May 29, 2013

Ms. Gail Quick, Chair Town of Hilton Head Island Planning Commission One Town Center Court Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

RE: Case # ZMA130004

Dear Ms. Quick:

The Board of Directors of the Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners' Association, representing over 10,000 residents of the Town of Hilton Head Island, is pleased to provide the following public comments on the captioned Zoning Text Amendment.

The property known as Salty Fare is part of the Hilton Head Plantation Master Plan and borders the neighborhood known as "The Cypress". As you may be aware, Hilton Head Plantation is primarily a residential community. Individuals who choose to purchase a home in Hilton Head Plantation selected their home based on the present zoning and character of their neighborhood.

At their May 28, 2013 meeting, the Hilton Head Plantation POA Board voted unanimously to support water-oriented embarkation facilities and watercraft rentals and other water-oriented uses with the following exceptions and conditions: less intrusive uses under this zoning such as kayak and paddle board rentals seem compatible provided such activities are done under close supervision to maximize the safety of the participants. Uses such as parasailing and "banana" boats should be conditioned upon leaving the Salty Fare facility at a slow rate of speed for both safety and noise considerations. Due to noise and safety considerations, the active part of these two uses should be restricted to the open waters of the Calibogue and Port Royal Sounds. Owing to the intrusive and raucous sound levels of Jet Skis®, the Hilton Head Plantation POA Board is opposed to rentals of this type of watercraft from an area in such close proximity to residents of The Cypress specifically, and all of the homes bordering Skull Creek that would be affected by the noise produced by Jet Skis® watercraft.

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We believe this to be a compromised use that is consistent with the residential character of the properties located along the shores of Skull Creek. We request that the Planning Commission recommendation to the Town Council be in keeping with the position outlined by the Hilton Head Plantation POA Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important zoning issue under consideration by the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

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HHP General Manager

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