

Applicant:	Cody Callarman of Zitro Farms, Inc.
Property Owner:	Pinkney Mikell
Property Location:	8932 Peters Point Road – Edisto Island
TMS#:	025-00-00-154
Zoning District:	Agricultural Preservation (AG10) Zoning District
Request:	Special Exception request for Hemp Farm Production in the Agricultural Preservation (AG-10) Zoning District.

Requirement:

The Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), Chapter 6 Use Regulations, Article 6.1 Use Types and Use Table, Sec. 6.1.3 Special Exception Uses, states, "An "S" indicates that a use type is allowed only if reviewed and approved in accordance with the Special Exception procedures of this Ordinance, subject to compliance with use-specific conditions and all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance. Sec. 6.1.6 Table 6.1-1, Use Table, indicates that Hemp Crop Production and/or Processing in the Agricultural Preservation (AG-10) Zoning District is a use type allowed only if it complies with all other applicable regulations (Sec. 6.4.1) and is approved by the BZA as a Special Exception.

Article 6.4 Use Conditions, Sec. 6.4.1 Aquaculture, Mariculture, Animal and Insect Production, Horticultural Production, Hemp Production and Processing, and Agricultural Processing Uses, B. Hemp Production and Processing.

- 1. Evidence of the appropriate South Carolina Department of Agriculture Industrial Hemp License (Grower or Processor) shall be submitted with any Site Plan Review Application.
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CHAPTER 6 USE REGULATIONS

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(Ord. No. 2177, 10/26/2021)

ARTICLE 6.1 USE TYPES AND USE TABLE

This Article explains how to interpret Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*. The top of Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*, contains the Zoning Districts and left side of the table contains the use types. Under the hierarchy established by this Ordinance, the NR district is the least intensive base Zoning District, while the IN Zoning District is the most intensive base Zoning District. The uses listed in Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*, are permitted or not permitted in each Zoning District according to the letter coding described in Sections 6.1.1 through 6.1.5 below.

Sec. 6.1.1 A Uses Allowed by Right

An "A" indicates that a use type is allowed by right in the respective Zoning District, subject to compliance with all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance. A Use Allowed by Right is defined in CHAPTER 12, *Definitions*, of this Ordinance as a Principal Use allowed without the requirement of a Special Exception.

Sec. 6.1.2 C Uses Subject to Conditions

A "C" indicates that a use type is allowed in the respective Zoning District only if it complies with use-specific conditions and all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance. A cross-reference to the applicable conditions can be found in the "Condition" column of Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*. The number provides a cross-reference to the use-specific conditions contained in this Chapter.

Sec. 6.1.3 S Special Exception Uses

An "S" indicates that a use type is allowed only if reviewed and approved in accordance with the Special Exception procedures of this Ordinance, subject to compliance with use-specific conditions and all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance. A cross- reference to the applicable conditions can be found in the "Condition" column of Table 6.1-1, *Use Table.* The number provides a cross-reference to the use-specific conditions contained in this Chapter.

Any use that was legally established before April 21, 1999 without Special Exception approval and which after April 21, 1999 is located in a Zoning District that requires Special Exception approval for the subject use and which presently continues as an allowable use, shall not be considered a nonconforming use and shall not require a Special Exception. Such uses shall be deemed Uses Permitted by Right, as defined in CHAPTER 12, *Definitions*, of this Ordinance.

Any use that was legally established before April 21, 1999 with a Conditional Use Permit and which after April 21, 1999 is located in a Zoning District that requires Special Exception approval for the subject use and which presently continues as an allowable use, shall not be considered a nonconforming use and shall not require a Special Exception. Such uses shall be deemed Uses Permitted by Right, as defined in CHAPTER 12, *Definitions*, of this Ordinance.



Sec. 6.1.4 Uses Not Allowed

A blank cell indicates that a use type is not allowed in the respective Zoning District, unless it is otherwise expressly allowed by other regulations of this Ordinance.

Sec. 6.1.5 New or Unlisted Uses and Use Interpretation

The Zoning and Planning Director shall be authorized to make use determination whenever there is a question regarding the category of use based on the definitions contained in CHAPTER 12, *Definitions*, of this Ordinance or may require that the use be processed in accordance with the Planned Development (PD) procedures of this Ordinance.

