

From: [Paul Castro](#)
To: [Kelly Churney](#)
Subject: FW: Zoning Rules & The Colony Hotel Gathering of 150
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 12:20:11 PM

From: Paul Wood <paul@colonyvilla.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Benjamin Alma <BAlma@PalmBeachPolice.com>; Paul Castro <PCastro@TownofPalmBeach.com>; Aly Serrano <aserrano@TownOfPalmBeach.com>
Cc: Kirk Blouin <KBlouin@TownofPalmBeach.com>; Wayne Bergman <wbergman@TownOfPalmBeach.com>; Carla Marcote <CMarcote@PalmBeachPolice.com>
Subject: Re: Zoning Rules & The Colony Hotel Gathering of 150

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If as described by Mr Castro, that the space is for passive use only, and the hotel is not permitted to hold outside events there, then there have been 2 breaches of that rule. They have held 2 weddings in the outside space. On both occasions they erected temporary stages, had outside music which was amplified and disturbed us. Those would appear to be the code violations.

Both of these events are mentioned in my mails to Code Enforcement when I was seeking clarity on the use of the space.

Regards

Paul Wood

From: Benjamin Alma <BAlma@PalmBeachPolice.com>
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 1:35 PM
To: Paul Wood <paul@colonyvilla.com>, Paul Castro <PCastro@TownofPalmBeach.com>, Aly Serrano <aserrano@TownOfPalmBeach.com>
Cc: Kirk Blouin <KBlouin@TownofPalmBeach.com>, Wayne Bergman <wbergman@TownOfPalmBeach.com>, Carla Marcote <CMarcote@PalmBeachPolice.com>
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Good afternoon,

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

I don't see where a violation has occurred, yet. It appears the concern is that a violation may occur. If I am wrong, please let me know the date/time of the violation(s).

Please call 561-838-5454, 24/7, to report any violation.

I am also attaching the emails which Mr. Wood sent to Code Officer John Moriarty and the Town Manager's Office.

Thank you,
Ben

From: Paul Wood <paul@colonyvilla.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Paul Castro <PCastro@TownofPalmBeach.com>
Cc: Kirk Blouin <KBlouin@TownofPalmBeach.com>; Wayne Bergman <wbergman@TownOfPalmBeach.com>; Carla Marcote <CMarcote@PalmBeachPolice.com>; Benjamin Alma <BAAlma@PalmBeachPolice.com>
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Dear All,

Thank you for your response. My number is 774-994-7766 and similarly am on and off calls today but please leave me a message if I dont answer and I will return your call.

Kind Regards

Paul

774-994-7766

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 24, 2020, at 12:52, Paul Castro <PCastro@townofpalmbeach.com> wrote:

Mr. Wood,

Good afternoon. The Colony Hotel does not have permission to use the newly renovated garden on the east side of the Colony Hotel property for outdoor events. It is a passive space. They would need Town Council approval of a special exception in order to have events in that location. Via this email I am asking Code Enforcement to

investigate your complaint. If you will send me your phone number I will call you today when we get out of the Architectural Commission meeting. I am not sure when that will be as it is an all-day meeting.

Kindest regards,

Paul Castro, AICP

Zoning Manager

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Palm Beach, FL 33480

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pcastro@townofpalmbeach.com

From: Wayne Bergman <wbergman@TownOfPalmBeach.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:15 AM

To: Paul Castro <PCastro@TownofPalmBeach.com>

Cc: Kirk Blouin <KBlouin@TownofPalmBeach.com>

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Paul please call Mr. Wood today. Thank you.

Wayne Bergman

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Wood <paul@colonyvilla.com>

Date: June 24, 2020 at 10:49:44 AM EDT

To: Wayne Bergman <wbergman@TownOfPalmBeach.com>, Kirk Blouin <KBlouin@TownofPalmBeach.com>

Cc: Gail Coniglio <GConiglio@TownofPalmBeach.com>

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Dear Messer's. Bergman and Blouin,

I would appreciate a reply to my questions outlined below in the original mail sent on Jun 9th, I find it difficult to understand how it takes over 2 weeks for a reply to a resident on what appear to be simple requests.

Whilst I was initially skeptical about a statement made by the General Manager of The Colony "that the town is on their side on this topic and won't respond to our complaints" I am being to think that there is perhaps truth in the statement that the town has taken a position on this topic and is choosing to ignore us.

In the absence of some clarity and action by the town on an issue that is significantly disturbing for multiple residents, and is causing harm, discomfort, repose, peace health and safety, we clearly will need to consider our next steps to resolve this issue.

Kind Regards

Paul Wood

From: Paul Wood <paul@colonyvilla.com>

Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 at 12:35 PM

To: "wbergman@townofpalmbeach.com"
<wbergman@townofpalmbeach.com>

Cc: "kblouin@townofpalmbeach.com"
<kblouin@townofpalmbeach.com>

Subject: Re: Zoning Rules & The Colony Hotel

As we are about to encounter event #2 with amplified sound this evening; I would be grateful if you could let me know when you will be able to provide an answer to my questions below.

Kind Regards

Paul Wood

From: Paul Wood <paul@colonyvilla.com>

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 2:53 PM

To: "wbergman@townofpalmbeach.com"

<wbergman@townofpalmbeach.com>

Subject: Zoning Rules & The Colony Hotel

Dear Sir,

I would like to understand the zoning rule and permits issued to The Colony Hotel.

I am a resident / President of the Board for The Ocean Colony Palm Beach COA which is located directly alongside the hotel. The Colony recently renovated the East Garden area and have started to use it as an event space. Last evening they held an event that had amplified music from a live band, singing and other noise. This noise at times reached over 98DBA when measured from my home. The impact of this noise is significant and infringes on the life and comfort of the residents of Ocean Colony COA. Indeed, I believe that given the close proximity (2.5 feet) to the residences, it would always directly contravene, S42-196 (3) of the Town Ordinance on prohibited noise.

The residents of Ocean Colony (5 homes) have no issues with the outside space being used but strongly believe the use of the new event space should be restricted and have a covenant to prohibit the use of live music and amplified sound that would inevitably contravene S42 -196(3) of the Town ordinance, otherwise every time there is an event of any kind that disturbs us we are going to have to seek enforcement by the police.

Could you advise if we need to petition the zoning board to seek such a restriction to the use of the East garden?

Could you also please clarify if event permits are required for

events at the hotel?

Is a permit required to erect temporary structures such as tents and stages?

Kind Regards

Paul Wood

President Ocean Colony Palm Beach COA

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