CITY OF BEAUFORT
1911 BOUNDARY STREET
BEAUFORT MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29902
(843) 525-7070

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
January 28, 2020

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS DUE TO A PHYSICAL CHALLENGE, PLEASE CALL IVETTE BURGESS 525-7070 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF MEDIA NOTIFICATION

"In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, all local media was duly notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting."

REGULAR MEETING - Council Chambers, 2nd Floor - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Billy Keyserling, Mayor

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Mike McFee, Mayor Pro Tem

III. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Character Education Proclamation - Hannah Gartlan, Beaufort High School

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. MINUTES

A. Worksession and Regular Meeting December 10, 2019

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance amending Part 3 Chapter 2 Sections 3-2002 of City Code of Ordinances concerning fees for docking on the seawall at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park and fines for violation of regulations regarding dicharge into the waterways - 2nd Reading

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for street closure from LowCountry Habitat for Humanity for 3rd Annual LowCountry Habitat Turkey Trot 5K on Thursday, November 26, 2020. In addition, request for waiver of the event permit fee

B. Request from the Cultural District Advisory Board for use of and waiver of fees for the Pavilion at Waterfront Park to sponsor a presentation of the Before I Die project event on February 7-21, 2020

C. Declaration of 1403 Harrington Street as Unfit for Human Habbitation

D. Resolution in support of the goal of establishing the South Coast Cyber Center

E. Resolution in Opposition to HB4431

VIII.REPORTS

- City Manager's Report
- Mayor Report
- Reports by Council Members

IX. ADJOURN

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the character education movement reinforces the social, emotional and ethical development of students; and

WHEREAS, schools, school districts and states are working to instill important core ethical and performance values including caring, honesty, diligence, fairness, fortitude, responsibility, and respect for self and others; and

WHEREAS, character education provides long-term solutions to moral, ethical and academic issues that are of growing concern in our society and our schools; and

WHEREAS, character education teaches students how to be their best selves and how to do their best work; and

WHEREAS, the Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education include: Promoting core ethical and performance values; Teaching students to understand, care about and act upon these core ethical and performance values; Encompassing all aspects of the school culture; Fostering a caring school community**;** Providing opportunities for moral action**;** Supporting academic achievement**;** Developing intrinsic motivation**;** Including whole-staff involvement**;** Requiring positive leadership of staff and students**;** Involving parents and community members; and assess results and strives to improve; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County School District's Character Education program was formed to support parents' efforts in developing good character in their children; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Character Education program is to integrate good character traits into the total school environment, as well as into the community; and

WHEREAS, each school's counselor identified a list of character words and definitions deemed important regardless of a person's political leanings, race, gender or religious convictions; and

WHEREAS, the words are friendship, kindness, acceptance, courage, tolerance, respect, gratitude, compassion, citizenship, perseverance, honesty, integrity, self-control, forgiveness, responsibility and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Gartlan was selected as the winner by Beaufort High School as the student of the month.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, hereby proclaims December 2019 as

HANNAH GARTLAN AS BEAUFORT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The City of Beaufort thereby pronounces *Compassion* as the word for the month of December and applauds Hannah Gartlan, the Beaufort County School District, and Beaufort High School for their work and specifically honors Hannah Gartlan as Beaufort High School Student of the Month.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 28th January 2020

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK

CITY OF BEAUFORT

DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO:	CITY COUNCIL	**DATE:** 1/24/2020
FROM:	Ivette Burgess, City Clerk	
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Worksession and Regular Meeting December 10, 2019	
MEETING DATE:	1/28/2020	
DEPARTMENT:	City Clerk	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:

REMARKS:

ORDINANCE

Ordinance Amending Part 3 Chapter 2 Section 3-2002 of City Code of Ordinances concerning fees for docking on the seawall at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park and fines for violation of regulations regarding discharge into the waterways

WHEREAS, Section 3-2002 (c) provides regulations for dockage of vessels at the seawall of the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park; and,

WHEREAS, dockage of large vessels has caused wear to the seawall that must be regularly maintained and repaired; and,

WHEREAS, staff has recommended an increase of the docking fee to help offset the cost of this constant maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, staff has further recommended that this docking fee be reviewed annually to ensure both the adequacy of the fee, and the competitiveness in the tour boat market; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3-2002(d) provides fines for violation of discharge into the waterways that cause ecological damage; and,

WHEREAS, fines and penalties per the Federal Pollution Control Act have been increased up to fifty thousand ($50,000) dollars; and,

WHEREAS, staff has recommended that Section 3-2002(d)(2) be amended to track the fines and penalties under the Federal Pollution Control Act; and,

WHEREAS, City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to amend Section 3-2002 to provide for these staff recommendations;

THEREFORE, be it Ordained by City Council of Beaufort, South Carolina, duly assembled, and by the authority of the same, that Section 3-2002 of the City Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Section 3-2002(c) be amended to provide that, for vessels docking at the Waterfront Park seawall, "A docking fee of one dollar ($1.00) per linear foot per day shall be levied to all vessels. This fee shall be reviewed annually by the City Manager, and adjusted if necessary and appropriate."

