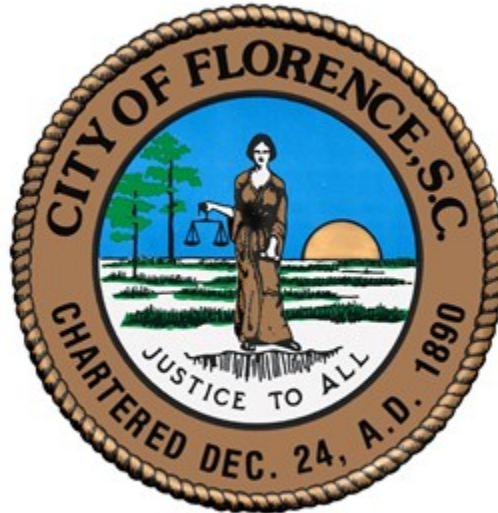


**REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**



**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
324 W. EVANS STREET  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MONDAY  
APRIL 14, 2025  
1:00 P.M.**



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MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025 – 1:00PM  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INVOCATION**

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 10, 2025 – Regular Meeting

**IV. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**SERVICE RECOGNITIONS**

Niesha Johnson – 20 years – Utility Finance  
Shannon McKenzie – 15 years – Police Department

**V. APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL**

**a. Susie Brown**

To discuss a handicap ramp at the Barnes Street Activity Center.

*Note: Each person who gives notice to speak may be limited to a five (5) minute presentation at the discretion of the presiding officer, City of Florence Code of Ordinances, Section 2-24(h).*

**VI. ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

**a. Bill No. 2025-08 – Second Reading**

An Ordinance to adopt the updated Downtown Design Standards for the City of Florence.

**b. Bill No. 2025-12- Second Reading**

An Ordinance to rezone from NC-15 to NC-6.1 the property located at Dexter Drive and Attwood Avenue, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00150-01-140.

**c. Bill No. 2025-13 – Second Reading**

An Ordinance to amend the budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**a. Bill No. 2025-14 – First Reading**

An Ordinance to amend the Unified Development Ordinance regarding setbacks for communication towers.

**b. Bill No. 2025-15 – First Reading**

An Ordinance to amend the Summersett Acres Planned Development on Jefferson Drive.

**c. Bill No. 2025-16 – First Reading**

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-6.2 the property located at 1006 West Marion Street, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 90060-13-005.

**VIII. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Resolution No. 2025-10**

A Resolution to designate additional public spaces within the City of Florence in which the possession, sale, service, consumption and distribution of beer and wine at special events may be permitted.

**b. Resolution No. 2025-11**

A Resolution to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Florence.

**c. Resolution No. 2025-12**

A Resolution to adopt the Community Development Block Grant Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

*(Note: Staff has requested that this item be deferred.)*

**d. Resolution No. 2025-13**

A Resolution of Recognition for the Florence 10U All Star Boys Basketball team for winning the South Carolina Athletic Programs Championship.

**e. Resolution No. 2025-14**

A Resolution of Recognition for the Florence 17U All Star Boys Basketball team for winning the South Carolina Athletic Programs Championship.

**IX. REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**a. Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

*(Note: This item may be discussed in Executive Session.)*

**X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**XI. MAYORAL REPORT**

## **XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Business Development Committee**
- b. Community Development Committee**
- c. Finance, Audit and Budget Committee**

## **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. For a discussion regarding appointments to city Boards and Commissions [30-4-70(a)(1)].**
- b. To discuss a contractual matter regarding Project Urban Square [30-4-70(a)(2)].**
- c. To receive an update regarding a pending lawsuit [30-4-70(a)(2)].**
- d. For a discussion on a contractual matter regarding the purchase of property [30-4-70(a)(2)].**

*After returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed during Executive Session.*

## **XIV. ADJOURN**



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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Lethonia Barnes, Mayor Pro Tempore George Jebaily, Councilman Chaquez T. McCall, Councilman Bryan A. Braddock, Councilwoman LaShonda NeSmith-Jackson and Councilman J. Lawrence Smith, II

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager; Mr. Ronald Scott, City Attorney; Mr. Benjamin Zeigler, City Attorney; Mr. Luke Carter, City Attorney; Mrs. Casey Moore, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development; Chief Shannon Tanner, Florence Fire Department; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utility Planning and Economic Development; Mr. Jerry Dudley, Director of Planning; Mr. Adam Swindler, Director of Public Works; Mrs. Jennifer Krawiec, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Joshua Whittington, Director of Utilities; Mrs. Victoria Nash, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism; Mr. Glenn Bodenheimer, Interim Finance Director and Ms. Patrice Rankin, Administrative Coordinator

**MEDIA PRESENT**

Abby Ann Ramsey with the Post and Courier, Tonya Brown with WPDE News Channel 15 and Taylor Ford with the Florence Morning News were present for the meeting.

Notices of this regular meeting of City Council were provided to the media and individuals requesting a copy of the agenda informing them of the date, location, and time of the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Barnes called the March 10, 2025 Regular meeting of Florence City Council to order at 1:02pm.

**INVOCATION**

Councilman Braddock gave the invocation for the meeting. The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation and was led by Chief Shannon Tanner, Florence Fire Department.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 9-10, 2025 Work Session and Councilman Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously (6-0) adopted.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously (6-0) adopted.



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**SERVICE RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Adam Swindler, Public Works Director, recognized Jose Guzman for 20 years of service with the City of Florence.

Mr. Shannon Tanner, Fire Chief, recognized William Mitchell for 10 years of service with the Florence Fire Department.

**APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL**

**John Cox**

Mr. John Cox addressed the Council to voice concerns about homelessness and litter in the community. He mentioned that his primary concern with homelessness is the issue of panhandling on public property, stating that he believes action should be taken to address this. He also expressed frustration with the widespread litter throughout the city, noting that it presents a poor image for the community. Mr. Cox inquired about any plans to address the litter issue.

Pro Tem Jebaily asked City Manager Mr. Scotty Davis to provide details on the city's efforts to tackle both homelessness and litter. Mr. Davis outlined several initiatives, including the No One Unsheltered program, which allocates \$75,000 to support homelessness services. The city also offers financial assistance for home repairs to address deteriorating properties. To combat litter, the city provides \$10,000 annually to Keep Florence Beautiful and collaborates with Florence County to manage litter. Two city employees are also tasked with handling litter in the community in which the sanitation department is unable to address. Mr. Davis highlighted efforts to monitor dump sites with surveillance cameras and emphasized the importance of partnerships in tackling litter.