Sec. 6.1.6 Table 6.1-1, Use Table

Principal uses shall be allowed within the Zoning Districts of this Ordinance in accordance with Table 6.1-1, Use Table.

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Effective on: 10/26/2021, as amended

ARTICLE 6.2 DEFINITIONS

All of the types of uses listed in the Table 6.1-1, Use Table, are defined in Chapter 12, Definitions.

ARTICLE 6.3 RESERVED

ARTICLE 6.4 USE CONDITIONS

The following use conditions shall apply to Principal Uses in any Zoning District where these uses are allowed as "Conditional Uses" or "Special Exceptions" as shown in Table 6.1-1, *Use Table*.

Sec. 6.4.1 Aquaculture, Mariculture, Animal and Insect Production, Horticultural Production, Hemp Production and Processing, and Agricultural Processing Uses

- A. Aquaculture, Mariculture, Animal and Insect Production, Horticultural Production, Hemp Production and Processing, and Agricultural Processing uses shall be subject to the following standards.
 - 1. Such uses must be located on a Lot with a minimum area of five highland acres. On Lots with an area of less than five highland acres, such uses are allowed only if reviewed and approved in accordance with the Special Exception procedures of this Ordinance.
 - 2. If the subject Lot is less than five acres in size, a 25-foot vegetated buffer is required to adjoining Parcels. In lieu of a planted 25-foot vegetated buffer, a 75-foot Setback to the operation, from the side and rear property boundaries shall be provided.
 - 3. If the subject Lot is five acres or large in size, a 50-foot vegetated buffer is required to adjoining Parcels. In lieu of a 50-foot vegetated buffer, a 150-foot Setback to the operation, from the side and rear property boundaries shall be provided.
 - 4. Mariculture uses shall comply with the Commercial Dock requirements of this Ordinance in addition to the requirements of this Section.
 - 5. Onsite sales are permitted as an Accessory Use, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

B. Hemp Production and Processing.

- 1. Evidence of the appropriate South Carolina Department of Agriculture Industrial Hemp License (Grower or Processor) shall be submitted with any Site Plan Review Application.
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Sec. 6.4.2 Single-Family Attached Dwelling









Case # BZA-02-23-00657 BZA Meeting of April 3, 2023 Subject Property: 8932 Peters Point Road – Edisto Island

Proposal: Special Exception request for Hemp Farm Production in the Agricultural Preservation (AG-10) Zoning District











Staff Review:

The applicant, Cody Callarman of Zitro Farms, Inc., and the property owner, Pinkney Mikell, are requesting a Special Exception for Hemp Farm Production in the Agricultural Preservation (AG-10) Zoning District at 8932 Peters Point Road (TMS # 025-00-00-154) on Edisto Island in Charleston County. Adjacent properties are also located in the Agricultural Preservation (AG-10) Zoning District. The subject property is 185.9-acres total, 62.5-acres highland.

Applicable *ZLDR* requirement:

The Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), Chapter 6 Use Regulations, Article 6.1 Use Types and Use Table, Sec. 6.1.3 Special Exception Uses, states, "An "S" indicates that a use type is allowed only if reviewed and approved in accordance with the Special Exception procedures of this Ordinance, subject to compliance with use-specific conditions and all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance. Sec. 6.1.6 Table 6.1-1, Use Table, indicates that Hemp Crop Production and/or Processing in the Agricultural Preservation (AG-10) Zoning District is a use type allowed only if it complies with all other applicable regulations (Sec. 6.4.1) and is approved by the BZA as a Special Exception.

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- 2. Evidence of the appropriate South Carolina Department of Agriculture Hemp Grower or Processor application approval shall be submitted with any Site Plan Review Application.

The applicant is currently in the Site Plan Review process (ZSPR-02-23-00657) for the proposed hemp farm production use. The applicant's letter of intent explains,

"We will be using the AG-10 land for grass, flower, and hemp cultivation. We are in compliance of the Charleston Greenbelt program and Edisto Island Land Trust's easement."

"I wanted to clarify, since the word "cannabis" was previously used on email and topic header, that this site will never cultivate Medical nor Recreational Cannabis. The plan for this site is only for the use of cultivation bona fide agricultural products.

The property owner, Pickney Mikell, has allowed Cody Callarman of Zitro Farms to utilize the agriculture zoned land for agricultural use only. There is no manufacturing Page 1 of 5 of goods or products, retail sales, or visitors nor tours. This site is purely for cultivation. We currently have a land lease for 2 years at this time, renewing at the end of that second year. Last updated in March 2022.

