

TO: Dot Nary

FROM: Jay Riner General Manager of The Salty Iguana, Lawrence

DATE: March 30, 2018

RE: Illegal use of accessible parking stalls for Cinco de Mayo celebration

I am responding to discuss your concerns about a tent that had been erected on the East side of our building in years past.

I would like to be aware that I have no intention of erecting a tent of any kind on the East side of our building this year or for any going forward. It is not our intent nor our wish to exclude anyone from access to our building, our neighbors, or designated parking areas.

Past transgressions have already been discussed with members of the City Government and assurances have been made that we are not only aware of the issues in previous years, but that we understand the inconveniences that they could cause.

The Salty Iguana is an extremely charitable and giving company. To accuse us of poor citizenship is unwarranted and unfair. I can only speculate, but I would be willing to assume that previous management may have thought that the 32 feet of wheelchair accessible curb cutouts, that lie 82 feet to the West of our front door, and the two fully ADA compliant and one van-accessible, handicapped parking spots adjacent to them, would be sufficient. I am not writing you to defend the past. I am writing to assure you that there will be no further incidents.

If you have any further questions or concerns, I will attach my personal cell phone number.

To reiterate, we will not be erecting a tent in the handicapped parking spots to the East of our building, nor any others. My management crew fully understands the importance of maintaining full accessibility to all our citizens and guests.

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TO: Managers, Salty Iguana Restaurant, Lawrence
FROM: Dot Nary
DATE: March 30, 2018
RE: Illegal use of accessible parking stalls for Cinco de Mayo celebration

I am writing regarding the yearly practice of Salty Iguana to erect a tent for the Cinco de Mayo celebration on the accessible parking stalls on the east side of your building, adjacent to your patio.

Although I and others have complained about this for several years, and noted that it is illegal to usurp accessible parking spaces without good reason, and certainly without temporarily relocating them, you have persisted in this practice each year. Your use of these parking spaces denies persons holding accessible parking permits the right to use the parking lot legally and causes considerable inconvenience to wheelchair users, like me, who want to patronize other businesses in that area. Moreover, you also send a message to the community that it is appropriate to disregard accessible parking regulations. This behavior is unacceptable for a business or anyone else in Lawrence, and is an example of poor citizenship.

With this memo, I am notifying you, the City of Lawrence Planning Department (which I believe issues permits), the City of Lawrence Codes Department, the Lawrence Police Department, and the Access Task Force at Independence, Inc. that this practice will not be tolerated this year. Please comply with accessible parking regulations and find another way to celebrate that does not violate the rights of citizens with disabilities.

Cc: Scott McCullough, Planning Director, City of Lawrence
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