

Dear Ms. Phillips,

November 13, 2021

I am writing in opposition to the multiple variance and conditional use requests for the addresses of 1325 Simonton, 1220 Simonton, and 1321 Simonton. I own the property located at 1312 Elizabeth Street, which is directly adjacent to the Southwinds/Ocean Breeze/Spanish Gardens complex. It is my understanding that the applicant is asking for a number of variances to add additional businesses to these properties; a food truck, e-scooter rentals, as well as alterations in existing parking. As a homeowner, I am very concerned with continued business encroachment in our historic residential neighborhood. I already contend with the volume of commercial garbage from this motel complex that collects right next to my front yard. It is a foul-smelling eyesore, a rodent trap, and a convenient restroom for the urban survivalists. In addition, the Tipsy Rooster bar which began as a small liquor store has now evolved into a very loud, outdoor live music venue.

Rules and regulations have been put in place to protect the residents from this type of problem, and for good reason. For a business owner to ask for rule waivers (to boost profits) at the detriment of the neighborhood is not acceptable. I am not anti-business and realize we need to work together, but my experience has been that it is always the residents trying to protect their neighborhoods from more business encroachment. It is extremely time consuming to maintain a constant vigilance and navigate the process of defending what should be rightfully ours. Please understand we are only trying to hold on to what we hold dear; our quiet, historic neighborhood.

Thank you

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