

City of Isle of Palms, SC
Public Comment - June 2022

Date Submitted	Name	Address	Comments for Council Meeting	Meeting This Comment is Intended For:	Email Address
6/30/2022 1:51 PM	Elizabeth Toles	200 Grand Pavilion Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Reaching out on behalf of Wild Dunes Beach Resort as they are hosting a beach sweep with the SC Aquarium on July 5 from 8:00am-10:00am.</p> <p>The SC Aquarium Conservation team will have a table set up on site and the local Sea Turtle Team is going to host a sweep as well along front beach, so in theory the IOP beach will be swept by the collective community the whole way down.</p>	City Council	ltoles@zimmerman.com
6/21/2022 11:40 PM	Bill Casey	815 Palm Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Dear Council:</p> <p>As a lifetime resident of this beach community, involved and invested in the accommodations and real estate businesses since 1963, and as a former councilman, I'd like to express my appreciation for your service and sympathy for your present predicament.</p> <p>One of the great privileges of being in the United States is ownership, in fee simple, of real estate. Each time you restrict/remove the right of an owner to pursue their interest in same, the power of the privilege is diminished.</p> <p>That concerns me.</p> <p>I've looked at the statistics developed the planning commission regarding your concern about whether to further control rental licensing. I've witnessed fifty years of cycling interest in this. The real problem we have on these islands is that we have chosen to live here. It's the traffic that creates the angst among our citizens, bringing calls for you to do something.</p> <p>The people renting here have adequate parking available at their rental units. That does not create a problem, does it?</p> <p>Do our paying summer visitors drive more during their stay than residents in the same period of time? I really doubt they do.</p> <p>Our daily visitors need every available parking space. There lies our problem. Everything else is a distraction.</p> <p>Very truly, J. W. Casey, Jr. 815 Palm Blvd Isle of Palms, SC 29451</p>	City Council	nbcaseyiop@gmail.com

6/21/2022 8:58 PM	Emily Rountree	3 Frank Sottile Lane, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am originally from South Carolina and have lived in Mount Pleasant for the last 16 years. I grew up vacationing at Isle of Palms. I have been fortunate to be able to purchase a home on IOP that is currently a short term rental. It has provided me with income and the potential to one day live there as a full time resident. My future is uncertain as I have gone through many major life changes as many of us do. I hope that the committee will continue to allow for short term rentals on IOP. I hope that people from South Carolina and elsewhere can continue to enjoy the beauty and quaintness of IOP within close proximity to Charleston and in the comfort of a home. I hope as a property owner I can continue to rent my home and afford it and have the flexibility to keep or sale it if needed(not know what my future holds). If short term rental licenses are not available this could impact the value of my property. I know that IOP has been grappling with the increasing growth of the Charleston area and traffic and its impact on our beautiful island. Short term rentals is not the main problem and I hope you all will continue to support the property owners who do not or cannot live on the island full time but choose to be able keep their homes by renting them short term. I also believe short term rentals allow families to be able to enjoy the beach in a much more comfortable and relaxing property. T</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Emily Maria Rountree</p>	Planning Comm	emrountree@gmail.com
6/21/2022 7:04 PM	Mr Mark R. Smith	232 N View Cir, Warrenton, Virginia 20186	<p>Rental Zone. The data from trash pick- up, short term rental numbers etc., are declining. Why is this such an issue when you ignore the numbers who come for a day but stay off-island? Why are the 2021 numbers not considered when the numbers are available? My property is 910 Palm Blvd.</p>	City Council	marksmith@hotmail.com
6/21/2022 6:54 PM	Cynthia Olie	6400 Pаметto Dr. #2, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Two comments/observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Short term licenses have actually trended downward in the last 10 years. Not sure what problem we're trying to solve by limiting licenses further. 2. Any caps on licenses within the gates of Wild Dunes seems misguided, inappropriate and unfair to owners. Wild Dunes is a resort community specifically designed to attract tourists. A huge majority of current owners had their first Wild Dunes experiences as renters. <p>Thank you for your consideration of these comments.</p>	City Council	cinnamom59@gmail.com

