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Topic Car Wash
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

Car Washes: Due to COVID-19, car washes have been closed down. I understand the temptation to wash your car and congregate socially with this activity. The reason I bring this up is because of the hazards of having a dirty car. Dirty windshield, dirty tires, dirty undercarriage... I was driving home and barely could see and that created a hazard while operating a motor vehicle and multiple other issues. With that being said, we should re-open express car washes with restriction and keep self serve and full service closed. With the exception of closed vacuums, Employee with PPE at any kiosk that is open (1) and someone to guide customers onto the rail. This will cause people to retain jobs, businesses from going under, decrease in visual impairment due to dirty windshield, clean tires with less chance of slipping with dirt covered tires, etc.

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Topic Closing of SELF SERV CAR WASHES

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments City Of St. Pete & Pinellas Park Police Shut down my SELF SERV CAR WASHES by order Sheriff Dept. When I called the Sheriff Dept. They said Quote (Has nothing to do with SOCIAL DISTANCING. They do not want people leaving home for NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS.) When I noticed that local golf courses were open, I called about playing golf with friends the Sheriff dept said you can play as long as you keep your SOCIAL DISTANCING. Why is it we get 2 different reasons for 2 different businesses. SELF SERV CAR WASHES HAVE NO EMPLOYEES !!!

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Topic Open Groomers and Express Car Washes
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Undecided

Comments
You need to open express car washes and groomers. In the case of express car washes, they provide our police, taxis, uber/lyft drivers, and citizens a way to keep their car clean and virus free without getting out of their car. A lot of us don't have means to wash our cars since we live in condos or apartments. Furthermore, you are contributing to the spread of the virus, since a lot of people are going across the bridge to clean their cars. As far as groomers go, it's important for animal welfare. Dogs can get anal gland infections if they aren't expressed and some breeds are prone to matting. Both conditions are bad for the animal's health. Some require vet attention in the sum of \$400+. It's easier to prevent this from happening by opening the groomers back up and letting us pay the \$10-\$50 to get our animals groomed. Also the dog's nails can grow back towards and sometime in the paws if they aren't trimmed. Please consider making these both essential businesses.

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Subject: FW: Car Wash Services

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Subject: Car Wash Services

Honorable Commissioner, County Manager, and Sheriff of Pinellas County,

As a citizen of this county, this will serve as my personal appeal to define Express Car Washes as essential, as from our knowledge every other county in the state of Florida has done.

Express Car Washes provide an essential and necessary service by removing surface contamination from vehicles. The CDC had determined surface contamination as THE primary source of the spread of COVID-19. This service is helpful not only to myself but the company that I work for as well.

We are an environmental remediation contractor and our parent company is a logistics firm. This saves tons of effort on my guys' part considering the stress they are working under. Rather than having to detail their trucks, they can go through a car wash and wipe the inside down with a disinfectant. It also keeps them from being congregated on our shop site, sharing hoses, etc., or forcing them to do it at home on their own time.

My husband is a driver for UPS and has been working overly long hours, interacting with people and trying to stay safe. He appreciates being able to take care of his personal vehicle without all the extra effort of doing it at home with the little bit of spare time that he has.

On a personal note, I am also considered an essential employee and with having to drive from Pinellas Park to Tampa every day, it would be nice to keep my vehicle clean. As long as the interaction is limited and services changed to meet criteria, I don't understand why they would be closed.

There are PLENTY of businesses operating that shouldn't be and are abusing the law, just like the vape/tobacco store you mentioned in your report, Sheriff.

It is not reasonable that we, the citizens, be deprived of this preventive service. I would urge you to immediately reopen the Express Car Washes in our county.

Respectfully,

Melissa & Richard Allen

Melissa Allen - Action Environmental Services

Richard Allen - United Parcel Service (UPS Tractor Driver

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Subject: FW: Please Consider Express Carwashes as Essential Businesses
Attachments: Edward Briggs.vcf; petition_comments_jobs_21420486_20200415185527.pdf; petition_signatures_jobs_21420486_20200415202457.pdf; One Pager Express Carwash Coalition Final 2.pdf

Importance: High

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Subject: Please Consider Express Carwashes as Essential Businesses

Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the Express Carwash Coalition of Pinellas County; we respectfully ask that you consider adding express carwashes to the list of essential businesses allowed to operate within Pinellas County during tomorrow's board meeting. Attached you will find our coalition's one pager outlining why under the Governor's Executive Order 20-91 we are considered essential. As well as petitions from your constituents asking for our facilitates to allowed to open.

Thank you again for this opportunity, we plan to have members of our coalition participate during tomorrow's public comment and thus they are available for any questions.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: Automatic Car Wash as Essential
Attachments: Main Street Car Wash COVID-19 Research.pdf; Opinion Letter - signed.pdf

From: Neil Valk [mailto:neilvalk@gmail.com]
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Subject: Automatic Car Wash as Essential

Barry,

I had previously sent this information to you, the Sherriff and all county commissioners. Also attached is a letter from one of my constituent's attorney out lining his review of the governors order. His legal option is that car washes are essential.

I have been appointed as spokesman for the Express Car Wash Coalition of Pinellas County. Our car wash owners own over a dozen locations and have memberships consisting of over 20,000 people that are residents of Pinellas county. As spokesman for our group we are formally request that we be put on Thursday Board of County Commission meeting requesting that Automatic Car Washes be considered essential business. In your own statement the Governor order is vague therefore based on the attached 10 built points they show in the governors order will allow you to classify Automatic Car Wash an essential business to our community.