Section 3-2002 (d)(2) be amended to provide that "Violators are subject to a penalty of up to fifty thousand ($50,000) dollars."

All other provisions of Section 3-2002 shall remain unchanged.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

Attest:

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IVETTE BURGESS CITY CLERK

1st Reading _____
2nd Reading & Adoption _____
Reviewed by: _____
WILLIAM B. HARVEY, III, CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF BEAUFORT

DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO:	CITY COUNCIL	**DATE:**	1/24/2020
FROM:	Rhonda Carey, Events and Tour Operations Coordinator		
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Request for street closure from LowCountry Habitat for Humanity for 3rd Annual LowCountry Habitat Turkey Trot 5K on Thursday, November 26, 2020. In addition, request for waiver of the event permit fee		
MEETING DATE:	1/28/2020		
DEPARTMENT:	City Clerk		

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:

REMARKS:

ATTACHMENTS:

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Request Letter	Backup Material	1/24/2020

LowCountry
Habitat for Humanity®

December 17, 2019

Beaufort City Council
1911 Boundary Street
Beaufort, SC 29902

Dear Beaufort City Council:

LowCountry Habitat for Humanity would like to thank the City of Beaufort for their partnership on the 2nd Annual LowCountry Habitat Turkey Trot 5K. This event was a huge success with almost 600 participants. We are so thankful for the City of Beaufort's support of this event.

We'd like to move forward with plans for the 2020, 3rd Annual LowCountry Habitat Turkey Trot 5K and are asking again for the support of the City of Beaufort in this endeavor. The 2020 race will follow the already certified course that the town uses for the Shrimp Race 5K. We would like to use the Freedom Mall area for our headquarters on race day offering onsite registration, packet pick-up as well as the distribution of awards following the race in this location. The race will begin at 8am and should conclude no later than 9:15am and would require road closures during this timeframe. The event will begin set-up at 6:30am and have takedown completed by no later than 11am on the day of the race, Thanksgiving Day.

LowCountry Habitat is very excited to continue the momentum the Turkey Trot 5K, and make it an annual tradition in Beaufort. We've already had people asking to register for the 2020 event!

We understand that a downtown route over the Woods Bridge requires a good deal of input including approval and coordination with various organizations such as Police Departments from the City of Beaufort & County Police, Coast Guard as well as Beaufort Town Council. We plan to be proactive in handling all needed approvals and look forward to the ability to partner again with these organizations on this event.

Summary of event:

Date: Thursday, November 26, 2020
Event Type: 5K Race to benefit LowCountry Habitat for Humanity
Start of Race: 8am
Road closure needed: 7:55-9:15am
Complete Timeframe: 6:30am – 11am (includes set-up and take down)
Anticipated Participants: 750 people

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
616 Parris Island Gateway
Beaufort, SC 29906
843-522-3500
info@lowcountryhabitat.org
www.lowcountryhabitat.org
843-522-3553 fax

5K RUN/WALK APPLICATION

City of Beaufort – Downtown Operations & Community Services
Attn: Rhonda Carey, Events & Tour Coordinator
500 Carteret Street, Suite B2, Beaufort, South Carolina, 29902
Phone: (843) 379-7063 / Email: rcarey@cityofbeaufort.org | www.cityofbeaufort.org
To be filed NOT LESS than 30 days before event

- **Fee:** $25.00 non-refundable application fee is payable when the application is submitted
- **Run/Walk Route:** City of Beaufort has a traditional route in place that everyone must follow

Name of Applicant: Low Country Habitat for Humanity

Address: 616 Parris Island Gateway Bft 29906 Phone # 843 522 3500

Email: janie@lowcountryhabitat.org

Name of Sponsoring Organization: Same as above

Address: "

Date of 5K run/Walk: Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, 2020

Time 5K Run/Walk will Begin: 8am 5K Run/Walk will Terminate: 10am

Time 5K Run/Walk Line-Up Begins: 7:45am Location(s) of Line-Up Area(s): Freedom Mall

Approximate Number of Persons, Animals in the 5K Run/Walk:
800 people

5K Run/Walk will Occupy All of the Width of the Streets to be Traversed yes

5K/ Run/Walk will Occupy Only a Portion of the Width of the Streets to be Traversed _____

NOTE: IF THE 5K RUN/WALK IS DESIGNED TO BE HELD BY AND ON BEHALF OF OR FOR ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE APPLICANT, THE APPLICANT FOR SUCH PERMIT SHALL FILE A LETTER FROM THAT PERSON WITH THE CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR THE PERMIT ON HIS BEHALF.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: 1/8/2020

OFFICE USE ONLY: Application Received By: _____ **Date Received:** _____

Receipt #: _____ **Approved By:** _____

CITY OF BEAUFORT
Waterfront Park Rental Reservation Application
Downtown Operations & Community Development Department
500 Carteret St Ste. B2 Beaufort, SC 29902

Phone: 843-379-7063 **Fax:** 843-986-5606

Name of Event: Low Country Habitat Turkey Trot 5K	Date(s) of Event: Thanksgiving Nov 26, 2020 Setup start/end time: 630 - 11am Actual event start/end time: 8am Take down start/end time: 10 - 11am
Organization/Individual Name: Low Country Habitat for Humanity	Address: 616 Parris Island Gtwy ~~Beaufort SC 29906~~ Telephone: 843 522 3500 Email: janice@lowcountryhabitat.org

- Completed application must be received and approved by the Events Coordinator.
- All reservations require the applicable refundable security deposit be remitted upon approval of application in order to secure the requested date(s).
- Deposits are refundable provided the venue is returned in the same condition it was received.

