



Case # BZA-11-25-00918

Charleston County BZA Meeting of January 5, 2026

Applicant/Property Owner: Sepehr Karimi

Property Location: 2121 Bradham Road – James Island

TMS#: 341-00-00-038

Zoning District: Low Density Residential (R-4) Zoning District

Request: Special Exception request to establish a Short-Term Rental Property, Extended Home Rental (EHR) in the Low Density Residential (R-4) Zoning District.

Requirement:

The *Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), Chapter 6 Use Regulations, Article 6.1 Use Types and Use Table, Sec. 6.1.3 Special Exception Uses* states, “An “S” indicates that a use type is allowed only if reviewed and approved in accordance with the Special Exception procedures of this Ordinance, subject to compliance with use-specific conditions and all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance.” Sec. 6.1.6 Table 6.1-1 Use Table indicates that Short-Term Rentals, Extended Home Rental (EHR) in the Low Density Residential (R-4) Zoning District is a use type allowed only if it complies with use-specific conditions of (Article 6.8 Short-Term Rentals) all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance and is approved by the BZA as a Special Exception.



## CHAPTER 6 | USE REGULATIONS

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### ARTICLE 6.1 USE TYPES AND USE TABLE

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This Article explains how to interpret Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*. The top of Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*, contains the Zoning Districts and left side of the table contains the use types. Under the hierarchy established by this Ordinance, the NR district is the least intensive base Zoning District, while the IN Zoning District is the most intensive base Zoning District. The uses listed in Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*, are permitted or not permitted in each Zoning District according to the letter coding described in Sections 6.1.1 through 6.1.5 below.

#### Sec. 6.1.1 A Uses Allowed by Right

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An "A" indicates that a use type is allowed by right in the respective Zoning District, subject to compliance with all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance. A Use Allowed by Right is defined in [CHAPTER 12, Definitions](#), of this Ordinance as a Principal Use allowed without the requirement of a Special Exception.

#### Sec. 6.1.2 C Uses Subject to Conditions

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A "C" indicates that a use type is allowed in the respective Zoning District only if it complies with use-specific conditions and all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance. A cross-reference to the applicable conditions can be found in the "Condition" column of Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*. The number provides a cross-reference to the use-specific conditions contained in this Chapter.

#### Sec. 6.1.3 S Special Exception Uses

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An "S" indicates that a use type is allowed only if reviewed and approved in accordance with the Special Exception procedures of this Ordinance, subject to compliance with use-specific conditions and all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance. A cross- reference to the applicable conditions can be found in the "Condition" column of Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*. The number provides a cross-reference to the use-specific conditions contained in this Chapter.

Any use that was legally established before April 21, 1999 without Special Exception approval and which after April 21, 1999 is located in a Zoning District that requires Special Exception approval for the subject use and which presently continues as an allowable use, shall not be considered a nonconforming use and shall not require a Special Exception. Such uses shall be deemed Uses Permitted by Right, as defined in [CHAPTER 12, Definitions](#), of this Ordinance.

Any use that was legally established before April 21, 1999 with a Conditional Use Permit and which after April 21, 1999 is located in a Zoning District that requires Special Exception approval for the subject use and which presently continues as an allowable use, shall not be considered a nonconforming use and shall not require a Special Exception. Such uses shall be deemed Uses Permitted by Right, as defined in [CHAPTER 12, Definitions](#), of this Ordinance.

#### Sec. 6.1.4 Uses Not Allowed

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A blank cell indicates that a use type is not allowed in the respective Zoning District, unless it is otherwise expressly allowed by other regulations of this Ordinance.

#### Sec. 6.1.5 New or Unlisted Uses and Use Interpretation

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The Zoning and Planning Director shall be authorized to make use determination whenever there is a question regarding the category of use based on the definitions contained in [CHAPTER 12, Definitions](#), of this Ordinance or may require that the use be processed in accordance with the Planned Development (PD) procedures of this Ordinance.

#### Sec. 6.1.6 Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*

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Table 6.1-1 Use Table

Land Uses		ZONING DISTRICTS																				Condition		
		NR	OS	RM	AG -15	AG -10	AG -8	AGR	RR	S-3	R-4	UR	MHS	MHP	CI	RO	GO	NC	RC	CC	RI	IN		
Dwelling, Single-Family Attached										S	S	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	Sec. 6.4.2 Sec. 6.4.31		
<b>SHORT-TERM RENTAL</b>																							Art. 6.8	
Short-Term Rental Property: Limited Home Rental (LHR)				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C												
Short-Term Rental Property: Extended Home Rental (EHR)						S	S	S	S	S	S	S											Art. 6.8	
<b>SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING</b>																							Sec. 6.4.25	
Dwelling Unit, Single-Family Detached	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C		C	C	C	C	C	C			
<b>OTHER RESIDENTIAL USES</b>																								
Transitional Housing												S			A	S	S	S	A					
Child Caring Institution			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S												
Emergency Shelter										C	A	C			C	A	A		A	C	A		Sec. 6.4.38	
Affordable and Workforce Dwelling Unit				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	Sec. 6.4.19		
Group Residential		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S													
Farm Labor Housing		S	S	S	S	S																		Sec. 6.4.9
<b>CIVIC/INSTITUTIONAL</b>																								
<b>COURTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>																								
Courts of Law			A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A			
Correctional Institution																								A
Parole Office or Probation Office															A									A
Safety Service		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	S	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
<b>DAY CARE SERVICES</b>																								
Adult Day Care Services				S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		A	S	S	A	A	A	A	A		
Family Home			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	Sec. 6.4.29	
Group Home		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Child Care Center								S	S	S	S				A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Day Camp															A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
<b>DEATH CARE SERVICES</b>																								
Cemetery		A	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	C	C	S			A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Sec. 6.4.53	
Funeral Services															A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>																								
Pre-school or Educational Nursery				S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
School, Primary		S	S	S	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	S			A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
School, Secondary		S	S	S	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	S			A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		



## CHAPTER 6 | USE REGULATIONS

### ARTICLE 6.8 SHORT-TERM RENTALS

#### Sec. 6.8.1 Purpose and Applicability

**A. Purpose.** The County is committed to working to protect the traditional quality of life and character of its residential neighborhoods. The County has concerns about permitted Short-Term Rentals resulting in increased traffic, noise, trash, parking needs, safety and possible adverse impacts and other undesirable changes to the nature of the County's neighborhoods. Therefore, after providing many opportunities for public input and following careful study and consideration, County Council finds it appropriate and in the best interests of its residents, property owners, and visitors to regulate Short-Term Rental Properties (STRPs) within unincorporated Charleston County.