The property will be used for cultivation of flowers, hemp, rye, wheat, and other bona fide agricultural products. There will be no processing, retail, or non-employees allowed on site. The current plan is to use the field plots, marked as proposed field 1 - 4 and 7 on the site plan, for the row cropping areas. All used areas have more than a 50' offset from the tree line of the surrounded wooded areas. All of the planned use of field are surrounded by at least 50' of wooded areas, making it not possible to have line -ofsight on hemp cultivation from neighboring parcels.

This is to ensure we do not disturb grand oak trees on this tree-line border, but to also places crop outside the shading area and damage from falling trees. The row crops will be irrigated using drip lines, natural wood chip mulch, and no chemicals to ensure we keep the land organic and are using the least amount of well water possible.

We have the permission of the Edisto Island Land Trust to use the land for farming since they were the group that introduced me to Mr. Mikell and ensuring their easement of keeping the land for agricultural and preservation use. We have been following every rule and guideline set by landowner and the Land Trust to preserve the property. The proposed horticulture building, labeled 'Proposed Indoor Grow House', has been built and is currently not in use. The structure's intended use will be for direct agricultural use (plant propagation, plant growth for half of its expected life, plant drying, and storage). There are no dwellings, and no one is living, or planned to live, on site. This structure was put together with transport in mind. If the landowner wanted us to leave or we decided to leave the property, the building can be dismantled and placed on trucks to be transported. The build's area is 2,380 sq. ft. The other structures and hoop houses were all in existing when Zitro Farms signed a lease for the property.

The High Tunnel Hoop Houses what are now marketed as Growspan Round Economy High Tunnels (item PB01700R6C). The 14-gauge steel tubing 'Ground Posts' are hammered into the ground at a depth of 1.5' to hold the hoop poles in place. The hooped poles are then covered with a 6mm plastic covering. We will use this hoop houses for year-round crop production. In the event of a hurricane or large storm, the 6mm plastic covering is removed to prevent destruction of the plastic, bending the poles, or the plastic covering from flying away.

The pole barn structure was existing and built in 2017 by the landowner before we agreed to use the property. The pole barn has had building permits pulled for building of the structure but were not required once the permit got to the Building Department for final approval.

Our used area has parking for 3 employees which was placed out of the way the property's existing dirt Ingress and Egress route. This parking spots are framed using 12' and 9' railroad ties that are 4"x4" in weight and height. Parking spaces utilize gravel for a Page 2 of 5 parking surface. This was to ensure we did not block or congest the property owner's way to his residence."

Staff conducted a site visit of the subject property on March 14, 2023. Please review the attachments for further details regarding this request.

Planning Director Review and Report regarding Approval Criteria of §3.6.5:

- §3.6.5(1): Is consistent with the recommendations contained in the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan and the character of the underlying zoning district, as indicated in the zoning district "Description";
- The Rural Area "Description" in the Comprehensive Plan states, "The Rural Response: Area is located outside of the Urban Growth Boundary and is identified by forests, tidal marshes, and freshwater wetlands, which dominate the landscape. It is traversed by scenic rural roads and dotted with historic buildings and archaeological sites indigenous to the Lowcountry. Agricultural and forestry activities and geographically dispersed Settlement Areas with homes are secondary to the natural and historic landscapes in the Rural Area. A small number of service and agriculturally oriented businesses are sited along major highways. The Rural Area is not targeted for public wastewater treatment except when approved by County Council for the general health, safety, and welfare of the community. A significant amount of land is in public ownership, open space easements, agricultural use, timber management, and wildlife habitat uses, contributing to the rural character of Charleston County. Therefore, this proposal is consistent with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan and the Agricultural Preservation (AG-10) Zoning District standards. In addition, the applicant's letter of intent states, "The use of the AG-10 farmland is to be used as farmland. We will be cultivating flowers and hemp. The land will not be altered nor disturbed in any way. The land is protected agricultural land and we propose to use the land carefully as such." Thus, the request may meet this criterion.
- §3.6.5(2): Is compatible with existing uses in the vicinity and will not adversely affect the general welfare or character of the immediate community;
- Response: The proposed hemp farm production use may be compatible with the existing agricultural uses in the vicinity and may not adversely affect the general welfare or character of the immediate community. The applicant's letter of intent states, "There will be no modifications. The Page 3 of 5

proposed "row cropping' fields have more than 100 feet of wooded area surrounding them with no direct sight-lines from adjacent properties. All of the fields meet the ZLDR 6.4.1." Therefore, the request <u>may meet</u> this criterion.

