



# City of Galveston

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**Subject \***

Beach Closure

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

I completely understand most measures, but consideration should be given to homeowners to walk/fish/exercise on the beach.



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Coronavirus at beaches?

**Comments \*** (?)

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In today's Los Angeles Times Kim Prather, an atmospheric chemist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, has speculated ocean waves could release corona virus pathogen particulates. She further speculates the pathogen could enter the ocean from sewage spills and outfalls, and then reenter the atmosphere. Has this been considered as a possibility or just nonsense?

"Coronavirus at beaches? Surfers, swimmers should stay away, scientist says"

By Rosanna Xia, Los Angeles Times 2 hrs ago



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Galveston Beaches

**Comments \* (?)**

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I would like to see the beaches open with limitations for individuals or pairs for fishing or walking. I live across the the street off the seawall, we fish for food and regularly take our dog to the beach. Thank you



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Coronavirus Discussions

**Comments \*** (?)

500 character maximum

No matter whether Galvestonians were born here or arrived by choice, enjoyment of the ocean and its beaches is a reason we share in common for remaining. Denying all beach access in this time of fear seems an extreme measure for those of us living here day in and day out. Let me suggest an alternative. Close the beaches all day except, for example, between 6 am and 8 am and between 6 pm and 8 pm. Thanks, Stan Obloy



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**Subject \***

STR Ordinance

**Comments \*** (?)

500 character maximum

Council,

Please consider rephrasing the language of the Short Term Rental ordinance. The ordinance needs to be modified to exempt long- term residences where rent is paid on a weekly basis.

I have heard that some individuals with this weekly rental payment arrangement have been asked to leave, due to the STR ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.



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**Subject \***

Hotel and Utility bill

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

As a hotelier my concern is about how long we would be keeping the hotels closed. If possible, could we get a notice for a full month if that is the case rather than per week so that we can inform individuals who have made their reservations beforehand rather than have them come in at the last moment.

I am also wondering if the city would be providing any financial support or utility bill relaxation owing to virtually no business since the last 3 weeks?

Thank you for your time



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**Subject \***

Beach Access

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

I suggest we continue to have the beaches closed. As soon as they're open again the city is going to be back to square one and the virus will have more opportunity to spread. The idea of open only to residents is a great thought, but would be absolutely impossible to enforce or control. People need to remain indoors, the virus quits moving when WE quit moving.



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**Subject \***

Closure of beaches

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

Very disappointed in hearing that our beaches continue to be closed throughout the month. Council members, please consider opening the beaches up to residents for a certain period of time (7 a.m. until 10 a.m.) and/or 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).

As a resident, I know my health is more in danger when I go to restock my supplies at the store than when I take a 30 minute stroll on the beach.

Thanks for your consideration.



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Beach access

**Comments \* (?)**

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Please consider early morning hours for residents on the beach to allow time for exercise. No tourists are on the beach before 9 am. It is so easy to safe distance on a beach that is basically empty during early morning hours and especially on weekdays. At least, try it. It can always be reversed if it becomes unsafe.

Thank you.



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COVID-19

**Comments \* (?)**

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There's a known drug dealer in the 55th Ave L area who's contracted the Corona Virus, and is now hospitalized. But there's known addicts who purchase daily his drugs. These addicts that are working at Leon's BBQ are not only putting their selves at risk but are now putting the community in danger. This needs to be addressed and stopped. My question is... does this whole area need quarantining?



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Please consider an "exercise-only" exception to the beach restrictions

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

Our family uses the beach primarily for exercise. With the current restrictions on all access, we are unable to safely exercise with social distancing on the sidewalks and pathways around Pointe West. Also, there are not wide enough shoulders in FM-3005 so it is quite dangerous to bicycle on the narrow shoulders. Please allow access for us residents who are in motion... jogging, walking, running, bicycling and golf cart cruising (a mental exercise!). We promise no sitting!



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**Subject \***

golf course closures

**Comments \*** (?)

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Why are the golf courses closed when it is a great place for us to get exercise and very easy to social distance? I played at Moody Gardens just before they closed and had no contact with anyone.



