law. **Right now we have not had any additional requests but there is no permit required for a lawful demonstration as it is a right protected by the 1st amendment**. **City ordinance 19-196, 19-197, and 19-198 cover picketing and demonstrations.** Again, we are committed to the safety of everyone in our community and we will continue to work together.

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From: Brenda Bethune <BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Thomas E. Vest <tvest@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>
Subject: Fwd: [External]Re: We are open for business but . . .

Any help you can offer as to how to respond would be greatly appreciated!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Connie Lincoln <connielincoln1301@outlook.com>
Date: June 15, 2020 at 8:45:23 AM EDT
To: Brenda Bethune <BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>
Subject: [External]Re: We are open for business but . . .

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Hello. There was a rally for BLM at Market Common. I was told repeatedly that they would not march and they certainly would not march down Howard Avenue or Reed Street. However there was a large crowd of people that did March right past my store on Howard Avenue. So after that jarring episode, now we're concerned that they'll be marching again, with more permits given out! As we draw closer to the election, we are very concerned that we may end up suffering damage at our store. What are you going to do about that? The March certainly wasn't stopped, what are you going to do to protect us?

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From: Connie Lincoln <connielincoln1301@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:58 PM
To: Brenda Bethune <BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>
Subject:]GET US OPEN!

And your concern for my employee is stunningly absent.

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From: Brenda Bethune <BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Connie Lincoln <connielincoln1301@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: [External]Re: [External]GET US OPEN!

Connie-
We do not have a date to reopen at this time. Horry County has not yet reached the peak of this virus and we cannot risk opening too soon. We also have to be in sync with the State. Believe me, we all want things back to normal, but we cannot risk opening too soon and causing another wave of this virus.
Thank you for your patience and stay strong!

Brenda

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On Apr 14, 2020, at 9:56 AM, Connie Lincoln <connielincoln1301@outlook.com> wrote:

Thank God! So when can we reopen?

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Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Connie Lincoln <connielincoln1301@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: [External]GET US OPEN!

We do not have an order to extend closings for 30 days. What was extended is our Declaration of Civil Emergency, which expired yesterday. We have to have that in place in order to issue any Emergency Orders. The Declaration can be lifted at any time.
Unfortunately, a mistake was made by a staff member when a DRAFT of an Emergency Order was released to the media. That will be rectified today. Mistakes do happen and people are human. However, there is nothing in place to keep businesses closed for 30 days.

Thank you-
Brenda Bethune

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> On Apr 14, 2020, at 8:15 AM, Connie Lincoln <connielincoln1301@outlook.com> wrote:
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> I cannot believe that you have extended the date for opening businesses! Most of the season will be gone and I'm not sure my business will make it. The stimulus is not enough. We have 300,000 people in this county and only 7 deaths from the virus???That is .000023 percent of the population. Are you going to pay our bills? How are we supposed to survive??? Is this some political statement? You cannot begin to absorb the greater health crisis of heart attacks, stokes and suicides from financial ruin that this will cause. If we have no money to live on- what are we supposed to do? Unelected bureaucrat doctors made these edicts on shutting down with no idea of what that is going to cost. It will be far more devastating than the virus!
> Sent from my iPhone