

Still a Jew in Myrtle Beach; Malfeasance in office

Dear Mr. Lee,

Wednesday 9/28/2016

I am writing to you in response to the frivolous, discriminatory, and vindictive lawsuit you have chosen to file against me and my family on September 19, 2016 (received Monday 9/26/2016), due to a CRACKED WINDOW at the property I own at 810 N. Oak Street in the city of Myrtle Beach.

I am deeply troubled and offended by this unreasonable lawsuit as I believe it has neither merit nor purpose, other than, to once again, use the full power of Myrtle Beach's city government to harass and discriminate against me and my family and ensure I cannot conduct business within the city limits. I further believe, based on reasons I will shortly list, that this directive did not come from you sir, rather, I believe it was ordered by someone much higher than yourself in city government who continues to use city services like police, fire, and construction services as their own personal pawns to do their dirty work of intimidating and bullying an honest Jewish businessman, a real estate and land owner within the city limits, a business holder, and an advocate for the residents and merchants of the city of Myrtle Beach and the downtown area in particular.

Despite the fact that I truly believe you were ordered to file this malicious lawsuit against your better judgment, I still hold you and property maintenance inspector Glenn Broach, personally responsible and liable for the unnecessary distress you have caused myself and my family and I hold all active and passive participants in this religious based persecution guilty of, at the very least, abuse of power. The lengths that certain individuals who hold powerful positions within our city government will go to recruit and repeatedly use as accomplices specific subordinates is no longer only morally reprehensible but for lack of other words, criminal.

Nevertheless, let's deal first with issue at hand. The following are a few points I wanted to bring to your attention so you may recognize how unnecessary "your" actions and the path you chose, really were:

1. The window was cracked as an act of vandalism from the street and not from the inside. As I am sure you are well aware, the entire downtown area, and in particular the 'Superblock,' is prone to constant violence and property damage. Just in the Superblock alone, like other property and business owners, I have had my glass doors broken at least half a dozen times by homeless vagrants and drunk drivers, many windows smashed, and graffiti sprayed on freshly painted exterior walls. Each and every time, like the responsible property owner that I consider myself to be, I have immediately upon knowledge of the vandalism, fixed all damages; not because I was worried that city

officials will sue me, rather, because it was the right thing to do (I have all the receipts for the paid bills I incurred to repair those damages each and every time).

Also, just during the past couple of weeks, at the Superblock again, my expensive 'For Sale' sign, which was secured to my building by a professional sign company, was miraculously stolen coincidentally after I made an official complaint to the city about illegal towing within the Superblock's parking lot.

I am sure you can see how I find it suspect that a sign that has been on a building for over 20 years before I even purchased the property, professionally refurbished and secured, made of acrylic (no recycling value whatsoever), containing my own personal information (would be of no display value to anyone else), all of the sudden disappears days after I file a complaint with city officials. Not surprisingly to me though, despite several inquiries, no city official knows what happened to it. I am sure it is another unfortunate "coincidence" people who dare speak on behalf of the community in the city of Myrtle Beach, encounter often.

2. Being that this is a clear act of vandalism and not even a maintenance issue or neglect issue, I find it very peculiar that no one from construction services placed a notice on the door, or on the window in question, of the actual city approved business that is currently renting the building from me. Since IBIZA (the business that rents the real estate from me) has a city approved business license, I am confident that the city has all their contact information and could easily contact them and find out the status of the problem. Had they done so, construction services officials would have learned that Danny Karam, the owner of IBIZA, has already placed an order to repair the window as specified in his lease agreement. Unfortunately, the city of Myrtle Beach chose to spend valuable tax payers' resources and file a frivolous, vindictive, and malicious lawsuit against me in a desperate effort to discredit me, harass and intimidate my family, and ensure it is impossible for me to conduct business within the city limits, especially in the Superblock area.
3. 810 N. Oak is exactly one block away from 921 N. Oak, where construction services offices are located. My building is literally a stone's throw away from those city offices and instead of taking a few steps outside construction services offices and walking over to talk to the business owner who currently occupies the dwelling, you decided that the best use of public resources in dealing with this insignificant need would be to file a costly lawsuit against out-of-state residents?! I guess it was easier to contact someone in Pennsylvania rather than someone who is a block away.
4. To add injury to insult, a few weeks after I sent a letter to city officials and other high ranking officials in state and federal levels about the discrimination and targeting I have experienced by Myrtle Beach city officials as a Jewish business man and a local investor,