Please mail completed application to:

City of Beaufort, Attn: Rhonda Carey 500 Carteret St. Beaufort, SC 29902,

or scan and email to rcarey@cityofbeaufort.org.

All events must abide and are governed by the City's Special/Private Events Policy. Organizers will receive a copy of the policy for review. To discuss specifics of the policy contact the Events Coordinator at 843-379-7063.

Is event open to the public? Yes

Will admission be charged or donation required? Fee to participate in race

Will alcoholic beverages be sold? No Served?_____

Will food be sold? No Served? _____

Will there be any retail sales? No - exception onsite registration

Number of people expected to attend: 750

Areas of the Waterfront Park can be reserved/rented for 4, 6, or 12 hour blocks of time. Please factor time for set up and take down of the event into your chosen block of time. Blocks of time **cannot** be reserved or rented in pro rated increments. **NO exceptions will be made to this policy.**

Security Deposit is due upon approval of application

Fee payment due no less than 30 days prior to event.

Fill out by circling venue area(s) and pricing in blocks of time required for your event. Please indicate need for electrical hookup.

WATERFRONT PARK RENTAL RATES FOR PRIVATE EVENTS			
Park Area	4 HR Block	6 HR Block	12 HR Block
Craft Market Lawn	$ 200.00	$ 400.00	
Contemplative Garden	$ 200.00	$ 400.00	
Pavilion	$ 350.00	$ 500.00	
Green 1	$ 300.00	$ 500.00	
Green 2	$ 450.00	$ 750.00	
Electric Fee	$ 50.00	$ 75.00	
Entire Park			$2,200.00
Refundable Security Deposit	$ 500.00	$ 800.00	$1,100.00

See this link http://www.cityofbeaufort.org/group-events-business-license.aspx to obtain a group business license application for vendors.

Comments:

Freedom Mall - Race Registration and present awards

Jamie [signature] 12/17/2019

Lessee/Applicant Signature Date

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_ Events Coordinator - Rhonda Carey Date Application Received

Deposit Paid: _____ Fees Paid: _____ Deposit to be Refunded: _____

REQUEST FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP
Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park

Name of Event LowCountry Habitat Turkey Trot 5K

Date of Event: Nov. 26 2020 Contact person: Jaie Jackson

Telephone: 843 522 3500

Please check all that apply.

	Yes	No
Are you a "For Profit" entity?		** ✓
Is this a fund raising event?	✓	
Is this event open to the public?	✓	
Is there a required fee / donation to attend this event? (Fee to participate)		✓
Are you requesting more that two (2) park areas for this event?		
Will there be any type of "sales" for this event?		✓
Will this event require more than four (4) hours (includes setup & take down)?	✓	
Will alcohol be sold / served?		✓

**If you answered "no" to the first question, what is your non-profit status? (501 (C) (3), (4) or (6))? 501c(3)

Request for waivers/co-sponsorship of events must be approved by City Council prior to the event.

Events Coordinator Recommendation: Approved: _____ Denied: _____

Explanation: *Requesting waiver of $25 fee for 5K Run/Walk

Forward for Council Deliberation: _____
Date of Council Meeting

Council: Approved: _____ Denied: _____

Explanation: _____

CITY OF BEAUFORT

DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO:	CITY COUNCIL	**DATE:**	1/24/2020
FROM:	Rhonda Carey, Events and Tour Operations Coordinator		
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Request from the Cultural District Advisory Board for use of and waiver of fees for the Pavilion at Waterfront Park to sponsor a presentation of the Before I Die project event on February 7-21, 2020		
MEETING DATE:	1/28/2020		
DEPARTMENT:	City Clerk		

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:

REMARKS:

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event request	Backup Material	1/24/2020

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Downtown Operations & Community Services Department
500 Carteret St Ste. B2 Beaufort, SC 29902

Phone: 843-379-7063 **Fax:** 843-986-5606

Name of Event: Beaufort Cultural District's presentation of: Before I Die Project	Date(s) of Event: Feb. 7-21, 2020 Setup start/end time: 9am 2/7/20 Actual event start/end time: 10am Take down start/end time: 5pm 2/21/20
Organization/Individual Name:	Address: c/o COB Downtown Opers. 500 Carteret Ste. B2 Beaufort, SC Telephone: 843-379-7063 Email: rcarey@cityofbeaufort.org

- Completed application must be received and approved by the Events Coordinator.
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Is event open to the public? yes

Will admission be charged, or donation required? no

Will alcoholic beverages be sold? no Served? no

Will food be sold? no Served? no

Will there be any retail sales? no

Number of people expected to attend: The project is an interactive experience open to all

Areas of the Waterfront Park can be reserved/rented for 4, 6, or 12 hour blocks of time. Please factor time for set up and take down of the event into your chosen block of time. Blocks of time **cannot** be reserved or rented in pro rated increments. **NO exceptions will be made to this policy.**

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Did you know?