This Article sets out standards for establishing and operating Short-Term Rental Properties. These regulations are intended to provide for an efficient use of Dwellings as STRPs by:

1. Providing for an annual permitting process to regulate STRPs;
2. Balancing the interests of properties that are frequently used in whole or in part by Short-Term Rental Tenants;
3. Allowing homeowners to continue to utilize their residences in the manner permitted by this Ordinance for the Zoning District in which a particular Dwelling is located;
4. Providing alternative accommodation options for lodging in residential Dwelling Units; and
5. Complementing the accommodation options in environments that are desirable and suitable as a means for growing tourism.

#### B. Applicability.

1. *Short-Term Rental Types.* The following Short-Term Rentals shall be authorized pursuant to this Article:
  - a. STRP, *Limited Home Rental (LHR)*;
  - b. STRP, *Extended Home Rental (EHR)*; and
  - c. STRP, *Commercial Guest House (CGH)*.
2. *Applicable Zoning Districts.* STRPs shall be allowed within the Zoning Districts of this Ordinance in accordance with Table 6.1.1, *Use Table*, applicable Overlay and Special Purpose Zoning District Regulations, and as approved in Planned Development Zoning Districts. Planned Development Zoning Districts that do not specify STRPs as an allowed use must be amended to allow STRPs.
3. *Application.* Applications for STRPs shall be made in compliance with this Article.
4. *Variances.* Variances from the requirements of [Sec. 6.8.3.A, Use Limitations and Standards](#), are prohibited.

**C. Registration.** All STRPs require a Zoning Permit and Business License, which must be renewed annually pursuant to this Article.

**D. Compliance with Other Regulations.** All STRPs, including Nonconforming Uses as allowed for in this Article, shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal rules and regulations.

(Ord. No. [2316](#), 10/29/2024)

Effective on: 10/29/2024, as amended

#### Sec. 6.8.2 Permitting Processes

**A. Zoning Permit Application.** No application for a STRP shall be accepted as complete unless it includes the required fee and the information listed below.

1. The name, address, email, and telephone number of all property owners of the Short-Term Rental Property (STRP).



2. Completed STRP application signed by all current property owner(s). For properties owned by corporations or partnerships, the applicant must submit a resolution of the corporation or partnership authorizing and granting the applicant signing and authority to act and conduct business on behalf of and bind the corporation or partnership.
3. Restricted Covenants Affidavit(s) signed by the applicant or current property owner(s) in compliance with state law.
4. Address and Property Identification Number of the property on which the STRP is located.
5. The type of STRP that is the subject of the application (LHR, EHR, or CGH);
6. Owner-Occupied STRP affidavit, as applicable;
7. The type of Dwelling(s) that is proposed to be used as a STRP including, but not limited to, Principal Dwelling Unit, 6.5.9, Single Family Detached, Duplex, Single Family Attached, Manufactured Housing Unit not located in a Manufactured Housing Park, Triplex, and/or Fourplex, and documentation of Zoning Permit and Building Permit approvals for the structures, as applicable. Tents, RVs, boats, sheds, garages, and similar structures shall not be used as STRPs; and
8. The maximum number of bedrooms available at the STRP.

**B. Short-Term Rental Property Site Plan Review Categories.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Art. 3.7, *Site Plan Review*, or this Ordinance, STRPs must complete Site Plan Review as prescribed in this Section based on the Permitting Process provided in Table 6.8.2 prior to obtaining a STRP Zoning Permit. The Building Inspection Services Department may require a building safety inspection and/or Building Permit as a condition of the STRP Site Plan Review approval.

1. *STRP, Administrative Site Plan Review.* Requires a Zoning Permit application, fee, aerial photographs, and photographs of the property. At the discretion of the Zoning and Planning Director, a site plan drawn to engineer's scale depicting existing and proposed conditions, including required parking, shall be submitted, and site visits by Zoning and Planning Staff may be required.
2. *STRP, Limited Site Plan Review.* Requires a Limited Site Plan Review application and fee and must include a site plan drawn to engineer's scale depicting existing and proposed conditions, including required parking.
3. *STRP, Full Site Plan Review.* Requires compliance with the requirements of Art. 3.7, *Site Plan Review*, of this Ordinance.

**C. Special Exception.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Art. 3.6, *Special Exceptions*, of this Ordinance, the following approval criteria shall apply to STRPs in place of those contained in Sec. 3.6.5 of this Ordinance if a Special Exception is required to obtain a STRP Zoning Permit based on the Permitting Process provided in Table 6.8.2 of this Article:

1. Is compatible with existing uses in the vicinity and will not adversely affect the general welfare or character of the immediate community; and
2. Adequate provision is made and/or exists for such items as: Setbacks, buffering (including fences and/or landscaping) to protect adjacent properties from the possible adverse influence of the proposed STRP use, such as noise, traffic congestion, trash, parking, and similar factors; and
3. Complies with all applicable rules, regulations, laws and standards of this Ordinance, including but not limited to any use conditions, zoning district standards, and applicable STRP Site Plan Review requirements of this Ordinance.

All other provisions and requirements of Art. 3.6, *Special Exceptions*, shall apply.

**D. Zoning Permit Issuance and Business Licenses.** After a STRP Application has been approved, a STRP Zoning Permit and a Business License must be obtained prior to a property owner offering, advertising, or providing Short-Term Rental Properties for lodging as provided for in this Article.

**E. Annual Zoning Permit Renewal.**

1. All STRP Zoning Permits must be renewed annually in compliance with this Article. An application for annual renewal of the Zoning Permit must include:
  - a. The application fee;
  - b. A notarized affidavit signed by the Property owner stating that the type of STRP use and the information submitted as part of the application for the previous year's STRP Zoning Permit has not changed in any manner whatsoever and that the STRP use complies with the most recently adopted version of this Article (form of Affidavit provided by the County);. and
  - c. Owner-Occupied STRP affidavit, as applicable.
2. The Zoning and Planning Director may request STRP records including days the STRP was rented, STRP advertising records, STRP rental income, and STRP rental receipts. The records shall be provided to the Zoning and Planning Director within 10 working days from the date requested; otherwise, the STRP Zoning Permit will be denied.
3. The applicant shall file an application for a new STRP Zoning Permit if the aforementioned requirements are not met.



4. If the Zoning and Planning Director determines that the STRP use is not consistent with the Special Exception approval that authorizes the use and/or Site Plan Review approval that authorizes the use, the applicant shall file an application for a new STRP Zoning Permit, including applicable Special Exception and/or Site Plan Review applications and fees, and all requirements in effect at the time of STRP Zoning Permit application submittal shall apply.
5. The owners of all registered STRPs must renew the Zoning Permit for the STRP use by December 31st of each year or their existing Zoning Permit will expire. The Zoning Permit for the STRP use will terminate on December 31st of each year regardless of whether or not the applicant receives notice from the Zoning and Planning Director.