Pro Tem Jebaily sought clarification on whether the city partners with neighborhood associations for cleanup efforts. Mr. Davis confirmed that there are more than 30 neighborhood associations in the city and the city typically organizes at least one cleanup per year in collaboration with these associations. The city supplies materials, and the neighborhoods take responsibility for adopting specific streets. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson inquired if residents can request specific streets or neighborhoods to be cleaned. Mr. Davis responded that residents can sign up on the Keep Florence Beautiful website and the city works together with the organization to address the requests. Mr. Cox mentioned that much of the litter he notices is along Irby Street.

Councilman Braddock added that the Council had increased fines for littering a few years ago. Mr. Cox asked if these fines are being enforced and whether the police could monitor certain areas. Councilman Braddock explained that while Irby Street spans both city and county areas, any reported litter will be addressed. Mr. Cox also noted seeing litter on public property, particularly in front of businesses. Councilman Braddock explained the challenge of addressing litter in such areas, as businesses may be located both within and outside of city limits. He clarified that annexation must be voluntary, and the city cannot compel property owners to annex into the city.

Mayor Barnes thanked Mr. Cox for raising these concerns.



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**ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

**Bill No. 2024-22 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to amend Article I Chapter 3 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances to add provisions related to prohibiting ownership or keeping of livestock and wild animals and other matters related thereto.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2024-22 on second reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager, provided an update on the ordinance since its introduction in November 2024. City staff, in collaboration with the city attorney and faculty and staff from Francis Marion University, have worked to address concerns and refine the ordinance. Key updates include revisions to the language and the inclusion of genus and species recommendations from Francis Marion University biology professors. The proposed ordinance also incorporates language from a state bill regarding venomous reptiles. Depending on whether the state bill is passed, this section may require further revision. Additionally, clarifying language was added regarding the transport of prohibited animals, specifying that individuals transporting these animals for veterinary care or rehabilitation will not be in violation of the ordinance. The ordinance now includes a weight threshold of 15 pounds to ensure animals like baboons and chimpanzees are not permitted.

Councilman Braddock asked if anyone signed up to speak on this agenda item. Mayor Barnes responded that no one had. Councilman Braddock expressed concern that the State House of Representatives is currently in session, and a similar bill is under debate. He suggested that the city may be better positioned if the state takes the lead on legislation regarding wild animals and proposed deferring Bill No. 2024-22 until the state decides.

Pro Tem Jebaily asked Mr. Moore what the process would be if Council passed the ordinance on second reading and the state also passed a similar law. Mr. Moore responded that the ordinance would be amended to align with any changes made at the state level.

Councilman Braddock inquired about the current status of the state bill. Mr. Moore explained that the bill was introduced a few weeks ago and is currently in the Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Mayor Barnes reiterated that the purpose of this ordinance is to ensure community safety. She also emphasized that the Council understands state law will always take precedence over local ordinances.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-22 was adopted.

**Bill No. 2025-03 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Florence entitled “Buildings, Construction and Related Activities”, to establish Article XV “Vacant and Abandoned Residential, Commercial and Industrial Building Registration.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2025-03 on second reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager, provided an update on the ordinance, which was introduced in January 2025. After consulting with local stakeholders and considering both their feedback and the





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Council's recommendations, this is the final version of the ordinance. The primary change involves the designation of Category II buildings, which will be exempt from registration with the city. Another key change is the introduction of different fee structures for commercial and industrial buildings. Lastly, the ordinance's effective date will be January 1, 2026, allowing city staff time to reach out to property owners and proactively address issues before the ordinance goes into effect.

Pro Tem Jebaily asked Mr. Moore to elaborate on the addition of "and abandoned" to the ordinance. Mr. Moore explained that the clarification was made in response to concerns about vacant spaces in strip malls. The ordinance applies only to vacant and abandoned buildings, not those that are simply empty. Councilman Braddock inquired whether a lien could be placed on properties where the owner is experiencing financial hardship. Mr. Moore responded that the city has a program that addresses this. If a property owner is unable to afford necessary repairs, they may donate the property to the city.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked for the name of the program assisting property owners in financial hardship. Mr. Moore replied that it is the Demolition Program, managed by the Community Services Department. Mr. Davis added that the program provides funding for properties within the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) areas to assist with repairs. However, this funding does not cover repairs for businesses. If the city acquires a property for demolition, a five-year lien can be placed on the property if the owner exceeds the income level; if the owner is below the income threshold, no lien will be applied.

Councilman Braddock then asked whether CDBG funding could be used to assist businesses facing financial difficulties. Mr. Davis explained that when using CDBG funding for businesses, owners typically must demonstrate that they are either maintaining the business or adding jobs, making it eligible under economic development guidelines. He noted that it is handled on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Ronald Scott, City Attorney, clarified that CDBG funding follows a five-year plan approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and activities must align with the priorities set forth in that plan. There are specific limitations on using CDBG funds for commercial building rehabilitation, and currently, the city's plan does not include funding for business repairs.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2025-03 was adopted.

**Bill No. 2025-06 - Second Reading**

**An ordinance to annex and zone CG the property located at Gilbert Drive and Freedom Boulevard, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00178-01-244.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2025-06 on second reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2025-06 was adopted.

**Bill No. 2025-07 - Second Reading**

**An ordinance to annex and zone RG-3 the properties located at 1001 Tunbridge Place and 3740 West Lake Drive, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 00751-01-279 & 00751-01-282.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2025-07 on second reading and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2025-07 was adopted.





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**Bill No. 2025-09 - Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to amend the City of Florence Unified Development Ordinance relating to the flood hazard district to maintain compliance with the current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations and adopt the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).**

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2025-09 on second reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2025-09 was adopted.

**Bill No. 2025-10 - Second Reading**

**An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, imposing a temporary moratorium on final approval of development plans and other approvals relating to properties that contain cemeteries for the purpose of enabling consideration by city council of recommendations relating to amendments to development regulations of the City regarding cemeteries, and further invoking the pending ordinance doctrine with respect to such temporary moratorium in anticipation of such amendments.**

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2025-10 on second reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Councilman Braddock requested clarification on the status of a situation involving a developer. Mr. Moore confirmed that the issue has been resolved, stating that the developer has completed the delineation process and will be transferring the property to the City. He added that once the GPR scanning is completed, the City will proceed with addressing the matter.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2025-10 was adopted.