- §3.6.5(3): Adequate provision is made for such items as: setbacks, buffering (including fences and/or landscaping) to protect adjacent properties from the possible adverse influence of the proposed use, such as noise, vibration, dust, glare, odor, traffic congestion and similar factors
- Response: The applicant is currently in the Site Plan Review process to ensure that adequate provisions have been made to protect adjacent properties from the possible adverse influence of the proposed hemp farm production use. The applicant's letter of intent states, "All use areas included in the site plan met all provisions addressed in ZLDR 6.4.1. Property to the west, 0250000015, is also agricultural land. The property to the east, 0250000153, is classed 101 RESID-SFR with more than 800ft from their residence to the nearest point or proposed farm usage." Therefore, the request meets this criterion.
- §3.6.5(4): Where applicable, will be developed in a way that will preserve and incorporate any important natural features;
- Response: The site will be used for agricultural farm production. The applicant's letter of intent states, "Yes, the land will be preserved. The Edisto Island Land Trust and Charleston County Greenbelt have easements on parcel 0250000154. The site plan is in compliance with their preservation easements." Therefore, the request <u>meets</u> this criterion.
- §3.6.5(5): Complies with all applicable rules, regulations, laws and standards of this Ordinance, including but not limited to any use conditions, zoning district standards, or Site Plan Review requirements of this Ordinance; and
- Response: As previously stated, the applicant is currently in the Site Plan Review process for the proposed use to ensure the site complies with the applicable requirements of this Ordinance. The applicant's letter of intent states, "All site plan requirements have been met and reflect on the Site Plan attached. Hemp farming will only take place with a permitted license from the South Carolina Dept of Agriculture." Therefore, the request meets this criterion.
- §3.6.5(6): Vehicular traffic and pedestrian movement on adjacent roads shall not be hindered or endangered.

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Response: Vehicular traffic and pedestrian movement on adjacent roads should not be hindered or endangered. The applicant's letter of intent states, "The property has a private driveway and connects to Peters Point Rd though a private road. The site plan shows how the operation does not block nor hinder the driveway to the landowner's home." Therefore, the request <u>may meet</u> this criterion.

Board of Zoning Appeals' Action:

According to Article 3.6 Special Exceptions, Section §3.6.5 Approval Criteria of the *Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR)*, (adopted July 18, 2006), Special Exceptions may be approved only if the Board of Zoning Appeals finds that the proposed use meets all of the Approval Criteria of §3.6.5A.

In granting a Special Exception, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building or structure as the Board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare (§3.6.5B).

The Board of Zoning Appeals may approve, approve with conditions or deny Case # BZA-02-23-00657, [Special Exception for Hemp Farm Production in the Agricultural Preservation (AG-10) Zoning District at 8932 Peters Point Road (TMS # 025-00-00-154) on Edisto Island in Charleston County], based on the BZA's "Findings of Fact", unless additional information is deemed necessary to make an informed decision. In the event the Board decides to approve the application, the Board should consider the following conditions recommended by Staff:

- 1. Prior to zoning permit approval, the applicant shall complete the Site Plan Review process and provide the current South Carolina Department of Agriculture Hemp Grower approved application and license.
- 2. The applicant shall obtain all applicable zoning and building permits for any unpermitted structures on the property.



SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATION Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

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Tax Map Number(s): 025-00-00-154			
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Special Exception Description: Permitted	Hemp farming on permitted	and leased	land.
Applicant Information (IGenue 1)			
Applicant Name (please print): Cody Calla	man		
Name of Company (if applicable): Zitro Far	ms. Inc.		
Mailing Address: 8465 Chisol m Plantatio	on Rd.		
City: Edisto Island	State: SC		Zip Code: 29438
Email Address: cody@zitrofarms.com		Phone #: 843	-532-2016
Applicant Signature:			Date: 17 Feb 2023
Representative Information (Complet	e only if applicable. Attorney, Builde	r, Engineer, Sun	reyor etc.)
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Description of Request

Please describe your proposal in detail. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary. Additionally, you may provide any supporting materials that are applicable to your request (photographs, letter of support, etc.)

