

Planning Commission January 19, 2022 Meeting Citizen Participation Guide

REZONINGS

1. **3351, 3357 & 3363 Maybank Hwy (Johns Island) TMS # 2790000189, 184, 185 & 307** – approx. 6.9 ac. Request rezoning from General Office (GO) to Business Park (BP).

PRESENTING	Kyle Taylor, Hoyt+Berenyi Dennis Richter, Richter Development
IN FAVOR	
OPPOSED	
COMMENT ONLY	

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

1. **To Amend Article 3 (Site Regulations), Part 4 (Off-Street Parking Requirements) of Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by adding two new sections to provide for shared parking.**

PRESENTING	Staff
IN FAVOR	
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2. **To amend Article 2 (Land Use Regulations), Part 4 (Accessory Uses) of Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) to clarify certain allowed outdoor activities under Home Occupations.**

PRESENTING	Staff
IN FAVOR	Anna Faenza (speaking) 58 WRITTEN COMMENTS (ATTACHED)
OPPOSED	
COMMENT ONLY	

ZONING

1. **2221 S Dallerton Circle (Sylcope - West Ashley) - TMS # 3100700059** – approx. 0.5 ac. Request zoning of Single-Family Residential (SR-1). Zoned Single-Family Residential (R-4) in Charleston County.

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- 2. 2216 S Dallerton Circle (Sylcope - West Ashley) - TMS # 3100700044**– approx. 0.26 ac. Request zoning of Single-Family Residential (SR-1). Zoned Single-Family Residential (R-4) in Charleston County.

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- 3. 1506 N Edgewater Dr (Edgewater Park - West Ashley) - TMS # 3490900026** – approx. 1.59 ac. Request zoning of Rural Residential (RR-1). Zoned Single-Family Residential (R-4) in Charleston County.

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- 4. 30, 32 & 34 Wedgepark Rd, 43 & 49 Lolandra Ave (Carolina Terrace – West Ashley) – TMS # 4181300254-256, 260 & 262** – approx. 0.99 ac. Request zoning of Single-Family Residential (SR-2) for properties fronting Wedgepark Rd and Single-Family Residential (SR-1) for properties fronting Lolandra Ave. Zoned Single-Family Residential (R-4) in Charleston County.

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IN FAVOR	
OPPOSED	
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- 5. 2319 Lazy River Dr (Parkdale – West Ashley) – TMS # 3101400014** – approx. 0.62 ac. Request zoning of Rural Residential (RR-1). Zoned Single-Family Residential (R-4) in Charleston County.

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IN FAVOR	
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COMMENT ONLY	

WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED FOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #2, 1/19/22 PLANNING COMMISSION

1	Abigail	Capasso	1015 Black Rush Circle	Anna is a huge asset to the greater Charleston community as she is the only survival swim lesson instructor. Drowning is the number one cause of death for children ages 1-4 and Anna is making it possible for parents to protect their children from this preventable death by giving them the tools to self rescue in the instance that they fell in the water. I trust Anna completely. Not allowing her to continue her work would be a huge hit to our children, and future children in our community.
2	Adrian	Broome	1518 John fenwick lane, Johns island and 2145 Stonewood drive, Charleston	To whom it may concern: There is one inescapable reality about life in the Lowcountry: we are surrounded by water. A lot of it. And this fact makes our children particularly vulnerable. Rivers, marshes, lakes, beaches, the list is endless. Any program that gives our children a chance to learn to survive in the water is essential to daily life here. Both of my children (two boys under four) have taken and passed survival swim lessons that might not be possible without the proposed amendment to this ordinance. Both have had near misses in water that these lessons have saved them from and during. If programs benefiting from this amendment can save just one child (and let's be realistic, they are benefiting hundreds annually), then I believe we have an obligation to protect these programs. Further, and from a legal perspective, regulating and restricting what a private owner can do in their own pool but not currently in their own home is a slippery slope. Without this amendment dozens of private businesses can be unfairly impacted. Where do we draw the line? As taxpayers and owners we can run a business in the home but not in our pool? What about the garage? Porch? Yard? It's not sensible to draw this line and the amendment would protect small business. This population is both particularly crucial and vulnerable during the age of Covid. My boys would not have been able to take from a large scale public program, nor are there nearly enough available if they had been able to do so. As a city and county, we have an obligation to protect businesses run from home now more than ever - when our very economy and the safety of our children can depend upon it. The amendment simply is the right thing to do. Thank you for your time.
3	Alex	Kirkman	800 heyward cove place	Holy Mackerel infant aquatics program is so important to my family and our community. There are limited safe swim learning programs in our area and Anna's program taught vital skills preventing childhood deaths from drowning. Taking her ability away to teach from her convenient and safe location of her home, would be hurting our children and their ability to learn safe water skills. Thank you
4	Ashley	Regan	355 Confederate Circle	I have used Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics for a year now for float swim float lessons and now for swimming lessons for my 2.5 year old son. Our previous home had a pool, we have a pool membership at a local club, we boat several times a month, we go to the beach several times a week. To say we enjoy living in the Low Country would be an understatement. We live in Charleston BECAUSE we love the water and our family spends all of its free time around and in it. When my first child was born, I was driving to different pools every day all over Charleston, Mount Pleasant, North Charleston, Ladson just so she could take swimming lessons. We swam in heated pools (uncovered) in the winter until our lips were purple, we swam in hotel pools next to the North Charleston Coliseum around strangers, I drove to peoples homes that were rented through VRBO as the homeowners were inside just to use the pool so my daughter could learn how to swim. The importance of having such a valuable asset in OUR own neighborhood is honestly astounding. A safe, clean, warm (in the winter), covered, private place for children to learn how to swim should be praised, not ripped apart and disassembled. My children learning how to swim so they can live in a house that backs up to the marsh, so they can get in the canoe with their father to watch sunsets, to honestly live their life to the fullest (and safest) in the Low Country is vital. This program is vital to this community. Through the struggles of the petitions, we have all changed how we arrive, park, and depart, and not a single complaint or question of the request... Because it is that important. As someone who lives a few blocks away and sees the construction traffic / parking on the road, lawn maintenance vehicles on the side of the road, visitors and friends parking on the side of the road, parents who JUST want their children to survive if they fall into a pool should not be punished for that. This personal vendetta has definitely gotten out of hand!