**Bill No. 2025-11 - Second Reading**

**An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of surplus city property of approximately .319 acres on a portion of Florence County Tax Map Number 00147-01-023 located at Jennie O'Bryan Avenue back to Floyd Family Properties, LLC, such city property having been initially conveyed to the City of Florence for the purpose of constructing a Sports Complex and a road accessing such complex.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2025-11 on second reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2025-11 was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**Bill No. 2025-08 – First Reading**

**An Ordinance to adopt the updated Downtown Design Standards for the City of Florence.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2025-08 on first reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Jerry Dudley, Planning Director, provided a summary of the updated Downtown Design Standards, recently presented to city staff by the consulting firm Bolton and Menk, Inc. He noted that the project



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received funding from a combination of federal sources, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the city's general fund.

The updated standards are structured into three main sections:

1. **Florence by Design** – This section explains the rationale behind the guidelines and highlights their alignment with existing policies such as the Unified Development Ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Downtown Master Plan. It also introduces general design principles that apply across all seven downtown districts. While existing overlay districts will remain unchanged, a new tier system will be introduced to make the guidelines more user-friendly.
2. **The Process** – This section outlines the administrative and submittal procedures, featuring a flow chart to guide users through the approval process. It also distinguishes between minor and major projects, with minor projects eligible for staff-level approval and major projects requiring approval from the Design Review Board.
3. **The Standards** – This section addresses three primary areas:
  - **Site Design** – Including frontage types, building placement, height, on-site open space, outdoor dining, screening, landscaping and stormwater management, and parking.
  - **Building Design** – Covering district character, design standards for residential and non-residential buildings, and signage.
  - **Public Realm** – Focusing on blocks, streets, public realm zones, streetscape elements, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, public spaces, and placemaking efforts.

Both the Planning Commission and the Design Review Board voted unanimously to approve the updated Downtown Design Standards. As a result, the Unified Development Ordinance will also need to be amended to reflect and reference the new standards.

Councilman McCall asked how the Downtown Design Standards align with the Comprehensive Plan and whether these standards are legally required or simply implemented by the City to ensure consistency in design. Mr. Dudley responded that while the standards are not mandated by law, the Comprehensive Plan does recommend their adoption, and the Downtown Master Plan also calls for their regular review and update. He emphasized that by updating the standards, the City is fully aligned with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman McCall then asked whether the updated guidelines address issues related to abandoned buildings. Mr. Dudley explained that the document primarily focuses on rehabilitation and new construction projects. However, he noted that the City's existing code, along with downtown appearance and maintenance regulations, provides tools to address abandoned properties.

Regarding project review, Councilman McCall inquired who is responsible for reviewing minor projects. Mr. Dudley stated that the Planning Department handles these reviews, occasionally consulting with members of the Design Review Board or community experts as needed.

When asked for clarification on the residential district, Mr. Dudley explained that the residential reference pertains specifically to the Timrod Park Overlay District. He added that the remaining areas within the Central Business District and Downtown are designated as mixed-use zones, supporting a blend of residential and commercial development.

Lastly, Councilman McCall raised a question about the \$1 million insurance requirement for businesses located downtown. He said that there are concerns with businesses who cannot afford the \$1 million coverage. Councilman McCall said the State House of Representatives passed a liquor liability law and for the city to make another requirement for \$1 million insurance coverage may cause businesses not to



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be able to afford the necessary coverage. He said mandating businesses to have \$1 million insurance coverage may be tough on the local businesses and asked for city staff to review this requirement. Mr. Dudley said staff will review this requirement.

Councilman Braddock inquired on whether housing such as Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) could be added to the guidelines. These housing units were taken out of the Unified Development Ordinance and with the high demand of housing and lack of affordable housing, the city's housing inventory is limited. Mr. Dudley said the appropriate area to address this would be the Unified Development Ordinance within the zoning code. City staff is currently working on an ADU amendment that will hopefully be brought before Planning Commission and Council in the coming months. When the Unified Development Ordinance was initially adopted, there was a section pertaining to ADU. Through reviews, the majority of the section was removed, but staff would like to bring the ADU portion back. Councilman Braddock spoke in favor of ADUs and said it is needed.

Councilman Smith inquired if there was a public hearing for the Downtown Design Standards. Mr. Dudley said there were several public input sessions throughout the process. Once the draft was complete, there was a public hearing held at both Planning Commission and the Design Review Board meetings. Councilman Smith asked aside from Council's concerns if there were any other major concerns from the community. Mr. Dudley said during the public input sessions, there was a lot of interaction with the public, city staff and the consultants and any concerns were taken into account.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson expressed concerns on the 10:00pm noise ordinance for downtown and also inquired on the purpose of the \$1 million insurance requirement for downtown businesses. Mr. Dudley said the \$1 million insurance requirement is to cover events in public spaces that serve alcohol. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked if it only pertains restaurant and bar related businesses. Mr. Dudley said yes, as well as for businesses that are hosting a public facing event such as in a plaza. Mr. Moore also added that anytime someone utilizes city-owned properties or public spaces, they are required to have the \$1 million insurance policy.

Mr. Davis also added that anyone doing work on city property or hosting an event is required to have the \$1 million insurance policy. Councilman McCall reiterated that he doesn't think the businesses should be required to obtain the \$1 million insurance policy. Pro tem Jebaily clarified that the guidelines only focus on the use of the public spaces.

Councilman McCall asked for clarification if the noise ordinance is addressed in the guidelines. Mr. Dudley said these are strictly design standards and not meant to regulate noise. The concerns with the noise ordinance would be addressed through the city's Unified Development Ordinance.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2025-08 was passed on first reading.

