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“Recently, an employee for the town of Ocean City made knowingly false statements regarding a passenger vessel owned by Sea Rocket. The Department of Natural Resources considers all houseboats of this kind used for commercial operations as “Commercial Passenger Carrying”. Vessels fall under the jurisdiction of the state, not the town. While we initially wanted to work in good faith with the town to create something new and exciting, it appears the mayor & town council are set on protecting their own self-interest & are unwilling to even have a discussion. We even provided information on how this vessel will operate and received no response & no questions. Case law is clear - The town’s legal position on this issue is a completely ludicrous & a laughable interpretation of the law.”

“The town was not happy with our initial business license, so we applied for a business license in accordance with the laws & regulations for this particular vessel, and that ended with the zoning department yelling & hanging up over the phone. Certain town employees have also contacted others in an attempt to sabotage relationships between Sea Rocket & other private entities. This is unethical and disgusting behavior and sends terrible signals to businesses looking to make future investment in Ocean City. Instead of worrying about one houseboat in a marina basin that hasn’t had a sportfishing vessel in a slip for the last 26 years, they should turn their concern to the real issues of the day. Paying customers have slept on temporarily moored passenger vessels in town for the last 50 years, and suddenly in 2024 they are worried about this?!”

“We have received nothing but amazing feedback from locals, customers, and other businesses for bringing this concept, a popular attraction across the country, to Ocean City. At Sea Rocket we believe in the “rising tide raises all ships” approach to business, and we will continue working to attract as many visitors to Ocean City as possible & providing first class experiences to all our guests.”

“I would be delighted to debate Mayor Rick Meehan on this issue. Please accept or decline my offer within 24 hours.”