

CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 21, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Parking Citations at Park-to-Fly

Background: The owner of the Park-to-Fly will appear before City Council to ask the Council to dismiss 86 parking citations that his customers received on January 2, 2020 for parking on grass. According to BIMC 30-73, vehicles cannot park on grass. This includes vehicles that are commercially parked. Park-to-Fly owner and the property owner (Regal Boats) were notified prior to December that no vehicles would be allowed to park on the grass. The City was told by the business owner that there would be no cars parked there as of January 1st. On January 2, 2020, I was notified that there were cars parked on the grass in violation of BIMC 30-73. I directed the police to issue parking tickets to all cars that are parked on grass at the Park-To-Fly located at Regal Boats. The business and property owners have continued to ignore repeated warnings from the City regarding this code violation.

I have given many suggestions to the property owner and business owner on how they can meet the Land Development Code for parking but they have not done so. They applied to the P&Z Board in October 2019 for several variances and they were denied by the Board. They were informed that they had the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Council but they did not.

The City does not allow its residents to park on grass. In 2018, the owner of 2635 McCoy applied to the P&Z to put a 350-space parking lot on the property on grass and the Board denied their application.

Staff Recommendation: Enforce the BIMC and deny the appeal to excuse the tickets

Suggested Motion: <u>I move that we deny the appeal of the Park-to-Fly to excuse the tickets.</u>

Alternatives: Excuse the tickets, or pass a motion to have the owner pay a lesser fine

Fiscal Impact: \$12,900 (86 tickets x \$150/ticket)

Attachments: None



January 7, 2020

Via Hand Delivery

City of Belle Isle Code Enforcement Department (Robyn Winters) 1600 Nela Avenue Belle Isle, Florida 32809

Re: Request for Hearing/Appeal of Parking Citations (Citations Issued at 1900 Jetport Drive) (Citation Numbers P0001475 through P0001550) (Citation Numbers 02513 through 02522)

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Dear Ms. Winters:

On behalf of our client, Park to Fly, Inc., and pursuant to our discussions regarding the above captioned matter, please let this letter serve as the official written contest/appeal of the inappropriately issued parking citations memorialized herein, and a Request for Hearing regarding those citations.

The parking citations at issue are Citation Numbers P0001475 through P0001550, and Citation Numbers 02513 through 02522. I have enclosed a Cashier's Check (*Check No.: 1000329949*), in the amount of \$3,010.00, in satisfaction of the requisite appeal/hearing fees for the eighty-six (86) parking citations.

As I understood our discussion, the next available Hearing date will be January 21, 2020. Please provide my office with all necessary logistics in advance of the hearing.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions.

Respectfully Submitted.

Frederick W. Mohre

Enclosure:

Cashier's Check (1000329949)