**Bill No. 2025-12- First Reading**

**An Ordinance to rezone from NC-15 to NC-6.3 the property located at Dexter Drive and Attwood Avenue, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00150-01-140.**

Councilman Braddock made a motion to pass Bill No. 2025-12 on first reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Jerry Dudley, Planning Director, reported this property is on the corner of Attwood Avenue and Dexter Drive and is currently vacant. The current zoning is Neighborhood Conservation-15, which is a single family detached only zoning district. This zoning requires lots that are 100 feet wide and 15,000





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square feet. With the current zoning, approximately four lots would be available on this parcel. This property was brought before Planning Commission and City Council in 2023 and ultimately the requested zoning of Neighborhood Conservation 6.3 was denied by Council due to lack of a second. The applicant was required to wait six months before making a like submittal and their request is to rezone the property Neighborhood Conservation 6.3 to allow single family detached homes on 50-foot-wide lots that are a minimum of 6,000 square feet. With this zoning designation, the applicant would be able to develop nine lots on this parcel. However, this zoning designation allows duplexes, townhomes and multi-family detached homes. City staff has recommended a zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation 6.1, which only allows single family detached homes due to the proximity to single family detached homes. This zoning designation would allow approximately seven lots that are 60 feet wide with a minimum area of 6,000 square feet. City staff is aware there are some stormwater concerns associated with this property, and, due to the possibility of infrastructure being installed, none of the maximum potentials are likely to be achieved. The applicant also inquired about a zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation 4 which allows smaller lots that are 40 feet wide and a minimum of 4,400 square feet. Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the Neighborhood Conservation 6.1 zoning designation.

Pro tem Jebaily asked if Neighborhood Conservation 6.1 is the current zoning designation before Council. Mr. Dudley said the applicant is requesting the Neighborhood Conservation 6.3 zoning designation. Planning Commission and city staff are recommending a zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation 6.1. Pro tem Jebaily asked if Council would need to amend the ordinance to vote in favor of the Neighborhood Conservation 6.1 zoning designation. Mr. Dudley responded yes. Pro tem Jebaily asked Mr. Dudley to review the impact development has on stormwater issues. Mr. Dudley said as part of the submittal for a development plan, a developer must demonstrate that their post construction runoff is the same or less as their pre-construction runoff. This can be shown through a retention or stormwater pond or an underground structure, or low impact development like rain gardens or pervious pavements.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to amend Bill No. 2025-12 to rezone from NC-15 to NC-6.1 and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion, as amended. Bill No. 2025-12 was passed on first reading, as amended.

**Bill No. 2025-13 – First Reading**

**An Ordinance to amend the budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.**

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Bill No. 2025-13 on first reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Glenn Bodenheimer, Interim Finance Director, said the objective of this ordinance is to align budgeted amounts more closely with actual revenues and expenditures. The city has received several grants and state appropriations since the budget was initially adopted in 2024 to include \$1.25 million from the State Appropriations Act for the purchase of a fire engine and associated equipment. The city also received various smaller grants such as a Hazard Mitigation Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purchase of a generator for the Pine Street Water Plant and \$50,000 from Long Leaf to fund the Timrod Park Recreation Facilities Rehabilitation project. There are also budget carryforward requests for two sanitation trucks that were appropriated in FY 2023-2024.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2025-13 was passed on first reading.



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**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2025-08**

**A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc.**

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-08 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utility Planning and Economic Development, said this Resolution will enable the City to construct a new 30-inch sanitary sewer force main beneath the railroad tracks along North Williamson Road to serve the new Technology Park. CSX requires the Resolution before finalizing the encroachment agreement, allowing the contractor to commence work.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2025-08 was passed.

**Resolution No. 2025-09**

**A Resolution and Conditional Grant and Development Agreement to provide an incentive for the development of new housing within East Florence as part of the ongoing Neighborhood Redevelopment Project.**

*(Note: This item may be discussed in Executive Session.)*

Mayor Barnes said this item may be discussed in Executive Session. Without objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Mayor Barnes said this item may be discussed in Executive Session. Without objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

**Mauldin and Jenkins, CPAs and Advisors**

Mr. Grant Davis of Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs and Advisors presented the city's annual comprehensive financial report to the Council. He explained that two documents were issued: the city's financial statements and the auditor's discussion and analysis. The financial statements consist of three key reports. The first is the independent auditor's report, which confirmed that the city received an unmodified opinion – meaning the financial statements were free of material misstatements, which is the highest and only acceptable result.

The second report, often referred to as the "yellow report," focuses on internal controls, compliance with laws, and adherence to grant agreements. This report does not provide an opinion, but it offers negative assurance. The auditing firm conducts the audit according to government auditing standards, and if any instances of non-compliance or internal control issues arise, they are required to report those findings. Two internal control deficiencies were noted, but the city still received a clean report in this area. The third and final report is the federal single audit report, triggered when a city spends over \$750,000 in federal funds in a given fiscal year. In fiscal year 2023-2024, the city expended approximately \$3.7 million, and the firm audited around 85% of these expenditures, or \$3.3 million, covering the Community



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Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program. The result was another clean opinion on compliance with federal expenditure guidelines.

Overall, Mr. Davis described the financial report as positive. The two internal control deficiencies were related to past inventory recording practices, which have now been corrected, and the segregation of duties due to staffing levels in the Finance Department. He noted that it's challenging to maintain proper segregation of duties with limited staff, especially considering turnover. At certain times during the fiscal year, the segregation of duties was not adequate.

Mr. Davis also highlighted the general fund's financial position, noting that the fund balance increased by about \$1.7 million in fiscal year 2024, bringing the total to \$26.2 million. The city expended \$59 million in the general fund during the year, leaving a healthy balance equivalent to about 160 days or roughly five and a half months of operating expenses.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson inquired if the segregation of duties issue was addressed in the report, to which Mr. Davis confirmed it was, noting it can be found on page 158. He explained that as part of the audit process, interviews and control assessments are conducted to ensure there are no incompatible functions that could lead to fraud or misappropriations. He also pointed out that segregation of duties is a common finding in audits and that the Finance Department is aware of it and actively working to address it.

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, addressed the two internal control deficiencies, commending Interim Finance Director Glenn Bodenheimer for his efforts in ensuring a clean audit. He also noted that the city is actively seeking to hire a permanent Finance Director to improve internal controls within the department. Additionally, the second issue regarding a property sold in 2021 was discovered when staff noticed the property was still listed on the books. This error has been corrected, and the auditing firm was informed of the correction.

Mayor Barnes expressed her gratitude to city staff for their hard work and dedication.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, acknowledged the wildfires in Horry County and informed Council that the Florence Fire Department deployed an engine company to assist. The team worked 24-hour shifts for six days to help contain the fires. City University will begin on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to apply for City University is March 10<sup>th</sup>. The City of Florence Minority Business Seminar is scheduled for Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Coastal Carolina University is conducting a Parks and Recreation survey for the City of Florence. The survey is open until Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and is available on the city's website.