5	Beth Nelson	Ratcliff	465 Parkdale Drive	Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics taught both of my kids how to swim. My son had taken swimming lessons in previous years and never quite got the grasp, but after learning from Anna, he was swimming like a fish the first week. My daughter has CP, and Anna was able to teach her how to turn and float as well as get to the side to hold on in the event she ever does have an incident. Her swimming techniques are designed to protect kids from drowning, and I consider her a huge asset to this community. She's not just teaching kids to swim; she's saving their lives. This is also not just a part time gig to make some extra money. This is her career that she takes pride in. If having cars driving thru the neighborhood is a nuisance, these neighbors need to take a look around. So many neighborhoods are used as cut throughs due to the increase in the volume of people, and it is no worse than construction vehicles, Amazon drivers, and even the traffic from the school right around the corner. Unlike these vehicles, Anna is giving every parent confidence that their children will be safe around water. We are in the Lowcountry, so we are surrounded by it. Please consider voting yes to allow the amended ordinance for swim instruction. The location is very convenient for anyone who lives in Charleston. Thank you for your time.
6	Brooke	Jones	1848 Somerset Circle Charleston, SC 29407	I'm writing to express my support for the proposed amendment to the Home Occupation ordinance. My family takes water safety and drowning prevention very seriously, especially as residents of the Lowcountry where water plays a large role in our everyday lives. For that reason, we specifically chose to enroll our young child in survival swimming lessons. There are very few instructors in the Charleston area who are certified to teach this type of lesson, and spots fill up quickly due to the high demand. With so few qualified instructors, it can also be difficult to find easily accessible options. We are forever grateful to Anna Faenza and Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics for providing proven self-rescue training methods through one-on-one instruction in a convenient location with high quality teaching equipment. The ability to access survival swim lessons for our daughter has been invaluable. We hope that she, along with many other young children, can continue to learn these essential life-saving skills in the highly effective learning environment that Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics has created.
7	Carol	Roper	1123 Northbridge Dr. Chas., SC 29407	I would like for your consideration to clarify the Home Occupation Ordinance. We need qualified, certified swim instructors to conduct swim lessons in their backyard pools. It is of great importance to the safety and education of our children and grandchildren. Anna Faenza is such an instructor who is a certified Infant Aquatic Instructor. I personally know she has done a tremendous job for several children. With WLStephens pool in West Ashley now a seasonal pool there are very few options other than backyard pools. Please consider amending the Home Occupation Ordinance so that Anna Faenza can continue with her Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics, LLC services. Thank you, very much. Carol S. Roper
8	Caroline	Smith	26 Tarleton Drive Charleston SC 29407	As a South Windermere resident and parent Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics was essential to providing my son with life-saving survival swimming lessons. The close proximity allowed us to walk each lesson, and was beneficial in allowing me to take time away from my full time job to provide my son with this opportunity. Losing access to the lessons will not only effect my child from gaining the skill set needed to prevent drowning but for other families as well. Especially as there is a lack of qualified instructors in the Charleston area.