6/21/2022 6:35 PM	Mrs. Susan M Anderson	2704 Whispering Pines Ct, Decatur, Georgia 30033	My husband Lewis S. Anderson Jr. and I purchased Oceanside Villas 211 C in August of 2008 from an LLC which formerly held multiple rental units. Our intent was to have both a place to visit the Isle of Palms a couple times a year, and to offset the ongoing maintenance and other expenses by renting the property. We converted the ownership to an LLC in 2017, OS211, LLC. It is only in the last two years that we have realized income above expenses. The business license fee has doubled in 2019 from earlier fees. We do enjoy our stays a couple times a year and see visitors enjoying the area, however we now see ownership as a business with much work and expenses, especially maintenance. In order to someday pass this property along through a sale, we definitely expect that the next owners would REQUIRE a business license going forward. In no way would we expect the City of Isle of Palms to restrict access to a business license for a property that was clearly built for the purpose of short-term rentals. I can see full-time residents wanting to restrict additional properties to convert from personal residences to short-term rental properties, particularly if they were initially built as homes. The recent efforts to more fully define and describe the problem with short-term rentals is to be commended. The policies that come from this analysis should above all be FAIR and transparent, particularly when determining the ORIGINAL PURPOSE for construction, use and ONGOING MAINTENANCE of properties. I attest to the expense of ongoing maintenance by owners, which is a GREAT BENEFIT to the upkeep of properties on Isle of Palms. Thank you for considering my concerns. Please do not limit business licenses to current holders, nor to those who purchase the properties in the future. The limit, if imposed, should take into account the original intended use of the property, along with new construction permits, and ability of the area to contain automobiles and traffic associated with the property. To be clear, our unit was originally built as a rental property and the business license should be available to future owners.	City Council	susananderson01@att.net
6/21/2022 5:38 PM	Kara J Clayton	40 Back Court, Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Why are rental zones with limits needed? I own a condo in Wild Dunes. If I sell my condo the right to rent it out should be passed on to any future buyers. The restricting of rental rights will negatively impact my ability to sell my condo. This limit should not be placed on current owners!	Planning Comm	rowintn@bellsouth.net
6/21/2022 4:51 PM	Carol Porter	PO Box 843, Folly Beach, South Carolina 29439	Are you able to publish potential timing impacts to the proposed changes and when things will be finalized?	Planning Comm	j.scott.porter1@outlook.com
6/21/2022 4:27 PM	Drs. Craig and Linda M a	9 Summer Dunes Lane, Charleston, South Carolina 29451	We are voicing our support for leaving rental stipulations as-is. Linda is a native of Charleston and we want to preserve its beauty for all who wish to visit this great destination. Also, we want to support our thriving tourist industry. Thank you.	Planning Comm	doctorlrk49@gmail.com
6/21/2022 3:18 PM	Blake Pearce	#214 Sea Cabin, Isle of palms, South Carolina 29451	We oppose any changes to current rental properties on the Isle of Palms. This would adversely affect the value of our property and the rental income we now receive. We also oppose changing the rental status of a property if it is sold as this would drop the value of the property significantly. Thank you.	City Council	bpearce@carolinasupplies.com
6/21/2022 3:05 PM	Ms Polly Judson	3800 Cameron Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Why is one City Council group exploring how to better spend tourism tax revenues, while another is trying to "cap" tourism? To us, it seems IOP City Council is trying to "bite the hand that feeds us." "Livability issues" is the stated problem, but why does that lead directly - and only - to short term rental restrictions? This leap seems to be an undisguised attempt to reduce bachelor and bachelorette parties. They occur all around our house, quite frequently, and we can attest that incessant dog barking and leaf blowers from full time resident neighbors is a SIGNIFICANTLY higher "livability issue" for our neighborhood. The current proposal appears to allow for license transfer should we sell our property. But if we skip a year of rentals, all bets are off? Not only would we have to go on a wait list for a license, but our rental occupancy would drop from 12 to 8? This is clearly not fair and injurious to existing rental property owners. At the very least, please wait until the ups and downs of pandemic impacts (not to mention soaring inflation and mortgage rates) have settled into a longer term more stable outlook. Life is hard enough right now for all of us.	City Council	Pollyjudson@gmail.com

6/21/2022 2:53 PM	Mr Warren C Powell, Jr	801 Arbutus, Columbia, South Carolina 29205	It would be fundamentally unfair to forbid short term rentals across the board. The disallowance of buyers to obtain a license to so rent is the path in doing so. This would damage property values and hurt commerce on the island including restaurants and other such vacation oriented businesses. Depressed property values would also adversely effect tax revenue. Respectfully, a bad idea.	City Council	wpowell@brunerpowell.com
6/21/2022 2:16 PM	Andrei Petrovsky	3808 Hartnett Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I wanted to express my views regarding some of the contemplated changes in short term rental licensing on IOP. First, I believe the current restrictions around parking, number of occupants, noise levels, etc. have generally been effective and should be maintained largely as is. Second, I'm not opposed to there being sensible caps on the number of short term rental licenses issued so long as there is some room for growth as compared to the current number of licenses. I do believe that the short term rental licenses should be transferrable in the event that a property changes hands by virtue of sale, inheritance, etc. Thank you for considering these views as well as the input from other residents and short term rental owners.	Planning Comm	andrei.philip.petrovsky@gmail.com
