

*Still a Jew in Myrtle Beach part 2; Some Myrtle Beach City Officials Seem to Have
Lost Their Minds and Moral Compass*

Dear Mr. Lee,

Mon 10/3/2016

Forgive my ignorance, but I was curious to know if Myrtle Beach city government offices have been under some type of renovations during which time some noxious gases leaked into the building causing some officials to be disoriented and lose touch with reality? Could it be that some of those offices have been under some kind of malicious biological agent attack that, again, would have affected the stability of some persons working in those buildings? Are those offices too close to the parking lot and as such, carbon monoxide may be the culprit for such irrational behavior?

I am pleased to say that personally, I haven't read about it in the news nor have I heard any rumors about such incidents. As such, if all is well and all are ok (as I hope everyone is), for the life of me, I cannot fathom why then, a sane person would file A SECOND CRAZY LAWSUIT against me and my wife, in less than 10 days from the first preposterous lawsuit other than to continue to harass my family and I and so carelessly spend tax payers' monies.

I am referring to another frivolous, discriminatory, and vindictive lawsuit you have chosen to file against me and my family. This time, dated, September 27, 2016 (the first one was dated September 19, 2016) regarding some weeds that grew in a parking space behind my property at 1109 N. Kings Hwy, within the city of Myrtle Beach, at the downtown area (photos attached at end of document).

Since I am out of town at the moment, I have asked a friend (who works for the city of MB) to take some photos of the area in question and have also asked that person to take additional photos of neighboring properties (all within 50 ft or less from mine). Why the city has chosen to go after me for a few short and tiny weeds growing in a back ally parking space that wouldn't even be fit to park a compact car, while all properties around me have weeds growing higher than palm trees, is a mystery to me and the photographer. Also, ironically enough, last year, I have personally showed Mr. John Pedersen, MB city manager, this particular back ally and the fact it appears to have become a local dumping site. He seemed to have agreed with me and promised he will take care of that. I guess suing the one property owner that actually cares about the area and tries to clean it up was his way of "taking care of it."

Also, as you may notice from the photos attached, the metal fence enclosure (although adjacent to mine, is not part of my property) behind the Family Dollar store, which is supposed to be used as locked storage for recyclable cardboard became a neighborhood nuisance. I have filed several official complaints with city officials and nothing has been done about it. My latest complaint regarding this nuisance was done on September 13, 2016, to building/housing inspector Jamie

Hucks. I met with Mr. Hucks at his office, showed him pictures, and told him that vagrants are constantly looking for aluminum cans through the trash and in the process spread trash all over the neighborhood. Also, several neighbors use it as a dumpster to dispose of large items, and as such, it isn't only a health and safety issue, but also a fire concern as well. Most importantly to our issue at hand, I explained to Mr. Hucks that the landscaping company that mows and maintains my other properties wouldn't even consider using a mower or a weed-trimmer due to the large volume of trash from this enclosure, fearing their expensive equipment will get ruined for such a small area. Additionally, they were worried that if they used a weed-trimmer, all the trash would spread even more. This frustrated me and thus, I filed the complaint. I even mentioned to Mr. Hucks that I have asked the manager of the Family Dollar several times to remove this structure and help me keep the area clean. After numerous failed attempts with the store manager, I finally spoke to Mr. Hucks and asked for help. I also mentioned to Mr. Hucks that I wish no harm or annoyance to my neighbors; I simply am trying to keep the area clean and presentable.

Needless to say, to date, I have not heard from anyone in construction services, or from any other city official, regarding this matter. Once again, I get to feel the terrible emotion that accompanies discrimination and selective enforcement from the people who swore to protect and serve the community.

It pains me to hear that my friends (non-Jewish), who own properties adjacent to mine, received a simple courtesy phone call from Myrtle Beach building officials regarding numerous and major code violations in their properties, while my wife and I received an official lawsuit sent via certified mail about practically nothing. We are not even able to get a follow-up phone call or an e-mail regarding any complaints we ever file or bring to the attention of city officials. I guess second class citizens like myself, my wife, and kids don't have the same rights as other real estate and business owners no matter how much money we invest in the city or how much we care about it.

It further troubles me that downtown merchants have been begging the city for years to give the downtown the attention it needed and work in cooperation with all land and business owners to revitalize the downtown area. Driving by Kings Highway and seeing all the vacant properties, the untrimmed trees, the missing benches, the street lights that are buried in overgrown vegetation, the faded road and parking spaces markings, the empty stores, and overall lack of healthy commerce and traffic, one can only come to the conclusion that those merchants' and landlords' pleas fell on deaf ears. Oddly enough, while trying to impress some Chinese investors, city officials have seem to awaken and decided that NOW is finally the time to "clean house." When I and my neighbors asked the city for years for trash cans, tree trimming, proper lighting, and other basic community needs, the date for completion was always "two thousand and never." Yet, I am only given 7 days to finish any project the city chooses to have me complete. I recognize that in the city of Myrtle Beach, it's the private business owner that is expected to be

the role model, not city officials. In Myrtle Beach, city officials seem to believe that they should be held to a LESSER standard than the average citizen (not even the same standard).

Finally, I do not plan to continue wasting my time and energy and put my family's well-being at jeopardy responding to these malicious lawsuits that you so casually choose to frequently file on a weekly basis. I have owned and renovated properties all over the United States and consider myself not only a responsible property owner, but also an advocate for cleaner and better communities wherever I go. I can sadly attest that never had I encountered the constant resistance and relentless opposition as I have from Myrtle Beach city officials, all while simply trying to better the city and the downtown area in particular.

I will be more than happy to respond to any e-mails or other unofficial communications with city officials regarding any "perceived violations," but I simply refuse to continue be part of this city officials' trend of wasting public resources by suing me and my family over trivial issues that can be dealt with by a simple phone call or a short e-mail. I will not be an accomplice for the blatant disregard for public funds, nor will I be any longer a victim of the violation of my civil liberties. Please understand that I am putting you and others involved on notice; if the harassment and intimidation of me and my family continues, due to religious persecution or any other vendetta city officials may have against me, I will be forced to file a civil lawsuit against the city of Myrtle Beach. I would like to share with you that I am not fond of lawsuits nor do I wish to cost the residents of our great town unnecessary expense. Nonetheless, besides being a US citizen, I am also a husband, a father, and a human being and I believe I deserve the same consideration other land owners and business owners get from city officials.

To close, I once heard the quote: "Wisdom is knowing the right path to take...Integrity is taking it." I hope Mr. Lee that you will have both wisdom and integrity when it comes to serving the Myrtle Beach community and fulfilling your duties as an honorable official.

Respectfully,

Shai David

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The “weeded” area the city of Myrtle Beach sued my family for



Again, from a different view, the “weeded” parking area



A close-up of “weeded” area (please notice how silly the size of it!!)



The metal enclosure next to my property containing trash



Neighboring property in ally; 10 ft away from my parking space



Neighboring property in ally;
10 ft away from my parking space



Neighboring property in ally; 30 ft away from my parking space



Neighboring property in ally; 30 ft away from my parking space