BEAUFORT PRIDE OF PLACE is a community involvement initiative that helps improve and develop quality of life throughout the city. Individuals, organizations, and visitors can get involved by donating money, equipment or time to assist the City with neighborhood improvement projects, youth programs, upgrading infrastructure and beautifying parks.

If you or your organization are interested in learning more about the program, volunteering or making a monetary or in-kind donation, please contact the City Manager's office @ 843-525-7070 or visit, http://www.cityofbeaufort.org/270/Beaufort-Pride-of-Place THANK YOU!

Rhonda C.

Lessee/Applicant Signature

1-20-2020

Date

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Rhonda R Carey

_ Events Coordinator - Rhonda Carey

1-20-2020

Date Application Received

Deposit Paid: _____ Fees Paid: _____ Deposit to be Refunded: _____

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REQUEST FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP
Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park

Name of Event Beaufort Cultural District Advisory Boards presentation of *Before I Die* project

Date of Event: _____

Contact person: Rhonda Carey
Telephone: 843-379-7063

Please check all that apply.

	Yes	No
Are you a "For Profit" entity?		X
Is this a fund-raising event?		X
Is this event open to the public?	X	
Is there a required fee / donation to attend this event?		X
Are you requesting more than two (2) park areas for this event?		X
Will there be any type of "sales" for this event?		X
Will this event require more than four (4) hours (includes setup & take down)? This is a multiple day display	X	
Will alcohol be sold / served?		X

**If you answered "no" to the first question, what is your non-profit status? (501 (C) (3), (4) or (6))? Board that is affiliated/organized through the City of Beaufort

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Events Coordinator Recommendation: Approved: ✓ Denied: _____

Explanation: _____

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Forward for Council Deliberation: _____
Date of Council Meeting

Council: Approved: _____ Denied: _____

Explanation: _____

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CITY OF BEAUFORT

DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO:	CITY COUNCIL	**DATE:**	1/17/2020
FROM:	KENNETH MEOLA, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER		
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Declaration of 1403 Harrington Street as Unfit for Human Habbitation		
MEETING DATE:	1/28/2020		
DEPARTMENT:	Community and Economic Development		

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Staff is recommending that the City take action under Part 5, Chapter 1, Article B of the City Code, "Buildings Unfit for Human Habitation" to repair and improve the condition of the property at 1403 Harrington Street, a vacant, unsafe, and insanitary structure. The property is identified as R120 002 000 0278 0000. A public hearing on the proposed abatement is scheduled for the January 28, 2019 City Council meeting. The building has been vacant and in disrepair and in an insanitary condition for many years. Photos of the property are attached. The City's Code Enforcement Officer has been working with the property owner since 2017 regarding the condition of the property and building. To date, minimal action has been taken by the owner to abate the issues.
The property owner was notified of this public hearing by personal service of a letter on January 16, 2020.
The property was posted on January 17, 2020.

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: *Action*

REMARKS:

ATTACHMENTS:

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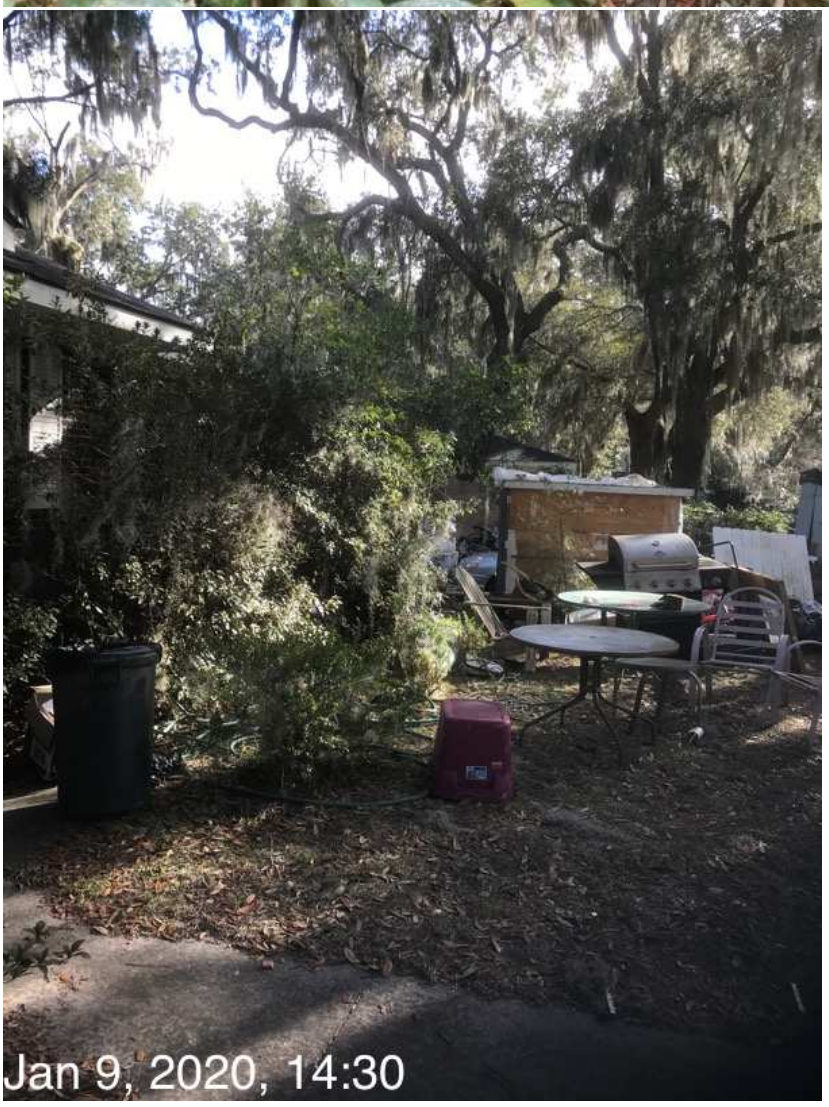
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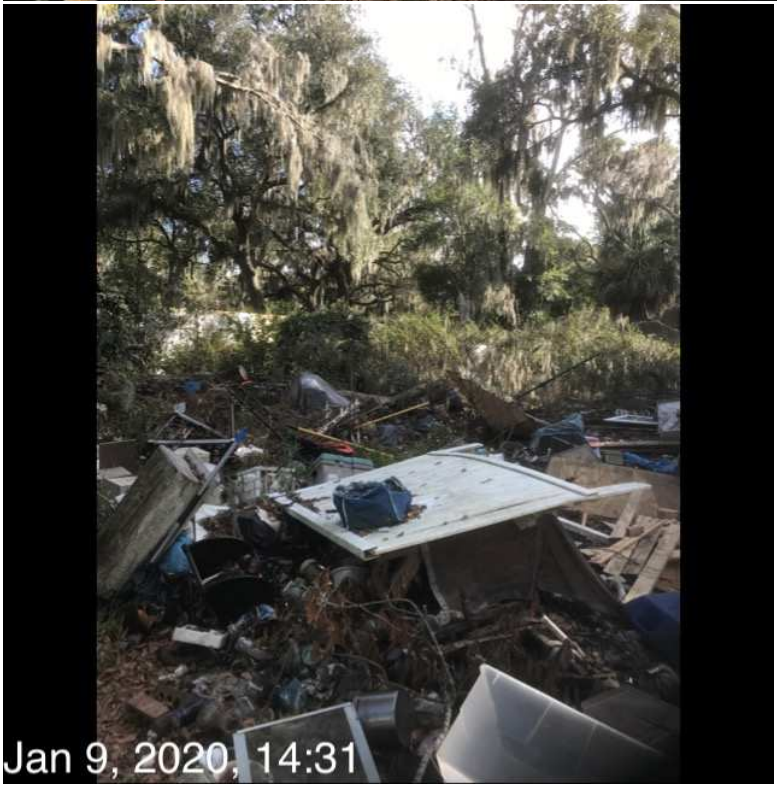
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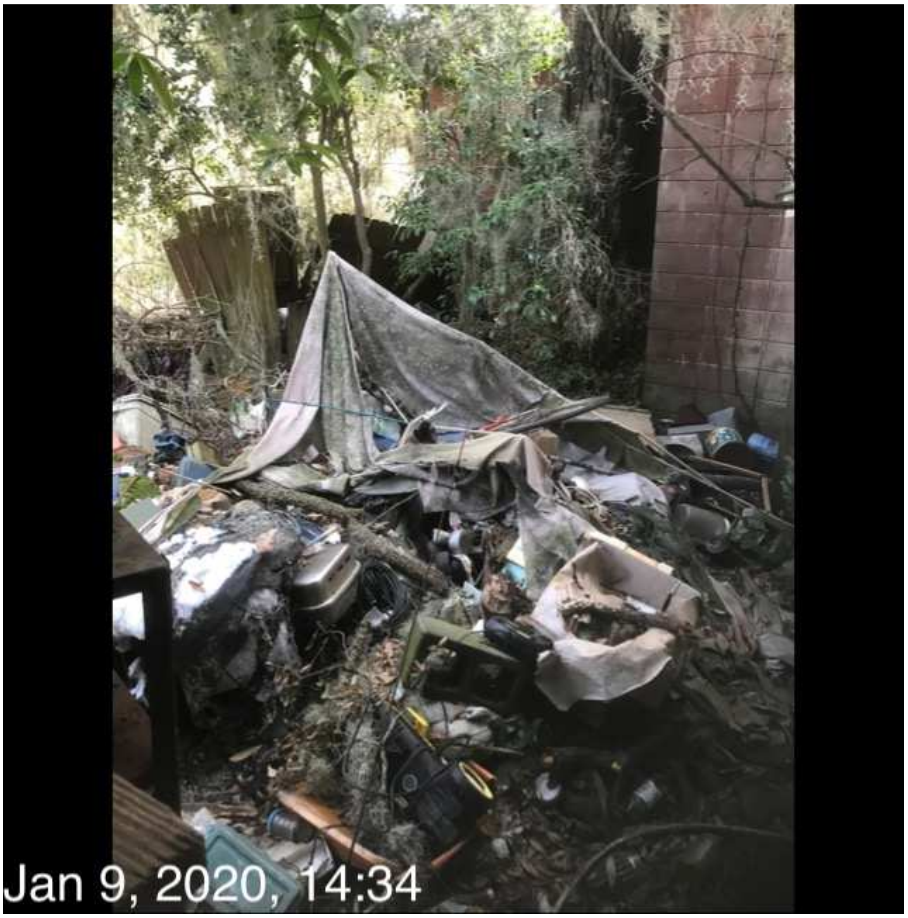