9	Caroline	Edmondson	63 Chadwick Dr. Charleston, SC 29407	I'm writing this statement in support of Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics, LLC (Anna Faenza). Not only is my son a beneficiary of the invaluable services that Anna provides, but I am also a neighbor of Anna. Prior to Anna beginning survival swim instruction in our neighborhood, I was unable to have my four year old son in consistently swim lessons due to the lack of instructors in our area. The swim lessons provided at her home are discreet and were entirely unknown to me until I was told first hand that she was conducting these lessons at her home. Her home is so close to me that I can easily see her house from mine, as she is only two doors down from us. I was ecstatic to find out she offered services right here in our neighborhood as drowning prevention is something I have been very concerned with since the birth of my son. Due to the lack of these life saving lessons in our area, my son was nearly a year old before I had been able to enroll him in similar lessons, which we had to travel across town to and ultimately the lack of convenience finally required us to stop lessons. Prior to swimming with Anna, I was wholly uncomfortable but now my son is confident in the swim-float-swim technique and I know if we were around water, he would be able to survive in the event he needed to self rescue. I can't emphasize enough how invaluable the services Anna provides to our neighborhood and community are. I feel the City of Charleston would be removing a necessary life saving service from its residents if Anna were required to cease lessons definitively. Please allow these life saving lessons to continue!
10	Chelsea	Bilicic	1533 Maple Grove Drive, Johns Island, SC 29455	My child has participated in the life-saving swim lessons at this address. We chose Holy Mackerel Swim with Anna Faenza, because she is the only certified instructor that offers the life saving swim-float-swim lessons at short 10 minute intervals. This is essential for a toddler's ability to learn effectively. The one-on-one lessons that she offers at her home and free of public distractions has given my child a layer of protection and drowning prevention in a city surrounded by water. These skills, taught in this way are not available anywhere else near our home. Please consider approving this ordinance for the safety of our children. Thank you.
11	Chelsea	Handegan	32 Montagu Street, Charleston, SC 29401	The access to Anna Faenza's pool is critical for the ability to provide lessons to my three year old daughter. There is an extreme shortage of qualified swim instructors in the city who have limited spaces. In shutting down HMIA, you are deepening the void of accessibility to instructors, but more gravely, you are inhibiting access to life-saving skills for young children. Pools, beaches, and boating are the way of life in Charleston, thus water safety is of paramount importance. Enrolling our daughter in Anna's swim survival course was, bar none, the best parenting decision we have made. After six weeks of lessons, our daughter mastered the swim-float-swim technique even fully clothed. The one-on-one lessons are an investment that result in a life-saving skill, and there is no substitute for peace of mind when it comes to child safety.
12	Claire	Witbeck	2120 St. James Dr.	I strongly support the proposed amended ordinance which will allow Anna Faenza to continue her business Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics at her residence. She is the longest standing certified teacher of these swim survival lessons which are saving lives. Many young children die each year from drowning and she is doing an amazing job getting young kids in our community to learn to self rescue and swim-float-swim through the one on one lessons she provides in her backyard swimming pool. Please allow her to continue to offer these life saving skills in Charleston's community. Thank you!
13	Crystal	Dorner	7 Anita Drive	Please pass the amended ordinance in favor of the use and access to Charleston's first infant survival swim classes. The facility is clean and convenient, with quality teaching equipment. It feels safe in these times of Covid to take my child to learn the life saving skills to self rescue and float. It is so important to have this skill in the Lowcountry.

14	Deborah Nelson	6 Lampton Road, Charleston 29407	I am writing to ask your consideration to clarify the Home Occupation ordinance so that qualified swim instructors can conduct swim instructions in their backyard pools. My children and grandchildren would not be able to swim if it weren't for ladies who took them into their own backyards and taught them to swim. Ms. Anna Faenza is a certified Infant Aquatics Instructor and I firmly believe our granddaughter loves the water as much as she does because of the swimming instructions she received from Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics, LLC (Anna Faenza). Our granddaughter has cerebral palsy and it is amazing what Ms. Faenza accomplished with her. Charleston lacks for qualified instructors that are convenient to us and it would be a true loss for Charleston and West Ashley if Ms. Faenza is shut down. PLEASE, PLEASE consider amending the Home Occupation Ordinance so that Ms. Faenza can continue to do what she does so well. CHILDREN'S LIVES DEPEND ON IT.
15	Debra OBrien	601 Pompano Rd, Edisto Island, SC 29438	Speaking for myself and my spouse, we are the grandparents of a 3 year old enrolled in swimming classes with Anna. Our granddaughter began these classes at age 2. We have been impressed with with the level of instruction and professionalism that Anna provides. The life saving swimming lessons that Anna provides are a vital service. It would be difficult if not impossible for our granddaughter to continue lessons if the location were to be changed due to proximity to her day care and her mother's place of business. On the occasion when we have attended lessons with our granddaughter and Anna, we found the lessons to be well organized and that Anna is an expert in her field. For the safety and welfare of her current and future students, it is our hope that that these lessons can continue without further disruption. It would be very sad to see children denied this life saving service.
16	Edward Crouse	18 colleton drive, charleston sc 29403	we support updating the guidelines of the Home Occupation ordinance to allow business like Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics.
17	Elizabeth Williams	4001 Berberis Lane Ravenel, SC	Being that Charleston and surroundings areas have so much water access, with beaches, rivers and pools, it would be such a shame to close down one of the few opportunities that parents have to teach their young children water safety and survival with a truly expert instructor. There are a shortage of qualified instructors and to remove one more would be a shame. Their is nothing more precious than our children and protecting them from the dangers of water is our responsibility.
18	Emily Beasley	1050 Sea Eagle Watch	I am fully in support of the amended ordinance pertaining to Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics. These survival lessons are ESSENTIAL for infants and toddlers living near water. As a mother of 3, my eyes are always on my young children, but you can NEVER be too safe or too prepared for a worst case scenario. I have had acquaintances who have lost toddlers to drowning, and life-saving lessons that Holy Mackerel provides could have been the difference. While you can't change the past for these precious families, you can absolutely have a hand in controlling the future. I want my 3 children - ages 5, 2, and 9 months - to be safe in any worst case scenario. We NEED these lessons. The location is key for my family. I physically can not make it to alternative Infant Swim Rescue courses located elsewhere. This is important to my family and many others. Please understand that the proposed ordinance amendment has my COMPLETE and FULL support. Lives can depend on this. Respectfully, Emily Beasley
19	Emily Miller	2130 Medway Rd	I am in support of the proposed amended ordinance so that Anna can continue her business from her home. Anna was my daughter's swim instructor. She taught my fearless 2 year old how to save herself in the water. The skills she learned from Anna were essential, especially in a water-oriented town like Charleston. Infant Aquatics is much more than swim lessons; it is as important as CPR and to take away that resource in this town would be detrimental to the safety of small children.