6/21/2022 2:08 PM	Dr Bingham Vick	101 Castlemaine Drive, Greenville, South Carolina 29617	My wife and I purchased Seascape 516 in Wild Dunes in 1994. We have enjoyed being there, and renting our unit year round for almost forty years. We have paid the ever-rising "rental license" fees steadily. Our income from rentals has helped us pay for this valuable property (I am a retired college professor) these past thirty years. We oppose any change in our ability to rent this unit. Our renters come for the enjoyment of Wild Dunes. They purchase groceries, they dine in IOP restaurants, they purchase merchandise from IOP vendors, AND their experience is shared with their friends who then want to come to IOP for their vacation time. There are already plenty of restrictions and fees on short-time rentals. NO MORE, PLEASE. AND, we pay generous property tax on this valuable land as well.	Board of Zoning	bing.vick@furman.edu
6/21/2022 12:36 AM	Robert E. James	4000 Pomfret Lane, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211	These comments relate to the discussion to limit vacation rentals in Wild Dunes. I purchased my home there eleven years ago and intended to rent it from the beginning as I was not retired and my family was not able to use the house more than six or eight weeks annually. We have continued to rent it when we are not there. Why would you even consider a rental license limit within Wild Dunes, a resort community focused on attracting tourist and renters. The income you receive helps your IOP budget, the renters support local restaurants, shops and the Harris Teeter. Also, if I elect to sell my home one day, the new owner should be allowed to rent it also if he chooses. In fact the State of SC requires that if I sell it the new owner must honor all reservations for 90 days minimum. I don't understand why the Conical would even consider this proposal. You will be cutting off income, lower property values, and hurt the very voters who you are supposed to represent.	City Council	bobjames50@gmail.com
6/20/2022 10:31 PM	Mr Chris Smith	10 28th Ave., Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Good evening! My name is Chris Smith and my wife is Laura Smith. We have been coming to Isle of Palms for 15 years or more. We have previously owned a condo in Shipwatch in Wild Dunes and sold it recently to build our dream home on 10 28th Ave. We have put our life savings into this home. If we were unable to use this as rental property it would loose hundreds of thousands of dollars and would be devastating to our family in so many ways! We will not go down without a fight. Thank you for your time.	City Council	chris_smithccs@hotmail.com

6/20/2022 7:14 PM	John A Singer	8000 Palmetto Dr., Apt. 502, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>I submit these comments to you in anticipation of your June 21, 2022, meeting.</p> <p>As a background, I own a condominium within Wild Dunes. My wife and I reside there for about four to five months per year and rent out the unit short-term for the rest of the year, particularly during the mid-April through mid-September time period. We retain a professional property manager, Beachside Vacations, to assure there is always someone on-site to address any problems that may occur. Fortunately, in our experience, these have only been minor maintenance issues.</p> <p>The most problematic issue of the proposed regulation, and one that perhaps issue the Council and Commission may not have considered fully, is that the proposed cap on short-term rental licenses (in particular not permitting existing property owners who have short-term licenses to pass their license on to new owners), may create a limited governmental taking of property owners' rights by the Council. Such a taking could create substantial monetary liability for the City of IOP since this regulation almost certainly will diminish the value of properties to existing owners. If prospective new owners do not have the right to rent-out short-term a property they purchase, any rational new owner will demand a substantial discount on the property price because the new owner will not have the substantial benefit of a short-term rental income stream. Since this loss of property value to the existing owner will be the direct and sole result of IOP regulation, the Council's action may cause the City of IOP to be liable to existing property owners for this diminution in value to their properties. With the numerous existing rentals on IOP, their significant collective value, and the collective potential total diminution in value, the cost to City of IOP may be very substantial. Beyond this collective loss of value, even a single property owner could cause substantial costs for the City of IOP. As an example, if the existing owner of a property currently worth \$4,000,000 has even just a ten percent (\$400,000) diminution in property</p>	City Council	regnisj@gmail.com
6/20/2022 6:45 PM	Gina Foster	835 Coleman Blve Ste 200, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	<p>Gina Foster, realtor with Dunes Properties, is speaking on behalf of clients who are in the process of building a home and planning to offset expenses with rental income</p>	City Council	gfoster@dunesproperties.com