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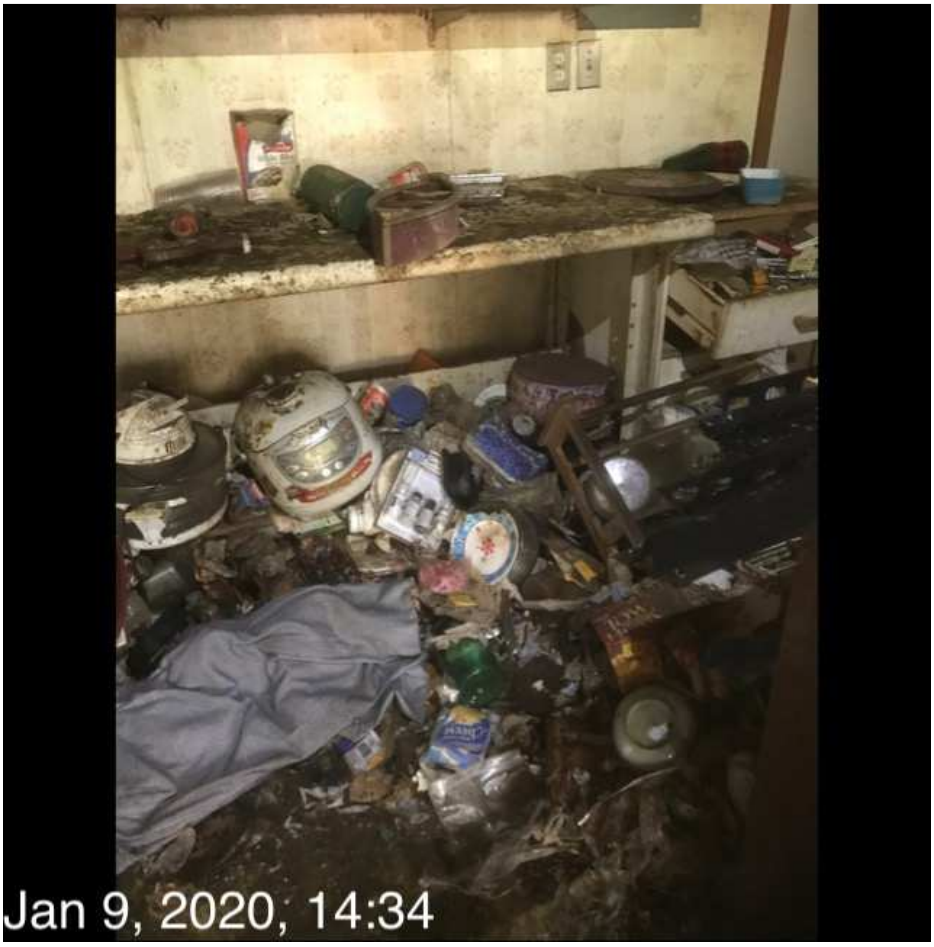
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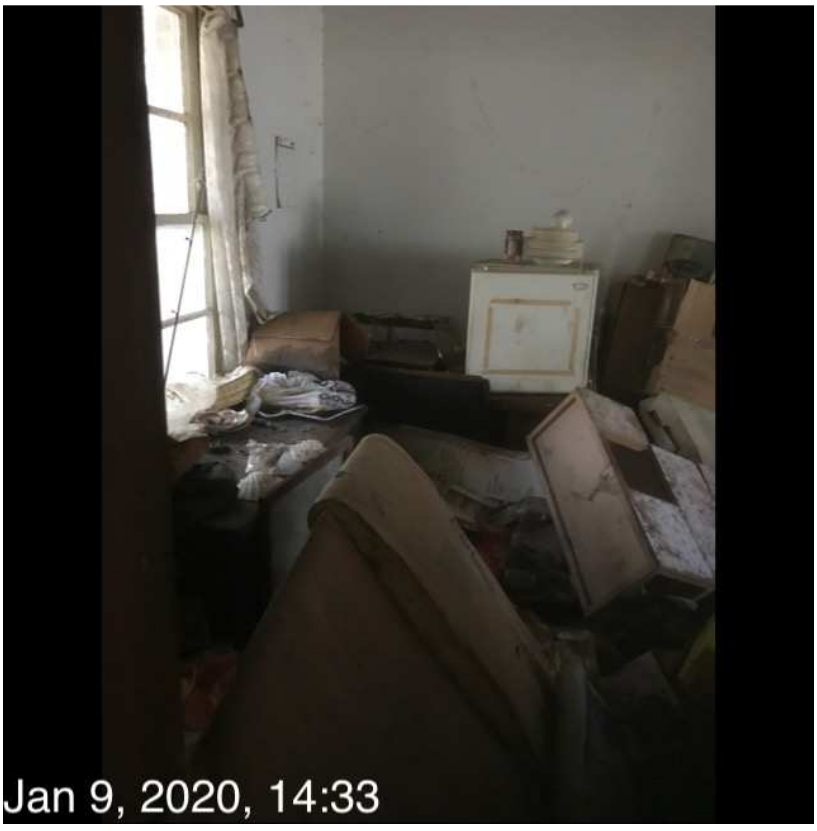