20	James and Nicole	Barnard	1047 Hills Plantation	We have used Anna Faenza's Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics class for our two young children for multiple swim programs. It has been disappointing to have the classes canceled, especially mid-program, due to one disgruntled neighbor. The development of vital life-saving lessons for children all around Charleston (James Island, West Ashley & Downtown Charleston areas, in particular) is being prevented due to the sudden shut down of the Holy Mackerel's business. We chose Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics swim programs for the following reasons: 1) High praise (referrals) from various parents 2) Anna is the ONLY certified Infant Aquatics instructor in Charleston (that we are aware of) 3) Having one-on-one instructions for our 2 and 4 year olds is very important to us 4) The location is very convenient, especially in an ever-growing traffic congested city 5) After much research, Infant Aquatics was the ONLY children's swim program in short proximity to our James Island home that offered valuable drown prevention teaching with "swim-float-swim" and self rescue float strategies 6) Our children learned so much (and enjoyed it!) in the first program, we signed them up for a 2nd program In conclusion, we urge the City Council to reconsider the shut-down of Anna's business and revise the current Home Occupation ordinance to once again allow Infant Aquatics, and other businesses like it, to operate. Please do this for the life safety of our children and hundreds of others in Charleston. Thank You
21	Jane	Prevost	64 Chadwick Drive, Charleston, SC 29407	Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics offers life-saving swimming skills for infants and toddlers. The program requires short lessons (10 minute intervals) daily - these lessons wouldn't be feasible without the convenient and safe location of Anna's home pool. I am so grateful for the proximity of these lessons, as I wouldn't be able to offer my son these crucial life-saving skills. There is already a shortage of opportunity for such lessons, and by shutting down Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics, we are deepening the void.
22	Jennifer	Mikoll	3019 Yachtsman Drive	I wholeheartedly support this ordinance to be amended in support of Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics. I sought out SURVIVAL swim lessons for our family due to the very real risk of a water-related accident in our city on the water. Ms Faenza is the first certified infant swim instructor in this area, and her pool and lessons were the most accessible if you reside in Charleston county at the time of my research. Even after moving from downtown Charleston to north Mount Pleasant, I made the trip daily for my daughters lessons due to this fact. I am a physician assistant, so I do not take water safety lightly. Her lessons have taught survival skills to my two young daughters, and we started both at the age of one and a half. I know that her lessons have prevented many potential drowning related incidents for Charleston-area families, and prevented unnecessary deaths and heartache. As a medical professional, and mother, these lessons are an essential service to our community that needs to remain accessible. Ms Faenza provides this instruction at the highest quality and level, I urge you to please honor our request.
23	Jonathon	Kowalski	6305 Sweet Pl, Charleston, SC 29492	I am writing in support of Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics. We used this crucial business to teach our son and daughter the important skill of survival swimming lessons in a one on one environment. The classes were quick ten minutes lessons to teach our kids survival swimming (swim-float-swim). This is an important skill needed in the low country because of the all the water.
24	Jordanna	Reilly	657 N Stiles Dr	Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics provided my son with affordable, life-saving swim lessons. This business provides a necessary life-skill that is essential in our coastal environment. The shortage of qualified infant swim instructors in Charleston is surprising and it would be detrimental to our children's safety to lose this amazing service.
25	Joseph	Leonard	9 Indigo Point Dr Charleston SC 29407	Speaking specifically regarding infant swim lessons I am totally for this being allowed at a home business. I have used Holy Mackerel for my daughters lessons for 2 years. I have not seen any reason this should not be allowed as there is very little impact and it is a great resource for our community. thank you