in retaliation, City of Myrtle Beach officials have decided to hold my own public hearing in the urgent and catastrophic matter of the cracked window, on Wednesday October 5th, 2016. Just happened to be the next day after the Jewish New Year and during the Ten Day of Repentance holiday. What a coincidence?!

5. My wife and I were given a week's notice only regarding the so called "public hearing" despite the fact we live several states away and would need to make appropriate travel arrangements to attend. Also, if we were to choose to be represented by an attorney, this unreasonable short notice would make it impossible to find one or ensure his/her schedule allows attending the hearing. Another coincidence I am sure.
6. When I was at construction services offices 3 days prior to the filing of this lawsuit (I had to renew my business license), Glenn Broach literally ran inside the room where I was conversing with another property maintenance inspector regarding an unrelated issue that I needed assistance with. Mr. Broach simply sat near us and listened intently despite the fact he had nothing to do with our conversation. His presence was so awkward and his body language was so odd, that I stopped for a moment my conversation, and introduced myself to Mr. Broach (although I knew very well that he knew who I was). Oddly enough, he did not identify himself to me despite trying to shake his hand, and only after I asked him directly "and who are you sir?" had he revealed his name. Not surprisingly, he did not say a word about any cracked window, nor did I ever get any answer regarding my inquiry that day. I did however get an official lawsuit! One more coincidence.
7. Glenn Broach was the inspector that accompanied Bruce Arnel, one of MB fire marshals, on 7-9-2015 to my hotel located in the downtown area at the heart of Myrtle Beach near the beach, under a false complaint that later was proven to be from another hotel. Video surveillance show the two roaming the hotel alone and at some point, Mr. Arnel kicking the 2nd floor balcony railing, breaking it, Glen Broach taking pictures ONLY AFTER the kicking, going downstairs, and placing a note on my hotels office that the hotel is unfit for business. All this despite the fact that just weeks before the entire hotel was inspected by the MBFD and ZERO violations were found! And would you believe this coincidence Mr. Lee: all this happened the very next morning after I was being interviewed on the nightly local news the day before regarding MB city officials neglecting the downtown area. This for sure has to be a coincidence. I think we may want to change the name of our town from Myrtle Beach to Coincidence Beach. One would only imagine that Mr. Glenn Broach and Mr. Bruce Arnel would thank their lucky stars I didn't sue them nor asked for their dismissal from duty and would choose to follow a righteous public servant path instead of continuing playing the role of 'The Muscle' and 'The Enforcers.'

8. I do not know if it is due to the humidity, temperature fluctuations, settling of the ground, heavy lightning and thunder storms, or any other act of nature other than actual vandalism done by humans, but I have had brand new windows crack, a few weeks after installation, in buildings where the public had no access to and thus vandalism or human interaction of any type could not be the blame. As such, I assume that many other real estate and business owners deal with similar issues in their buildings. Do you mean to tell me that officials working for the city of Myrtle Beach have been, are, or are planning on, filing a lawsuit against each and every property owner for cracked windows?! For some reason I highly doubt it. I also hope you will have better sense than that and will use public funds, especially in today's economy, in a much more needed and constructive manner.
9. As you may be aware by now, the owner of the business **has already replaced the entire window** one day after I received your certified mail (see photos below). Being that this is a window size that needs to be specially ordered in advance and also needs professional installation, I am sure you realize that he must have made this arrangement with a glass company several weeks before the installation. Had you bothered to speak with him or call me so I can speak with him, you would have been aware that the window has been ordered and scheduled for installation and thus, not only would you have saved the tax payers lots of money, but also, you would have freed yourself to attend to true code violations, and inadvertently, would have also saved yourself the embarrassment and disgrace where a public official extends his reach and powers invested in him by the public to harm rather than heal and repair.

