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**Sent:** 6/2/2022 8:40:18 AM  
**To:** John Maddux <jmaddux@ashevillenc.gov>  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Citizen Times RE: Felony littering charges  
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That will definitely be included. However if we have any factual context to respond to that portion of the request it might be helpful. My goal is to avoid the appearance of providing no comment at all.

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On Thu, Jun 2, 2022, 7:46 AM John Maddux <[jmaddux@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:jmaddux@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:

Glad to help, although I think the proper response is that the City Council has no role in criminal enforcement, and would not want to make any statement that could possibility impact felony case pending in Superior Court.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2022, at 7:20 AM, Brad Branham <[bbranham@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:bbranham@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:

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John,

Could you take a look at the email from ACT received by the mayor below? I'm trying to help her put together some responses to this request and I may need some of your APD institutional knowledge.

Thanks,

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From: **Esther Manheimer** <[esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com](mailto:esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com)>  
Date: Thu, Jun 2, 2022, 6:33 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Citizen Times RE: Felony littering charges  
To: Brad Branham <[bbranham@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:bbranham@ashevillenc.gov)>

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From: **Honosky, Sarah** <[SHonosky@citizentimes.com](mailto:SHonosky@citizentimes.com)>  
Date: Wed, Jun 1, 2022 at 5:28 PM  
Subject: Citizen Times RE: Felony littering charges  
To: Esther Manheimer <[esthermanheimer@avlouncil.com](mailto:esthermanheimer@avlouncil.com)>

Hi Mayor Manheimer,Â

Hope you're doing well! I'm working on a story about the individuals who have been charged with felony littering by APD in connection with December protests in Aston Park.

I know it hasn't been publicly discussed by council, but it's come up at some public comment sessions during council meetings, and I was hoping to get some perspective.Â Â

It looks as though there has only been one felony littering case in Buncombe County in the past 10 years, and I was hoping to learn why the city was pursuing these charges.

Also, a majority of those charged have been banned from all city parks for three years, though none have yet been convicted, and I was hoping you could weigh in.Â

I also wanted to ask if you had ever dealt with/heard of felony littering charges before.Â

Thanks so much,Â

**Sarah Honosky**  
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