

# Conditional Use Permit Hearing Statement

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Prepared for Effingham County Board of Commissioners

Applicant: Tyler Crews

Business Name: Luxe 23 Detailing LLC

Business Address: 541 Braves Field Dr., Guyton Ga. 31312

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## Introduction

My name is Tyler, and I am the owner of Luxe 23 Detailing LLC, a licensed and insured mobile detailing and ceramic coating service based in Effingham County. I am applying for a Conditional Use Permit to continue operating responsibly from my home on a limited basis, consistent with county guidelines.

## About My Business

- Luxe 23 Detailing is a mobile-first operation — the majority of work is done at customer locations throughout the county.
- I work from home approximately 10 hours per week (sometimes less), typically on Fridays or Saturdays only.
- I currently work full-time as a Manufacturing Engineer specializing in machining at Mitsubishi Power in Pooler, which limits the time I can dedicate to this business.
- Home-based operations include:
  - One-vehicle-at-a-time detailing (by appointment only)
  - Primarily ceramic coating applications
  - Administrative tasks

- There are no walk-ins, and no exterior signage.

## **Operating Practices and Equipment**

All work performed at my home is done by appointment only, and I never service more than one vehicle at a time. This ensures a quiet, controlled environment and eliminates any unnecessary vehicle traffic or noise. The majority of these jobs involve ceramic coating applications, which are time-intensive but low-impact in terms of noise or disruption.

The loudest piece of equipment I use on-site is a RIDGID 4-gallon wet/dry shop vacuum, which is used for short intervals during interior cleaning. According to product specifications and independent testing, this vacuum produces approximately 72 to 74 decibels at full power.

For comparison:

- Normal conversation: ~60 dB
- Residential vacuum cleaner: ~70–75 dB
- City traffic (inside a car): ~85 dB

This means my equipment operates within normal household noise levels and well below thresholds typically associated with nuisance complaints. There are no generators, no compressors, and no commercial-grade machinery used during any job at the residence.

Combined with my appointment-only structure and low weekly workload, this makes Luxe 23 Detailing a very low-impact home operation, both visually and audibly.

## **Hours and Noise Control**

- Typical home work hours: 9 AM to 4 PM, only one or two days per week (Hours and days vary, there is no set schedule)
- All equipment is electric-powered and used sparingly — no industrial tools, generators, or high-noise machinery.
- I take special care to avoid early morning or evening operations.
- To address any potential concerns, I've taken steps to limit noise and visual impact to well within reasonable residential standards.

## Parking and Visual Impact

- All detailing is done in my private driveway or garage.
- There is no customer parking on the street and no traffic increase in the neighborhood.
- No exterior storage or changes to the residential character of the property.

## Property Value Impact

The operation of Luxe 23 Detailing LLC from my home will not negatively affect property values in the community. In fact, responsible, well-maintained home-based businesses often support neighborhood stability and attractiveness in the following ways:

- **No Structural Modifications:** There are no visible commercial alterations to my home, yard, or garage. The property maintains full residential character and curb appeal, which is a key factor in property valuation.
- **Minimal Traffic & Noise:** With only 10 hours of work per week and no customers visiting the property, the business generates no measurable increase in traffic, congestion, or disruption — preserving the peaceful nature of the neighborhood.
- **Regular Maintenance & Cleanliness:** As an auto detailing professional, I take pride in a clean, well-kept property. This adds to the overall aesthetic of the area, rather than detracts from it.
- **Increased Sense of Safety & Activity:** Responsible, small-scale businesses being operated from homes — especially owner-occupied ones — tend to increase daytime presence in the neighborhood. This visibility can deter petty crime and make communities feel more active and secure.
- **Strong Neighbor Support:** With adjoining neighbors signing notarized affidavits of support, it's clear that those most affected do not feel their property is at risk of depreciation.

According to research by the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and the U.S. Small Business Administration, there is no evidence that home-based service businesses decrease home values, especially when they involve no storefront, no signage, and no disruption to surrounding properties.

In fact, a well-run, low-impact business can help enhance the perceived stability and desirability of a neighborhood, showing that the area supports entrepreneurship and responsible self-employment.

## **Community Support and Benefit**

Beyond my adjoining neighbors, I have proudly served over 40 residents within my own neighborhood and surrounding community. Many of them have repeatedly used Luxe 23 Detailing LLC and often refer others — not just because of the quality, but because it's a convenient, local option they trust.

To show my appreciation, I offer exclusive discounts to neighborhood residents, which has been very well received. Homeowners appreciate having a professional-level detailing service nearby without needing to leave their driveway.

Feedback from these clients has been overwhelmingly positive — not only about the quality of the work, but also how discreet, respectful, and clean my home-based setup is. I've built strong relationships through this business and believe it adds value to the community by offering a reliable, accessible service without any of the drawbacks typically associated with commercial operations.

## **Neighbor Support**

- I have obtained notarized affidavits from all directly adjoining neighbors, confirming that my business activities cause no disturbance and that they fully support my continued operations.
- These are the neighbors most affected by any potential noise or activity — and they have all stated in writing that they have no objection.

## **History of Complaints**

- One neighbor — who has an ongoing personal grievance with me — has filed repeated noise complaints with Code Enforcement.
- Each time, officers have visited and found no violations or concerns.
- This individual was recently voted off of our HOA board and replaced by me, by a large margin, following broader community dissatisfaction.
- It is clear these complaints are not rooted in genuine community impact, but rather a personal vendetta.

## **Respect for the Community**

I live in this neighborhood with my family, and I've designed Luxe 23 Detailing to be quiet, clean, and community conscious. I take pride in contributing to the local economy while remaining respectful of my neighbors and their space.

I am more than willing to accept reasonable conditions from the County, including:

- Specified hours of operation
- Parking restrictions
- Limitations on workdays or frequency
- Periodic review of compliance

## **Request to the Board**

I respectfully ask the Board to approve my Conditional Use Permit to allow Luxe 23 Detailing LLC to operate from my residence in a low-impact, limited, and neighbor-supported fashion. With strong support from all adjoining neighbors and a history of compliance with county standards, I believe this is a responsible use of my property that aligns with the spirit of Effingham County's home-based business policies.

If the business were ever to grow to the point that it required full-time operation or additional staff, my plan is to invest in commercial property and build a dedicated shop — not continue operating at home in a way that would burden the neighborhood. This request is simply to continue offering a professional, community-supported service at a limited and appropriate scale.