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Re: Bluffton Historic Resource Survey Update (Stantec, 2025)

To Mayor and Town Council:

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is pleased to write this letter in support of Town Council's Resolution Accepting the *2025 Bluffton Historic Resources Update*.

Pursuant to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), the HPC is tasked with "[e]stablishing and maintaining a system for the survey and inventory of historic resources within the Town of Bluffton" (§2.2.6.E.3.) and accordingly, we are pleased to endorse this latest survey which was undertaken by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. This survey, the Town's fifth above ground resource survey since 1994, serves as an update to the *Town of Bluffton Historic Resources Update* (Brockington, 2019) that was adopted by Town Council in 2021.

On February 4, 2026, during our regular Historic Preservation Commission meeting, we received a presentation from Stantec's representatives outlining the project goals, the tasks completed, and their findings with future recommendations. We believe that this survey contains valuable new and expanded data that not only provides a more accurate baseline of our historic preservation efforts to date but will serve as a guide for future planning decisions for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe DePauw, Chair
Historic Preservation Commission

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