6/20/2022 6:24 PM	Rita London	1101 Ocean Club Villa, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>1. Why would there be a limit on vacation rentals within Wild Dunes, a community built to attract tourism?</p> <p>2. Why would a license not be able to transfer from one property owner to another following the sale of the property? This would be a violation of the SC Vacation Rental Act if the new property owner would not be able to obtain a license to honor reservations 90 days following the closing. This would hurt both the value and resale ability for the current owners.</p> <p>3. Why would the new proposal allow City Council to ignore current short-term family vacation home regulations and or set out their own "restrictions"?</p>	City Council	ritalondon828@yahoo.com
6/20/2022 6:20 PM	Allan Hellman	1101 Ocean Club Villa, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>1. Why would there be a limit on vacation rentals within Wild Dunes, a community built to attract tourism?</p> <p>2. Why would a license not be able to transfer from one property owner to another following the sale of the property? This would be a violation of the SC Vacation Rental Act if the new property owner would not be able to obtain a license to honor reservations 90 days following the closing. This would hurt the value and resale for the current owners.</p> <p>3. Why would the new proposal allow City Council to ignore current short-term family vacation home regulations and or set out their own "restrictions"?</p>	City Council	marshall148131@gmail.com

6/20/2022 5:59 PM	Rita London	30 Oak Gate Drive, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739	<p>1. Why are rental zones with limits needed?</p> <p>2. Why would there be a limit on vacation rentals within Wild Dunes, a community built to attract tourism?</p> <p>3. Why would a license not be able to transfer from one property owner to another following the sale of the property? This would be a violation of the SC Vacation Rental Act if the new property owner would not be able to obtain a license to honor reservations 90 days following the closing.</p> <p>4. Why would the new proposal allow City Council to ignore current short-term family vacation home regulations and or set out their own "restrictions"? I have been told, the new proposal will allow City Council to re-write current regulations, which have been effective as indicated on the meeting agenda. Is this legal? This would hurt the value and resale ability for current owners.</p>	City Council	ritalondon828@yahoo.com
6/20/2022 5:58 PM	Mr. John Bassett Ford	130 Charleston Blvd., Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>The proposed regulations regarding rental licenses are punitive to longtime tax-paying citizens such as me and my wife, and would illegally confiscate value and force home buyers to violate SC law by potentially not allowing rental property licenses to transfer upon a home sale. This is just plain unnecessary and wrong and we will oppose it vigorously. Thank you.</p> <p>John Ford</p>	Planning Comm	jfordmedia@gmail.com
6/20/2022 5:20 PM	David Temple	13 57th ave, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Please note we are not in favor of the proposed new rental cap proposal as there appears to be insufficient reasons for the proposed changes. Could you please answer these questions:</p> <p>1. Why are rental zones with limits needed? It seems that total rental properties are substantially lower than previous years?</p> <p>2. Why would there be a limit on vacation rentals within Wild Dunes, a community built to attract tourism?</p> <p>3. Why would a license not be able to transfer from one property owner to another following the sale of the property? This would be a violation of the SC Vacation Rental Act if the new property owner would not be able to obtain a license to honor reservations 90 days following the closing.</p> <p>4. Why would the new proposal allow City Council to ignore current short-term family vacation home regulations and or set out their own "restrictions"? Does the new proposal allow City Council to re-write current regulations, which have been effective as indicated on the meeting agenda?</p> <p>many thanks</p> <p>David Temple - Chief manager for Easton Investments.</p>	City Council	usatemples@outlook.com

6/20/2022 4:52 PM	Caroline Haggerty	111 Grand Pavilion Drive, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>We would like to voice our concerns regarding the proposal of implementing caps on the number of rental properties on IOP. IOP is a beautiful barrier island that vacationers have been able to enjoy for many years. It is a vacation destination as most of the barrier islands are on the east coast. How lucky are its residents who get to enjoy IOP's beauty year round. After living on the island for well over a year in a highly year-round rental area we have to say that we have never had any problem with renters. They bring revenue to our local business and generate tax income for IOP. The number of licenses has also been on a downward trend over the past 10 years. I don't see how implementing rental caps will improve livability. Loss of tax revenue and the potential decrease in property value with longer days on the market should be of more concern to residents if caps are implemented. It seems to us resident's are most concerned about traffic issues. Vacationers are not the problem when it comes to traffic issues. Day trippers are the bulk of the traffic that we see arriving and leaving on weekends. There are other risk/benefits to consider but too long to mention here. We wish we could be there in person. Thank you for your consideration and time. Sincerely, Dan and Caroline Haggerty</p>	City Council	dhagg1123@msn.com