**Table 6.8.2, Permitting Process for STRPs [1] [4]**

	Limited Home Rental (LHR) [1]	Extended Home Rental (EHR) [2]	Commercial Guest House (CGH) [1][2]
<b>Applicable Zoning Districts</b>	RM, AG-15, AG-10, AG-8, AGR, RR, S-3, R-4, MHS, and UR (including Goat Island)	AG-8 [3], AGR [3], S-3, R-4, and MHS (including Goat Island)	RO, GO, NC, RC, and CC
<b>Owner-Occupancy Requirements</b>	Must comply with the Owner-Occupied Short-Term Rental Property definition contained in this Ordinance.	None	None
<b>Maximum Number of Days STRPs May be Rented (note: days apply per Lot and not per Dwelling)</b>	72 days in the aggregate per calendar year	144 days in the aggregate per calendar year	No Limit
<b>Zoning Review Type</b>	STRP, Administrative Site Plan Review	STRP, Limited Site Plan Review, and Special Exception	STRP, Full Site Plan Review [2]

**Table Notes:**

1. The following shall apply to all STRP types:
  - a. A STRP Zoning Permit is required and the STRP Zoning Permit Number for the current year must be visible on all advertisements. Zoning Permits must be renewed annually pursuant to this Article.
  - b. A Business License is required and the Business License Number for the current year must be visible on all advertisements. Business Licenses must be renewed annually.
  - c. Building safety inspection or Building Permit may be required, as determined by the Charleston County Building Inspection Services Department.
2. If a proposed STRP is located in an Office or Commercial Zoning District and contains a Residential use, STRP, Limited Site Plan Review shall apply instead of STRP, Full Site Plan Review.
3. EHRs shall be allowed in the AGR and AG-8 Zoning Districts subject to Special Exception approval if they are Bona Fide Agricultural Uses and the owner of record: (1) has designated the subject property as his/her legal voting address; or (2) has designated the subject property as the address on his/her driver's license or other government issued identification.
4. See Art. 5.16, Natural Resource Management Special Purpose Zoning District, for short-term rental uses on Dewees Island.

(Ord. No. 2316, 10/29/2024)

Effective on: 10/29/2024, as amended

### **Sec. 6.8.3 General Standards**

#### **A. Use Limitations and Standards.**

1. Legally permitted Principal Dwelling Units and Accessory Dwelling Units may be used as STRPs, even when they are located on the same property; however, Accessory Structures shall not be used as STRPs.
2. Parking for Short-Term Rental Tenants shall be in compliance with Sec. 9.3.2, *Off-Street Parking Schedule A*, of this Ordinance.
3. Signage advertising STRPs is prohibited in Residential Zoning Districts.
4. Dwellings located in Dwelling Groups shall not be used as Short-Term Rental Properties, regardless of the Zoning District in which the Subject Property is located.



**B. Advertising.** Whether by a hosting platform, via Internet or paid advertising, or other postings, advertisements, or announcements, the availability of a STRP shall include the County issued STRP Zoning Permit Number and Business License Number for the current year.

**C. Special Events.** The applicable requirements of Article [6.7, Special Event Use](#), of this Ordinance apply.

**D. Short-Term Rental Property Tenant Notices.** Each STRP must contain a Short-Term Rental Tenant notice posted in each room where Short-Term Rental Tenants may lodge. The notice must provide the following information:

1. Contact information for the owner of the STRP;
2. STRP Zoning Permit and Business License Numbers for the current year;
3. Trash collection location and schedules, if applicable; and
4. Fire and Emergency evacuation routes.

Effective on: 11/8/2017, as amended

#### **Sec. 6.8.4 Enforcement and Violations**

- A. Notwithstanding the provisions of [CHAPTER 11, Violations, Penalties, and Enforcement](#), of this Ordinance, a STRP Zoning Permit may be administratively revoked by the Zoning and Planning Director or his designee if the STRP has violated the provisions of this Article on three or more occasions within a 12-month period. However, a STRP Zoning Permit may be immediately revoked if the Zoning and Planning Director determines the STRP has Building Code violations, there is no current Business License for the property, the property is being used in a manner not consistent with the Zoning Permit issued for the STRP use, or the advertisement for the STRP does not include the County issued STRP Zoning Permit Number and Business License Number for the current year.
- B. If a STRP Zoning Permit is administratively revoked or an application for a STRP Zoning Permit is administratively denied, a STRP owner (or authorized agent) may appeal the Zoning and Planning Director's administrative decision revoking or denying the STRP Zoning Permit to the Board of Zoning Appeals within 30 calendar days from the date of the denial or revocation. All appeals shall be addressed in accordance with the appeal procedures of [CHAPTER 3, Article 3.13](#), of this Ordinance.
- C. Once a County-issued STRP Zoning Permit and/or a Business License has been revoked, no new STRP Zoning Permit and/or Business License shall be issued to the applicant for the same property for a period of one year from the date of revocation. Upon expiration of the revocation period, a new STRP Zoning Permit application may be filed and all requirements, processes, and fees in effect at the time of the STRP Zoning Permit application submittal shall apply.

Effective on: 10/26/2017, as amended

#### **Sec. 6.8.5 Amortization of Nonconforming STRPs**

The South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, as amended (Planning Act) authorizes local governments to terminate a nonconformity by specifying the period or periods in which the nonconformity is required to cease or be brought into compliance pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 6-29-730 (2007).

Therefore, if a Dwelling was legally used as a STRP prior to July 24, 2018, the Dwelling may continue as a Nonconforming Use pursuant to [CHAPTER 10, Nonconformities](#), of this Ordinance until July 24, 2023 to allow for the recovery or amortization of the investment in the Nonconforming Use, after which the Nonconforming Use as a STRP shall terminate.

During the amortization period, all Nonconforming STRPs must comply with all other requirements of this Article as is reasonably possible, including but not limited to, making an application for a Short-Term Rental Permit. Exceptions will be made for restrictions on maximum number of rental days, special exceptions use conditions, owner occupancy status, or use subject to conditions.

Not less than 60 days before the end of the amortization period, the owner of the Dwelling may request a special exception to the amortization period. All requests shall be made to Board of Zoning Appeals in writing, and all decisions shall be subject to the provisions of Art. [3.6](#) of the ZLDR except for Art. [3.6.1](#) and Art. [3.6.5](#).

The Board of Zoning Appeals may grant an extension of the time of the amortization period if the owner of the Nonconforming STRP proves that he is unable to recoup his investment in such property by the conclusion of the amortization period.