26	Joyce	Bailey	73 Indigo Point Drive, Charleston, SC, 29407	The instructor for Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics, Anna Faenza, should absolutely be allowed to continue to teach young children to swim in her backyard pool for the following reasons. Anna is highly experienced and the 1st certified infant instructor in Charleston. With her quality teaching equipment she has been able to provide survival swims lessons that have enabled very young infants drowning protection through the "self rescue float" technique in which the infant is able to turn from their stomachs to their backs and float. There is no reason that many young children should be denied this opportunity for aquatic protection because the pool is not indoors. Please amend the ordinance to state that the pool can be "be on the instructor's property" as long as all other regulations have been met. Thank you for allowing this business to continue to operate as is so that Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics can do their part to prevent tragic drownings in very young infants.
27	Kaitlin	OBrien	14 Cedarhurst Ave, Charleston SC 29407	Hi my name is Katie, I am a nurse in Charleston as well as a citizen of Charleston. My 3 year old has been a student at Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics since she was 2 years old. Her instructor, Anna, has provided her with life-saving skills she will use for the rest of her life. In Charleston, we are surrounded by water. This water poses a danger to children not only during swim season, but even more so when it's not time to swim. According to the CDC, "more children ages 1-4 die from drowning than any other cause of death except birth defects" and "drowning is a leading cause of death in children." I quote the CDC because most people do not know these facts; pediatricians don't talk to parents about this, awareness is next to nothing. However, Anna took charge of the lack of resources and awareness and became Charleston's first infant aquatics instructor. She has been teaching life saving skills to infants; this means that she provides a layer of protection against drowning before children are even mobile enough to find themselves in need of saving from drowning. My daughter has this layer of protection because of Anna and truly because of her location within Charleston. Her short but repetitive lessons are absolutely necessary in providing this lifesaving skill to children this young. This makes it imperative that she be close to where I live. It would not have been possible for my daughter to enroll in these lessons if she were not in her current location. I had to take her to lessons every morning for 6 weeks, which means I needed it to be close and therefore a quick drive for me to also be able to get to work on time. I am a single mother doing my very, very best to keep my daughter safe from the #1 cause of accidental death in children 1-4. After 6 weeks, I enrolled my daughter in a weekly lesson to keep her skills sharp. She needs her life saving skills year-round and practicing weekly is imperative at her age. This meant even more time spent working around my work schedule to get her what she needed. I would absolutely not have been able to get my daughter the skills she needs in the pool if it weren't for the close proximity of Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics. There simply are not enough instructors in Charleston or surrounding areas who teach the skills Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics teaches. There is no way lessons would be feasible if I had to drive out of Charleston to find an
28	Kate	Silver	800 Whispering Marsh Drive, Charleston, SC 29412	As a pediatrician, I have personally cared for drowning victims, and I know the statistics. Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 1-4. Learning to swim can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent for 1 to four-year-olds who take formal swim lessons. As a mom of 4 young children living in Charleston where we are surrounded by water, I know the importance of having my children learn survival swimming skills. I also know how difficult it is to find an Infant Aquatics Instructor in Charleston so if Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics is not allowed to continue in operation, there will be even fewer resources for parents to provide their children with life saving water safety skills. By teaching our children drowning prevention, Anna Faenza is most certainly saving lives.
29	Katharine	Gottfried	1007 ASHLEY AVE	I am in favor of the proposed ordinance, in support of Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics. This is Charleston's first certified Infant Aquatics Instructor and the company has provided survival swimming lessons & one-on-one instruction to my son, aged 10 months. The program offers offers shorter lessons that are essential for younger children (10 or 20 minutes). The quality teaching equipment & life-saving lessons have been integral in my child's development and aided tremendously in his ability to float and survive on his own, in a pool. The course and company have added layers of protection in drowning prevention and I plan to continue working with Holy Mackerel in the future to ensure my child can swim and survive as he grows.

30	Kristin	Mein	1247 Taliaferro Ave Charleston SC 29412	<p>I am writing in support of the amendment to the Home Occupation ordinance that would enable Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics to continue to operate out of the home of Anna Faenza. Living in the Lowcountry, we are surrounded by water and it is imperative that our children learn to swim from an early age. Accidental drowning is an every day threat. At my home there is a pool in the backyard and a creek directly across the street. One of the first things I researched after the birth of my son was infant self rescue swimming courses as drowning prevention is incredibly important to our family. I was surprised at how few options were available, it is clear that there is a shortage of qualified instructors in our city. I was thrilled to find Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics which was conveniently located just 10 minutes from my home and taught by Charleston's first Certified Infant Aquatics Instructor. My son enrolled in the self-rescue float class in the summer of 2021 as a six month old. This class requires attending a short, one-on-one 10 minute lesson 4 days a week for 4 weeks. With all of the shuttling back and forth to lessons during that month, the location of Holy Mackerel Infant Swim was extremely convenient to my home on James Island. Anna's pool has clearly been carefully designed with swim lessons in mind and she has high quality teaching equipment on hand for use in lessons. The private backyard setting of Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics allows full attention to be given to the student without the distractions that would inevitably come with a public pool setting. By the end of the 4 weeks, my infant son was able to turn onto his back after falling into the pool fully clothed and float on his back. Without hesitation we plan to enroll him in Anna's swim-float-swim class as soon as he is old enough this coming year. Anna's business is well-organized, well-run and a huge asset to our community. This is a business that saves children's lives and I hope that you will amend the Home Occupation ordinance to allow Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics to continue operation.</p>
31	Leize	Gaillard	369 Grove Street, Charleston, SC 29403	<p>I am commenting on support of the zoning amendment as it impacts Holy Mackerel Swim Aquatics. While my 3-year-old child has had access to water and even participated in City-run instruction in the past, it was not until we started lessons with Holy Mackerel that he actually started to learn to swim. Between individual swim lessons last summer and continued group lessons in the fall (before the business was shut down), our son has shown enthusiasm for swimming and continued progress in his skills. The location has been a major convenience for us, and I believe that the "home pool" atmosphere has been critical for our son's comfort with learning to swim. He also loves it—even having been away from lessons for several weeks now, our son regularly "play acts" swim time with Ms. Anna in the bathtub or with his stuffed animals. It's clear the lessons have a positive and lasting impact on him, despite his young age. Ms. Anna takes great steps to instruct all participants to adhere to parking and attendance rules so not to disrupt her neighbors, and there has never been a time when we have been there that we weren't able to park immediately in Ms. Anna's own driveway. There is rarely traffic on the street, and I have rarely seen any neighbors given the large lot sizes and buffers of marsh and landscaping. We greatly appreciate the service that Holy Mackerel provides and we are hopeful that we will be able to resume lessons soon. Thank you.</p>
32	Louisa	Trouche	1223 Dowden Street Charleston sc 29407	<p>I am writing in support of holy mackerel infant aquatics. This program is remarkable. As a parent living in Charleston, drowning has been my greatest fear for my two boys. Because of Anna, I no longer worry about them when it comes to drowning. She has taught them survival skills that are priceless. They now know how to survive in water. My greatest fear is no longer there. My youngest is 2. How could anyone want to take this business out of operation. There are so few resources in this town that support survival swim for young children. Anna is convenient to my house and offers consistent lessons that my children have used to build upon their skills. Her one on one instruction is so helpful. They love going to the lessons. They are short enough to keep their attention. She is the only certified infant aquatics instructor in the area. It is a complete shame that she was shut down. By far, these lessons were the most valuable thing I did in 2021 and I hope to be able to continue. Please reconsider. Thank you.</p>

33	Lucy	Royall	20 Huguenot Avenue Chrleston 29407	I support Anna Faenza's Proposed Amendace. Anna is easily accessible for me living and working in the area. She is teaching my 3 year old daughter survival swim lessons which are essential for my small child living in an area surrounded by water. She offers one on one instruction with a flexible schedule. This allows my daughter to continue to receive the lessons in a consistent manner. I haven't found a teacher in the area who is as qualified as Anna. It is critical for small children to learn the skills Anna teaches to prevent drownings.
34	Marie	Stitt	18 Colleton Dr., Charleston, SC 29407	I am writing in support of the proposed amended ordinance to make clear that Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics can operate from Anna Faenza's home pool. Our toddler started taking swim lessons at Holy Mackerel last summer after we looked at several different swim lesson options. There is a shortage of qualified instructors in the city, such that shutting down HMIA would deepen the void. Nothing compared to Holy Mackerel—Anna's expertise and focus on survival swim has been so wonderful as our little girl learns to swim. The ease of her home pool and location was a huge draw to us. It was amazing and super effective for our two year old to have short (10min) one-on-one lessons with Anna when she was just learning to swim and then to progress to group lessons. Living by the water is one of the reasons we love Charleston and we feel it is essential for our child to learn to swim as early as possible. From day one, Holy Mackerel focused on drowning prevention and the "swim-float-swim" approach using quality teaching equipment for her life-saving lessons. Please make clear that this essential business is allowed to continue to operate to provide these crucial lessons. Thank you, Marie
35	Marisa	Lynch	1806 Lady Jordan Lane, Charleston, SC 29412	I was shocked to learn Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics stopped operations a few weeks ago. As the only certified Infant Aquatics Instructor in Charleston, Anna's home is only 3 miles from our home and having my 3-year son learn how to swim-float-swim was critical as our house is located on tidal creek. Her approach and quality of teaching is above and beyond. My family is in full support of the proposed amended ordinance and I truly hope we will have the opportunity to further my son's swimming skills by taking lessons from Anna, at her home, in the future.
36	Mark	Faenza	1632 Timothy Street	Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics should absolutely be able to continue business as is. These are not just your run of the mill swimming lessons, these are survival skills. Most accidental drownings occur at private residences, so where better to teach kids than in a backyard pool by a Certified Infant Aquatics Instructor.
37	Mary	McNeill	4467 Downing Place Way	I would like to see this amended so that swimming lessons may be given at a private pool. In this area, with so much water around it is important that both children and adults know how to swim. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.
38	Meg	Younger	40 Kennedy St, charleston 29403	I am a parent of a 6 month old. Living in a city surrounded by water, and sometimes under water, drowning is a huge worry of mine. Drowning is a leading cause of death for children. In the United States: More children ages 1–4 die from drowning than any other cause of death except birth defects. For children ages 1–14, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death after motor vehicle crashed. Anna Faenza gives life saving infant swim lessons in her back yard with her Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics business. She is only one of 2 certified in the entire area. She teaches kids one on one how to float and swim to safe themselves from a water injury or drowning. I run her social media and have witnessed this first hand. It's amazing what transformation these kids undergo from ages as young as 10 months. To stop her from performing these lessons is doing a disservice to the young people of this community and jeopardizes their safety around water. I urge you to please amend this Home Occupation ordinance to allow her to continue teaching lessons in her private backyard. Thank you!