6/20/2022 3:37 PM	Mr Chris Perry	23, Sandcrab Ct, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>This proposal seems like a solution looking for a problem. Rental licenses are not increasing and are in fact down from their peak. Today's housing price and interest rate increases will price out some future buyers who would rent so declines should continue. Looking at the maps there are so many red and blue parcels indicating turnover is significant. If there are small pockets of rental units this turnover will remedy the situation in time. More city action is not necessary.</p> <p>Also, the graphs of police, fire, and trash utilization by month can be misleading. That use includes second home owners who don't rent but visit seasonally, seasonal visitors to year round residents, and day trippers. The increases certainly aren't all rental generated. Finally, consider the negatives if a cap is reached. A long time year round resident wanting to sell the house in a capped area wasn't renting, has no license to transfer, and will be faced with a lower market value because of no ability for a potential buyer to rent.</p> <p>I'm confident you'll come to the right decision, to continue to monitor but let the market take care of this issue. Thank you.</p>	City Council	cjperry9@yahoo.com
6/20/2022 3:36 PM	Steve Hawley	9510 Palmetto Dr, #4407 Ocean Club, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>1. Why are caps on vacation rentals necessary? After reviewing the slides on the meeting agenda, I do not see why this is even a topic. Looking at the data and the trends, it appears that rentals are down. It also appears that services are not under stress. Isle of Palms is a resort and vacation community. We need the tax generated by tourism. If it was out of control, I could see why proposals to change would be needed. But in this case, I do not see a problem.</p> <p>2. I am an owner of a property and I rent. If I sell my property, the new owner would be required by law to obtain a rental license to honor any rentals for 90 days. This would be a violation of the State Vacation Rental Act if the new owner can not obtain a license.</p> <p>3. Why would the new proposal allow City Council to ignore current short-term family vacation home regulations and or set out their own "restrictions"? I have been told, the new proposal will allow City Council to re-write current regulations, which have been effective as indicated on the meeting agenda.</p>	City Council	shawley712@gmail.com
6/20/2022 3:25 PM	Robert Joseph Griffiths	7 Fairway Oaks Lane, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Regarding the motion on short term rental limits. I cannot be present for this meeting but would like to know what problem is seeking to be corrected through this motion? Has the committee considered the impact this decision will have on property values and potential for significant loss of property tax revenues?</p>	Planning Comm	rjgriffiths@carolina.rr.com

6/20/2022 2:59 PM	Mr. Sean Sullivan	3405 Cameron Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Dear City Council,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why are rental zones with limits needed? 2. Why would there be a limit on vacation rentals within Wild Dunes, a community built to attract tourism? 3. Why would a license not be able to transfer from one property owner to another following the sale of the property? This would be a violation of the SC Vacation Rental Act if the new property owner would not be able to obtain a license to honor reservations 90 days following the closing. 4. Why would the new proposal allow City Council to ignore current short-term family vacation home regulations and or set out their own "restrictions"? I have been told, the new proposal will allow City Council to re-write current regulations, which have been effective as indicated on the meeting agenda. <p>In summary, I object to adding regulatory requirements to the use of our personal property. This is just another example of government adding more burdens it's taxpayers.</p>	City Council	Sean@livingstoneconstruction.com
6/20/2022 2:41 PM	Dr Katherine M Rowley	136 Grand Pavilion, Wild Dunes, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed caps on short term rentals to be discussed at the joint City Council-Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, June 21, 2022. It is not at all clear as to why the Planning Commission feels their actions, to create arbitrary rental zones, restrict the ability of rental licenses to be transfered, and override existing short-term family vacation home regulations, will achieve their desired goals. Some of these actions appear to be in violation of the SC Vacation Rental Act. They will certainly have a profound impact on various aspects of the Isle of Palms economy. Please reconsider the proposed caps on short term rentals in specific zones on the island. Thank you.</p>	City Council	rowleykm@gmail.com