**Criteria and Findings.** In determining whether to grant an extension of the amortization period for a Nonconforming STRP, and in determining the appropriate length of such an extension, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall consider the following factors:

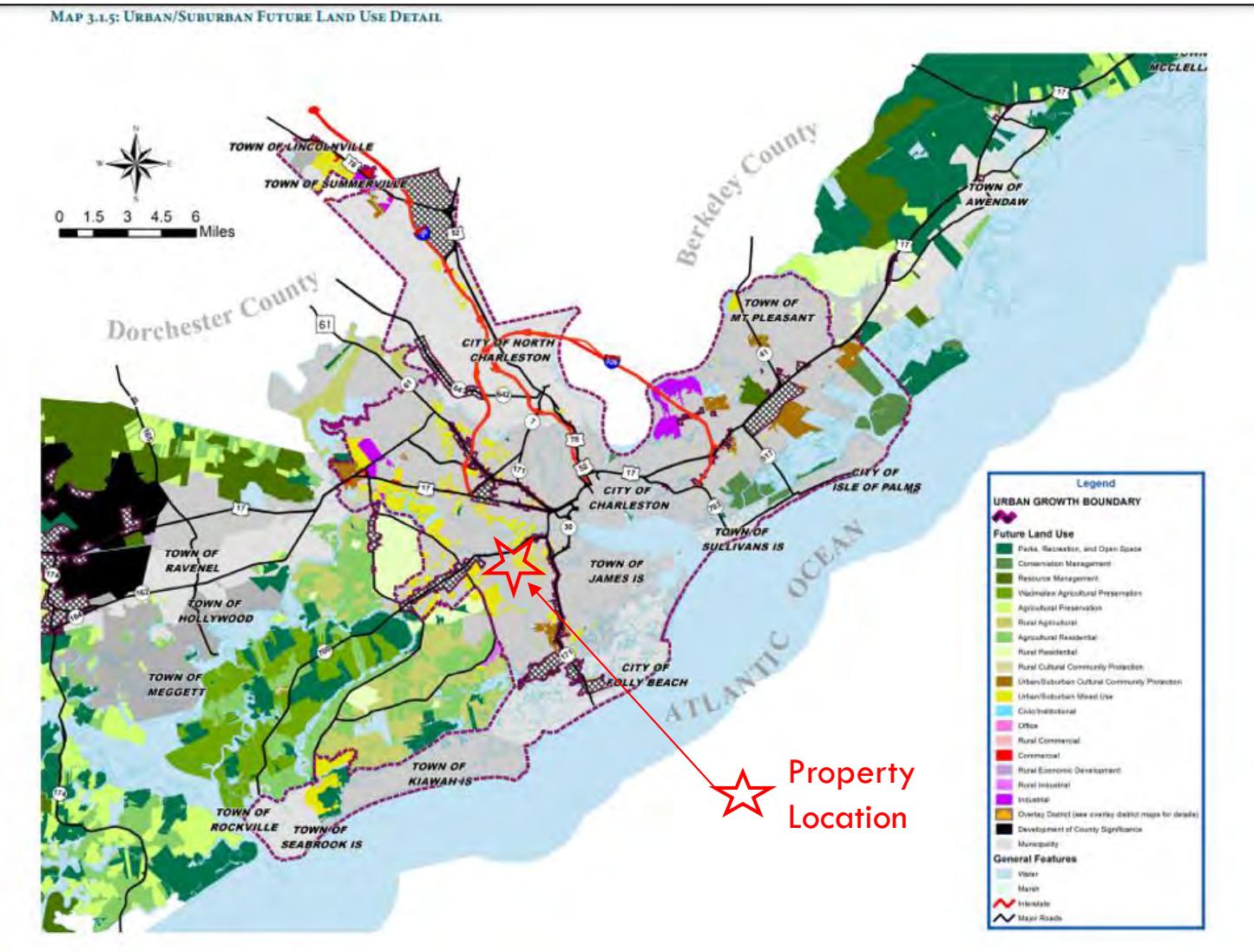


- A. The gross income and expenses from the Nonconforming STRP since the use began;
- B. The amount of the property owner's investment in the Nonconforming STRP prior to July 24, 2018;
- C. The amount of such investment that has been or will have been realized at the conclusion of the five-year amortization period;
- D. The present actual and depreciated value of the property and improvements;
- E. The applicable Internal Revenue Service depreciation schedule;
- F. The total length of time the Nonconforming Use has existed;
- G. The existence or nonexistence of lease obligations, as well as any contingency clauses permitting termination of such lease;
- H. The remaining value and allowed uses of the property after discontinuing the Nonconforming Use;
- I. The ability of the property owner to change the use to a conforming use;
- J. The effects of the Nonconforming Use on the surrounding area;
- K. The extent to which the Nonconforming Use is incompatible with surrounding uses and properties;
- L. The interference with or threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community; and
- M. Any other factor the Board of Zoning Appeals reasonably determines is related to determining whether the investment in the Nonconforming Use has been recovered.

The Board of Zoning Appeals shall receive and consider evidence presented by the Applicant, and shall make findings that the amortization period it establishes is reasonable in view of the evidence and the criteria set forth above.