### **MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Barnes recognized March as Women's History Month and shared that she, along with Scotty Davis and Michael Hemingway, traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with federal legislators about funding opportunities for the City of Florence. She reported that Congressman Fry has secured \$40 million for the city through the House Water Resources and Development Act, along with an additional \$2.25 million from an Interior Appropriations Bill to support the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project. Mayor Barnes also acknowledged that Senator Lindsey Graham has secured \$5 million in Fiscal Year 2024 for the city's Surface Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project. She added that the Fireside Chat with the Mayor events have been going well.





**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Business Development Committee, Chaired by Pro tem Jebaily**

Pro tem Jebaily stated that the committee received a presentation from AECOM regarding the Water Distribution System Master Plan. The Master Plan was initiated in 2022 to identify and assist with improvements to the distribution system and accommodate future growth. The plan estimated that approximately \$125 million will be necessary to make improvements to the system over the next ten years to.

**Community Development Committee, Chaired by Mayor Barnes**

Mayor Barnes said the committee did not meet so there is no report at this time.

**Finance, Audit and Budget Committee, Chaired by Councilman McCall**

Councilman McCall said the committee received an update on the budget amendment ordinance. The committee also received a presentation from Mauldin and Jenkins, CPAs and Advisors regarding the city's financial audit.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Barnes said Council will be entering into Executive Session for a discussion regarding an Economic Development Project as referenced in Resolution No. 2025-09, a discussion regarding appointments to Boards and Commissions, and to receive an update regarding Project Urban Square.

Councilman McCall made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously (6-0) to enter into Executive Session at 2:36pm.

Councilman McCall made a motion to resume open session and Councilman Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried. Council resumed open session at 3:12pm and took action on the following items:

**Resolution No. 2025-09**

**A Resolution and Conditional Grant and Development Agreement to provide an incentive for the development of new housing within East Florence as part of the ongoing Neighborhood Redevelopment Project.**

Councilman Smith made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-09 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2025-09 was passed.

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Mr. Davis presented the packet of appointments to Boards and Commissions to Council.

**Civic Center Commission**

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson deferred her nomination to the Board.



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**Design Review Board**

Councilman McCall deferred his nomination to the Board.

**Construction & Maintenance Board of Adjustments and Appeals**

Mayor Barnes deferred all nominations to the Board.

**Parks and Beautification Commission**

Pro tem Jebaily deferred his nomination to the Board.

**Veterans Park Committee**

Mayor Barnes made a motion to reappoint Bruce Mallick to the Veterans Park Committee and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mallick was reappointed to the Veterans Park Committee for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2029.

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the March 10, 2025 Regular meeting of City Council was adjourned at 3:15pm.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk

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Lethonia Barnes, Mayor

## FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** February 10, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** An ordinance to amend Section 4-16.3.1 of the City of Florence Unified Development Ordinance, and to adopt The City of Florence Downtown Design Standards.

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Department of Planning, Research & Development

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### **I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

The adoption of the recently updated City of Florence Downtown Design Standards and amendment of Section 4-16.3.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance which references the City of Florence Downtown Design Standards.

### **II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

- (1) On January 8, 2025, the City of Florence Design Review Board held a public hearing on the updated City of Florence Downtown Design Standards and voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend that the City of Florence Downtown Design Standards be adopted.
- (2) On January 14, 2025, the City of Florence Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend that the updated City of Florence Downtown Design Standards be adopted and Section 4-16.3.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance be amended in reference.

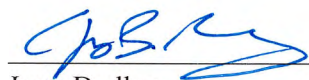
### **III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- (1) The purpose of the Unified Development Ordinance is to implement the Comprehensive Plan adopted June 12, 2023, guide development in accordance with existing and future needs, and promote the public health, safety, convenience, order, appearance, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as providing for the orderly development of land within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Florence.
- (2) The Unified Development Ordinance adopts and incorporates design guidelines and standards for development within the City's historic overlay districts by reference.
- (3) The previous Design Guidelines for Downtown Florence, SC were originally written in 2005 and adopted in 2008.
- (4) City staff worked with the consulting firm Bolton & Menk, Inc. to development and design updated standards for the historic overlay districts. The process included public input sessions as well as input and review sessions with a steering committee comprised of key stakeholders.
- (5) The updated standards provide clarity and direction to property owners and developers within those districts and provide guidance for staff and the Design Review Board in their task to approve projects within those districts.
- (6) The proposed City of Florence Downtown Design Standards can be viewed online at: [https://www.cityofflorence.com/sites/default/files/uploads/24-1211-florence\\_design\\_standards\\_draft\\_pages.pdf](https://www.cityofflorence.com/sites/default/files/uploads/24-1211-florence_design_standards_draft_pages.pdf)

**IV. PERSONAL NOTES:**

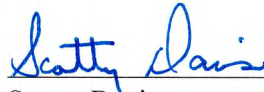
**V. ATTACHMENTS:**

A) Ordinance



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Jerry Dudley  
Planning Director



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Scotty Davis  
City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4-16.3.1 OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AND ADOPT THE CITY OF FLORENCE DOWNTOWN DESIGN STANDARDS:**

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held in City Council Chambers on January 8, 2025 before the City of Florence Design Review Board and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held in City Council Chambers on January 14, 2025 before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Unified Development Ordinance is to implement the Comprehensive Plan adopted June 12, 2023, guide development in accordance with existing and future needs, and promote the public health, safety, convenience, order, appearance, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as providing for the orderly development of land within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Florence;

**WHEREAS**, the Design Review Board, Planning Commission, and City Staff recommend the adoption of the City of Florence Downtown Design Standards and the proposed text amendment as they guide development in a manner consistent with the stated purpose of the Unified Development Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:**

1. That the City of Florence Downtown Design Standards are hereby adopted as an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance;
2. That the Unified Development Ordinance applicable to the City of Florence hereby amends Section 4-16.3.1, which will read in whole as follows:

**“In the interest of promoting the cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public by providing a mechanism for the identification, recognition, conservation, maintenance, protection, and enhancement of the existing architecturally valuable structures and to promote the redevelopment and revitalization of the City’s traditional downtown area by ensuring its harmonious, orderly, and efficient growth and redevelopment, the design guideline, standards are adopted and incorporated by reference.”**

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Approved as to form:

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**Benjamin T. Zeigler**  
City Attorney

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**Lethonia Barnes**  
Mayor

**Attest:**

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**Casey C. Moore**  
Municipal Clerk



## **FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** March 10, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance to Rezone from NC-15 to NC-6.1 the parcel located on Dexter Drive at Attwood Avenue, TMN 00150-01-140.