6/20/2022 2:20 PM	Mr. Kevin Howard Smith	71 Grand Pavilion, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm writing to include my thoughts on limiting the number of home rental licenses on the Island. Home rental is what drew us to the Island to visit. This led us to decide to purchase a home so we could visit when we would like. Home rental allowed us the extra income to renovate our home (which had never been renovated btw), thereby improving the appearance of the home, and the neighborhood, And also bringing new rental guests to see and enjoy what Isle of Palms offers. Visiting the Island and bringing in revenue which will only help improve the community. This should be an unquestioned right of every homeowner to decide how they want to use their home. Over a decade, I have never seen any evidence of the Island being overrun with rental guests affecting anyone's enjoyment on the Island. If this was an issue, who decided to allow another hotel to be built? How many actual homeowners truly have an issue with renting out their home? Not to mention the amount of revenue the Island and the State makes off of the rental revenue taxes. This should not be even be a question or consideration telling homeowners how they may use their property. Thank you. Kevin Smith Owner 71 Grand Pavilion.</p>	Planning Comm	kevin@quasercontractors.com
6/20/2022 1:58 PM	Mr. John D Kashubara	9000 Palmetto Drive 103D, Port O Call, Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>I currently own a single bedroom 850 square foot rental in Wild Dunes, Port O Call, which I believe will be uncapped as proposed. As proposed, I believe, the unit is in an uncapped zone, I believe it makes sense that uncapped areas not be subjected to rental license restrictions upon sale, as this would unfairly impair the ability to sell a property which was obviously built as a single bedroom rental and is nearly useless as a full time residence. The fact that the unit is in an uncapped zone demonstrates that there should not be any license restrictions in that zone.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration on this matter.</p>	Planning Comm	gratitudelatitudellc@gmail.com

6/20/2022 11:53 AM	eric_tallarico	3705 palm blvd, Isle of palms, South Carolina 29541	I'm concerned about the new vacation rental proposal. I'm not sure they are necessary as there are regulations currently employed. I believe that the new proposal affects people outside of wild dunes unfairly. I am against the new proposed rental regulations	City Council	erictallarico@hotmail.com
6/20/2022 2:37 AM	Matt_Lazzeri	7800 Palmetto Drive, Unit 428D, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>We do not understand the rationale behind limiting the number of rental licenses in Isle of Palms or for breaking things into zones. This is a place where people come to vacation and property owners should be able to rent their properties as they please.</p> <p>Our four main questions/criticisms of what are being discussed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why are rental zones with limits needed? 2. Why would there be a limit on vacation rentals within Wild Dunes, a community built to attract tourism? 3. Why would a license not be able to transfer from one property owner to another following the sale of the property? This would be a violation of the SC Vacation Rental Act if the new property owner would not be able to obtain a license to honor reservations 90 days following the closing. 4. Why would the new proposal allow City Council to ignore current short-term family vacation home regulations and or set out their own "restrictions"? We have been told, the new proposal will allow City Council to re-write current regulations, which have been effective as indicated on the meeting agenda. 	City Council	lazzerrimatt@gmail.com
6/19/2022 10:16 PM	Nelson F. Migdal	Unit B-310 Shipwatch Condominium, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Please do not cap or place a moratorium on short term vacation rentals. The number of licenses is already declining as is the rate of occupancy. Then there is Wild Dunes which is an economic driver based upon short term vacation rentals. This seems to be a solution looking for a problem where this is none and will only damage the local business that thrive on short term rentals.	Planning Comm	Migdaln@gmail.com
6/19/2022 9:34 PM	Mr. Thomas Gerard O'Boyle	1 Beach Club Villa, 6400 Palmetto Drive, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>First let me say thank you for all you do. I imagine it's not an easy job.</p> <p>We purchased a beachfront condo 1 year ago on IOP and one of the reasons we were did was the ability to rent it during the scorching months as the previous owners had. Cap the number of rentals if need be but don't hurt the property value of residents who purchased based on the ability to rent their homes. Grandfathering is what most municipalities would do. Thank you</p>	City Council	tom.oboyle@mail.com
6/19/2022 8:09 PM	John Cragen	15 Pelican Reach, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>We own a small three bedroom house in Pelican Bay (Wild Dunes). We occupy the house eight months per year and offer it for rent on a weekly (or longer) basis for the remaining four months. Most of our neighbors in Pelican Bay are also family owners who rent out their houses when they are not in residence. Many of these homeowners would not be able to afford to own homes on IOP without this rental income. A short term rental cap in Wild Dunes will adversely affect this type of homeowner. If rental licenses are not transferable It will decrease the market value of these homes if potential buyers cannot be assured that they will be able to continue the rental status of the home they want to buy.</p> <p>Please consider the effect that a STR cap will have on these homeowners, especially the non-transferability of the rental licenses upon sale of the property.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	City Council	cragen@sbcglobal.net