39	Megan	Younger	40 Kennedy St., Charleston 29403	As a parent of a 6 month old, who is signed up for lessons with Holy Mackerel later this summer, I am highly in favor of amending this outdated unnecessary ordinance. Living in a city surrounded by water, and sometimes flooded and underwater itself, learning how to be safe in/near water is imperative for small children. Drowning is the leading cause of death in ages 1-4. This could be different if children knew how to save themselves in a possible dangerous situation. These lessons are one-on-one, private in Anna's backyard. They are not a nuisance to the neighborhood, if anything they are helping the neighborhood, which itself is surrounded by water. There is only one other person certified in teaching infant aquatics in the lowcountry, which goes without saying they are desperately in need. Please vote to amended this ordinance and allow Holy Mackerel to resume lessons.
40	Meghan	Taylor	1865 Gammon St, Charleston, SC 29414	My son, Calvin, is 2 and a half-years old and has been in survival swim with Miss Anna since he was 10 months old when he first learned to float. We live in West Ashley, and Anna's home location is crucial for us to be able to access the 4-times-per-week schedule for the success of a survival swim program. Living all around water in Charleston, survival swim is invaluable for drowning prevention, and Anna's program is such an asset to our community. She is such a quality teacher, and Charleston is so lucky to have her.
41	Nancy	Davis-Kahrs	773 Glen Lake Court, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	I am in support of the proposed amended ordinance. There is a shortage of qualified instructors in the city, and Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics has Charleston's first certified Infant Aquatics Instructor. Shutting down HMIA deepens the void. In a community that is surrounded by water, it is important that our children can swim.
42	Nicholas	Powers	1007 ASHLEY AVE	I am in favor of the proposed ordinance, in support of Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics. This is Charleston's first certified Infant Aquatics Instructor and the company has provided survival swimming lessons & one-on-one instruction to my son, aged 10 months. The program offers offers shorter lessons that are essential for younger children (10 or 20 minutes). The quality teaching equipment & life-saving lessons have been integral in my child's development and aided tremendously in his ability to float and survive on his own, in a pool. The course and company have added layers of protection in drowning prevention and I plan to continue working with Holy Mackerel in the future to ensure my child can swim and survive as he grows.
43	Nickie	Stone	1125 Fairview Plantation Rd Wadmalaw Island SC 29487	Holy Mackerel Infant Survival Swim I am writing on behalf of Anna Faenza of Holy Mackerel and in support of the proposed amended ordinance to allow the continuation of swim lessons in her private pool. Anna is incredibly niche in what she provides to our community and I have not found a single other person nor business that provides these services. Access to her private pool has allowed my daughter one-on-one survival swim lessons in a capacity that is hands-down unmatched anywhere in town. Anna is the first certified Infant Aquatics Instructor in Charleston, and a fabulous one. Not only is she teaching our children to swim, but more importantly survival skills and drowning prevention. We live on a sea island and our home is surrounded by water, our lifestyle is focused on water activities. Access to survival swimming lessons for my child is incredibly imperative. There is a shortage of qualified instructors in this city and so shutting down Holy Mackerel only exacerbates this issue. I cannot stress enough that our children need this business running. Thank you to Anna for her kindness and patience, and most importantly for her passion and commitment to teaching our children!
44	Pam	Straughn	321 Hoff Avenue, Chas. SC 29407	Our children and grandchildren must learn to swim! We live in an area where children drown every summer because they don't know basic water survival skills. Anna is Charleston's first certified infant aquatics instructor. Having someone I trust with my grandchildren and the convenient location are very important for these life saving lessons!
45	Park	Smith	26 Tarleton Drive, Charleston, SC 29407	I am writing in favor of this amendment. I live in walking distance to this pool and my child has received invaluable swimming/survival lessons there. I have seen no disturbance to the neighborhood, on the contrary it provides an essential service for our children that we can not find elsewhere in the city. Not allowing these lessons to continue would be a disservice to us and our children. I appreciate your consideration of my comment and this amendment. Thanks, Park Smith

46	Rachel	Morris	1350 hidden lakes dr	Holy Mackerel has made a huge impact on my son. There is no one besides Anna Faenza who I would entrust his swim lessons. She is certified and has a wonderful approach of short lessons that had him swimming and floating at 15 months. We live in a city full of water which is wonderful and means swim lessons are vital to the children in our community. Prior to Holy Mackerel having a permanent place, lessons were constantly being rearranged or canceled due to things outside of Anna's control. This has not happened since she was able to open up in South Windermere, weather being the exception of course. This has led to tremendous growth in his swimming. He is now 2, jumps in the water and can swim the length of a pool. It's incredible. Holy Mackerel has always been very cognizant of the neighborhood and making sure respect to other people's property was respected. I hope this is resolved quickly so that we can get back to swimming lessons. My son loves them and misses them, especially now when so many other activities are limited.
47	Rebecca	Faenza	1632 Timothy St Charleston SC 29407	In a city surrounded by water it is imperative that Charleston's first certified Infant Aquatics Instructor, Anna Faenza of Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics, along with any other certified instructor be able to teach our youngest generations life-saving techniques in the comfort and convenience of their own property. While my husband and I hope our 2 1/2 year old son never has to use the survival swim skills he's been taught by Anna, we are beyond grateful for the one-on-one instruction that he received to learn and accomplish swim-float-swim survival skills should they be needed in an emergency. It is my hope that the city sees the value in certified aquatics instructors like Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics and makes it possible for them to operate on their own properties. Thank you for your time and consideration in deciding what's best for our communities.
48	Richard	Faenza	2408 River Park Way, Charleston	I give my full support. In 1956 at the age of 5 years old I learned how to swim from my Mom's nearby neighbor who taught swimming safety in her backyard pool.
49	Robert	Yarbrough	3019 Yachtsman Dr, Mt. Pleasant, SC	I support ordinance amendment #2 in order to maintain the ability to patronize home businesses like Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics. Clarifying that outdoor swimming lessons are protected by law will enable this business, and others like it, to continue to provide a valuable, and potentially life-saving, community service.
50	Ryan	DeAntonio	110 Mary Ellen Dr., 29403	I'm writing in support of the proposed ordinance amendment to ensure that I am able to protect my kids by giving them access to learn swimming survival skills. There is a general lack of options and instructors in the Charleston area and the city should continue to make access to these life-saving lessons easier, not more difficult.
51	Tala	Kassm	19 Carolina St.	I am in FULL support of Charleston's first certified Infant Aquatics Instructor, Anna Faenza, because she is doing work that saves children's lives, including my own son. She teaches survival swimming lessons in a one-on-one instruction setting with high quality teaching equipment. She teaches drowning prevention, and the lessons are shorter which is perfect for young infants and toddlers. She also teaches swim-float-swim and self-rescue float to young children which is ESSENTIAL in Charleston. There is a serious shortage of instructors teaching these skills to our children so losing Anna would be a HUGE loss for our community. Because Anna is able to give lessons from her home, it makes the lessons convenient and easy for families, children and it allows her to be able to maximize the number of classes she can have and the number of kids she can teach. Please reconsider allowing Anna to continue teaching these vital classes from her home. Drowning is easily prevented with proper education and training which she provides!!!! Thank you for considering.
52	Thomas	Younger	40 Kennedy St. Charleston, SC 29403	Anna Faenza is one of only two certified infant aquatics instructors in the Charleston area. Her instructing location was instrumental in having my daughter learn critical life saving lessons. The ease of access to the pool and short 10-20 min lessons were also very important as a parent.
53	Tim	Dillon	113 Chadwick Drive	I am in support of the proposed amended ordinance. Specifically, for swim lessons provided by Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics. Access to these lessons due to their location was a primary reason for choosing this provider. My wife and I both work and lessons were difficult to schedule during off-work hours due to the lack of quality providers in the Charleston area. Limiting access to providers such as Holy Mackerel negatively impacts families who seek access to quality, life-saving swim instruction