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**Subject \***

Closing the Beach

**Comments \*** (?)

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Thank you for the work you do!!

I want to walk on the beach and I don't want people having parties on the beach. I support the goal of keeping people 6 feet away from each other.

I heard there is an idea of allowing only residents and workers on the island, I am in favor of that motion, if it is a motion, or anything where we can walk on the beach and not spread Covid-19.

Godspeed,

Stephen R. Hill - resident of Galveston and pastor at Tiki Island Chapel



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**Subject \***

Nonessential City Employees

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

I am a civilian employee for GPD. I would like to know why nonessential employees are made to return to work in the height of this pandemic are now considered essential. I am NOT an essential employee. I do records requests for the courts which are currently not operating. I stayed home for 2 weeks and now have to put myself in harms way. Please explain what the reasoning is for this decision.



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**Subject \***

Beaches

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

Thank you for all your hard work. I understand that the beach closure was to limit visitors to the island and could not exclude residents. My neighborhood has no sidewalks and there are drainage ditches on the sides of the road so the beach is the only safe place to walk. Would you consider opening the beaches for an hour or two in the morning? That would allow anyone that is on the island some exercise time but discourage day trippers who would spend more time driving than at the beach.Thanks



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**Subject \***

Open West End beaches early for walks

**Comments \*** (?)

500 character maximum

My community on the West End needs some place to exercise. How about opening the beaches from 7am to 9am only for exercise while still banning congregating (chairs, blankets, etc.) on the beach? If you close the beaches at 9am, people won't drive down for the day. We want to cooperate fully with the social distancing but still stay fit and get a little time out of the house. Please consider some form of limited access to the beach.



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**Subject \***

Keep beaches closed

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

I'm for keeping beaches closed and disagree with closing the causeway so Galvestonians can use the beach. Mayor Yarbrough stated in the April 3 meeting that not many residents use the beach. With that, a lot of resources would go into keeping the island closed to non-essential people, while putting checkpoint staff at risk of exposure. The Stay at Home order is to keep people safe. Opening beaches would allow residents to come back into close contact too soon. We're in this together.



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**Subject \***

Beaches

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

I like to walk on the beach before dawn. Can arrangements be made to allow locals to do that?



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Jamaica Beach

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

I have to ask why this beach is allowed to be open at this critical time even to local friends and family. We are all working hard. This is a terrible idea.



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**Subject \***

All Orders

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

Please continue & keep effective all emergency Orders now in place at least until April 30, and indefinitely depending upon the status of the pandemic particularly on Galveston Island and neighboring communities.



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**Subject \***

Allow limited pedestrian access to beaches

**Comments \* (?)**

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Please consider allowing limited or solitary pedestrian access to beaches. It's difficult to be solitary without access to nature and exercise in fresh air



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**Subject \***

Causeway checkpoint

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

I still think a causeway checkpoint is the way to go. Not everyone is going to state their intentions on social media nor can all media be monitored. Lots of people are still daytripping to the island. Jamaica Beach is still wide open. If a checkpoint is finally deemed necessary, by the time you get cooperation and manpower from the state to get a checkpoint set up, it will be too late. The damage will have already been done. Houston is just too close to the island.

Thank you



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**Subject \***

Open the beaches - and close the inbound lanes on the causeway to nonessential travel for nonresidents.

**Comments \*** (?)

500 character maximum

It's essential that Galveston protect itself from tourists who don't care to protect themselves and others, but it's not essential that the people of Galveston can't enjoy their city.

Keep the beach facilities closed, but reopen the beaches for the people who live here.



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**Subject \***

Open beached

**Comments \*** (?)

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Please open the Galveston beaches! There is so much unused open space out there with windy, salty air that it is difficult to get infected with almost anything that spreads person to person. People rarely get close to each other on the beach. It's the perfect place to calm our minds in this anxious time.



