



April 12, 2019

Subject: **PB 13-04 Bob's Wild Horse Tours**

To: Daniel Scanlon [Dan.Scanlon@currituckcountync.gov](mailto:Dan.Scanlon@currituckcountync.gov)

Dear Mr. Scanlon:

The Fruitville Beach Civic Association Board respectfully submits this letter in regard to the public hearing, PB 13-04 Bob's Wild Horse Tours, scheduled for this Monday, April 15, 2019 and request that it be read and entered into the record for the public hearing.

The subject of the hearing is to discuss the request that two (2) additional vehicles be added to the number allowed to operate in the (4x4) off-road Fruitville Beach area.

According to the ordinance the number of vehicles allowed, per tour business, is capped at five. The Currituck County website perfectly explains the reasons:

"Currituck County welcomes outdoor tour operators but has set rules and regulations in place to protect and enhance the public use of the beach and the county's natural resources and to preserve the livability and attractiveness of northern Currituck Outer Banks communities."

While we understand increasing the number of vehicles will generate additional revenue for the business owner and indirectly the county, we don't understand what has changed that makes increasing the number of vehicles acceptable. Also, wouldn't the Board have to amend the current ordinance before it could approve vehicles in excess of five?

If passed, we are concerned this decision will cause the following adverse impacts:

- increased traffic in the off-road area
- increased damage to the roads
- greater invasion of privacy for homes located on the 'preferred' routes where more horses frequent
- decreased quality of life, peace of mind and safety for homeowners, renters and beach-goers
- over saturation of tour vehicles
- sets a precedence for other tour operator businesses to request the same

Additionally, we are hopeful that as part of the Board procedures any Board Member bringing forth personal business will recuse him/herself from the vote.

Respectfully,

The FBCA Board

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