54	Tucker	Branham	373 Ashley Ave, Charleston, SC 29403	HMIA is the only program that, in my opinion, provides life-saving skills to the youngest children anywhere near downtown. Anna's high-level certification, the quality of pool and equipment, the one-on-one lessons that are appropriate in length for young children are vital to saving lives, especially in an area surrounded by water. We fully support HMIA and the program Anna offers. Without this program, there will be a critical and dangerous void in Charleston.
55	Valerie	Nelson	1607 Acacia St, Charleston, SC 29407	The one-on-one instruction provided by Anna Faenza at Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics was essential to teach my 9 month old (at the time) life-saving techniques. Living near the water, it was extremely important for my child to learn how to swim-float-swim. With a young child, her shorter lessons were PERFECT for the attention span (and ability level) of my child, and being that it's a private lesson - it was safe to do so during a pandemic. I would not have been comfortable in any other setting. Her location was extremely convenient, as the self-rescue swim lessons need to be done daily for effectiveness. Furthermore, Ms. Faenza's talent, ability and passion for infant swim rescue is evident in how she conducts herself, her business, and interacts with the child. I will be eternally grateful to Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics and Ms. Faenza knowing confidently that my child has the ability to self-rescue. I only hope other children will benefit from her qualified and tailored instruction.
56	Veronica	White	2138 Golfview Drive, Charleston 29412	Having access to a certified infant aquatic instructor that was also close by was extremely necessary to the success of my 1.5 year old learning how to swim float swim. SFS is a life saving tool that will keep my child from drowning in our pool. The one on one lesson in a small pool made my child feel safe and ready to learn this amazing technique. I am so thankful that my child had this opportunity and disappointed that my newborn may not have that same opportunity. Please understand that the home pool was a must in this service that will save childrens lives.
57	William Larry and Kathleen	Bendt	13 Dolmane Dr Charleston SC 29407	Anna Faenza has been prohibited by city ordinance from teaching young children to swim in her backyard pool. She has done all due diligence to provide parking and spread the schedule in order to prevent any burden on her neighbors. She is a very conscientious and intelligent business person. I wanted to insert one comment about how my daughters learned to swim in the late 1970s. There was a lady who lived in Lenevar , Anne Willard. She taught them in her private pool. I could easily name over 20 children I know who benefited from her instruction. That is just the ones I know. There were hundreds of children who came through her instruction. You can not put a value to parents peace of mind, because their child could now swim. She provided a service which the residents of this city benefited greatly. Anna is attempting to provide this same service. If this ordinance is not amended she will be put out of business and lose her income after carefully doing all the due diligence required. Not only will she lose her income, but the citizens of Charleston will lose a resource that could save their child's life and give them peace of mind that their loved one knows how to swim properly. Thank You Larry and Kathy Bendt
58	Zan	Krysty	2945 Wilson Creek Ln, Johns Island SC 29455	Holy Mackerel Infant Aquatics is a necessity in not only Charleston but anywhere. My daughter who was less than a year at the time of taking lessons learned how to float on her back and swim towards the side of the pool. This is absolutely necessary in a city that is surrounded by water and there isn't anywhere else I feel comfortable taking these lessons in Charleston. The private use of her pool with one on one time I feel is absolutely needed to help students. Anna has been trained specifically for this type of instruction.