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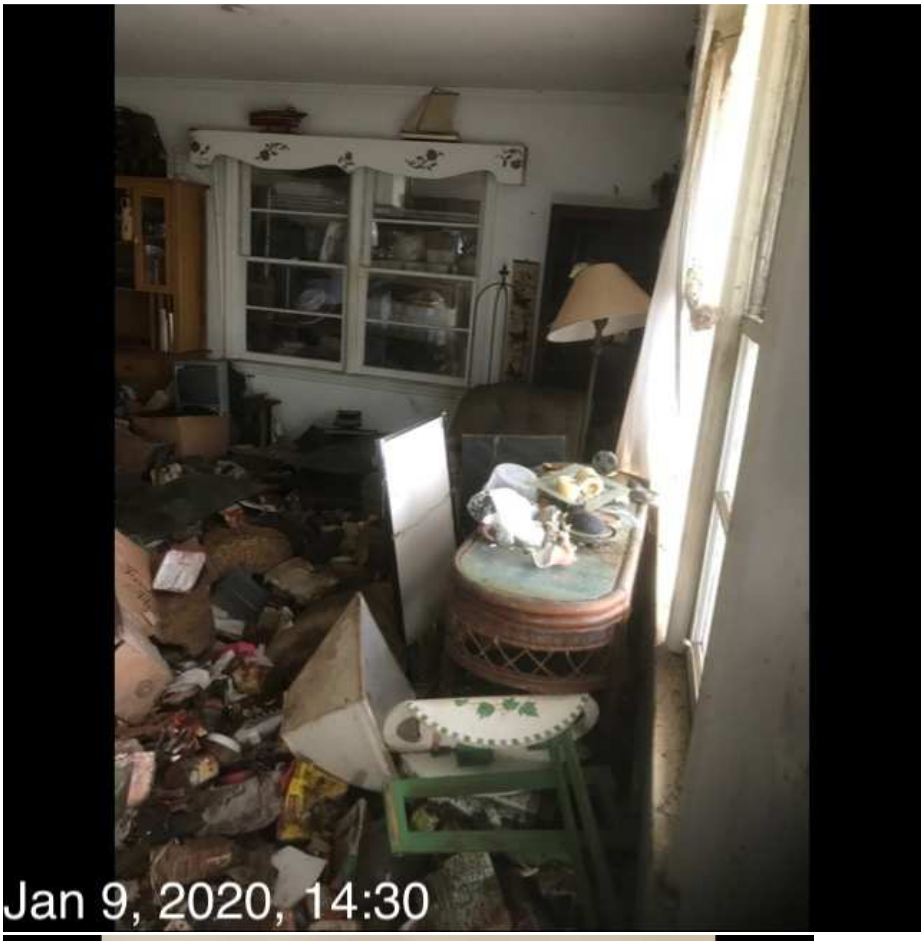
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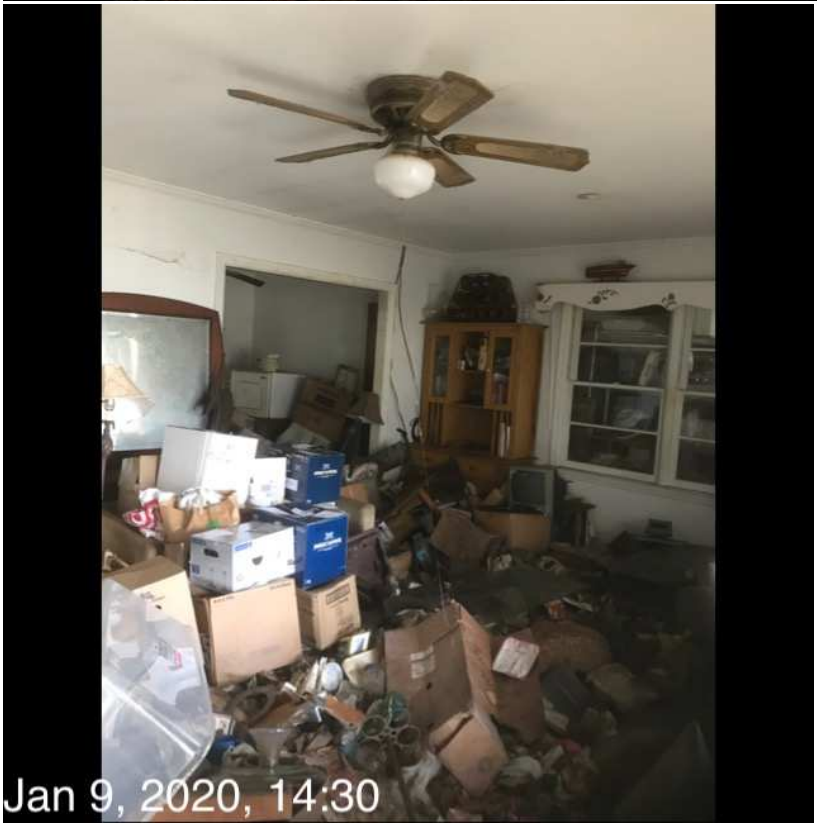
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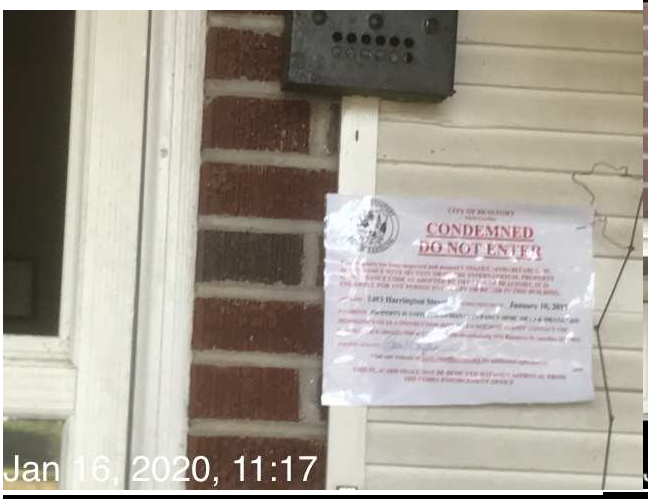

