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Bluffton Town Counsel

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Dear Members of the Bluffton Town Counsel,

Re: Request for Inclusion of Carports in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

I am writing to formally request that Bluffton Town Counsel consider amending the current Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to include regulations and guidelines for the construction of the carports within the town limits. As it stands, carports are explicitly addressed in the UDO, creating uncertainty for residents who may wish to construct such structures on their property.

Carports provide an affordable and practical solution for protecting vehicles from weather-related damage while preserving the open aesthetic of a property. I believe that allowing carports with clearly defined guidelines would benefit homeowners, enhance property value and maintain the community's visual appeal.

Key Reason for the Requested Change:

1. **Protection for Property:** Carports provide essential coverage for vehicles, reducing the impact of sun, rain and other elements. This can extend the lifespan of vehicles and reduce maintenance costs for residents.
2. **Affordability:** Compared to enclosed garages, carports are a cost-effective option for homeowners seeking vehicle protection without the expense or space required for a traditional garage.
3. **Aesthetic and Community Impact:** Thoughtful guidelines regarding size, material, and placement can ensure that carports are built in harmony with existing community standards, preserving Bluffton's visual character.

I respectfully ask that the Town Counsel review this proposal and consider drafting provisions within the UDO that would allow the construction of carports under appropriate regulations. I am happy to provide further input, participate in discussions, or attend hearings to support the consideration of this request

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate in improving the UDO for the benefits of our community. Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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