# Location Map

## Bradham Road – James Island



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ZONING MAP

LUCKY RD

SUBJECT PROPERTY

ROPER RD

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BRADHAM RD

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R-4

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**Legend**

Parcel Boundaries

SUBJECT PROPERTY

Zoning Districts

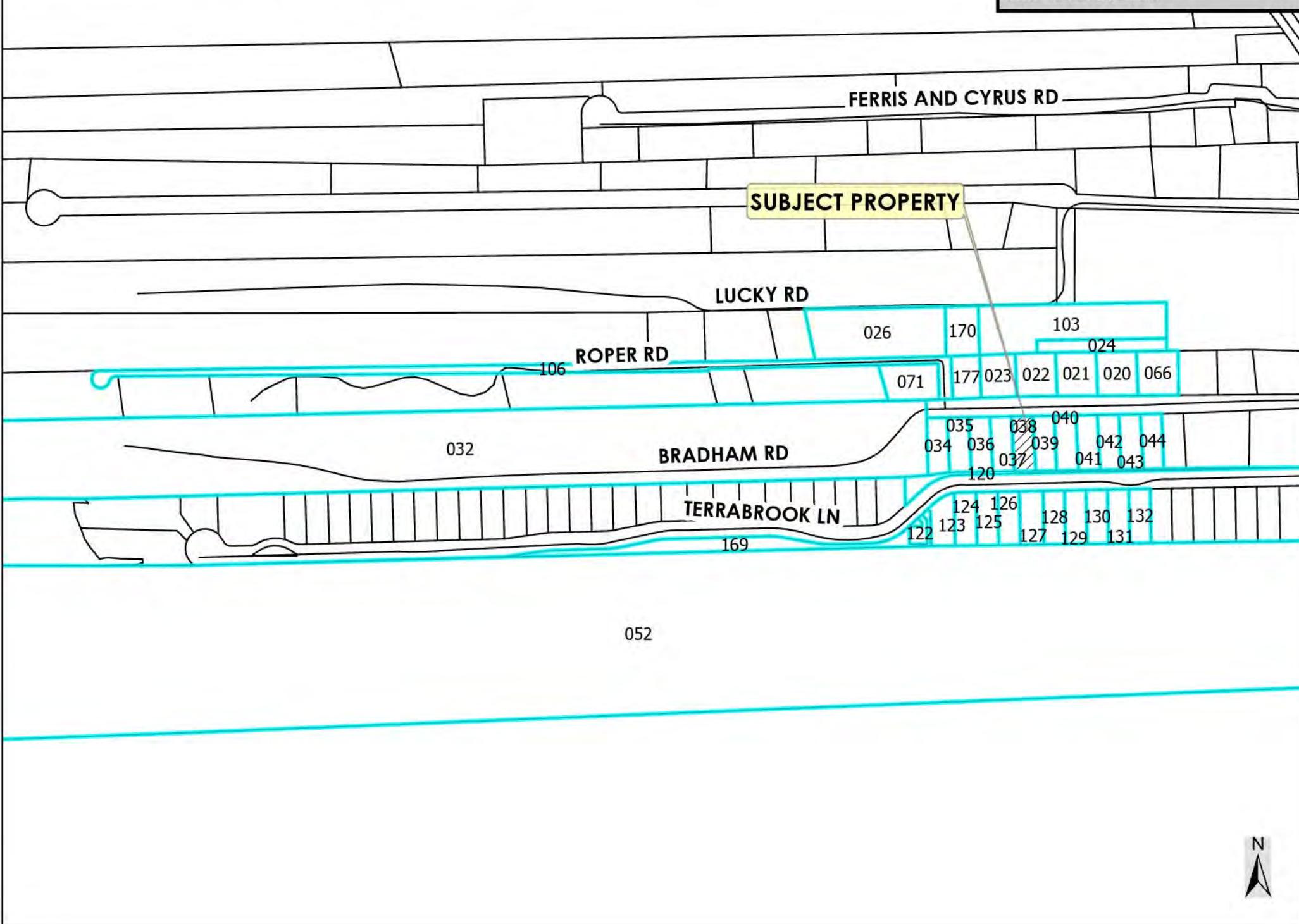
R-4; LOW DENSITY  
RESIDENTIAL

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

CHARLESTON COUNTY

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AERIAL MAP

SUBJECT PROPERTY

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ROPER RD

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**BZA Meeting of January 5, 2026**

**Subject Property: 2121 Bradham Road – Johns Island**

**Proposal: Special Exception request to establish a Short-Term Rental Property, Extended Home Rental (EHR) in the Low Density Residential (R-4) Zoning District.**



# Subject Property

**Single Family Residence and Parking**



# Adjacent Properties



# Bradham Road



# Terrabrook Lane



Staff Review:

The applicant and property owner, Sepehr Karimi, requests a Special Exception to establish a Short-Term Rental Property, Extended Home Rental (EHR), at 2121 Bradham Road (TMS # 341-00-00-038) on James Island in Charleston County. The subject property and adjacent properties to the north, east, and west are located within the Low Density Residential (R-4) Zoning District, while properties to the south fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Charleston.

Charleston County records indicate that the property contains a single-family residence constructed in 2024. The home includes four (4) bedrooms, and the applicant proposes to utilize three (3) of these bedrooms for the EHR use. The proposed rental would accommodate a maximum of six (6) guests. To meet the parking requirements outlined in the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), the site provides six (6) on-site parking spaces.

Since the property is owner-occupied, it is eligible for a Limited Home Rental (LHR) permit; however, the applicant has not pursued the LHR permit option and is instead requesting a Special Exception to establish a Short-Term Rental Property as an Extended Home Rental (EHR).

ZLDR defines “Owner-Occupied Short-Term Rental Property” as “A property with a Dwelling where lodging is offered, advertised, or provided to Short-Term Rental Tenants (excluding Family members) for individual rental terms not exceeding 29 consecutive days for a fee or any form of compensation, and which is occupied by the record owner of the Subject Property who has designated the Subject Property as his/her legal residence subject to the legal assessment ratio according to the records of the County Assessor’s Office and who:

- A. Has designated the Subject Property as his/her legal voting address; or
- B. Has designated the Subject Property as the address on his/her driver’s license or other government issued identification.”

The applicant's letter of intent explains, “The purpose of this proposal is to obtain permission to rent the property located at 2121 Bradham Rd Charleston, SC 29412 while maintaining the structure as a single-family occupancy. The home will be rented for short terms. I intend to maintain the property in accordance with all local housing, safety, and building codes. This property is owner occupied. I will personally use the master bedroom and rent out the other 2 to 3 bedrooms. The maximum number of guests allowed at the rental per occasion will be 6. At the property, there are 6 parking spots. The maximum number of nights the property will be rented in a calendar year are 144 nights.”

The Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), Chapter 6 Use Regulations, Article 6.1 Use Types and Use Table, Sec. 6.1.3 Special Exception Uses states, “An “S” indicates that a use type is allowed only if reviewed and approved in accordance with the Special Exception procedures of this Ordinance, subject to compliance with use-specific conditions and all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance.” Sec. 6.1.6 Table 6.1-1 Use Table indicates that Short-Term Rentals, Extended Home Rental (EHR) in the Low Density Residential (R-4) Zoning District is a use type allowed only if it complies with use-specific conditions of (Article 6.8 Short-Term

Rentals) all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance and is approved by the BZA as a Special Exception.

Staff conducted a site visit on December 12, 2025. Please review the attachments for further information regarding this request.

Article 6.8 Short-Term Rentals, Sec. 6.8.2 Permitting Processes, C. Special Exception: Notwithstanding the provisions of Art. 3.6, Special Exceptions, of this Ordinance, the following approval criteria shall apply to STRPS in place of those contained in Sec. 3.6.5 of this Ordinance if a Special Exception is required to obtain a STRP Zoning Permit based on the Permitting Process provided in Table 6.8.2 of this Article:

§6.8.2C.(1): Is compatible with existing uses in the vicinity and will not adversely affect the general welfare or character of the immediate community;

Response: **According to the applicant's letter of intent**, "The proposed use is compatible with existing uses in the vicinity and will not adversely affect the general welfare or character of the immediate community as the property will be maintained in accordance with all standards, regulations and requirements. This proposed rental home will have minimal impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Regular maintenance will be conducted in and outside of the rental. The house will be clean and well kept. Tenants will be thoroughly screened and adhere to community standards. There will be rules and conditions associated with the rental house, i.e. the maximum number of guests, length of stay, noise, etc. I will utilize the reputable Southern Charm Hospitality Group as a property management company, in which will screen all tenants prior to their stay. The home will continue to contribute to the stability and vitality of the neighborhood by ensuring the property remains occupied and cared for." Staff research indicates that there are currently no Short-Term Rentals along Bradham Road or in the immediate vicinity of the subject property. However, the property is owner-occupied, and the owner will be present when the home is rented, as stated in the **applicant's letter of intent**, "I will personally use the master bedroom and rent out the other 2 to 3 bedrooms." Therefore, the request may meet this criterion.