Please see file named "Zitro Farms Site Plan Explaination" for an extended explianation of the proposed land use. We will be using the AG-10 land for grass, flower, and hemp cultivation. We are in compliance of the Charleston Green Belt program and Edisto Island Land Trust's easement.

Applicant's response to Article 3.6 Special Exception, §3.6.5 Approval Criteria

Special Exceptions may be approved only if the Board of Zoning Appeals finds that the proposed use meets all 6 of the approval criteria. In evaluating your request, the members of the board will review the answers below as a part of the case record. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.

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Zitro Farms Letter of Intent

To Charleston County Zoning and Planning Dept.

Please provide a detailed explanation of your proposal:

This section has minor changes to the pervious submissions. Last updated February 17th, 2023.

Property Use:

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The proposed horticulture building, labeled 'Proposed Indoor Grow House', has been built and is currently not in use. The structure's intended use will be for direct agricultural use (plant

propagation, plant growth for half of its expected life, plant drying, and storage). There are no dwellings and no one is living, or planned to live, on site. This structure was put together with transport in mind. If the land owner wanted us to leave or we decided to leave the property, the building can be dismantled and placed on trucks to be transported. The build's area is 2,380 sqft. The other structures and hoop houses were all in existing when Zitro Farms signed a lease for the property.

The High Tunnel Hoop Houses what are now marketed as Growspan Round Economy High Tunnels (item PB01700R6C). The 14-gauge steel tubing 'Ground Posts' are hammered into the ground at a depth of 1.5' to hold the hoop poles in place. The hooped poles are then covered with a 6mm plastic covering. We will use this hoop houses for year-round crop production. In the event of a hurricane or large storm, the 6mm plastic covering is removed to prevent destruction of the plastic, bending the poles, or the plastic covering from flying away.

The pole barn structure was existing and built in 2017 by the landowner before we agreed to use the property. The pole barn has had building permits pulled for building of the structure but were not required once the permit got to the Building Department for final approval.

Our used area has parking for 3 employees which was placed out of the way the property's existing dirt Ingress and Egress route. This parking spots are framed using 12' and 9' railroad ties that are 4"x4" in weight and height. Parking spaces utilize gravel for a parking surface. This was to ensure we did not block or congest the property owner's way to his residence.

Addressing comments from SPR submitted Jan 13th, 2022. Comments received Feb 7th, 2023: a. See ZLDR Section 6.4.1 for conditions applicable to horticulture/crop/hemp project. Special Exception application and approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals will be required for hemp production on AG-10 parcel.

• Submitted Feb 17th, 2023. Hearing on April 3rd, 2023.

b. Submit Special Exception application to BZA staff, Jenny Werking.

• Submitted Feb 17th, 2023. Hearing on April 3rd, 2023.

c. Pervious Surface Coverage definition pertains to Chapter 4 and recently amended Ordinance

requirement for maximum Impervious Surface Coverage on residential parcels. Provide allweather surface for three parking spaces (see ZLDR Article 9.3).

• Parking surface will utilize gravel or 'crush and run' for surface.

d. Email complete resubmission to siteplanreview@charlestoncounty.org. Also, submit one hard copy to the Zoning and Planning Department of any revised documentation.

• I will complete submit following BZA approval April 3rd. "If/when BZA has made their decision, please return to SPR committee to finish the SPR and zoning permitting processes."

e. Note: If expired at the time of zoning permit to establish, provide updated/current state hemp permit.

• Application period end February 28th. We normally get our permits in hand by the end of March. I will have new license by the time BZA approves and resubmit SPR.

Addressing previous comments from review process: Sept 23rd, 2022

I. 6.4.1

- A. Aquaculture, Mariculture, Animal and Insect Production, Horticultural Production, Hemp Production and Processing, and Agricultural Processing uses shall be subject to the following standards.
 - 1 Such uses must be located on a Lot with a minimum area of five highland acres. On Lots with an area of less than five highland acres, such uses are allowed only if reviewed and approved in accordance with the Special Exception procedures of this Ordinance.
 - Lot is greater than 5 acres, lot is 59.39 Acres of highland.
 - 2 If the subject Lot is less than five acres in size, a 25-foot vegetated buffer is required to adjoining Parcels. In lieu of a planted 25-foot vegetated buffer, a 75-foot Setback to the operation, from the side and rear property boundaries shall be provided.
 - N/A
 - 3 If the subject Lot is five acres or large in size, a 50-foot vegetated buffer is required to adjoining Parcels. In lieu of a 50-foot vegetated buffer, a 150-foot Setback to the operation, from the side and rear property boundaries shall be provided.
 - Planned land use for all agriculture use has a setback greater than 150 feet. The agriculture land use areas are also surrounded by acres of wooded area (see boundary/tree-line on site plan).
 - 4 Mariculture uses shall comply with the Commercial Dock requirements of this Ordinance in addition to the requirements of this Section.

