AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE CHARLESTON COUNTY ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE, NUMBER 1202, AS AMENDED, TO REMOVE REDUNDANT LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY PARKING REQUIREMENTS AT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT LOCATIONS: CHAPTER 9, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, Section 6-29-310 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, authorizes the County of Charleston to enact or amend its zoning and land development regulations to guide development in accordance with existing and future needs and in order to protect, promote and improve the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Charleston County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) has reviewed the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Development Standards, of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), in accordance with the procedures established in South Carolina law and the ZLDR and has recommended that the Charleston County Council (“County Council”) adopt the proposed amendment of the ZLDR as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, County Council held at least one public hearing, and after close of the public hearing, County Council approved the proposed map amendment based on the Approval Criteria of Section 3.3.6 of Article 3.3 of the ZLDR; and

WHEREAS, County Council has determined the proposed ZLDR amendment meets the following criteria:

A. The proposed amendment corrects an error or inconsistency or meets the challenge of a changing condition; and
B. The proposed amendment is consistent with the adopted Charleston County Comprehensive Plan and goals as stated in Article 1.5; and
C. The proposed amendment is to further the public welfare in any other regard specified by County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, be ordained it by the Charleston County Council of Charleston, in meeting duly assembled, as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.
SECTION II. AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE

The Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance is hereby amended to include the amendment attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and made part of this Ordinance by reference.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following third reading by County Council.

ADOPTED and APPROVED in meeting duly assembled this 21st day of December 2023.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _________________________________
    Herbert R. Sass, III
    Chairman of Charleston County Council

ATTEST:

By: _________________________________
    Kristen L. Salisbury
    Clerk to Charleston County Council

First Reading: November 30, 2023
Second Reading: December 12, 2023
Third Reading: December 21, 2023
Clarification: Parking

CHAPTER 9 │ DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

ARTICLE 9.3 OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

Sec. 9.3.5 Location

A. On-Site Parking

1. Except as expressly stated, all required off-street parking spaces must be located on the same Lot as the Principal Use and shall be arranged and laid out so as to ensure that no parked or maneuvering vehicle will encroach upon a sidewalk, public Right-of-Way, or property line. Parking may be designed to cross property lines when accessed by a travelway not dedicated as a right-of-way or easement, as approved by the Zoning and Planning Director. When parking spaces are allowed to cross property lines, a shared access and parking agreement shall be required as described in Sec. 9.3.5.B.4.

2. Parking Lots shall comply with the design standards of this Chapter. In Office (O) and Commercial (C) districts containing more than ten parking spaces shall be located to the side or rear of the Principal Structure’s front Facade or within a courtyard surrounded by a Structure on at least three sides.