§6.8.2C.(2): Adequate provision is made and/or exists for such items as: Setbacks, buffering (including fences and/or landscaping) to protect adjacent properties from the possible adverse influence of the proposed STRP use, such as noise, traffic congestion, trash, parking, and similar factors; and

Response: Adequate provisions have been made and/or exist for such items as: setbacks, buffering (including fences and/or landscaping) to protect adjacent properties from the possible adverse influence of the proposed STRP use, such as noise, traffic congestion, trash, parking, and similar factors. The **applicant's** letter of intent states, "**The property is fenced on** both sides of the home and the backyard. The landscaping will be kept clean, mowed, and well maintained. The outside of the home will not reflect any adverse influence within the neighborhood. Traffic congestion will not be an issue as only 6 tenants will be allowed at the rental, and it is not a busy trafficked road. There will be 6 parking spots in the garage and driveway so no one will have to utilize street parking, thus not impacting the neighborhood. Trash pickup will continue as current with scheduled pick up. Tenants will receive rules and instructions pertaining to trash throw out. Noise rules and guidelines will also be set for the tenants to follow to respect

***the peacefulness of the community.***" Therefore, the request may meet this criterion.

§6.8.2C.(3): Complies with all applicable rules, regulations, laws and standards of this Ordinance, including but not limited to any use conditions, zoning district standards, and applicable STRP Site Plan Review requirements of this Ordinance.

Response: The applicant is currently undergoing the Short-Term Rental Property (STRP), Limited Site Plan Review process to ensure the property complies with all applicable requirements of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance. This process also facilitates coordination with other relevant regulatory agencies, including Revenue Collections (Business License) and Building Inspection Services. Additionally, ***the applicant's letter of intent states, "The property is located*** within the Charleston district, which permits residential dwellings as a primary use. Converting the existing owner-occupied residence into a rental home does not alter the fundamental use or character of the property. The home will continue to operate as a single-family dwelling, consistent with the permitted uses and intent of this zoning district. The proposal does not include any structural modifications, additions, or changes in land use intensity. No alterations are proposed that would affect the existing site plan or require additional review. The continued residential use maintains the integrity, appearance, and character of the surrounding neighborhood. Upon approval, all necessary rental permits, business licenses, and inspection certifications will be obtained that are required under city ordinance and state law prior to occupancy. The property will be professionally managed in accordance with all applicable city standards to ensure compliance with tenant conduct, ***property upkeep, and community expectations.***" Therefore, the request may meet this criterion.

All other provisions and requirements of Art. 3.6, Special Exceptions, shall apply.

#### **Board of Zoning Appeals' Action:**

According to Article 3.6 Special Exceptions, Sec. 3.6.5B. of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), "In granting a Special Exception, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed Building or Structure as the Board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare."

The Board of Zoning Appeals may approve, approve with conditions or deny Case # BZA-11-25-00918 [Special Exception to establish a Short-Term Rental Property, Extended Home Rental (EHR) in the Low Density Residential (R-4) Zoning District, at 2121 Bradham Road (TMS # 341-00-00-038) on James Island in Charleston County], based on the BZA's "Findings of Fact", unless additional information is deemed necessary to make an informed decision. ***The Board may modify any of Staff's recommended conditions below,*** including but not limited to restricting the number of days the STR may be rented. In the event the Board decides to approve the application, the Board should consider the following conditions recommended by Staff:

1. Prior to zoning permit approval, the applicant shall complete the STRP, Limited Site Plan Review process.
2. The use shall comply with all requirements of Article 6.8.
3. This property shall not be used as a Short-Term Rental for more than 144 days in aggregate during any calendar year.
4. The property owner shall be responsible for ensuring that tenants comply with the Charleston County Noise Ordinance.



**SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATION FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL, EXTENDED HOME RENTAL**  
**Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)**

**Property Information**

Subject Property Address: 2121 Bradham rd, Charleston, SC 29412

Tax Map Number(s): 341-00-00-038

Current Use of Property: Used as primary residence

Proposed Use of Property: Primary residence as well as short term rental

**Applicant Information (Required)**

Applicant Name (please print): Sepehr Karimi

Name of Company (if applicable):

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

City: Charleston

State: [REDACTED]

Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Phone #: [REDACTED]

Applicant Signature: *Sepehr Karimi*

Date: 10/10/2025

**Representative Information** (Complete only if applicable. Attorney, Builder, Engineer, Surveyor etc.)

Print Representative Name and Name of Company:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Email Address:

Phone #:

**Designation of Agent** (Complete only if the Applicant listed above is not the Property Owner.)

I hereby appoint the person named as Applicant and/or Representative as my (our) agent to represent me (us) in this application.

Property Owner(s) Name(s) (please print):

Name of Company (if applicable, LLC etc.):

Property Owner(s) Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone #:

Property Owner(s) Email Address:

Property Owner(s) Signature:

Date:

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Zoning District: <i>R-4</i>	Flood Zone: <i>AE10 (b7bK)</i>	Date Filed: <i>11/4/25</i>	Fee Paid: <i>\$250</i>
Application #: <i>BZA-11-25-00918</i>	TMS #: <i>341-60-00-038</i>	Staff Initials: <i>jjw CC</i>	

## **Description of Request**

*Please describe your proposal in detail. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary. Additionally, you may provide any supporting materials that are applicable to your request (photographs, letter of support, etc.)*

The purpose of this proposal is to obtain permission to rent the property located at 2121 Bradham Rd Charleston, SC 29412 while maintaining the structure as a single-family occupancy. The home will be rented for short terms. I intend to maintain the property in accordance with all local housing, safety, and building codes. This property is owner occupied. I will personally use the master bedroom and rent out the other 2-3 bedrooms. The maximum number of guests allowed at the rental per occasion will be 6. At the property, there are 6 parking spots. The maximum number of nights the property will be rented in a calendar year are 144 nights.

### **Applicant's response to Article 6.8 Short-Term Rentals, §6.8.2 Operating Standards and Requirements, C. Special Exception**

**Special Exceptions may be approved only if the Board of Zoning Appeals finds that the proposed use meets all 3 of the approval criteria. In evaluating your request, the members of the board will review the answers below as a part of the case record. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.**

1. Describe how the proposed use is compatible with existing uses in the vicinity and will not adversely affect the general welfare or character of the immediate community.