I will be present on Zoom for the Commissioners meeting on Thursday and would like to speak and discuss this issue. If you wish to discuss this with me you can reach me on my cell phone.

You the Pinellas County Commissioners have the right to make Automatic Car Wash essential.

Thank you.

Neil Valk

Main Street Car Wash Inc.

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:24 PM
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Subject: Car Wash Is Essential Business

Members of the Board of Commissioners, Sheriff Guialtieri, and County Administrator Barry Burton,

As owner of Main Street Car Wash we are tagged as a “Non-Essential” business. As you can see from our Federal Income Tax return we are classified as “Other Automotive Repair and Maintenance”. Therefore based on the attached is a list from Governor DeSantis’ Executive Order, Miami Dade Order which the Governor referenced to, CISA Home Land Security, Florida Emergency Management list and your own Pinellas county essential service list. Main Street Car Washes is an “Essential” businesses. Actually all Automatic Car Washes should be classified essential.

We understand Governor DeSantis’ Executive Order that went into effect on April 3, 2020 to Stay at Home. The Order was implemented to provide guidance to local authorities to help in their efforts to prevent the continual spread of the COVID-19 virus. We appreciate and respect our Sheriff Guialtieri and County Administrator Barry Burton but I think their decision to shut down car washes is an unnecessary action. We should not be compared to a beauty salon. Driving to an automatic car wash will not spread COVID-19 virus. As a matter of fact it will reduce the spread of many viruses because it washes off pollen, dead bugs, bird crap and potential virus that may on their car. It also give people an opportunity to go for ride to do something this will help with their sanity in this difficult time. Vehicles are like our 2nd homes, their private place, their safe space and they need to be cleaned and sanitized. Especially the elderly and people living in condos, apartments, and mobile homes they have no means of cleaning the 2nd home. Germs can spread faster when multiple people stop at the gas station and pick up the pump handle than a trip to a car wash.

We supply Essential workers, Taxi, Uber, Lyft, Ride sharing services and vehicles used to provide delivery of essential products and service needed to help keep their vehicles clean and sanitary.

We respectfully request that the Sheriff, County Administrator and the County Commissioners re-evaluate the closure of all the drive thru express tunnel car washes in Pinellas County and allow them to re-open as an essential business that provides a sanitary service.

Main Street Xpress Wash has 3 locations in Pinellas County and we implemented steps prior to the Governor’s Executive Order to minimize the spread of the virus. If allowed to re-open we will continue following the steps identified below:

- 1.) Every other vacuum stations will be open making the distance between them over 12 feet apart.
- 2.) We provide cleaned and sanitized towels and sanitizers for any customers who choose to wipe down the multiple touchpoint in their vehicles.
- 3.) We sanitize the vacuum and pay stations with EPA approved disinfectant after each customer.

4.) No Public Restrooms or access to our office areas.

All of our employees where glove, mask and keep a min of 6' away from each other and our customers at all times.

Of the 67 counties in Florida I am not aware of Car Washes being closed other than Full Service Car Washes. Please reconsider your position and reopen our essential business. If you have any further questions please contact me on my cell at 727-698-1855

Sincerely,

Neil Valk

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<Main Street Car Wash COVID-19 Research.pdf>

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Topic Self Service Car Wash

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments I find it unimaginable that a self service car wash would be closed down in this pandemic, but a golf course would remain open. I have personally seen 2 people side by side riding in a golf cart in much less that the 6 foot spacing recommended by the CDC social distancing guidelines. I own a fleet of tall service vans/ box truck that can only fit inside a self service car wash and to be told we cant use the car wash seems very suspect, when you see people playing golf. Unhappy resident!!!

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Topic self-serve car wash closed

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

Please consider opening self-serve car washes. My husband and I are realtors and it is essential for our business to keep our vehicles clean. There is no interaction with others at a self-service car wash and it is easy to sanitize our hands after using the sprayer, brushes, vacuum etc. It is silly that the golf course remains open, but something as crucial as a car wash is closed. Thank you for your consideration.

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Topic	Car wash closures
BCC Agenda Date	4-14-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	I am the owner of the carwash located at 14801 Gulf Blvd. I do not agree with the closing of carwashes as they should be considered as essential due to the fact that the cleaning products used to clean inside and out can also help keep the spread of the virus down. The customers are more than 6 feet away from each other as they have their own bay. Thank you
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Topic Self-Service Car Wash to be allowed to operate
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

Hello, My name is Scott Ferguson and I'm the owner/operator of 2 self-serve carwashes in Pinellas County, Clearwater and Largo, both have no employees or staff. Customers are alone in each of the bays (4), separated by concrete block walls. I feel that non-staffed car washes should be able to operate, following the social distancing guidelines, especially now during pollen season, for those with allergies. My friends and clients have contacted me very frustrated, that I have been forced to close and they can't wash their cars or work vehicles, but are allowed to go out and play golf. Also, the tire center and oil change center on either side of me are open and their staff is getting into their clients vehicles, to conduct their business. I feel this is not fair to me or my clients, or other car wash operators and their customers. PLEASE consider allowing non-staffed, self-serve car washes to operate. Thank you very much for your consideration - Scott Ferguson

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Topic Opening Self Service Car Washes
BCC Agenda Date 4-15-2020
Your Stand on the Issue

Comments We understand the social distancing and are taking all precautions and following CDC guidelines but not being able to simply get our vehicles cleaned for our business does not make any sense. We are to get gas safely and keep a safe distance from others, why can we not be able to use a self service car wash in the same manner. We request you reconsider this ban on self service car washes.

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