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Department of Planning, Research & Development

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### **I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

An ordinance to rezone from NC-15 to NC-6.1 the parcel located on Dexter Drive at Attwood Avenue, said property being specifically designated in the Florence County Tax Records as Tax Map Parcel 00150-01-140. The request is being made by the property owner.

### **II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

1. In 2023 a similar request to rezone this parcel from NC-15 to NC-6.3 was considered.
  - a. On January 10, 2023, The City of Florence Planning Commission voted to defer this matter to receive further information.
  - b. On February 14, 2023, the City of Florence Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted 4-1 to recommend the parcel be rezoned from NC-15 to NC-6.1.
  - c. On March 13, 2023, the City of Florence City Council voted unanimously to table the rezoning to receive additional information.
  - d. On April 10, 2023 City Council referred the request back to Planning Commission for further consideration of the impact from the increase in density.
  - e. On May 3, 2023 Planning Commission held a public meeting to review rezoning based upon the impact from the increase in density and voted 6-1 to deny the request.
  - f. On May 8, 2023 a motion to approve the rezoning at City Council failed to obtain a second.
2. The current request to rezone from NC-15 to NC-6.3 was considered on February 11, 2025. Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted unanimously to recommend the parcel be rezoned from NC-15 to NC-6.1, not the requested NC-6.3.
3. On March 10, 2025, the City of Florence City Council voted unanimously to amend the request to rezone from NC-15 to NC-6.1 instead of the requested NC-6.3. This concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation.

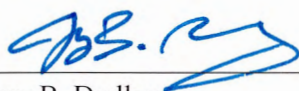
### III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) This request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City water and sewer are available to the parcel.
- (3) The property is currently zoned NC-15, Neighborhood Conservation-15 District. This zoning district only allows single-family detached homes and lots with 15,000 square feet minimum area and 100 feet minimum width.
- (4) The requested zoning of NC-6.3 allows a variety of housing types including single-family detached, duplex, townhome, and multi-family. Lots must have a minimum area of 6,000 square feet and a minimum width of 50 feet.
- (5) The NC-6.1 zoning recommended by Planning Commission would only allow single-family detached homes. Lots must have a minimum area of 6,000 square feet and a minimum width of 60 feet.
- (6) Future development will require stormwater review prior to receiving a Land Disturbance permit.

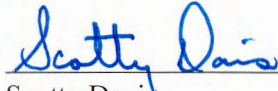
### IV. PERSONAL NOTES:

### V. ATTACHMENTS:

- A) Ordinance
- B) Location Map
- C) Zoning Map
- D) Future Land Use Map



Jerry B. Dudley  
Planning Director



Scotty Davis  
City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS DEXTER DRIVE AT ATTWOOD AVENUE, TAX MAP NUMBER 00150-01-140, FROM NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION-15 ZONING DISTRICT TO NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION-6.1 ZONING DISTRICT:**

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held in City Council Chambers on February 11, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS**, Piyush Mehta made application to rezone from NC-15 Neighborhood Conservation-15 District to NC-6.3 Neighborhood Conservation-6.3 District;

**WHEREAS**, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:**

1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted by amending the Zoning Atlas of the City of Florence for the aforesaid property to NC-6.3;
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Approved as to form:

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**Benjamin T. Zeigler**  
City Attorney

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**Lethonia Barnes**  
Mayor

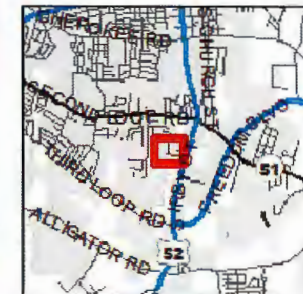
Attest:

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**Casey C. Moore**  
Municipal Clerk



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Location Map - Dexter Dr. at Attwood Ave.



Legend

- City Limits
- Parcels
- Proposed Parcel

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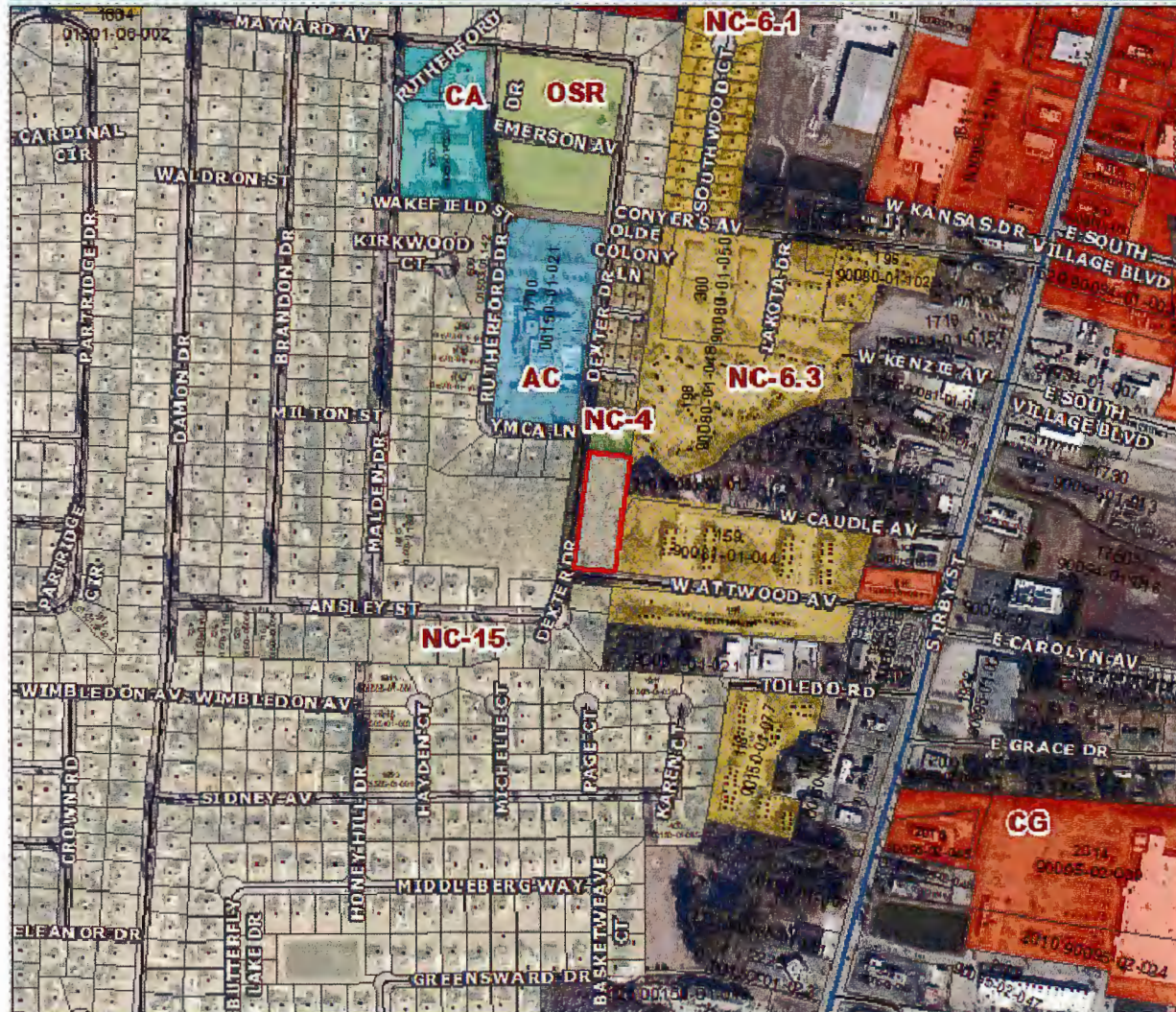
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## Zoning Map - Dexter Dr. at Attwood Ave.