The proposed use is compatible with existing uses in the vicinity and will not adversely affect the general welfare or character of the immediate community as the property will be maintained in accordance with all standards, regulations and requirements. This proposed rental home will have minimal impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Regular maintenance will be conducted in and outside of the rental. The house will be clean and well kept. Tenants will be thoroughly screened and adhere to community standards. There will be rules and conditions associated with the rental house, i.e the maximum number of guests, length of stay, noise, etc. I will utilize the reputable Southern Charm Hospitality Group as a property management company, in which will screen all tenants prior to their stay. The home will continue to contribute to the stability and vitality of the neighborhood by ensuring the property remains occupied and cared for.

2. Describe what adequate provisions are being made and/or exists, for such items as: setbacks, buffering (including fences and/or landscaping) to protect adjacent properties from the possible adverse influence of the proposed STRP use, such as noise, traffic congestion, trash, parking, and similar factors.

The property is fenced on both sides of the home and the backyard. The landscaping will be kept clean, mowed, and well maintained. The outside of the home will not reflect any adverse influence within the neighborhood. Traffic congestion will not be an issue as only 6 tenants will be allowed at the rental and it is not a busy trafficked road. There will be 6 parking spots in the garage and driveway so no one will have to utilize street parking, thus not impacting the neighborhood. Trash pickup will continue as current with scheduled pick up. Tenants will receive rules and instructions pertaining to trash throw out. Noise rules and guidelines will also be set for the tenants to follow to respect the peacefulness of the community.

3. Explain how the proposed use complies with all applicable rules, regulations, laws and standards of this Ordinance, including but not limited to any use conditions, zoning district standards, and applicable STRP Site Plan Review requirements of this Ordinance.

The property is located within the Charleston district, which permits residential dwellings as a primary use. Converting the existing owner-occupied residence into a rental home does not alter the fundamental use or character of the property. The home will continue to operate as a single-family dwelling, consistent with the permitted uses and intent of this zoning district. The proposal does not include any structural modifications, additions, or changes in land use intensity. No alterations are proposed that would affect the existing site plan or require additional review. The continued residential use maintains the integrity, appearance, and character of the surrounding neighborhood. Upon approval, all necessary rental permits, business licenses, and inspection certifications will be obtained that are required under city ordinance and state law prior to occupancy. The property will be professionally managed in accordance with all applicable city standards to ensure compliance with tenant conduct property upkeep, and community expectations.



**Zoning and Planning Department**  
Joel H. Evans, AICP, PLA, Director  
Lonnie Hamilton III Public Services Building  
4045 Bridge View Drive  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
843.202.7200

## Short-Term Rental Property Zoning Permit Application

Type of Short-Term Rental:  Limited Home Rental  Extended Home Rental  Commercial Guest House

### Owner Information

First Name: Sepehr Last Name: Karimi

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Home/Cell Phone #: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

### Applicant Information (if not being submitted by owner)

First Name: [REDACTED] Last Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Home/Cell Phone #: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

### Short-Term Rental Property Information

Address: 2121 Bradham Rd, Charleston, SC 29412

TMS #: 341-00-00-038

Zoning: R-4.

Type of Dwelling Unit to be used as a Short-Term Rental (e.g. single-family home, principal dwelling unit, accessory dwelling unit, etc.): Single-family home

Maximum Number of Bedrooms to be used for Short-Term Rentals (Note: The use of 5 or more bedrooms for Short-Term Rental purposes may result in the application of building code requirements. Please speak to the Building Inspections Department regarding any potential building code requirements): 3

Number and location of Parking Spaces Provided Onsite (required parking is 1 space per permitted bedroom plus the required parking for the applicable use): 6.

Maximum Number of Guests: 6.

Maximum Number of Nights the Short-Term Rental Property is Proposed to be Rented Per Year: 144

Is the Short-Term Rental Property Owner Occupied:  YES  NO

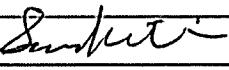
I am aware that if this Short-Term Rental Application is approved this may affect the Tax Assessment ratio on my property:  
 YES

Notes:

- After receiving a Zoning Permit for a Short-Term Rental – Limited Home Rental, a Business License must be obtained prior to offering, advertising, or providing Short-Term Rental Properties for lodging.
- The advertisement of a Short-Term Rental shall include the County issued Zoning Permit Number and Business License Number.
- Tax Assessments of the property may change due to its partial use as a Short-Term Rental Property. Please contact the County Assessor's Office at 843-958-4100 for further information regarding this note.
- Zoning Permits for all Short-Term Rentals must be renewed annually, on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year (see the Short-Term Rental Property zoning requirements contained in the *Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance* for details).
- The property owner is responsible for contacting the Charleston County Building Services Department (843-202-6930) to ensure the Short-Term Rental Property complies with all Charleston County Building Code requirements. This will include applying for and receiving a Building Safety Permit.

See the *Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance* for all Short-Term Rental Property Zoning requirements.

By signing this application, I certify that I understand and will comply with the Short-Term Rental Property requirements contained in the *Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance*, and that all required information has been submitted and is accurate.

Property Owner Signature (required):		Date:	09-12-2025
Applicant Signature (if not the owner):		Date:	

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Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash  Check  # \_\_\_\_\_ Invoice Number: \_\_\_\_\_

