



February 28, 2017

JOINT POSITION STATEMENT: NEW HANOVER SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Chairman White and Board of Commissioners,

The organizations above would like to express our full support for **Zoning Ordinance Amendment Request (A-425, 9/16)**, the Special Use Permit text amendment and Table of Permitted Uses revisions which will be on your March 6, 2017 agenda.

As you know, at their February 2, 2017 meeting, the Planning Board voted (6-1) to recommend approval of the text amendment. At that meeting, the business community coalition joined the Coastal Federation in supporting the text amendment and revisions to the Table of Permitted Uses. We look forward to continuing to join with the environmental community in support of this consensus document.

Over the course of a number of months, we participated in a lengthy process which offered a full opportunity for the Planning Board and stakeholders to discuss a variety of options regarding the Special Use Permit process and the Table of Permitted Uses. The collaborative process has led to a text amendment which will give certainty to new and existing businesses while protecting our quality of life and environment in New Hanover County.

We are pleased to have reached the end of this process and would like to express our full support for the staff recommended text amendment. We encourage your support.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important discussion.

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