### Legend

- Parcels
- Zoning District
- Agricultural and Open Space Districts
  - OSR
- Neighborhood Conservation Sub-Districts
  - NC-15
  - NC-6.1
  - NC-6.3
  - NC-4
- Business and Commercial Districts
  - CA
  - CG
- Mixed-Use Districts
  - AC
- Proposed Parcel

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### Future Land Use Map - Dexter Dr. at Attwood Ave.















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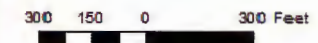
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- ☒ Proposed Parcel

## Future Land Use and Character 2023

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-  Parks and Open Space
-  Suburban Residential
-  General Residential
-  Urban Residential
-  Neighborhood Conservation
-  Suburban Commercial
-  General Commercial
-  Corridor Mixed Use
-  Urban Downtown
-  Suburban Campuses
-  Industrial
-  Utilities

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Date: 1/26/2025



**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** March 10, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** An ordinance amending the FY 2024-25 Budget

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Finance

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

For City Council consideration is an ordinance to amend the FY 2024-25 City of Florence Budget.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN**

No previous action has been taken on this ordinance.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**

1. The objective of the proposed ordinance is to align budgeted amounts more closely with actual revenues and expenditures thereby eliminating or reducing significant variances between budgeted and actual amounts in both revenue and expenditure categories.
2. Funds are being appropriated to cover expenditures associated with grant funding received during the fiscal year, where expenditures were not already appropriated.
3. Funds are being re-appropriated from fiscal year 2023-24 to provide funding from Unappropriated Reserves for FY 2024-25 in the General Fund and the Water & Sewer Utilities Fund to complete purchases which were not finalized at the end of fiscal year 2023-2024.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

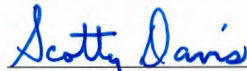
Approve and adopt the proposed ordinance.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached.



Glenn A. Bodenheimer  
Interim Finance Director



Scotty Davis  
City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, in a meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that the budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** That the category of revenues of the General Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

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| 100120-790020 | The City of Florence has received notification of additional state funding for FY 2024-25 from the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (LLR). The City has been included in the FY 2024-25 Appropriations Act (H.5100) for a one-time, non-recurring appropriation of \$1,250,000 in State General Funds. These funds will be used to purchase a fire engine and associated equipment to provide public benefit as required by Proviso 117.21. |
| 100375-435010 | From Unappropriated Reserve is increased in the amount of \$95,100 from unrestricted fund balance to appropriate expenditures for related grants received during the year where expenditures were not originally budgeted.   |
| 100375-435010 | From Unappropriated Reserve is increased in the amount of \$849,890 from unrestricted fund balance to re-appropriate monies for the completion of projects and purchases which were not finalized at the end of FY 2023-2024.  |

**Section 2.** That the category of expenditures of the General Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

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| 10042200-580040 | Auto equipment is increased \$1,250,000 for the purchase of a Fire Engine and associated equipment in accordance with all applicable state laws and regulations.  |
| 10042200-550280 | Personal Protective Equipment (Fire) is increased for \$4,000 as a required match for a grant received from the Municipal Association for personal protective equipment.  |
| 10042200-580060 | Other Equipment (Fire) is increased for \$20,000 to pay for traffic cones, barriers and other miscellaneous safety equipment, funded by a Duke Energy Safety Grant.   |
| 10043020-550230 | Chemicals (Beautification) is increased in the amount of \$16,100 to cover costs related to funding from the South Carolina Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 provided through a reimbursable grant from the South Carolina Department of |

## **FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment Ordinance (continued)**

Public Health for the purchase of mosquito control-related items, equipment, and products

10043022-574010

Tree Beautification (Beautification and Facilities) is increased in the amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of trees for the tree giveaway. The funding is from a \$5,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation.

10043022-580040

Auto Equipment (Sanitation) is increased in the amount of \$849,890 to fund two additional commercial sanitation trucks as appropriated and approved in Ordinance No. 2023-36.

10049300-594101

Recreation Facilities Rehab is increased \$50,000 to pay for Timrod Park restroom renovations with funding the City received from the 2024 Longleaf Fund Grant Program.

**Section 3.** That the category of revenues of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

200325-790000

Miscellaneous Grants is increased for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award for generator installation at Pine Street location with a Federal share of \$103,500.

200375-435010

From Unappropriated Reserve is funded in the amount of \$427,000 from unrestricted net assets.

**Section 4.** That the category of expenses of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund in said budget is hereby amended as follows:

20044042-580060

Other Equipment (Water Production Operations) is increased in the amount of \$138,000 to fund the purchase and installation of a 60kW generator, installed on a concrete pad to ensure continuity of operations at the Pine Street location. \$103,000 of project is reimbursable by the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. City responsibility is \$34,500.