6/19/2022 8:02 PM	Mr. John Bassett Ford	130 Charleston Blvd., Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	The proposed regulations essentially could confiscate property owners' property value by denying a future buyer the ability to rent the property, this devaluing it. It also would violate South Carolina law, which others will point out. This "cure" is far worse than whatever problem the council is trying to solve, and I will oppose it in whatever way I can.	City Council	jfordmedia@gmail.com

6/19/2022 6:59 PM	Mr. Roy Griffin	639 Crystal Drive, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29302	We have owned 68 Fairway Dunes Ln. for the past 7 yrs. Our family vacations there 8-10 times per year and we love it. Great memories with our entire family and special memories with our now deceased son who loved the fishing. We bought the house knowing we would have to rent it to afford it. How can this change for us who have purchased a house being able to rent and then take that option away.	City Council	rgriffin@gm-ind.com
6/17/2022 10:11 PM	Mrs Heather McDonnell	6303 Seton House Ln, Charlotte, North Carolina 28277	We bought our unit with the intention of retiring to it someday. We should not be punished for renting it out now to help afford this dream. We bring our family and friends to stay with us multiple times a year, but it is nice to offset costs in Wild Dunes by hosting visitors that have never been to this beautiful location. Many of our guest are families that return year after year. We will not be able to afford this special place if the rental policies change. This news is disappointing, as there are other places in the Carolinas that would never treat their taxpayers so thoughtlessly.	City Council	hamcdonnell@yahoo.com
6/17/2022 5:41 PM	Taylor Charpia	6 34th Ave, Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Under no circumstances do I think it is a good idea to limit someone's ability to rent their home or future buyers ability if sold. Also do not agree with city council telling a home owner what they can do or not do to their home. We enjoy the amenities we do from the taxes rental income produces. Home values will plummet if limits are put on use of home.	City Council	callingcharlestonhome@gmail.com
6/17/2022 12:56 PM	WILLIAM L LEFEVERS	145 ZED HL, SYLVA, North Carolina 28779	Our home is at 213 Carolina Blvd. We have been on IOP since the early 1960's. We have an empty lot next door. How will the proposed cap effect the value of the empty lot? Can the lot be "grandfathered" so that we might build a house and rent it in the future? I am concerned that your proposal will effect the value of my properties and their resale. Please comment. Cordially, Bill Lefevers	City Council	williamlefevers3@gmail.com
6/8/2022 4:57 PM	Sondra Hines	624 Carolina Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	happened while I was gone! I am writing about the noise ordinance, I will try to be brief: 1. I believe the Windjammer should be exempt. They were here before all the places built up around them - they knew what the Windjammer did and chose to build close anyway. The front beach area should be able to have live music without having the police constantly being called. Where I live if the wind is blowing right I can hear the music. I don't go to concerts there because I am usually in bed. But they should be exempt. 2. I believe it is only 20' from our deck to the neighbors pool and deck. It concerned me that Council man Blair said the Council man Streetman was at 50 decimals - so do I have to worry about sitting on my porch and the police being called because they think I am too loud? Likewise should I call the police because the children playing in the pool are squealing? NO neither of these scenarios should warrant a police call. But, there was someone who spoke earlier at a council meeting that people/children at a STR pool disturbed their peace on their porch - see where I am going with this? Our police should not be overwhelmed with these type calls! 3. Lawn companies should be exempt as it should be with owners taking care of their own lawn. 4. What about home owners repairing their homes or if they hired a handyman - believe me the noise from a compound miter saw that is 20' from your house is loud. 5. Don't tie the new marina restaurants hand with noise ordinances that other business on front beach do not have to comply with. I think you are going to go down the rabbit hole if you approve a restrictive noise ordinance. If people cannot tolerate some noise then they should not live here. When houses are this close you should expect noise during daytime and early evening. This is not a sleepy little island that it was when we purchased our home 30 years ago.	Public Safety Co	hinesssf57@gmail.com

6/7/2022 6:26 PM	Mr. Bill Laughlin	2207 Cameron Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Planning Commission meeting if possible. I would also ask that it be distributed by email to all Planning Commission Members in advance of the meeting if possible. If not before, then after.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Members of the IOP Planning Commission,</p> <p>As always, thank you for your public service and grappling with many challenging topics including Short-Term Rentals. It is most often thankless work, but please know that your efforts are appreciated. Also, thank you for considering the comments I submitted for your last PC meeting. I can tell that you all listen, consider, and act. That is recognized and appreciated.</p> <p>I just reviewed the latest draft language regarding short-term rental caps which is attached to the agenda for tomorrow's meeting. I was disappointed to see that you all reversed your position from the last meeting regarding the transferability of business licenses. As you heard from me and others prior to your last meeting, not allowing business licenses to transfer with the sale of the property is not in the best interest of IOP residents. I would like to re-emphasize my concerns:</p> <p>I believe that it is in the best interest of ALL IOP residents that an existing rental license transfer with the sale of a property:</p> <p>1 - One of the goals of the STR Cap initiative is to create stability in the number and location of short-term rentals. The ability to transfer an existing rental license to a buyer would help keep the STRs where they are currently located (more or less). This would maximize the stability of the locations of STRs and mitigate residents' surprise when a new STR pops up near them.</p>	Planning Comm	bloughlin.iop@gmail.com