• N/A

- 5 Onsite sales are permitted as an Accessory Use, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.
 - There are no onsite sales allowed.
- B. Hemp Production and Processing.
 - 6 Evidence of the appropriate South Carolina Department of Agriculture Industrial Hemp License (Grower or Processor) shall be submitted with any Site Plan Review Application.
 - Please see attached Hemp Cultivation Permits. (Grow only. No Processor).
 - 7 Evidence of the appropriate South Carolina Department of Agriculture Hemp Grower or Processor application approval shall be submitted with any Site Plan Review Application.
 - Please see above.

II. Restroom Requirements

1. Confirm what/if SCDHEC will require for restroom provisions. Are port-o-lets appropriate per SCDHEC standards for agricultural farms with employees?

- In conversation with DHEC, there are none. DHEC fist stated we had to install a septic system if we were to work for more than 2.5 hours a day. I asked for the specific standard/policy and redacted their comments since there were no DHEC standards/policy.
- In my research in ZLDR, there are no policy/codes for port-o-lets either.
- The only regulation we found was OSHA: 1 portable toilet for 20 or less employees.
- III. Existing vehicular drive surfacing should be labeled (gravel, pavement, etc.) and proposed drive/parking areas should be detailed to include an all-weather surfaces (gravel, at minimum), wheel stops, ADA parking, etc. (see ZLDR Article 9.3).
 - Sec. 9.3.7 Design, D. Markings and Surface Treatment., 4. Unpaved Parking Areas.

a. All parking spaces must have a minimum four-inch Curb stop to delineate the location of each space and to prevent Encroachment onto adjoining properties, Rights-of-Way, or landscaped or pervious areas.

• All parking spaces on site plan have a 6"x6" rail road tie, 10' wide, acting as a curb stop.

b. All Parking Lots must have an all-weather surface, such as gravel, slag, or another approved pervious surface, excluding asphalt shingles. Ingress and egress drives serving unpaved Parking Lots accessed from a Paved Street must be

Jennifer Werking

From:	Cody Callarman <cody@zitrofarms.com></cody@zitrofarms.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, March 01, 2023 12:35 PM
To:	Jennifer Werking
Subject:	Re: Special Exception for Hemp Farm
Attachments:	31Jan23 Hemp Planting Report Form.pdf; ROD Recorded 2023 Lease.pdf
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Jennifer,

I've attached the signed and notarized lease agreement that the Dept of Ag is requiring to be registered with the Registrar of Deeds of Charleston County this year and my last planting report.

The permit has my address on it since the Hemp Permit has to be issued to an individual (and my personal address), not an entity. The only place where we use the physical address for planting areas, the farm in this case, is on planting/harvest report submissions. They have also wanted me to use the 8974 address previously since that matched the physical location (in previous years, the 8932 address didn't match the actual location. This was a no go for Dept of Ag). The submission window has already closed for 2023, but as soon as I get a permit back, I can make the change to 8932 Peters Point Rd for the physical location. We normally get this back by the end of the month and I'll ensure the changes are made, then sent to you.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

On Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 5:21 PM Jennifer Werking <<u>JWerking@charlestoncounty.org</u>> wrote:

Hello,

I am working on your case for the April BZA meeting and I noticed the 2022 hemp permit (attached) has your mailing address on it instead of the subject property address – 8932 or 8974 Peters Point Road (I am using 8932 for the BZA case – but can change it to match the state permit if needed). Do you have any documentation from the state with subject property address or TMS # on it?