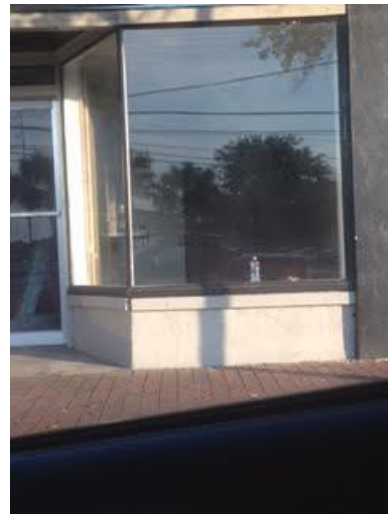
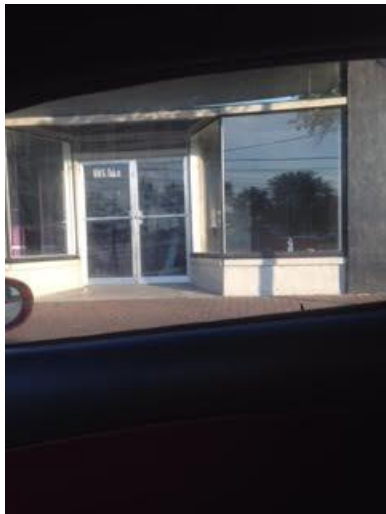
I can continue on and on and literally write a book regarding the discrimination and retaliation I have experienced by certain individuals in MB city government. But I think we covered enough examples for now to illustrate the point and show you how without knowing perhaps, you sir became a knowing/unknowing accomplice to certain individuals' corrupt power play. As such, I would like to take a few more moments and enlighten you with my personal perspective of public officials' role as guardians of our communities rather than town bullies.

You and other Myrtle Beach public officials and so called leaders may not be aware of the magnitude of social damage corrupt public officials have on individuals, communities, and society as a whole, but luckily, a certain document from 1776, the U.S. Declaration of Independence, specifies in great detail the importance of public officials as fiduciaries: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." (U.S., 1776)

I can attest that Myrtle Beach government has deprived me and my family from those basic civil liberties; I have almost lost my life during an unprovoked attack that could have been prevented by MB officials, I have lost my liberty as a result of this attack, and certainly have not had an ounce of happiness since.

Moreover, as public officials, you and Myrtle Beach city government, in the capacity of public fiduciaries and stewards, have certain duties that accompany the many privileges that you all enjoy. **The duty of care, the duty of loyalty, the duty of impartiality, the duty of accountability, and the duty to preserve the public's trust in government.** Where sir, would you say, have you or any other Myrtle Beach public official involved in this lawsuit, have shown me and my family, that you take those duties seriously?! Filing a hurtful and bigoted lawsuit over a cracked window against a member of the community creates more divide, mistrust, and harm among constituents than the act of vandalism by the vandal him/herself could ever do even if they cracked multiple windows. If my family and I and the rest of our community cannot trust our city's government to protect us and promote our welfare, who can we trust?!

Finally, to quote my dad: A guilty conscience has nowhere to hide. Please think about this quote Mr. Lee the next time you are being asked by corrupt politicians to show a nobody Jew 'who is boss,' and if you chose to ignore my dad's words of wisdom, please don't ignore the HOBBS act and RICO statute especially as you are operating under color of official right!



810 N Oak St; brand new window already installed

(photo taken by business owner Danny Karam)