6/5/2022 9:25 PM	James Smiley	16 44th Ave, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>I just downloaded the Davis & Floyd Site Concept & Furnishings plan included in the meeting packet for the final RP meeting on June 6, 2022. I was surprised to note that the GreenSpace Plans were drawn back in March and are just now being made available for public view. We appear to have lost 65 days in the process. After a cursory look at the plans I have some questions. I would appreciate it if you would address these concerns in the RP committee meeting as part of your update on the status of the Marina Greenspace Project.</p> <p>1. Why has the disabled parking been moved from the most proximate location to the fixed pier to a spot 60'--70' feet away?</p> <p>2. Have (will) Lowcountry Pavers certified(certify) that their product meets ADA access requirements? In addition to the general requirement that surfaces be firm, stable and slip resistant, there are also requirements concerning paver top edge chamfer and space between pavers. I see no specs on the pavers offered by Lowcountry pavers.</p> <p>3. I notice that the bulkhead now has a 5' boardwalk. Will it have a railing and if so, will the railing meet ADA requirements?</p> <p>4. What is the composition of the walking surface between the parking lot and boardwalk (the location of the benches, picnic table and flagpole)? Is it ADA compliant? Gravel is not.</p> <p>5. Are the picnic tables and benches ADA compliant?</p> <p>6. The expanded 5' walkway appears to be constructed over the entry onto the walkway to the fixed pier. Will there be an ADA compliant sloped ramp over the step down from the boardwalk to the walkway onto the planned 14' wide fixed pier?</p>	Real Property C	jsmileyj@isleofpalmscc.net

6/2/2022 8:58 PM	mrs maggie james	259 forest trail, Isle of palms, South Carolina 29451	I do not wish for the marina to become an open alcoholic entertainment hangout. It is a family friendly gas station for water vehicles. It does not need to be a place where alcohol and civilians hangout, I do not want the marina to become a bar.	City Council	seahagmags@gmail.com
6/2/2022 7:37 PM	Vincent DiGangi	4 42nd Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I do not support the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises of the marina patio and store. We have residents who have worked really hard to construct a nice restaurant with multiple levels of outdoor space where someone could consume wine or beer. I believe this is unfair to them and their investment. Additionally, it will change the family friendly feel of the marina and marina store. I ask that you rethink that part of the lease.	City Council	vdigangi@msn.com
6/2/2022 6:49 PM	Stacy Rubin	17 44th Ave, Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>In reviewing the modifications to the lease agreement for the IOP Marina store, one thing in particular got my attention - allowing for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the deck behind the store. Why would we consider this? Does this improve the marina area? The neighborhood? Does it improve the quality of life for residents and visitors? I would answer no to all of those questions.</p> <p>Do we want people drinking in a place where families go to eat breakfast and lunch? Where locals and tourists alike go to enjoy the view of the marina and intracoastal waterway? Don't we want to preserve this as a safe and pleasant spot where local kids can ride their bikes, grab an ice cream and hang out? Just last week, a neighbor's child excitedly told me she and a friend had done just that, and it was "all by themselves!"</p> <p>I am an educator and have seen a tremendous increase in the number of students from schools all over the state coming to the marina docks for class trips on the water. What a terrific thing it is to see these kids given the opportunity to experience all that our beautiful island and waterways have to offer. Do we want these kids to be exposed to negative behavior by people who have been consuming alcohol. Absolutely not!</p> <p>A few other questions. Who will be responsible for cleaning up after a group has been drinking out there? If someone is intoxicated and behaving badly, who will intervene? Let's keep drinking at the local bars and preserve the friendly, neighborhood atmosphere of our marina.</p>	City Council	srubin2012@gmail.com
6/2/2022 6:13 PM	Nicole R Frazier	285 Forest Trail, Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Allowing consumption of alcohol at the marina store is insane! It is not a bar! People aren't hanging around outside drinking at Harris teeter! Kids frequent that place, including mine, and this would be a disaster. Please don't let this happen.	City Council	nicfrazier11@gmail.com