



**WALTERBORO CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
DECEMBER 17, 2024  
CITY HALL  
5:30 PM**

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to order:**

**II. Business License Appeal Hearings:**

1. Front Porch LLC, DBA Lowcountry Lanes, LLC
2. Ms. D's

**III. Adjournment:**

December 2, 2024

City of Walterboro  
242 Hampton Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488

Subject: Appeal of Business License Revocation for Front Porch LLC, DBA Lowcountry Lanes, LLC, business license number 240566

Dear Council Members,

This letter serves as formal notice that Front Porch LLC, DBA Lowcountry Lanes, LLC, appeals the decision of the City of Walterboro revoking business license number 240566 located at 226 Wichman Street, Walterboro, SC 29488 for the following reasons:

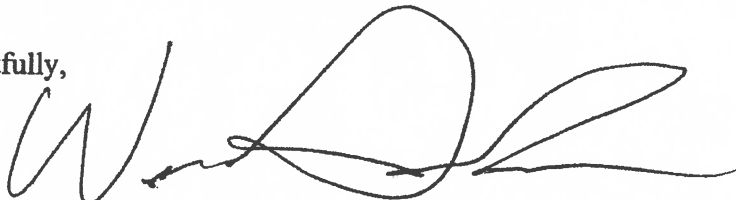
As set forth in the Walterboro Business License Ordinance, Section 15- E, "A licensee has engaged in an unlawful activity or nuisance related to the business". I completely deny this allegation as the licensee did not cause or take part in the criminal activity that happened to occur in the parking lot of the business. Further, no employee, or a patron engaged in any unlawful activity or nuisance related to the business. The incident that occurred in the parking lot was unrelated to the licensee's business and the people involved did not patron the business during the evening of November 22, 2024, the date incident occurred.

There have been many incidents that have occurred at various businesses within the City of Walterboro, where a death tragically occurred but it is my understanding that none of those businesses had their licenses revoked.

In light of the recent information and attachments I have received, I respectfully request the opportunity to discuss the similar incident that occurred at these other businesses, and present my case to the council. I am confident a closer examination will lead to a fair and just reconsideration of the decision to revoke my business license.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my appeal further.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Dryden", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Wayne Dryden



November 26, 2024

Front Porch Lanes LLC DBA Lowcountry Lanes LLC  
Wayne Dryden  
Travis Kronman  
226 Wichman St.  
Walterboro, SC 29488

**Subject:** Notice of Business License Revocation

Dear Mr. Kronman and Mr. Dryden

This letter serves as formal notice that the City of Walterboro is revoking the business license for Front Porch Lanes LLC DBA Lowcountry Lanes LLC, business license number 240566, located at 226 Wichman Street, Walterboro, SC 29488.

This decision is based on documented incidents of violence occurring at your business premises on Friday, November 22, 2024. The Walterboro Business License Ordinance, Section E -15, grants the City of Walterboro the authority to revoke a business license when a business has engaged in an unlawful activity or nuisance related to the business. Recent incidents have violated these principles and undermine the peace and safety of our community.

Effective immediately, the business license issued to Front Porch Lanes LLC DBA Lowcountry Lanes LLC, is revoked. You are hereby directed to cease all business operations at the above-listed location. Failure to comply with this directive may result in additional legal actions, including fines and penalties.

You have the right to appeal this decision. If you wish to do so, you must submit a written appeal to the City of Walterboro within ten (10) business days of the receipt of this letter. Appeals will be reviewed in accordance with the procedures outlined in the ordinance.

The City of Walterboro is committed to fostering a safe and vibrant community. We regret that this action has become necessary but believe it is in the best interest of public safety. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Amy Risher, Finance Director & Business License Official, at (843) 782-1061 or [arisher@walterborosc.org](mailto:arisher@walterborosc.org).

Sincerely,

Amy Risher  
Finance Director

**Section 14. Denial of License.** The license official may deny a license to an applicant when the license official determines:

- A. The application is incomplete or contains a misrepresentation, false or misleading statement, or evasion or suppression of a material fact;
- B. The activity for which a license is sought is unlawful or constitutes a public nuisance *per se* or *per accidens*;
- C. The applicant, licensee, prior licensee, or the person in control of the business has been convicted within the previous ten years of an offense under a law or ordinance regulating business, a crime involving dishonest conduct or moral turpitude related to a business or a subject of a business, or an unlawful sale of merchandise or prohibited goods;
- D. The applicant, licensee, prior licensee, or the person in control of the business has engaged in an unlawful activity or nuisance related to the business or to a similar business in the Municipality or in another jurisdiction;
- E. The applicant, licensee, prior licensee, or the person in control of the business is delinquent in the payment to the Municipality of any tax or fee;
- F. A licensee has actual knowledge or notice, or based on the circumstances reasonably should have knowledge or notice, that any person or employee of the licensee has committed a crime of moral turpitude on the business premises, or has permitted any person or employee of the licensee to engage in the unlawful sale of merchandise or prohibited goods on the business premises and has not taken remedial measures necessary to correct such activity; or
- G. The license for the business or for a similar business of the licensee in the Municipality or another jurisdiction has been denied, suspended, or revoked in the previous license year.

