

JAMES ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Town Hall

1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC 29412

MEETING AGENDA July 11, 2019 6:00PM

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I.	CALL	. IO	OKL	ヒヒ

- II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE
- III. COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
- IV. INTRODUCTIONS
- V. APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2019 MINUTES
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VII. STAFF COMMENTS
- VIII. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE (ZLDR) INCLUDING:
 - a. 153.341(3)(a)(12) Prohibited Signs: Adding sentence to allow LED message boards for Civic/ Institutional uses at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator.
- IX. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND ZONING MAP INCLUDING:
 - a. Case # ZCC-5-19-010:

Zoning map amendment for the rear portion of two (2) Low- Density Suburban Residential (RSL) District lots (front portion of RSL lots to remain RSL) to the Community Commercial (CC) District to combine with adjacent CC zoned lot for parking lot use.

- X. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS
- XI. CHAIR COMMENTS
- XII. NEXT MEETING DATE: AUGUST 8, 2019
- XIII. ADJOURN

The Planning Commission met in Council Chambers at the Town of James Island, 1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. <u>Commissioners present</u>: Bill Lyon, Zennie Quinn, Ed Steers, Lyndy Palmer, Vice-Chair, and Chairman, David Bevon, who presided. <u>Also</u>, Kristen Crane, Planning Director, Flannery Wood, Planner I, Leonard Blank, Town Council and Mayor Pro-Tem, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk and Secretary to the Planning Commission.

<u>Call to Order</u>: Chairman Bevon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present to conduct business.

<u>Prayer and Pledge</u>: Chairman Bevon led the Planning Commission in prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act</u>: Chairman Bevon announced that this meeting was noticed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

<u>Approval of November 8, 2018 Minutes</u>: Chairman Bevon moved for approval of the November 8, 2018 meeting minutes, Commissioner Quinn seconded and it passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Staff Comments: None

<u>Proposed Amendments to the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance</u> (ZLDR) including:

- a. <u>153.110 Use Table</u>: Planning Director, Kristen Crane presented an amendment for a proposed change on the use table. The amendment is to remove Nonalcoholic Beverage Bars from the Restaurant, Fast Food Category to its own category entitled: Nonalcoholic Beverage Bars, including Coffee Shops and Smoothie Bars, with Special Exception requirements in Office Residential (OR), General Office (OG), Neighborhood Commercial (CN) Community Commercial (CC) and Industrial (I) Zoning Districts.
- b. <u>153.013 Definitions</u>: The amendment is to add a definition for Nonalcoholic Beverage Bar: Definition: A use engaged in the preparation and retail sale of nonalcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, where 50% or more of the gross receipts are for the sale of nonalcoholic beverages. This use includes coffee shops and smoothie bars.

Vice Chair Palmer asked how the 50% would be determined. Mrs. Crane replied that it would be similar to how alcohol bars are monitored; that we do not monitor gross receipts. Commissioner Steers asked if some of the properties are in OR to which Mrs. Crane said yes, some are. He asked if parking would be an issue, and Mrs. Crane answered no, that parking requirements would be addressed when the applicant goes through site plan review.

Motion to approve 153.110 Use Table and 153.013 was made by Chairman Bevon, seconded by Vice Chair, Palmer and passed unanimously.

c. <u>153.124 (C) Bed & Breakfasts</u>: Mrs. Crane presented an amendment for Bed & Breakfasts by lowering the allowed number of guest rooms from five (5) to three (3).

d. <u>153.124 (F) Bed & Breakfasts</u>: Mrs. Crane presented an amendment to add a sentence to (F) allowing one car per guest room in Bed & Breakfasts establishments.

Commissioner Quinn asked if there are many Bed & Breakfasts in the Town and Mrs. Crane said one in the Town is permitted. Mrs. Crane clarified and answered questions that Commissioner Quinn had about Bed & Breakfasts. She said the owner must live in the house full-time. She explained that the platform for Bed & Breakfasts, as well as someone that advertises on Craig's List, Air B&B, and VRBO are brand names that advertises room rentals. The Town requires the owner to live in the property and to follow established regulations. Commissioner Lyon asked about requirements for parking and Mrs. Crane noted that in residential districts, the vehicle must be screened from view and only one car per guest room is allowed. Commissioner Steers said the amendment sounds good because there would be less rooms and cars to infringe upon the neighborhood. Vice Chair Palmer asked about noise and Mrs. Crane said the Sheriff's Office would enforce the noise ordinance.

Motion to approve 153.124 (C) and 153.124 (F) was made by Vice Chair Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Steers and passed unanimously.

Chairman Bevon announced that Town Council would hold a public hearing and first reading on these amendments at the April 25th meeting and the second reading at its May 16th meeting.