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Thank you,

Jenny J. Werking, AICP

Planner III

Charleston County Zoning & Planning Department



South Carolina **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION | HEMP FARMING PROGRAM

Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner

HEMP PLANTING REPORT FORM

- This form is due for each and every growing location approved on your application and any subsequent Site Modification Requests, and must include each field Location ID.
- Use separate forms for different addresses.
- This form is due within 15 days of your field planting date, for each field.
- If you will NOT plant at a permitted Location ID, report of a "No Planting" is due by July 31, 2022 by completing the Location ID field(s) in the table and checking the "No Planting" box.

Indicate Permitted Growing Address for this Report. Be sure to complete the table on page 2.

Permit Holder Name Cody Callarman		
Farm Address 8974 Peters Point Rd. Edisto	Island, SC 29438	
Home Address8465 Chisolm Plantation Rd.	Edisto Island, SC 29438	
County of Farm Charleston		FSA #
Phone 843-532-2016		
 ✓ Yes □ No If yes, explain: Indoor operat 	s year: ion allows to plant year ro	und
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Complete the following information for Field Location IDs.

Note: The Location ID MUST match the ID listed in your application or Site Modification Request. If a field contains multiple varieties/strains, enter those on separate rows.

Outdoor	Indoor or Growing ation	Field Location ID (MUST Match Permitted Location ID)	Hemp Variety / Strain	Acres / Square Feet Planted	Primary Intended Purpose of Crop (Grain, Fiber, Floral)	Date Planted	Expected Harvest Date	Check if this is a Replant	Check if NO Planting
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CASH LEASE OF FARM LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

THIS LEASE is entered into this	26th	day of February	<u>, 20 ²³</u>	ب
Between Pickney V Mikell	, landlord,	of 8974 Peters Point Rd.	Edisto Island,	SC 29438
		(Addr	ess)	
and Cody L Callarman	_, tenant, of	8974 Peters Point Rd. E		29438
		(Addr	ess)	
1. The landlord hereby leases to the tenar following-described property, located in South Carolina , and commonly know	Charleston	County, St.	ate of	
Usage of tillable land, hoop houses, and farming e				_
Land use of lease are the 18 acres of Tract 2 of TMS 02	50000154 are t	ne open, non-wooded, tillable	highland. Tenan	it must
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and consisting of <u>18</u> acres, more of below: a. The landlord reserves the right Residental Housing	r less, all rig	ts thereto except as	specified	

The landlord reserves the right of himself, his agents, his employees, or his assigns to enter the farm at any reasonable time for purposes of (a) of consultation with the tenant;
 (b) of making repairs, improvements, and inspections; (c) of developing mineral resources; and (d) after notice of termination of the lease is given, none of which is to interfere with the tenant in carrying out regular farm operations.

3. The landlord does not convey to the tenant the right to lease or sublet any part of the land or buildings or to assign the lease to any person or persons whomsoever.

4. If the landlord should sell or otherwise transfer title to the land and buildings, he will do so subject to the provisions of this lease.

5. The terms of this lease shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, and successors of both the landlords and tenant in like manner as upon the original parties. However, in event the lease is for more than one year, the heirs or successors of the ***** tenant shall have the option to give written notice of termination effective at the end of the lease year in which the death occurs.

6. The landlord warrants that he has the right to lease the land and buildings, and will defend the tenant's possession against any and all persons whomsoever.

7. To improve the land, conserve its resources, and maintain it in a high state of cultivation, the two parties agree as follows:

a. The tenant will maintain the land during his tenancy in as good condition as at the beginning, normal wear and depreciation and damages from causes beyond tenant's control excepted.

b. The tenant will operate the land in an efficient and husbandlike way.

c. The tenant will not, without oral consent of the landlord, cut live trees for sale or personal use.

d. The landlord reserves the right to prevent the production of any crop on any or all land where the production of such crop would clearly damage the land due to excessive erosion or other causes.

e. The tenant will use fertilization practices which will prevent depletion of the essential plant food elements in the soil.

8. The tenant will maintain the buildings and equipment during his tenancy in as good condition as at the beginning, normal wear and depreciation beyond tenant's control excepted.

9. The tenant agrees to pay to the landlord as cash rent the amount of \$<u>1.00</u> per acre and such payment will be made as follows:

Tenant agrees to pay additional electrial and utilities expenses as used. Paid monthly.

10. The term of this lease shall be $\frac{2}{1 \text{ March}}$, $20 \frac{23}{23}$, to $\frac{1 \text{ March}}{1 \text{ March}}$, $20 \frac{25}{25}$, and this lease shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter until written notice of termination is given by either party to the other at least 3 months before expiration of this lease or any renewal.