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**Subject \***

Please reopen beaches for locals

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

Please reopen beaches for locals to walk on and get exercise/fresh beach air and find a way to monitor incoming traffic on the causeway.



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**Subject \***

Leave the causeway open and open the beaches

**Comments \*** (?)

500 character maximum

It's not okay to take away someone's joy just because you are overly anxious. If you can't social distance on a beach stay locked in your house. Tourism is our economy in the island and we as residents shouldn't be selfish and pretend like we own the beach just because we live here.



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Beach Closure

**Comments \* (?)**

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I think the city council should begin to look at revising the beach closure rules. I think if we can meet in the middle and allow people to walk or jog on the beach it would solve the current issue with the locals. Maybe create a rule that you can't bring chairs, towels, etc to prevent the casual day tripper. Please at least discuss potential options. Thank you for serving our community.



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Exposure limiting

**Comments \*** (?)

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Yesterday we had an incident where apparently a sick individual who was supposed to be quarantining broke that and went to a local supermarket on the island. They apparently got sick and EMS had to be called. Are there penalties for those under a quarantine who break it? Since this potentially exposes more people, what is being done to ensure such events do not occur again and are you tracking the possible exposures? Will people who break quarantine be held accountable for exposures they cause?



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**Subject \***

Beach closure

**Comments \* (?)**

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Please consider opening the beaches for a short period in the early morning and in the evening so locals can exercise.



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**Subject \***

Non-Full time beach house owners

**Comments \* (?)**

500 character maximum

Can you please comment on the fairly sizable number of homeowners who live outside of Galveston, some in Covid-19 hotspots, continuing to travel to Galveston each weekend?

I understand this may be a legal issue, but I am aware of other cities "strongly discouraging" such travel as it disregards the concept of social distancing and staying in one primary home.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.



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**Subject \***

closing of state parks,cityparks,public beaches.

**Comments \*** (?)

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the closing of all forms of public recreation. this is not a good idea . the small groups I under stand. the 6 foot distancing is great. forcing people to be inside non stop with no relief from stress. wound up children's. this is a perfect storm. when did the pursuit of happiness become a crime? the people who break the law must be punished. not the ones that don't. why do we find this approach necessary? large groups of drunken people arrested. let the civil people be civil.



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**Subject \***

CV19 Closures

**Comments \* (?)**

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Closing Galveston beaches and businesses is placing a heavy burden on property and business owners. What is Galveston County going to do to offset the income that's been forcefully removed? Prorated property taxes perhaps? In addition, the authoritarian rule has taken away access rights and liberties of locals and visitors to the island. At some point we have to stop hiding and continue living, this virus isn't going away.



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**Subject \***

Beach Closures

**Comments \*** (?)

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The current beach closure order seems to be a lazy attempt to limit contact.....you should be able to close the beach to large groups/parties, but individuals or couples should be allowed to walk on the beach (while still keeping their distance from others)..... Come on.....!!!!



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Conora virus

**Comments \* (?)**

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It's time to announce a plan to open things back up and do so no later than the end of the month. The economy is too complex to shut down without catastrophic damage. There will be nothing to salvage this summer if you wait. People are going to get sick. No avoiding it either way, but the overwhelming number of people will still continue to social distance themselves and act responsibly. But the restaurant, tourist and real estate business will take years to get back to normal.



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**Subject \***

Beach

**Comments \* (?)**

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Would it be possible to open just a small section of the beach and have it patrolled by beach patrol? Residents would only be allowed to walk or fish on it but large crowds would not be allowed to gather. I know that Florida is trying this and having it patrolled with drones. Babe's Beach would be a perfect area to try this. Thank you!



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City of Galveston COVID-19 Regulation for second home owners

**Comments \*** (?)

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In light of the the current COVID 19 environment, I'd like to propose a new regulation for second home owners living full-time outside of Galveston City that feel they are free to come and go to "check on their property" during the State, County and City mandated stay at home effort. I suggest Galveston put into place a regulation that requires second home owners to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival - similar to the regulation that NY State and Governor Cuomo put into affect for NYers leaving