

City of Westport

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Dear Commercial Lodging Facility Owner:

At the Westport City Council meeting held last night, a decision was not made regarding opening lodging facilities. An advisory committee has been formed with the task of giving guidance on best practices to keep our community safe and recommending a plan to open lodging facilities. The committee will work as diligently and expediently as possible.

Mayor Bearden has been in frequent communication with the other coastal communities who have also closed their lodging facilities and beach access roads. The City is trying to coordinate the best it can with other communities, though it is up to each area to make decisions that are best for their community.

The City's first concern is the safety of our local residents and businesses. Currently, there continues to be a stay home, stay healthy directive from the Governor through May 31st. The desire is to be able to welcome outside visitors within the safety guidelines and directives outlined by the Governor and other health officials. The last thing that we want to do is worsen the pandemic outbreak and have to close businesses down again.

Thank you for your continued patience during this time. Once a decision has been made by the City officials, a notice will be sent out by email to the email addresses that I have and a hard copy to the others.

Stay safe and healthy. If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone. I will be out of the office from May 13-19 but will check my emails periodically.

Sincerely,

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Clerk-Treasurer