

July 28, 2014

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Members of the Town Council,

What I say this evening I am presenting to you as a tax payer of Mansfield.

My comments this evening pertain to the Bus Shelter, based on the information presented by Mr. Carrington on July 14, 2014. I took the time to look at the proposed Bus Shelters. It is my strong opinion the 1<sup>st</sup> shelter shown to us, which is the one with brick on the bottom, would be the best.

1<sup>st</sup> because it best matches the one across the street.

2<sup>nd</sup> because there is better protection from the elements, based on the possibility that many people waiting for the bus may be elderly or handicapped.

I ask you how is the Down Town Shelter with its mesh walls going to stop the biting wind or the blowing rain or snow from impeding those standing for any length of time?

As a side line, the first shelter is less money.

Thank you,

*Estelle Elliott*

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Dear Town Council,

I would like to comment on Mike Nintean's proposal on expanding the rental zone to the entire town. In the proposal he states that his will level the playing field across the town of doing business in town. Really Mike? Maybe the town can offer us a 7 year tax abatement like Storrs Center, so we can afford to do business in this increasingly regulated, taxed bureaucracy that we call Mansfield. I am sorry Mike doing business in this town is a struggle. We are a family business and we just don't have the resources of EDR, ING and the likes.

Our family business has been in operation for more than 70 years, we have had a diverse pool of tenants from young families, working people, graduate students undergrads and empty nesters. We strive for a cohabited community where the tenant's privacy and peace are protected through a lease. We have been successful and will continue to be so without intrusive government regulations. The town of Mansfield's rental ordinances are discriminatory, intrusive and expensive to those who want to provide affordable housing in this community. Furthermore the town's rental regulations trample the personal freedoms of those who rent in this town.

The ordinances associated with the rental zone in Mansfield, inspections (at a fee of \$150.00 per unit), limited occupancy by relationship and who you are, and parking regulations with punitive damages on private property are trampling the personal freedoms and causing constitutional harm to those who reside in this town. The inspections are in direct violation of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> amendments of the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution. The tenant and landlord are denied due process and the town lacks probable cause when they illegally enter a house or apartment on the pretense of an inspection to see who is residing there. The tenant has the right (and they should) to call the town building department, if there is a safety issue in a unit, this gives the town probable cause to act on an issue. What is the real motive behind these inspections? The student tenant. This is illegal search and seizure folks.

I am not here to state that there aren't problems in some of our neighborhoods from unruly students that are too immature to be out on their own. There are problems, yes, we have existing laws and ordinances that should be enforced to address the quality of life issues that are present. The nuisance ordinance is a common sense law that addresses the issue at hand and doesn't unfairly target law abiding citizens.

The good news, at least as far as I am concerned, is that many of these illegal unconstitutional ordinances are being overturned through law suits and intervention by