

Council Meeting Public Comment

With effort and organization our group has delivered the signatures we needed in order to suspend this ordinance until a referendum takes place. With our numerous objections, we had assured Council that we could achieve this goal. In spite of a robust response to the town's on-line survey last year, with the majority of respondents opposed, the Council remained seemingly unconvinced of this significant public sentiment, and proceeded to its passage.

Our work in opposing this ordinance has consumed substantial time, but we remain committed to seeing the campaign through. There is too little data to support this ordinance, and its over-reaching mandates fly in the face of both state regulation, and the opinions of a large segment of Falmouth residents, who will now be allowed to vote on the issue.

In council deliberation on the Ordinance last February, then-Council-chair Trickett's presentation included the following three statements:

1. "No single issue has generated more unsolicited public feedback."
2. "This ordinance has more direct impact on people, property management, and for some, livelihood, than any action we have taken, and
3. "We don't know if the majority of the community supports this ordinance.

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These statements are the essence of why we achieved our petition signature goal over two weeks prior to our 60 day deadline.

In the absence of a repeal by this Council, this substantial public feedback, our 1100 signatures, will compel our town to conduct the best poll going, which will be a referendum vote at the polls.

Regardless of the election day outcome, we greatly appreciate the respectful dialogue with the Council, the support we have received from Clerk Ellen Planner's office, and the liberty we have had to participate in this process.

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