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NOTICE
Application has been made on this property for
Address: 1403 Harrington Dr
Type of Review: City Council - Hearing
For Information,
Contact City of Beaufort
Planning Department at 525-7011
Hearing Date: January 28 2020 @ 7:00pm
Jan 17, 2020, 13:07

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA IN SUPPORT OF THE GOAL OF ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH COAST CYBER CENTER.

WHEREAS, cyber-attacks pose a key threat to our information technology infrastructure and,

WHEREAS, there have been repeated attacks against local, state, and the federal government, and

WHEREAS, the private sector also faces increasing attacks across all business types, and

WHEREAS, cyber defense and cybersecurity is a rapidly expanding employment opportunity providing well-paying employment in a meaningful occupation and,

WHEREAS, an educated cyber workforce is critical to business and government and,

WHEREAS, the South Coast Cyber Center supports the City's strategic plan goals of encouraging higher paying jobs, supporting exiting military personnel and their dependents with employment opportunities, and diversifying the City of Beaufort's tax base, and

WHEREAS, the South Coast Cyber Center, a collaboration of the University of South Carolina Beaufort, Technical College of the Lowcountry, the Beaufort Digital Corridor, and the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation, have come together to establish Centers of Academic Excellence in cyber defense and cybersecurity,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Beaufort, South Carolina that the City supports the goal of establishing the South Coast Cyber Center. Endorses the University of South Carolina Beaufort and Technical College of the Lowcountry initiative to establish Department of Homeland Security/National Security Administration Centers of Academic Excellence. Endorses the work of the Beaufort Digital Corridor to incubate and attract cyber defense startups and continue their outreach to local schools. Encourages the goal of establishing the South Coast Cyber Center as a world class center of excellence for cyber education, research and business.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 28th day of January 2020.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK

CITY OF BEAUFORT

DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO:	CITY COUNCIL	**DATE:** 1/22/2020
FROM:	Kathy Todd	
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Resolution in Opposition to HB4431	
MEETING DATE:	1/28/2020	
DEPARTMENT:	Finance	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

House Bill 4431, known as the SC Business License Tax Reform Bill, is currently in House Labor, Commerce and Industry Business License Fee AdHoc subcommittee. This piece of legislation, contains several standardization components that the City staff agrees with and many of the proposed standardization components have been adopted by the City and placed in operation. However, there are also major components of the bill that would have severe negative impact on the City of Beaufort and its financial position. The attached Resolution is in opposition to the bill.

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: *Action*

REMARKS:

City Staff recommends that Council support the opposition to this bill

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Resolution	Backup Material	1/24/2020

RESOLUTION
IN OPPOSITION TO H4431

WHEREAS, cities and towns in South Carolina are the engines that drive economic prosperity and quality of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns have formed strong partnerships with their local business communities to provide residents with economic, educational and quality-of-life opportunities; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns are working to make the process of doing business within their borders easier by streamlining regulations, improving technology and listening to the concerns of their local businesses; and

WHEREAS, local businesses understand the value of the services they receive from cities and towns and want to ensure those services are available now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, H4431 seeks to irreparably harm cities' and towns' ability to adequately fund the services residents and businesses expect by dismantling the business license tax; and

WHEREAS, if the business license tax is eliminated, cities and towns have no other revenue sources they can rely upon to continue providing the services residents and businesses expect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Beaufort, on this January 28, 2020, adopts this Resolution in opposition to H4431 and urges the South Carolina General Assembly to support local elected officials' authority to make the local decisions needed to continue meeting local residents' and business' expectations for services and quality of life.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 28th day of January 2020.

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BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK