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Written Public Comments

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Subject: Comments for Planning Commission Meeting on Dec. 18, 2024

Dear John,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Planning Commission's proposed changes to the Town's ordinance concerning parking areas and drives. KICA fully supports the efforts to encourage the use of more pervious surfaces across Kiawah Island. My comments, however, pertain specifically to the impact of these changes on commercial properties.

As it currently stands today, a commercial property's parking lot and drive may be a combination of both pervious and impervious surfaces. Based on my understanding of the proposed revisions, this flexibility would no longer be permitted. I believe it is in the best interest of commercial properties to retain the option to use a mix of materials, as these properties often accommodate higher volumes of traffic and vehicles with heavier load capacities.

For an example, KICA currently has a mixture of materials at the Sandcastle facility, with the parking spaces being pervious but the drive areas being asphalt to handle the heavier vehicle traffic and loads. This approach effectively balances environmental considerations with practical functionality. In 2025, we plan to implement a similar solution at Beachwalker Center, which handles the bulk of the island's commercial vehicle decal and pass issuance.

I respectfully request that the ordinance revisions consider the unique needs of commercial properties by allowing the continued use of both pervious and impervious surfaces, while still encouraging the increased adoption of pervious materials wherever feasible.

Thank you for your time and consideration -
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