A decision of the license official shall be subject to appeal as herein provided. Denial shall be written with reasons stated.

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- A. A license has been mistakenly or improperly issued or issued contrary to law;
- B. A licensee has breached any condition upon which the license was issued or has failed to comply with the provisions of this ordinance;
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- E. A licensee has engaged in an unlawful activity or nuisance related to the business; or

F. A licensee is delinquent in the payment to the Municipality of any tax or fee, the license official may give written notice to the licensee or the person in control of the business within the Municipality by personal service or mail that the license is suspended pending a single hearing before Council or its designee for the purpose of determining whether the suspension should be upheld and the license should be revoked.

The written notice of suspension and proposed revocation shall state the time and place at which the hearing is to be held, and shall contain a brief statement of the reasons for the suspension and proposed revocation and a copy of the applicable provisions of this ordinance.

**Section 16. Appeals to Council or its Designee.**

- A. Except with respect to appeals of assessments under Section 11 hereof, which are governed by S.C. Code § 6-1-410, any person aggrieved by a determination, denial, or suspension and proposed revocation of a business license by the license official may appeal the decision to the Council or its designee by written request stating the reasons for appeal, filed with the license official within ten (10) days after service by mail or personal service of the notice of determination, denial, or suspension and proposed revocation.
- B. A hearing on an appeal from a license denial or other determination of the license official and a hearing on a suspension and proposed revocation shall be held by the Council or its designee within ten (10) business days after receipt of a request for appeal or service of a notice of suspension and proposed revocation. The hearing shall be held upon written notice at a regular or special meeting of the Council, or, if by designee of the Council, at a hearing to be scheduled by the designee. The hearing may be continued to another date by agreement of all parties. At the hearing, all parties shall have the right to be represented by counsel, to present testimony and evidence, and to cross-examine witnesses. The proceedings shall be recorded and transcribed at the expense of the party so requesting. The rules of evidence and procedure prescribed by Council or its designee shall govern the hearing. Following the hearing, the Council by majority vote of its members present, or the designee of Council if the hearing is held by the designee, shall render a written decision based on findings of fact and conclusions on application of the standards herein. The written decision shall be served, by personal service or by mail, upon all parties or their representatives and shall constitute the final decision of the Municipality.
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- D. For business licenses issued to businesses subject to business license taxes under Article 20, Chapter 9, Title 58, and Chapters 7 and 45, Title 38, of the South Carolina Code, the Municipality may establish a different procedure by ordinance.

**From:** Dominique Steward <[stewarddominique77@gmail.com](mailto:stewarddominique77@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024 10:15 AM

**To:** Amy Risher <[arisher@walterborosc.org](mailto:arisher@walterborosc.org)>

**Subject:**

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Revocation of Business License

Dear Amy Risher,

I am writing to formally appeal the decision to revoke the business license for Ms. D's. I would like to provide additional context regarding the incident that occurred on November 22, 2024, to ensure a fair assessment of the circumstances.

On the evening in question, my restaurant, located within the bowling alley, had already closed for business, and my staff and I were in the process of cleaning up. The individuals involved in the incident were neither patrons of my restaurant nor of the bowling alley. This event was entirely unrelated to our operations.

Furthermore, my team and I took proactive measures during the incident to assist law enforcement and ensure the safety of everyone present. We cooperated fully with the police and worked to secure the premises during a very challenging situation.

We take great pride in maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for our customers and the surrounding community. This incident does not reflect the values or operations of my business.

I kindly request a reconsideration of the decision to revoke my business license. I am committed to addressing any concerns and continuing to operate in a manner that upholds the highest standards of professionalism and safety.

Thank you for your time and understanding. I am available to discuss this matter further and provide any additional information or documentation as needed.

Dominique Steward

Ms.D's

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November 26, 2024

Ms. D's  
Dominique Steward  
1528 Hampton Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488

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Dear Ms. Dominique Steward,

This letter serves as formal notice that the City of Walterboro is revoking the business license for Ms. D's, business license number 241056, currently operating at 226 Wichman Street, Walterboro, SC 29488.

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