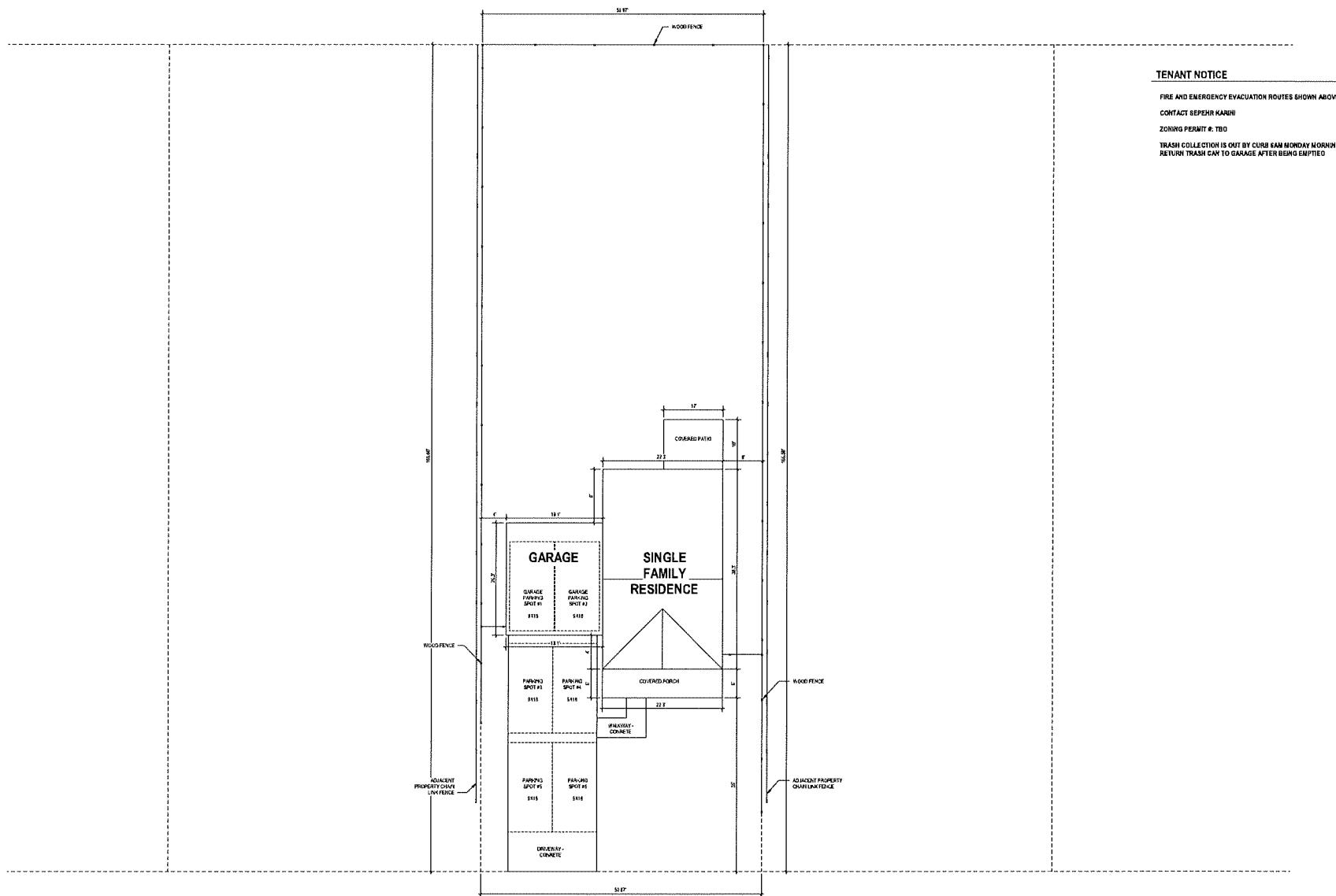
Permit Specialist/Planner's Signature

Date

**SHORT-TERM RENTAL ZONING PERMIT APPLICATIONS FEES**

a. <b>Short-Term Rental Permit: Limited Home Rental (LHR)</b> Note that additional applications, processes, and fees may apply pursuant to the requirements for Short-Term Rentals contained in the <i>Charleston County ZLDR</i> .	\$100.00 Zoning Fee
b. <b>Short-Term Rental Permit: Extended Home Rental (EHR)</b> Note that in addition to the EHR Zoning Permit application and fee, Site Plan Review and Special Exception applications and required fees must be submitted pursuant to the requirements and processes contained in the ZLDR. Zoning Permits for EHRs will not be issued until/unless the Site Plan Review application is approved, and the Board of Zoning Appeals approves the Special Exception application.	\$200.00 Zoning Fee
c. <b>Short-Term Rental Permit: Commercial Guest House (CGH)</b> Note that in addition to the CGH Zoning Permit Application and fee, a Site Plan Review application (with the required fee) must be submitted pursuant to the requirements and processes contained in the ZLDR. Zoning Permits for CGHs will not be issued until/unless the Site Plan Review application is approved.	\$300.00 Zoning Fee

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## TENANT NOTICE

FIRE AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTES SHOWN ABOVE  
CONTACT SEPEHR KARINI  
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RETURN TRASH CAN TO GARAGE AFTER BEING EMPTIED

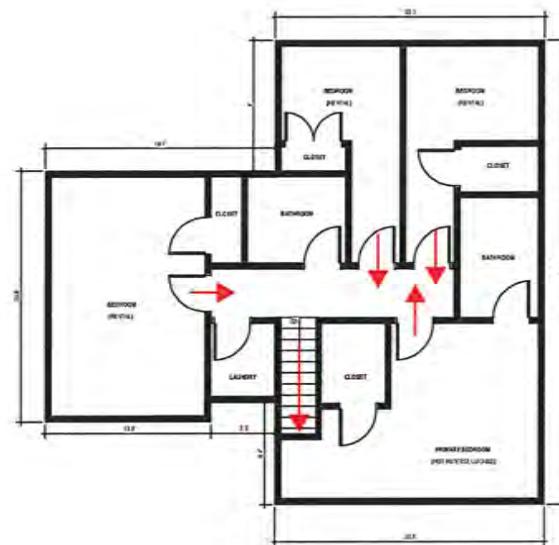
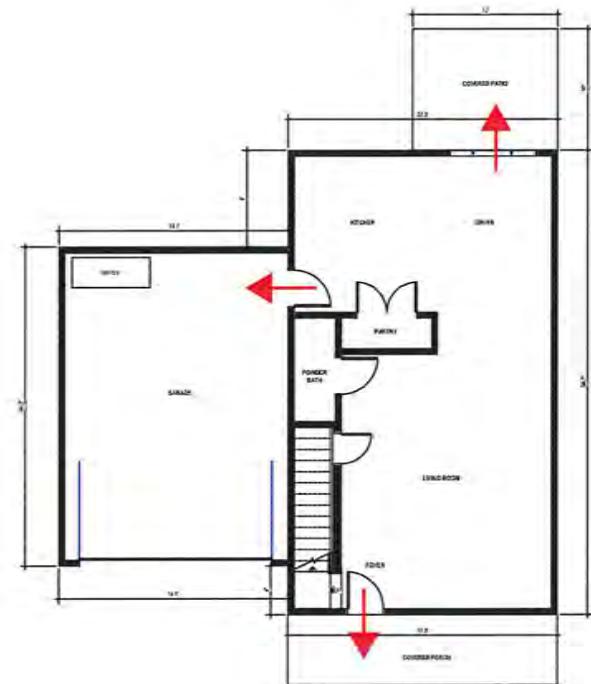
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00 **OVERALL PLAN**

SCALE BAR  
1/8" x 1/4"

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Barbara H. Gaskins  
University of Michigan  
personality

PLAT SHOWING

A 50' RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR LUCKY STREET,  
JAMES ISLAND, CHARLESTON COUNTY, S.C.

NOVEMBER, 1961

SCALE: 1" = 100'

Charleston County Council  
Public Works Department

Robert S. Hills, Director  
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APPROVED PLR.  
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LAWMAKERS' SECURITY AUTHORITY  
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