

Town of Hilton Head Island

Planning Commission Special Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

The Planning Commission Meeting will be held in person at Town Hall in the Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers. The meeting will be broadcast and can be viewed at: <u>Beaufort</u> County Channel, the Town's YouTube Channel, and Spectrum Channel 1304.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- **3. FOIA Compliance** Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.
- **4. Swearing in Ceremony of New Commissioner:** Joseph DuBois and Reappointed Commissioner Albert Mealer performed by Shawn Colin, Assistant Town Manager
- 5. Roll Call
- 6. Approval of Agenda
- 7. Approval of Minutes None
- 8. Appearance by Citizens

Citizens may submit written comments via the <u>Town's Open Town Hall Portal</u>. The portal will close at 4:30 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled meeting. Comments submitted through the portal will be provided to the Commission and made part of the official record.

- 9. Unfinished Business None
- 10. New Business
 - a. Nomination and Election of Officers for July 1, 2023 June 30, 2024
 - b. Public Hearing

<u>LMO Amendments</u> – The Town of Hilton Head Island is proposing to amend Chapters 2, 3, 5, and 10 of the Land Management Ordinance (LMO) to revise the following sections:

16-2-102.G.3, 16-3-104.B.2, 16-3-104.C.2, 16-3-104.D.2, 16-3-104.E.2, 16-3-104.F.2, 16-3-104.G.2, 16-3-105.D.2, 16-3-105.G.2, 16-3-105.I.2, 16-3-105.J.2, 16-3-105.D.2, 16-3-105.D.2; 16-3-105.D.2, 16-3-105.D.3, 16-3-104.C.3, 16-3-104.D.3, 16-3-104.E.3, 16-3-104.F.3, 16-3-104.G.3, 16-3-105.D.3, 16-3-105.G.3, 16-3-105.I.3, 16-3-105.J.3, 16-3-105.L.3, 16-3-105.D.3; Development Form Standards – Floor Area Ratio; 16-3-106.H, 16-3-106.I, 16-3-106.J: District Regulations – Parking; 16-10-102 – Definitions; 16-10-104 – Table of Abbreviations and 16-5-107.D: Minimum Number of Parking Spaces – Use

Category/Use Type Single-Family, to amend single-family dwelling parking requirements and to establish single-family dwelling floor area ratio requirements.

The Town of Hilton Head Island proposes to add a new subsection 118 to Chapter 5 of the Land Management Ordinance (LMO) as Section 16-5-118 to establish regulations for single-family dwelling floor area ratio requirements.

- 11. Commission Business
- 12. Chairman's Report
- 13. Staff Reports
- 14. Adjournment

Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if four (4) or more of their members attend this meeting.



TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Planning Commission

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Ashley Goodrich, *Principal Planner*

VIA: Richard Edwards, Community Planning Manager

VIA: Missy Luick, Assistant Community Development Director
VIA: Shawn Colin, AICP, Assistant Town Manager – Community

Development

DATE: July 27, 2023

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing to consider an amendment to Title 16 of the

Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, the Land Management Ordinance, to amend single-family dwelling parking requirements and to establish single-family dwelling floor area ratio

requirements

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planning Commission hold a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to Title 16 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, the Land Management Ordinance, to amend single-family dwelling parking requirements and to establish single-family dwelling floor area ratio requirements.

BACKGROUND:

The LMO Amendments Plan is comprised of five phases. Attachment 1 provides a detailed review of what will be included in each phase. On May 11, 2023, Public Planning Committee reviewed the proposed LMO Assessment and Amendments Timeline as presented with staff research. The amendment material presented in the first four phases correlates directly with input received from the Island community. The Phase 4 LMO Amendment set is currently in staff review. However, an initial Phase 4a amendment set was prioritized for introduction and discussion by this Commission at the request of Public Planning Committee on June 8th, 2023.

The purpose of the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) proposed amendment is to regulate the volume and placement of homes more effectively based on the ratio of the structure size in relation to the size of the property. The proposed amendment change to single-family parking regulations will better align the number of parking spaces required for the single-family use type to the size of the dwelling unit structure.

These proposed changes will be further examined during the District Planning process to gather a higher level of granularity, as to how these types of regulations will affect specific neighborhoods and their desire to maintain a certain character of development types.

SUMMARY:

The Town of Hilton Head Island has committed to implementing its Strategic Action Plan of which a Land Management Ordinance (LMO) amendments project has been identified as a priority project. The Town conducted a critical review of the LMO and plans to amend the LMO to incorporate policy changes to address administrative processes, residential and commercial development, design standards, natural resource regulations, and to bring the LMO into alignment with the comprehensive plan, Our Plan, while incorporating the future District Plans recommendations.

LMO Amendment Phase 4a was broken out as a prioritization from the Public Planning Commission to address development and design standards to address single-family development mass, scale, and parking.

The Phase 4a amendment proposes a maximum Floor Area Ratio of 0.45 for Single-Family homes, provided however, that the maximum gross floor area does not exceed 4,000 square feet in the following districts: RSF-3, RSF-5, RSF-6, RM-4, RM-8, RM-12, LC, MF, MV, NC, RD, S, and WMU.

For Single-Family Principal Use Required Parking, the Phase 4a amendment proposes 1 parking space per 750 square feet or portion thereof of Gross Floor Area (GFA) for single-family homes. This eliminates the counting of an initial 2 spaces per dwelling unit and will calculate the required number of parking spaces based on square footage. For the Overlay Districts the amendment proposes 1 additional parking space per 750 square feet or portion thereof above the current 2,000 square feet of GFA.

ANALYSIS:

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is the measurement of a building's total floor area (gross floor area) in relation to the size of the lot/parcel that the building is located on. The FAR is a calculation of maximum building size based upon the land area of the lot square footage. FAR is a separate calculation to density, which is defined as dwelling units per net acre of the parcel.

The Phase 4a Proposal recommends a maximum Floor Area Ratio of 0.45 for Single-Family homes, provided however, that the maximum gross floor area does not exceed 4,000 square feet in the following districts: RSF-3, RSF-5, RSF-6, RM-4, RM-8, RM-12, LC, MF, MV, NC, RD, S, and WMU.

Parking Standards for Single-Family Use in Base Zoning Districts and Character Overlay Districts are to ensure provisions for sufficient parking and loading facilities in proportion

to the generalized use demand. The amount of parking provided for the range of land uses in a community is an important link between land use, transportation, design, and environmental quality.

For Single-Family Principal Use and Required Parking, the Phase 4a Proposal suggests moving to 1 parking space per 750 square feet or portion thereof of Gross Floor Area (GFA). This eliminates the counting of an initial 2 spaces per dwelling unit and will calculate the required number of parking spaces based on square footage. For the Overlay Districts the suggestion is 1 additional parking space per 750 square feet or portion thereof above the current 2,000 square feet of GFA.

Planned Unit Developments (PUD) as a zoning district are not included in the FAR standards as master planned communities. Single-family use parking will be required in all zoning districts island-wide through the application of the Development and Design Standards, Parking and Loading Standards – Parking Space Requirements. Consistency and clarity throughout the Land Management Ordinance (LMO) was revealed as an identified deficiency in the conducted SWOT analysis completed in January 2023.

Factors to consider per Land Management Ordinance (LMO) Sec. 16-2-103.B.3

- In accordance with Our Plan, the Town's comprehensive plan;
- · Required by changed conditions;
- Addresses a demonstrated community need;
- Consistent with the purpose and intent of the zoning districts in this ordinance, or would improve compatibility among uses and ensure efficient development within the Town:
- Would result in a logical and orderly development pattern; and
- Would not result in significant adverse impacts on the natural environment, including but not limited to water, air, noise, stormwater management, wildlife, vegetation, wetlands, and the natural functioning of the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. LMO Amendment Plan Details by Phase and Critical Path
- 2. Proposed LMO Amendment Floor Area Ratio
- 3. Rationale Floor Area Ratio
- 4. Proposed LMO Amendment Parking Standards
- 5. Rationale Parking
- 6. Town of Hilton Head Official Zoning Map
- 7. Presentation

LMO Amendment Plan: Details by Phase

Phase	Details
1	PHASE 1 Remove staff granted waivers and amend some standards. Allow variances from all sections of the LMO other than use, density or height. Allow outdoor screened bike storage in the Light Commercial and Community Commercial zoning districts and provide more specificity related to screening. Provide clarification in the Manufacturing use classification as it relates to the size of a brewery. Replace using June traffic counts with July traffic counts for Traffic Impact Analysis Plan Standards. Change when/how plantings are required on single family lots in buffers as part of a subdivision Certificate of Compliance. Amend the definition of changeable copy to allow signs to be changed electronically with limitations on frequency and timing. Amend the measurement for height calculation. Add that owners' consent is required for minor subdivisions as it is currently listed as being exempt. Require a public hearing for subdivision amendments.
2	PHASE 2 • Section 16-2-103.F: Provide standards for deviations from previously platted subdivisions.
3	PHASE 3 • Definition for single-family. • Definition for multifamily. • Eliminate divisible dwelling units.
4	PHASE 4a • Updated residential site design standards including: oFloor area ratio. oParking. PHASE 4 • Administrative application and procedural changes. • Family Compound/Subdivision • Updated residential site design standards including: oPedestrian connectivity. oOpen Space. oSetback angles. • Modified traffic impact analysis methodology. • Signage standard updates. • Best-in-class stormwater requirements. • Construction management plan requirements. • Strengthening of Tree Regulation, Tree Preservation, and Tree Mitigation lists.
5	 Strengthening of Tree Regulation, Tree Preservation, and Tree Mitigation lists. PHASE 5 Comprehensive review of all LMO chapters. Review of overall organization. Review of user-friendliness of the code. Application Process evaluation and Applications Manual. Sustainable Development incentives. Addition of design guidance graphics. Alignment with Our Plan. Integration of outcomes from Growth Framework and District Plan initiative.

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Dates for future meetings are subject to change.

FLOOR AREA RATIO

16-2-Administration

103. Application Specific Review Procedures

G. Development Plan Review (Minor and Major)

3. Exemptions

The following activities or *uses* are exempt from Development Plan Review (although they may be reviewed under a separate administrative procedure, or may be governed or prohibited by private covenants and restrictions):

- d. All *structures* (including factory-built housing) built or placed on an individual *single-family* residential *lot* with no other *dwelling* on it although such structures shall comply with the provisions set forth below:
- x. Section 16-6-102.D, Wetland Buffer Standards; and
- xi. Title 15, Building and Building Codes, Chapter 9, Flood Damage Controls, of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island: and
- xii. Section 16-5-118 Floor Area Ratio

16-3-Zoning Districts

104. Residential Base Zoning

B. Residential Single-Family-3 (RSF-3) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	<u>See Section 16-5-118.</u>

C. Residential Single-Family-5 (RSF-5) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	<u>See Section 16-5-118.</u>

D. Residential Single-Family-6 (RSF-6) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	<u>See Section 16-5-118.</u>

E. Low to Moderate Density Residential (RM-4) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	<u>See Section 16-5-118.</u>

F. Moderate Density Residential District (RM-8) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	See Section 16-5-118.

G. Moderate to High Density Residential District (RM-12) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	See Section 16-5-118.

16-3-Zoning Districts

105. Mixed-Use and Business Districts

D. Light Commercial (LC) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	<u>See Section 16-5-118.</u>

G. Marshfront (MF) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	<u>See Section 16-5-118.</u>

I. Mitchelville (MV) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	<u>See Section 16-5-118.</u>

J. Neighborhood Commercial (NC)

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	See Section 16-5-118.

L. Resort Development (RD) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	See Section 16-5-118.

N. Stoney (S) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	<u>See Section 16-5-118.</u>

O. Waterfront Mixed-Use (WMU) District

3. Development Form Standards

Single-Family Floor Area Ratio	<u>See Section 16-5-118.</u>

16-5 Development and Design Standards

16-5-118 - Floor Area Ratio

A. Purpose and Intent

The intent of this section is to establish a Floor Area Ratio development standard to be applied to parcels utilized for *single-family* residential dwelling construction.

B. Applicability

1. This section shall apply to the construction of all *single-family* residential dwellings in the following districts: RSF-3, RSF-5, RSF-6, RM-4, RM-8, RM-12, LC, MF, MV, NC, RD, S, and WMU.

E. Floor Area Ratio

The maximum *gross floor area* of a single-family residential dwelling is limited to 0.45 times the area of the *lot* on which the *single-family* residence is located; provided, however, that the maximum *gross floor area* of a *single-family* residence shall not exceed 4,000 square feet.

16-10-Definitions, Interpretation, and Measurement

102. Rules of Measurement

E. Lot Coverage

4. Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is the measurement of a building's *gross floor area* in relation to the size of the *lot* on which the building is located on. FAR is expressed as a decimal number and is derived by dividing the total *gross floor area* of the building by the net acreage of the *lot*.

104. Table of Abbreviations

FAR	Floor Area Ratio
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Topic:

Section 16-5-118: Floor Area Ratio

Proposed Amendment

 This amendment will add a maximum Floor Area Ratio of 0.45 and maximum gross floor area of 4,000 square feet to the Development and Design Standards for single-family dwellings in the following districts: RSF-3, RSF-5, RSF-6, RM-4, RM-8, RM-12, LC, MF, MV, NC, RD, S, and WMU.

Reason for Change

- Floor Area Ratios are values that represent the form of the built environment. They are calculated based on total floor area (gross floor area) in relation to the size of the lot/parcel that the building is located on. When combined with the existing setback and height regulations, the potential volume and placement of homes are regulated more effectively.
- Currently, the LMO regulates the size of single-family dwellings in three overlay districts. Character overlay districts for the Forest Beach, Folly Field and Holiday Homes neighborhoods were created at the request of residents to help preserve the lower density character of development created by the existing homes.
- Single-family homes across the Island are now increasingly at risk of being redeveloped or replaced with the largest possible size structure that can be permitted on a lot. This not only increases the intensity of development in neighborhoods, there is also change in the overall character of both the residential homes and of the neighborhood itself. In many cases, it leads to the loss of existing trees and landscaping and results in reduced and less functional outdoor space on lots.
- Existing neighborhoods on the Island that are not in character overlay districts face this same type of pressure.
- A Floor Area Ratio of 0.45 is consistent with the majority of existing FAR Requirements in the current Land Management Ordinance (LMO) for the character overlay districts.

Existing FAR Requirements		Max. House Size
Forest Beach	0.55	5,000 sq. ft.
Folly Field	0.45	4,500 sq. ft.
Holiday Homes	0.45	4,000 sq. ft.

- New subdivisions that are being developed are being designed to maximize both density and home size, resulting in monotonous development patterns with limited outdoor space on each lot and a reduction in overall efforts to protect natural resources and provide quality open space and amenities.
- Environmental Sustainability to encourage and offer options for sustainable development of structures and sites (2.2) is contained in the Natural Resources and Land Use Elements of Our Plan.

Analysis

 Based on an analysis of the best available data for properties identified as single-family dwellings by Beaufort County and not including manufactured homes, existing FAR ratios outside of the Planned Unit Developments range between 0.10, located around the Squire Pope Road, and 2.07, located in the Singleton Beach area. The average FAR of total properties is 0.32.

Existing FAR Ratios				
Zoning	Average	Average	Average	
District	Building SF	Lot SF	of FAR	Parcels
MV	2488.16	5918.76	0.53	43
NC	1412.00	23794.04	0.06	1
RD	3278.71	4162.26	0.89	41
RM-4	2036.98	11851.93	0.28	990
RM-8	2590.19	6176.58	0.50	299
RSF-3	1953.03	11240.94	0.20	296
RSF-5	2784.09	10145.45	0.30	657
RSF-6	1736.22	8622.26	0.21	54
S	1271.60	15938.66	0.10	5
WMU	2420.50	6434.42	0.59	48
Total	2321.86	10312.05	0.32	2450

• Examples of areas included in the available data where homes exceed an FAR of .45 include North Forest Beach, Singleton Beach, Sandcastles by

- the Sea, Carolina Isles, Hammock Breeze, Bermuda Pointe, Tansyleaf and Jarvis Creek.
- The average building square footage as determined by the available data is lower than the proposed maximum of 4,000 GFA. The highest average is located in RD – Resort Development.
- Based on an analysis of the best available data for properties identified as single-family residential by the Town's building permit software, there were a total of 156 new residential building permits issued in 2022. Of those new residential building permits issued, only 49 were located in single-family use zoning districts (31%) that would be affected by this proposed amendment.
- The highest average for single-family residential square footage was 6,184 sq ft in 2022. The median was 5,290.5 sq ft.
- The Maximum square footage for single-family residential was 8,328 square feet located in RM-8 Moderate Density Residential District.

2022 Building Permit FAR Ratios				
Zoning	Number of	Average	Minimum	Maximum
District	Units	Home SF	SF	SF
RD	6	5184	5115	5786
RM-4	23	3526	1216	5994
RM-8	9	6184	4295	8328
RSF-5	9	6214	4138	7691
WMU	2	5107	3814	6400
Total	49	4775	1216	8328

Consequences

Benefits	 Improve the regulation of lot intensity that can be developed on single family properties. Addresses community concerns with the mass and scale of homes. Helps to shape/protect the character of Island neighborhoods. Can help to reduce the impact of development on natural resources and local infrastructure.
Results	 New development and the redevelopment of existing dwellings will be limited to a scale that is more in keeping with the historic character of the Island's neighborhoods. New subdivisions will have improved designs. Can help to improve usable outdoor open space on lots.

Recommendations

The Phase 4a Proposal recommends a maximum Floor Area Ratio of 0.45 for Single-Family homes, provided however, that the maximum gross floor area does not exceed 4,000 square feet in the following districts: RSF-3, RSF-5, RSF-6, RM-4, RM-8, RM-12, LC, MF, MV, NC, RD, S, and WMU.

Planning Commission
July 27, 2023
Public Planning Committee
August 10, 2023

SINGLE FAMILY PARKING

16-3-Zoning Districts

104. Residential Base Zoning

B. Residential Single-Family-3 (RSF-3) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

C. Residential Single-Family-5 (RSF-5) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

D. Residential Single-Family-6 (RSF-6) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

E. Low to Moderate Density Residential (RM-4) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

F. Moderate Density Residential District (RM-8) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

G. Moderate to High Density Residential District (RM-12) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

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Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

16-3-Zoning Districts

105. Mixed-Use and Business Districts

D. Light Commercial (LC) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

G. Marshfront (MF) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
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I. Mitchelville (MV) District

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J. Neighborhood Commercial (NC)

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
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L. Resort Development (RD) District3. Development Form Standards

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
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N. Stoney (S) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

O. Waterfront Mixed-Use (WMU) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family	<u>1 per 750 GFA</u>
	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

16-3-Zoning Districts

106. Overlay Zoning Districts

H. Forest Beach Neighborhood Character Overlay (FB-NC-O) District

4. District Regulations

f. Parking

Two parking spaces are required for up to 2,000 square feet of **gross floor area**. One additional parking space is required for each $\frac{1,000}{250}$ square feet or portion thereof over and above 2,000 square feet of **gross floor area**. **Driveway** areas not located within any required buffer may be counted for parking.

I. Folly Field Neighborhood Character Overlay (FF-NC-O) District

4. District Regulations

g. Parking

Two parking spaces are required for up to 2,000 square feet of *gross floor area*. One additional parking space is required for each $\frac{1,000}{750}$ square feet or portion thereof over and above 2,000 square feet of *gross floor area*. *Driveway* areas not located within any required buffer may be counted for parking.

J. Holiday Homes Neighborhood Character Overlay (HH-NC-O) District

4. District Regulations

e. Parking

Two parking spaces are required for up to 2,000 square feet of **gross floor area**. One additional parking space is required for each $\frac{1,000}{250}$ square feet or portion thereof over and above 2,000 square feet of **gross floor area**.

16-5 Development and Design Standards

16-5-107 Parking and Loading Standards

D. Parking Space Requirements

USE CATEGORY/USE TYPE		MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES ^{1,2,3,4}			
		CR DISTRICT	ALL OTHER DISTRICTS		
	RESIDENTIAL USI	ES			
Group Living					
Mixed-Use	Residential				
	Nonresidential				
Multifamily	1 bedroom				
	2 bedrooms				
	3 or more				
	bedrooms				
Single-Family		n/a	1 per 750 GFA 2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA		
Workforce Housing*		See Sec. 16-5-	See Sec. 16-5-		
		107.D.2	107.D.2		
RESORT ACCOMMODATIONS	S		·		
Bed and Breakfasts					
Hotels					
Interval Occupancy	1 bedroom				
	2 bedrooms				
	3 or more				
	bedrooms				

Topic: Single-Family Parking

1. Modify the parking required for Single-Family Use in the Development Form Standards for the following Zoning Districts and sections:

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Section 16-3-104.B.2 - Residential Single-Family-3 (RSF-3)
Section 16-3-104.C.2 - Residential Single-Family-5 (RSF-5)
Section 16-3-104.D.2 - Residential Single-Family-6 (RSF-6)
Section 16-3-104.E.2 - Low to Moderate Density Residential (RM-4)
Section 16-3-104.F.2 - Moderate Density Residential District (RM-8)
Section 16-3-104.G.2 - Moderate to High Density Residential (RM-12)
Section 16-3-105.D.2 - Light Commercial (LC)
Section 16-3-105.G.2 - Marshfront (MF)
Section 16-3-105.J.2 - Mitchelville (MV)
Section 16-3-105.J.2 - Resort Development (RD)
Section 16-3-105.N.2 - Stoney (S)
Section 16-3-105.O.3 - Waterfront Mixed-Use (WMU)
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- **2. Modify Section 16-3-106.H.4.f:** Forest Beach Neighborhood Character Overlay (FB-NC-O) District- Design Regulations- Parking
- **3. Modify Section 16-3-106.I.4.g:** Folly Field Neighborhood Character Overlay (FF-NC-O) District- Design Regulations- Parking
- **4. Modify Section 16-3-106.J.4.e:** Holiday Homes Neighborhood Character Overlay (HH-NC-O) District- Design Regulations- Parking
- 5. Modify Section 16-5-107.D.1: Minimum Number of Parking Spaces

Proposed Amendment

The proposed changes will better align the number of parking spaces required for the single-family use type to the size of the dwelling unit structure. Increases in parking requirements are proposed in the three Neighborhood Character Overlay Districts for Forest Beach, Folly Field, and Holiday Homes. The parking requirements for single-family dwellings would increase island-wide for single-family homes larger than 1,500 square feet including single-family homes within the Planned Development Mixed-Use (PD-1) District as per LMO Sec. 16-5-107.D.

Reason for Change

- Numerous complaints have been brought to the attention of Town staff regarding the availability of parking for single-family homes, especially for larger homes.
- The current parking requirements do not produce enough parking per residential lot.

Analysis

In general, simpler, and more straightforward parking requirements are easier to calculate. Options that involve additional factors or variables, such as the number of bedrooms, can introduce additional complexity to the calculation process. Staff will not need to specify the type of individual internal room or bedroom by moving to a square footage calculation.

The provided information includes five tables that present different options for calculating parking space requirements based on the number of bedrooms and square footage of homes. The following tables provide seven options for calculating parking space requirements. Several options calculate parking by the base and the number of bedrooms. Considering the number of bedrooms changes the minimum required parking spaces, five tables are provided to show the number of parking spaces for all options. Tables were not provided for homes with less than four bedrooms per estimated square footage.

The ZoneCo option proposes the calculation for parking spaces be based on square footage. The three alternative calculations provide additional per bedroom requirements, in addition to the base requirements as a sample. This means an additional parking space is needed for each bedroom of over 4. In Tables 1 and 2, the ZoneCo option requires more parking spaces based on square footage than the alternative calculation. In tables 3-5, the alternative calculations require more parking spaces.

Existing Overlay requirement calculations are also provided with similarly proposed square footage calculation of 750 sq. ft. By reducing the Overlay language from 1000 to 750 sq. ft. the overall parking requirement will be higher.

Staff reviewed the 750 square foot parking measurement to the American Planning Association (APA) Planning Advisory Service (PAS) Report 510/511 – Parking Standards. The goal and intent of improving the Single-Family Use Parking Requirement is to improve compatibility and consistency in Hilton Head Island's development patterns.

Table 1: Parking Calculations – less than 4 bedrooms

Parking - Less than 4 bedrooms											
Options	Do avviro mont		Sq Ft Home								
Opilons	Requirement	2500	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000			
HHI Parking - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA	2	2	2	2	2	3	3			
ZoneCo	1 per 750	3.3	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.7	7.3	8.0			
Alternative No. 1	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-1000</u> GFA over 1000	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0			
Alternative No. 2	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-500</u> GFA over 1500	4	6	7	8	9	10	11			
Alternative No. 3	2 per du + 1 per 1-1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA										
	and 1 per bedroom for each bedroom over 4	3	4	4	5	5	6	6			
	bedrooms in addition to the base requirements										
HHI Overlay - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4			
ZoneCo Overlay - Proposed	2 per du + 1 per 750 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	2	2.67	3.33	4	4.67	5.33			

Table 2: Parking Calculations – 5 bedrooms

Parking - 5 bedrooms									
Options	Requirement	Sq Ft Home							
Opilons	kequiremeni	2500	2500 3500 4000 4500 5000 5500						
HHI Parking - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	
ZoneCo	1 per 750	3.3	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.7	7.3	8.0	
Alternative No. 1	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-1000</u> GFA over 1000	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	
Alternative No. 2	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-500</u> GFA over 1500	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Alternative No. 3	2 per du + 1 per 1-1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA								
	and 1 per bedroom for each bedroom over 4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	
	bedrooms in addition to the base requirements								
HHI Overlay - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	
ZoneCo Overlay - Proposed	2 per du + 1 per 750 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	2	2.67	3.33	4	4.67	5.33	

Table 3: Parking Calculations – 6 bedrooms

Parking - 6 bedrooms								
Options	Requirement	Sq Ft Home						
Opilons	kequiremeni	2500	2500 3500 4000 4500 5000 5500					
HHI Parking - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
ZoneCo	1 per 750	3.3	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.7	7.3	8.0
Alternative No. 1	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-1000</u> GFA over 1000	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0
Alternative No. 2	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-500</u> GFA over 1500	4	6	7	8	9	10	11
Alternative No. 3	2 per du + 1 per 1-1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA							
	and 1 per bedroom for each bedroom over 4	5	6	6	7	7	8	8
	bedrooms in addition to the base requirements							
HHI Overlay - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
ZoneCo Overlay - Proposed	2 per du + 1 per 750 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	2	2.67	3.33	4	4.67	5.33

Table 4: Parking Calculations – 7 bedrooms

Parking - 7 bedrooms										
Options	Requirement	Sq Ft Home								
Opilotis	keqollemeni	2500	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000		
HHI Parking - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA	2	2	2	2	2	3	3		
ZoneCo	1 per 750	3.3	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.7	7.3	8.0		
Alternative No. 1	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-1000</u> GFA over 1000	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0		
Alternative No. 2	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-500</u> GFA over 1500	4	6	7	8	9	10	11		
Alternative No. 3	2 per du + 1 per 1-1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA									
	and 1 per bedroom for each bedroom over 4	6	7	7	8	8	9	9		
	bedrooms in addition to the base requirements									
HHI Overlay - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4		
ZoneCo Overlay - Proposed	2 per du + 1 per 750 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	2	2.67	3.33	4	4.67	5.33		

Table 5: Parking Calculations – 8 bedrooms

Parking - 8 bedrooms	Coldiforis — o bedicorris							
Options	Requirement			Sq	Ft Ho	me		
Opilotis	kequiletti	2500	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000
HHI Parking - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
ZoneCo	1 per 750	3.3	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.7	7.3	8.0
Alternative No. 1	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-1000</u> GFA over 1000	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0
Alternative No. 2	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-500</u> GFA over 1500	4	6	7	8	9	10	11
Alternative No. 3	2 per du + 1 per 1-1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA							
	and 1 per bedroom for each bedroom over 4	7	8	8	9	9	10	10
	bedrooms in addition to the base requirements							
HHI Overlay - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
ZoneCo Overlay - Proposed	2 per du + 1 per 750 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	2	2.67	3.33	4	4.67	5.33

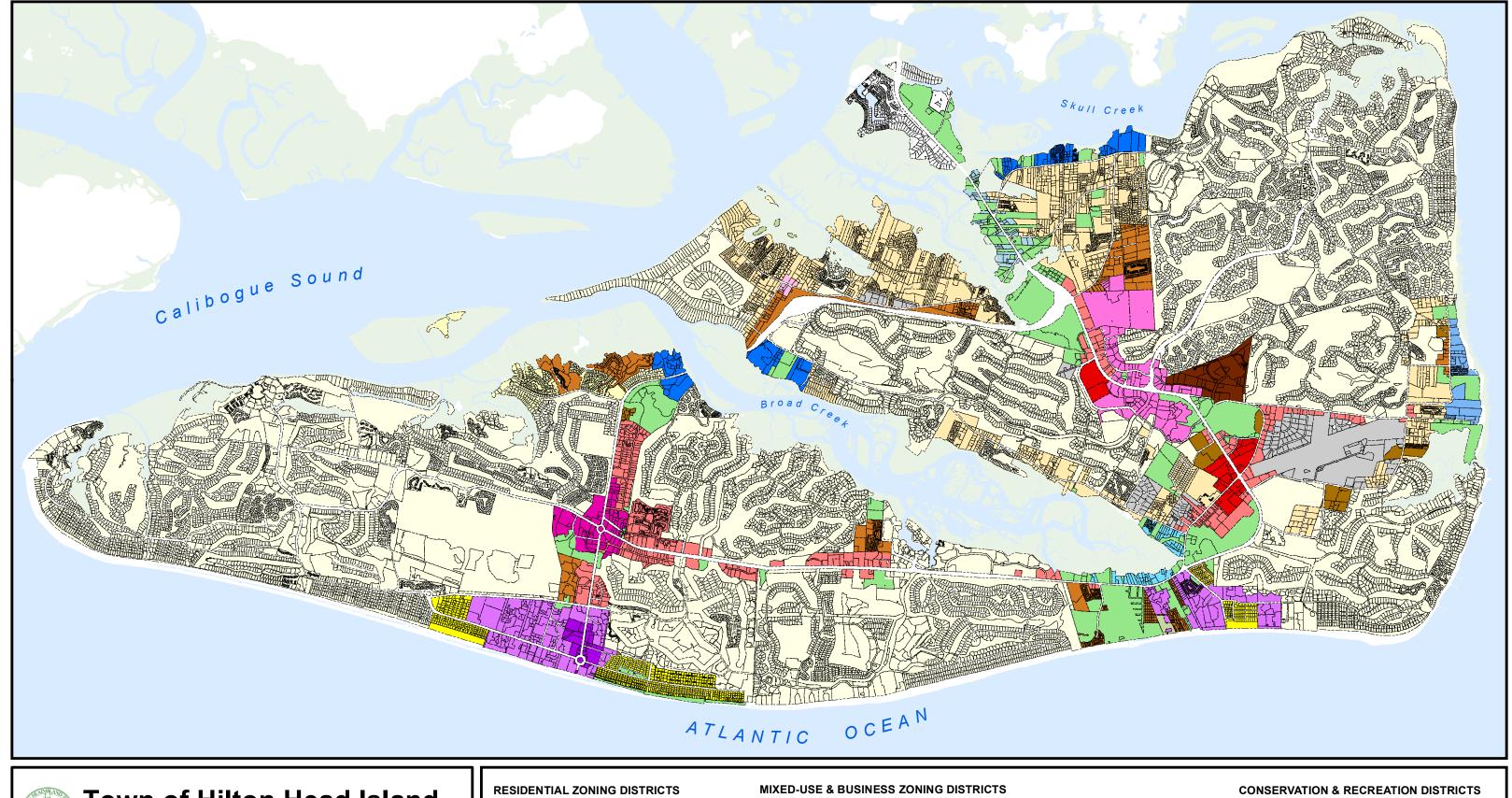
Consequences

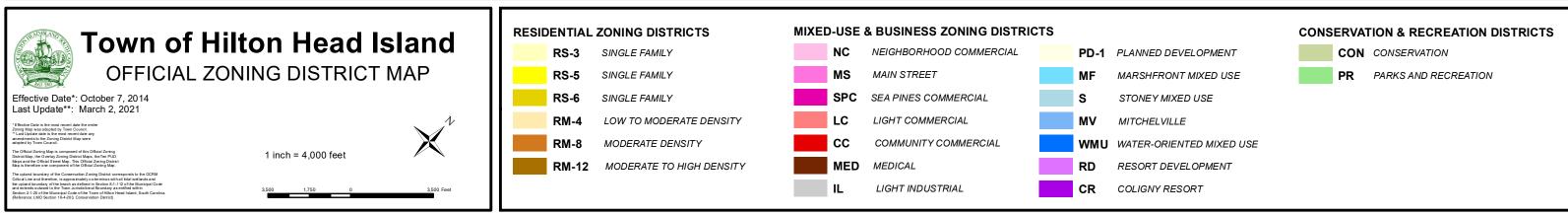
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Benefits	 Improves the regulation of parking for single-family properties. Addresses community concerns with the amount of parking that is required for new homes. Helps to reduce parking problems in Island neighborhoods.
Results	 Better aligns the amount of parking required with the size of the home. Reduces the potential for parking problems by requiring that new homes provide adequate parking for users. Increases parking requirements that relate to the home size. This will require that applicants consider design in meeting all performance standards per LMO (setbacks, buffers, open space, etc.) and build homes of an appropriate scale for the size of the lot. Phase 1 of the LMO Amendments that was adopted in March removed staff waivers and will allow Variance applications to be submitted to the BZA regarding parking requirements.

Recommendations

For Single-Family Principal Use and Required Parking, the Phase 4a Proposal suggests moving to 1 parking space per 750 square feet or portion thereof of Gross Floor Area (GFA). This eliminates the counting of an initial 2 spaces per dwelling unit and will calculate the required number of parking spaces based on square footage. For the Overlay Districts the suggestion is 1 additional parking space per 750 square feet or portion thereof above the current 2,000 square feet of GFA.

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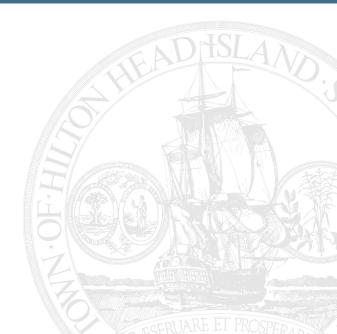




Land Management Ordinance (LMO) Amendments Plan Phase 4a

Town of Hilton Head Island, SC

Planning Commission Public Hearing | 07-27-2023



Background: LMO Critical Path

							L	MO A	mend	ment	Plan: (Critica	ıl Path	(07/05/2023		
		2022							2023							2024							
Phase		Q4			QI			Q2			Q3	, ,		Q4	,		Q1			Q2			
	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN		
1		11/1: LMO of PC	12/21: PC-PH	01/26: PPC	02/14: TC WKSP 02/21: TC1	03/07: TC2																	
2		11/1: LMO of PC	12/21: PC-PH	01/26: PPC	02/14: TC WKSP	03/07: TC1 03/08: PC 03/21: TC2																	
3						03/15: PC 03/29: PC	04/10: PPC 04/18: TC1	05/02: TC2															
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Dates for future meetings are subject to change.

Phase 4a - Recommendation:

That the Planning Commission hold a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to Title 16 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, the Land Management Ordinance, to amend single-family dwelling parking requirements and to establish single-family dwelling floor area ratio requirements.



Review Standards

Factors to consider per Land Management Ordinance (LMO) Sec. 16-2-103.B.3

- Is in accordance with the comprehensive plan;
- Is required by changed conditions;
- Addresses a demonstrated community need;
- Is consistent with the purpose and intent of the zoning districts in this ordinance, or would improve compatibility among uses and ensure efficient development within the Town;
- Would result in a logical and orderly development pattern; and
- Would not result in significant adverse impacts on the natural environment, including but not limited to water, air, noise, stormwater management, wildlife, vegetation, wetlands, and the natural functioning of the environment.

Phase 4a - Purpose:

- 1. Amend single-family dwelling parking requirements to better align the single-family use type to the size of the dwelling unit structure.
- 2. Establish regulations for single-family dwelling floor area ratio (FAR) requirements to more effectively regulate the volume and placement of homes based on the structure size in relation to the size of the property.

Phase 4a - Proposed Parking Changes:

1. Amend single-family dwelling parking requirements.

Sec.16-3-106 Overlay Zoning Districts

- H. Forest Beach Neighborhood Character Overlay (FB-NC-O) District
 - 4. District Regulations

f. Parking

- I. Folly Field Neighborhood Character Overlay (FF-NC-O) District
 - 4. District Regulations

g. Parking

- J. Holiday Homes Neighborhood Character Overlay (HH-NC-O) District
 - 4. District Regulations

e. Parking

Parking

Two parking spaces are required for up to 2,000 square feet of **gross floor area**. One additional parking space is required for each 1,000 750 square feet or portion thereof over and above 2,000 square feet of **gross floor area**. **Driveway** areas not located within any required buffer may be counted for parking.

Phase 4a - Proposed Parking Changes:

1. Amend single-family dwelling parking requirements.

Sec.16-5 Development and Design Standards

16-5-107. Parking and Loading Standards

D. Parking Space Requirements

USE CATEGORY/USE TYPE – MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES

Single-Family Use

<u>1 parking space per 750 gross floor area GFA</u>

USE CATEGORY/USE TYPE		MINIMUM NUMI SPACES ^{1,2,3,4}	BER OF PARKING
		CR DISTRICT	ALL OTHER DISTRICTS
	RESIDENTIAL USE	ES	
Group Living			
Mixed-Use	Residential		
	Nonresidential		
Multifamily	1 bedroom		
	2 bedrooms		
	3 or more bedrooms		
Single-Family		n/a	1 per 750 GFA 2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

D. Parking Space Requirements
Single-Family Use

2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over
4.000 GFA



Phase 4a – Proposed Parking Changes:

1. Amend single-family dwelling parking requirements.

Sec.16-3-104. Residential Base Zoning

B. Residential Single-Family-3 (RSF-3) District

C. Residential Single-Family-5 (RSF-5) District

D. Residential Single-Family-6 (RSF-6) District

E. Low to Moderate Density Residential (RM-4) District

F. Moderate Density Residential District (RM-8) District

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Sec.16-3-105. Mixed-Use & Business Districts

D. Light Commercial (LC) District

G. Marshfront (MF) District

I. Mitchelville (MV) District

J. Neighborhood Commercial (NC)

L. Resort Development (RD) District

N. Stoney (S) District

O. Waterfront Mixed-Use (WMU) District

2. Allowable Principal Uses and Required Parking

Single-Family

<u> 1 per 750 GFA</u>

2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA

Phase 4a - Parking Considerations:

Parking Minimum Requirements

- The provided information includes five tables that present different options for calculating parking space requirements based upon the square footage of the homes and number of bedrooms.
- Gathering parking standards is the review in a range of what is necessary by use.
- Off-street parking requirements are an attempt to minimize spillover parking on public streets; and to ensure a safe and efficient supply of parking is adequate at the site of development to meet and satisfy demand.
- Parking calculations are routinely simplified by accounting for gross floor area or square footage;
 however residential parking has traditionally required a certain number of spaces per dwelling unit.

Phase 4a - Parking Considerations:

Parking - Less than 4 b	edrooms							
Ontions	Paguiramant			Sq	Ft Ho	me		
Options	Requirement	2500	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000
HHI Parking - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
ZoneCo	1 per 750	3.3	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.7	7.3	8.0
Alternative No. 1	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-1000</u> GFA over 1000	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0
Alternative No. 2	2 Per du + 1 per <u>1-500</u> GFA over 1500	4	6	7	8	9	10	11
Alternative No. 3	2 per du + 1 per 1-1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA							
	and 1 per bedroom for each bedroom over 4	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
	bedrooms in addition to the base requirements							
HHI Overlay - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,000 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
ZoneCo Overlay - Proposed	2 per du + 1 per 750 GFA over 2,000 GFA	2	2	2.67	3.33	4	4.67	5.33

Parking - 5 bedrooms								
Ontions	Poquiromont			Sq	Ft Ho	me		
Options	Requirement	2500	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000
HHI Parking - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
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	and 1 per bedroom for each bedroom over 4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7
	bedrooms in addition to the base requirements							
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Phase 4a – Parking Considerations:

Parking - 6 bedrooms									
Online	Paguirament.	Sq Ft Home							
Options	Requirement	2500	2500 3500 4000 4500 5000 550					6000	
HHI Parking - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	
ZoneCo	1 per 750	3.3	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.7	7.3	8.0	
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Parking - 7 bedrooms																		
Ontions	Paguiramant	Sq Ft Home							Sq Ft Home									
Options	Requirement	2500	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000										
HHI Parking - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA	2	2	2	2	2	3	3										
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Phase 4a – Parking Considerations:

Sec.16-5-107. - Parking and Loading Standards

B. Applicability

- 1. All *development* shall provide off-street parking and loading areas in accordance with the standards of this section.
- 2. Any change in *use* of an existing *development* that does not involve *expansion* or remodeling subject to paragraph 3 below, shall comply with the standards this section as applied to the new *use*, to the *maximum extent practicable*.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in Sec. 16-7-105, Nonconforming Site Features, any *expansion* or remodeling of an existing *use* or *structure* that results in an increase in the number of *dwelling units*, square feet, rooms, seats, or other unit on which calculation of the minimum number of required parking or loading spaces is based shall provide additional off-street parking and loading spaces as required by application of the standards of this section to such increase, to the *maximum extent practicable*.

Parking - 8 bedrooms									
Options	Requirement	Sq Ft Home							
Opilotis	kequilemeni	2500	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000	
HHI Parking - Existing	2 per du + 1 per 1,250 GFA over 4,000 GFA	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	
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	and 1 per bedroom for each bedroom over 4	er 4 7		8					
	bedrooms in addition to the base requirements								
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Phase 4a - Proposed FAR Changes:

2. Establish regulations for single-family dwelling floor area ratio (FAR) requirements.

Sec.16-3-104. Residential Base Zoning

B. Residential Single-Family-3 (RSF-3) District

C. Residential Single-Family-5 (RSF-5) District

D. Residential Single-Family-6 (RSF-6) District

E. Low to Moderate Density Residential (RM-4) District

F. Moderate Density Residential District (RM-8) District

G. Moderate to High Density Residential District (RM-12) District

3. Development Form Standards

<u>Single-Family Floor Area Ratio</u>

See Section 16-5-118

Sec.16-3-105. Mixed-Use & Business Districts

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Phase 4a - Proposed FAR Changes:

2. Establish regulations for single-family dwelling floor area ratio (FAR) requirements.

Sec.16-5 Development and Design Standards

<u>16-5-118 - Floor Area Ratio</u>

A. Purpose and Intent

<u>The intent of this section is to establish a Floor Area Ratio development standard to be applied to parcels utilized for single-family residential dwelling construction.</u>

- **B.** Applicability
- 1. This section shall apply to the construction of all single-family residential dwellings in the following districts: RSF-3, RSF-5, RSF-6, RM-4, RM-8, RM-12, LC, MF, MV, NC, RD, S, and WMU.
- E. Floor Area Ratio

The maximum gross floor area of a single-family residential dwelling is limited to 0.45 times the area of the lot on which the single-family residence is located; provided, however, that the maximum gross floor area of a single-family residence shall not exceed 4,000 square feet.

Phase 4a - Proposed FAR Changes:

2. Establish regulations for single-family dwelling floor area ratio (FAR) requirements.

Sec.16-2 Administration

16-2-103. Application Specific Review Procedures

G. Development Plan Review (Minor and Major)

3. Exemptions

d. All structures (including factory-built housing) built or placed on an individual single-family residential lot with no other dwelling on it although such structures shall comply with the provisions set forth below:

xii. Section 16-5-118 – Floor Area Ratio

Sec.16-10 Definitions, Interpretation, and Measurement

16-2-102. Rules of Measurement

E. Lot Coverage

4. Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is the measurement of a building's gross floor area in relation to the size of the lot on which the building is located on. FAR is expressed as a decimal number and is derived by dividing the total gross floor area of the building by the net acreage of the lot.

Phase 4a – FAR Considerations:

Use Specific Conditions - Floor Area Ratio

- Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is the measurement of a building's total floor area (gross floor area) in relation to the size of the lot/parcel that the building is located on.
- FAR ratio is a calculation for maximum building size to the land area of the lot square footage.
- FAR is a separate calculation to density, dwelling units per net acreage of the parcel.
- Proposal is viewed to be consistent with the existing LMO Overlay Floor Area Ratio of 0.45.

Zoning District	Average Building SF	Average Lot SF	Average of FAR	Parcels
MF	1945.25	24270.44	0.32	16
MV	2488.16	5918.76	0.53	43
NC	1412.00	23794.04	0.06	1
RD	3278.71	4162.26	0.89	41
RM-4	2036.98	11851.93	0.28	990
RM-8	2590.19	6176.58	0.50	299
RSF-3	1953.03	11240.94	0.20	296
RSF-5	2784.09	10145.45	0.30	657
RSF-6	1736.22	8622.26	0.21	54
S	1271.60	15938.66	0.10	5
WMU	2420.50	6434.42	0.59	48
Total	2321.86	10312.05	0.32	2450

Existing FAR Requireme	Max. House Size			
Forest Beach	0.55	5,000 sq. ft.		
Folly Field	0.45	4,500 sq. ft.		
Holiday Homes	0.45	4,000 sq. ft.		

For context, staff researched FAR within the available data of **existing zoning districts**.

Phase 4a – FAR Considerations:

Districts	Floor Area Ratio Distribution by District								
	Less than .10	0.10 to 0.19	0.20 to 0.29	0.30 to 0.39	0.40 to 0.49	0.50 to 0.59	0.60 to 0.79	0.80 plus	
LC	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
MF	5	17	-	-	1	-	-	-	
MV	16	8	-	1	4	4	2		
RD	23	29	4	1	_	-	-	-	
RM-12	1	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	
RM-4	143	314	207	132	117	102	47	13	
RM-8	3	6	3	5	2	-	-	_	
RSF-3	10	92	56	13	1	-	-	_	
RSF-5	4	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	
RSF-6	1	1	-	-	1	2	7	42	
S	2	-	3	3	1	3	1	-	
WMU	10	8	6	3	6	7	7	12	
Total	218	475	279	158	133	119	64	67	

For context, staff researched FAR within the available data of existing zoning districts.

- The districts listed have a *minimum* FAR between 0.03 and 0.07, with one outlier of 0.58.
- The districts listed have an average of 0.32 FAR, below the suggested 0.45 FAR.
- Four districts have an avg FAR above 45% or 0.45: LC, RM-12, RSF-6, and WMU. However, there is only one parcel in LC and one in RM-12, which is not enough to compare on a district basis. Additionally, the highest average for single-family residential square footage is **3,174 sq ft in RSF-6** for existing residential single-family.

Phase 4a – FAR Considerations:

2022 Permit Distribution of Square Footage by Zoning District

2022 Building Permit FAR Ratios							
Zoning	Number of	Average	Minimum	Maximum			
District	Units	Home SF	SF	SF			
RD	6	5184	5115	5786			
RM-4	23	3526	1216	5994			
RM-8	9	6184	4295	8328			
RSF-5	9	6214	4138	7691			
WMU	2	5107	3814	6400			
Total	49	4775	1216	8328			

For context, staff researched Square Footage within the available data of existing HHI permits software.

- New residential buildout for calendar year 2022 included 156 total properties.
- The number of properties per zoning district are distributed by building square footage.
- Additionally, the highest average for single-family residential square footage was 6184 sq ft in 2022.
- The minimum was 1216 sq ft in RM-4 Low to Moderate Density Residential, the maximum was 8328 sq ft in RM-8 Moderate Density Residential, and the median of all 156 properties was 5290 sq ft.

Our Plan – Review Considerations:

Review Criteria – In accordance with "Our Plan" the Comprehensive Plan of Hilton Head Island

Throughout *Our Plan*, given the nature of inter-related ideas around common topics or areas of concern, there is overlap in key ideas or the scope of the goals.

- The Pursuit of Excellence emphasis on a people-focused community that embraces and celebrates its history, racial, cultural, and socio-economic diversity, and natural resources.
 - Opportunities for Excellence include building an Island community defined by small communities operating collaboratively and by a diverse economic focus (p.111).
 - Connected Strategies include providing appropriate modifications to the zoning designations and land use regulations to meet community needs while maintaining island character (p.116).
- The Environment and Sustainability are foundational values of the Hilton Head Island Community, always
 including the natural environment.
 - Opportunities for Environment include to anticipate the future climate or environment that could impact the human footprint and presence on the Island (p.124).
 - Infrastructure Strategies include educating residents and visitors about air quality and noise pollution, and their relative impacts on human and environmental health (p.132).
 - Economic Strategies include to encourage and offer options for sustainable development of structures and sites (p.127).

Phase 4a - Recommendation:

That the Planning Commission hold a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to Title 16 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, the Land Management Ordinance, to amend single-family dwelling parking requirements and to establish single-family dwelling floor area ratio requirements.



Questions?

