



## Cover Letter

To: City of Port St. Lucie  
Planning and Zoning Department  
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

From: Kristina Belt  
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Date: July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Subject: Raising Canes | Major Site Plan and Special Exception Use Application  
1549 St Lucie W Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Raising Cane's, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. hereby submits a request for a major site plan and special use for the commercial development proposed at 1549 St Lucie W Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986.

The site is currently an existing bank with 4 drive-thru service lanes. The current zoning of site is CG – General Commercial which allows for the use of restaurants to be permitted by right. Per the City of Port Saint Lucie's Code, Sec. 158.124(C)(13), permitted principal uses and structures that include drive-thru service require a Special Exception Use to be approved by City Council. Raising Cane's is a sit-down restaurant which utilizes drive-thru facilities to provide a quick service option to its patrons. Due to the increased demand of contactless dining, drive-thru facilities have become essential to sustained profitability and economic stability. There are other restaurant facilities which provide drive-thru service that are located within proximity of the proposed site and are located within the same zoning district, CG – General Commercial. Therefore, we respectfully request City Council and Staff consider approval of the Site Plan and Special Exception Use application. The site is also located within the St. Lucie West commercial Association jurisdiction therefore we are submitting for the required approvals to SLWCA as concurrently with this application.

Please feel free to contact me at (772) 794-4033 or Kristina.Belt@kimley-horn.com with any questions regarding this request.