11. The tenant agrees that he or his agent will possess the land and facilities continuously during the term of the lease.

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12. The tenant agrees to surrender possession of the land, buildings and equipment peaceably at the termination of the lease.

13. A request for general review of the lease may be at least 30 days prior to the final date for giving notice to terminate this lease. Amendments and alterations to this lease shall be made in writing.

14. This lease shall not give rise to a partnership relationship, and neither party shall have the authority to obligate the other without written consent, except as specifically provided in this lease.

15. Each party agrees that the other party shall in no way be responsible for the debts of, or liabilities for accidents or damages caused by the other party.

16. Willful neglect, failure, or refusal by either party to carry out any substantial provision of this lease shall give the other party the benefits of any proceedings provided by law.

17. Any differences between the parties as to their several rights and obligations under this lease that are not settled by mutual agreement after thorough discussion, shall be submitted for arbitration to a committee of three disinterested persons, one selected by each party hereto and the third by the two thus selected, and the committee's decision shall be accepted by both parties.

Additional agreements:

Tenent will have atleast general liability insurance to cover tenent and as-needed employees/subcontractors.

Additional insuracne is also recommended. Tenent will proved proof prior to occupation.

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Additional usage of utilities paid for by tenent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this lease on the ^{26th} day

of February

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual(s) who signed the document to which this certificate attached, and not truthfulness, accuracy or validity of that document.

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STATE OF DOUTH aro COUNTY OF _/ billton Harman Pickney VMrkel before me personally appeared _____ DA who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/they authorized capacity(ies), and by that by his/her/they signature(s) on this instrument the person(s), or entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALITY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of South Carolina that the forgoing paragraph is true and correct. WAITNESS my hand and official seal.

all (SEAL) Signature

(Landlord)

Pickney V Mikell

(Tenant)

Cody L Callarman



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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2022 Hemp Farming Permit

This is to certify that the permittee shown below has complied with Section 46-55-20 of the code of laws of South Carolina and is issued this permit to engage in the farming of hemp on such approved growing locations on records with the Department during the calendar year shown above.

CODY LEE CALLARMAN



ADDRESS 8465 CHISOLM PLANTATION RD

EDISTO ISLAND, SC, 29438

COUNTY CHARLESTON

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Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner



HEMP FARMING PROGRAM

HEMP FARMER PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) is administering the South Carolina Hemp Farming Program as authorized by SC Code Ann. § 46-55-10 et seq.
- Anyone growing hemp in the State of South Carolina must successfully complete the full application process with SCDA and be issued a Hemp Farming Permit prior to taking possession of any viable hemp seeds, propagules, in-program harvested hemp materials (biomass) or any other sort of hemp plant material regardless of whether it is living (rooted) or cut. Farmers must submit this Hemp Farming Permit application; processors, handlers, or service providers (storage facilities, couriers, etc.) must complete the Hemp Processor Permit Application or the Hemp Handler Permit Application.
- Please note that only South Carolina Residents are currently eligible to receive a Hemp Farming Permit. Proof of residency may be required.

Application Requirements:

- 1. Applicant Full Name, First, Middle and Last
- 2. Valid Email address (This will be the primary contact with SCDA)
- 3. Valid Phone Number
- 4. FSA Farm #, FSA Farm Tract #
- 5. Primary Residential Address (Where you reside)
- 6. Primary Mailing Address (Where you would like SCDA to send mail, may be the same as residence)
- 7. Business Information, If applicable
- 8. Enter Drivers License number and State of Residence
- 9. Attach a copy of your Drivers License
- 10. Attach a headshot photo of yourself
- 11. Attach GPS Ariel shot photos of your field locations, with fields indicated on the map
- 12. Attach a lease agreement for the land being farmed, unless the land is owned by the applicant
- 13. Insert Field locations (please note: if land is added after the application is approved, there will be an
- acreage amendment form completed, and a fee associated with it)
- 14. Complete a background check with IDENTOGO, instructions are provided below

Key Information

- Background checks are required for all applicants.
- FSA Farm # is a requirement on your application. Please visit https://www.farmers.gov/service-center-locator to find your local Farm Service Agency office to apply for the FSA Farm #.
- In addition to providing this information to the Department, Permitted Hemp Farmer shall report
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