<u>Election of Planning Commission Officers</u>: <u>Chair and Vice Chair</u>: Chairman Bevon announced that local planning commissions must elect one of its members as chairperson and one as vice chairperson for one-year terms. These appointments will begin immediately and last through 2019.

Commissioner Steers moved for the nomination of David Bevon to serve as Chairman; Vice Chair Palmer seconded, and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Lyon moved for the nomination of Lyndy Palmer to serve as Vice Chair; Commissioner Steers seconded, and all voted in favor.

<u>Commissioners' Comments</u>: Chairman Bevon wished Town Councilman Garrett Milliken a speedy recovery.

Next Meeting: The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk and Secretary to the Planning Commission

§ 153.341 SIGNS.

- (3) Prohibited signs.
- (a) Except as otherwise permitted by this chapter, the following signs will be prohibited:
 - 1. Flashing signs;
 - 2. Pennants, streamers, and other animated signs;
 - 3. Signs imitating traffic devices (signal);
 - 4. Signs imitating traffic signs;
 - 5. Signs in marshes;
 - 6. Signs in rights-of-way;
 - 7. Snipe signs;
 - 8. Vehicle signs;
 - 9. Roof signs;
 - 10. Banners (except when permitted per division (E) below);
 - 11. Flutter feather banner flags; and
- 12. LED message boards (except for Civic/Institutional uses when approved by Zoning Administrator)

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^{*}Proposed additions are indicated by bold, underlined, italicized font

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ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION

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Planner's Signature

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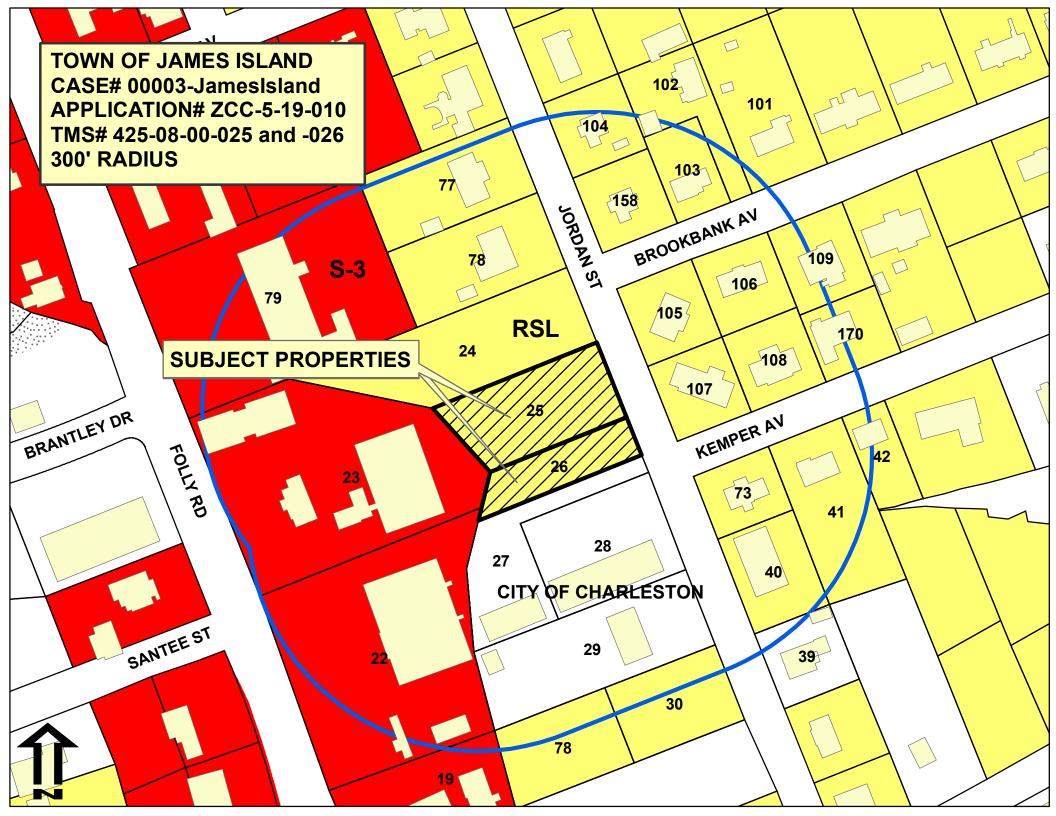
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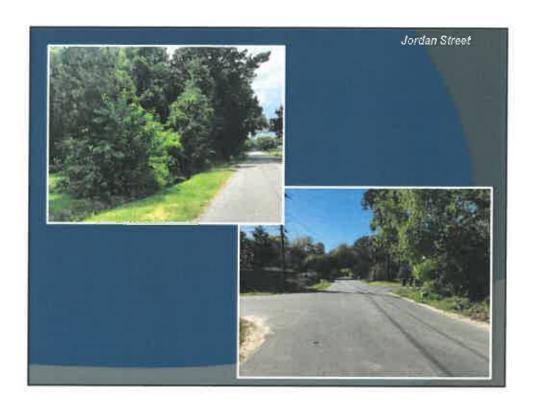
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ZONING/PLANNING DEPARTMENT

TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION July 11, 2019

Case Summary: ZCC-5-19-010

Request to rezone rear portion of two lots from the Low-Density Suburban Residential (RSL) Zoning District to the Community Commercial (CC) Zoning District

History and Overview:

813 & 809 Jordan Street, are located close to the intersection of Jordan Street and Kemper Avenue, and are adjacent to the mixed-use development at 792 Folly Road (Charleston Sports Pub, Baguette Magic, View Salon, Hurricane Boxing, Charleston Tattoo, offices). The properties currently have no structures located on them. The parcels included in the current Zoning Map Amendment Request are 0.25 and 0.51 acres in size and are located in the RSL Zoning District. 813 Jordan Street is currently considered a legal nonconforming lot due to its lot area and lot width of 50 feet.

The applicant, Mr. Joseph M. Walters, is seeking to rezone the rear portion of both lots from the RSL Zoning District to the Community Commercial (CC) Zoning District to enable the use of this rear portion as a pervious parking lot for surrounding businesses, as it will be combined with the already CC zoned 792 Folly Road property, if approved. The proposed parking lot will only be accessed from the existing rear parking lot of 792 Folly Road. The front portion of the RSL lots are to remain RSL along Jordan Street. If approved, the applicant intends on abandoning the lot line between the two residential lots, resulting in one conforming residential lot of 14,520 square feet, which meets the minimum lot size required for RSL Zoning.

Adjacent Zoning:

Surrounding properties to the north and east side of the subject properties contain undeveloped and developed property in the Low-Density Suburban Residential District in the Town of James Island. Property to the west is also in the Town of James Island, zoned Community Commercial, and owned by the applicant. To the south is residential multi-family property in the City of Charleston, owned by the Housing Authority.

Approval Criteria:

According to Section §153.043 of the Zoning and Land Development Regulations

Ordinance (ZLDR), applications for Zoning Map Amendment (Re-zoning) approval may be approved only if Town Council determines that the following criteria are met:

1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the *Comprehensive Plan* and the stated purposes of this Ordinance.

Staff's response: The Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Element states, "one issue that should be addressed is the number of parcels currently in a state of legal nonconforming status that should be rezoned." Additionally, The Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan states that one of the Town's strategies should be to "coordinate transportation strategies with growth management and land use strategies".

2. The proposed amendment will allow development that is compatible with existing uses and zoning of nearby property;

Staff's response: The proposed amendment will support the existing uses of nearby and adjacent commercial property, and therefore may be compatible with existing uses. Within 300 feet of the subject parcels are commercial properties, offices, single-family and multi-family. The neighboring multi-family parcel contains a parking lot adjacent to the subject property. Additionally, the front portion of the RSL lots will keep the current zoning of RSL to stay compatible with existing zoning of Jordan Street.

- 3. The Town and other service providers will be able to provide adequate water and sewer supply, storm water facilities, waste disposal and other public facilities and services to the subject property, while maintaining adequate levels of service to existing development; Staff's response: The subject properties are vacant and the applicant is
 - Staff's response: The subject properties are vacant and the applicant is seeking rezoning for the rear portion of these lots for a pervious parking lot use that will combine with an existing commercial lot (with existing facilities) and parking area, with no water and sewer supply proposed to the newly combined portion. The resulting residential lot will continue to have access to both water and sewer. Additionally, The Town and other service providers will be able to provide facilities and services while maintaining adequate levels of service to existing or future development.
- 4. The applicant provides documentation that the proposed amendment will not result in significant adverse impacts on other property in the vicinity of the subject tract or on the environment, including air, water, noise, storm water management, traffic congestion, wildlife and natural resources; and

Staff's response: A 6' opaque fence and land use landscape buffering will be required to be installed at the rear of the commercial property to protect adjacent residential property to the east. A natural vegetated buffer protects residential property to the north. In addition, the City of Charleston has recently installed a fence along their adjoining property line to the south. The proposed parking lot will be accessed from the existing rear parking area of 792 Folly Road, and should not increase traffic congestion and will not have access to Jordan Street.

5. The subject property is suitable for proposed zoning classification considering such things as parcel size, parcel configuration, road access and the presence of resources and amenities.

Staff's response: The subject properties may be suitable for the proposed zoning classification because the resulting RSL parcel will become one legal conforming lot due to its lot size and width, as previously mentioned.

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