20044044-580060

Other Equipment (Distribution Operations) is increased in the amount of \$392,500 to fund the purchase of bypass pumps and a vacuum excavator to conduct lead and copper inspections on existing infrastructure, in compliance with new regulatory requirements, as appropriated and approved in Ordinance No. 2023-36.

**Section 5.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin T. Zeigler  
**City Attorney**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lethonia Barnes  
**Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey C. Moore  
**Municipal Clerk**

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** April 14, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance to amend Section 1-2.8.6A of the *Unified Development Ordinance* regarding communication towers and antennas.

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Planning, Research & Development

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

An ordinance to amend Section 1-2.8.6A6 of the *Unified Development Ordinance* addressing the distance from the boundary line of a residential district or use of a communication tower structure.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

On March 11, 2025 the City of Florence Planning Commission voted unanimously, 6-0, to recommend the proposed UDO amendment.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

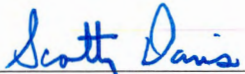
- (1) According to Section 6-21.4.1 E of the *Unified Development Ordinance*, petitions for amendments to the text may be made by or to the Planning Director.
- (2) The *Unified Development Ordinance* currently requires a setback from residential districts or uses of one foot of distance for each foot in tower height.
- (3) Duke Energy has proposed this amendment to the Planning Director in order to adapt the Ordinance to modern tower design. Modern designs address the potential risk of a tower collapse by engineering them to collapse inwardly rather than fall to the side, which results in a smaller radius than the full height of the tower. The amendment requires a setback equal to the tower's fall zone as certified by an engineer.
- (4) Planning Commission recommended the amendment to the *Unified Development Ordinance* to use the fall zone for determining setbacks but also included language requiring that the fall zone be certified by an engineer who is licensed in the state of South Carolina as indicated in a letter that includes the engineer's signature and seal.

**IV. PERSONAL NOTES:**

**V. ATTACHMENTS:**

- (1) Ordinance

  
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Jerry B. Dudley  
Planning Director

  
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Scotty Davis  
City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1-2.8.6A6 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT  
ORDINANCE REGARDING COMMUNICATION TOWER SETBACKS**

**WHEREAS,** a Public Hearing was held in City Council Chambers on March 11, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS,** application by Duke Energy was presented requesting to amend Section 1-2.8.6A6 of the *Unified Development Ordinance* to change the setback requirement for towers in residential districts;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Florence Planning Commission and City Staff recommend the proposed text amendments as they will guide development in a manner consistent with the stated purpose of the Unified Development Ordinance;

**WHEREAS,** Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings, and recommendations;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:**

- 1. That the provisions of the Unified Development Ordinance applicable to the City of Florence be, and the same are hereby amending Section 1-2.8.6A6 et seq., which will read in whole as follows:**

**Section 1-2.8.6 Communications, Utility, and Transportation Use Standards**

The standards of this Section apply to communications, utility, and transportation uses that are specified in Table 1-2.7.6, "Communications, Utility, and Transportation Uses" as conditional (C) or permitted special exception (SE).

**A. Communication Towers and Antennas** are permitted if they are designed and operated in accordance with all requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as well as any state permit requirements, and it is demonstrated that:

1. A communications facility report will be submitted to the City describing the type of proposed communications facility, its effective range, and the technical reasons for its design and placement. If the proposed communications facility cannot be accommodated on an existing or approved facility within a one mile search radius of the proposed site, the report will specify the reasons and conditions along with supporting proof. And in an effort to promote long-range planning to minimize the number of towers and their impact on the community, providers of commercial wireless communications service will include a plan delineating existing and any proposed and/or anticipated facilities within Florence County;



2. A proposal for a new communications tower will be designed structurally, electrically, and in all respects, to accommodate both the applicant's antennas and comparable antennas for at least two additional users if the tower is 100 feet or more in height and for at least one additional user if the tower is over 60 feet in height, but less than 100 feet in height. The tower owner will allow the shared use of the tower if an additional user agrees in writing to meet reasonable terms and conditions for shared use. The conditions and terms for shared use will be submitted to the City. If the land for the tower is leased, a copy of the relevant portions of a signed lease allowing the tower owner to add additional users and associated facilities on the tower will be submitted at the time of application to the City for tower erection;
3. No tower or antenna will be located within 1,000 feet of an existing tower or antenna, except where the applicant certifies that the existing tower does not meet the applicant's structural specifications and applicant's technical design requirements, or that a co-location agreement could not be obtained;
4. All applicable safety code requirements will be met;
5. Towers or antennas will not be painted unless otherwise required by state or federal regulations;
6. Tower or antenna structures are separated from a boundary line of a residential district or a property line of a residential use by a distance ~~equal to one foot for each one foot in height, measured from the property line~~ **equal to or greater than the tower's fall zone as determined and certified by an engineer licensed in the state of South Carolina in a letter that includes the engineer's signature and seal. The fall zone is measured from the boundary line of the residential district or property line of the residential use;**
7. Towers will not be illuminated by artificial means and will not display strobe lights unless such is specifically required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or other federal or state authority for a particular tower. When incorporated into the approved design of the tower, light fixtures used to illuminate ball fields, parking lots, or similar areas may be attached to the tower;
8. There will be no use of any portion of a communications facility for signs other than warning or equipment information signs;
9. Abandoned or unused communications facilities will be removed within 120 days from the date of ceasing operations. A copy of the notice to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of intent to cease operations of subject facility will be submitted to the City. If the lot or parcel for the facility is leased, a copy of the relevant portions of a signed lease which requires the removal of the communications facility upon cessation of operations at the site will be submitted at the time of application for a building permit;
10. Communications facilities will be certified by a qualified and licensed professional engineer in the State of South Carolina to conform to the latest structural standards and wind loading requirements of the Uniform Building Code and the Electronic Industry Association;
11. Documentation that the proposed communications facility will comply with the latest health and safety standards established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on RF emissions and exposures;
12. All applicants will furnish a surety bond or make an equivalent cash deposit in an amount to be determined by the City to be necessary to remove an abandoned facility in the event the persons responsible for such removal default;

13. Ground ancillary buildings and towers shall have a security fence erected within the visually screened area. The security fence shall be not less than eight feet in height.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City Attorney**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Lethonia Barnes**  
**Mayor**

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Casey C. Moore**  
**Municipal Clerk**

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** April 14, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance to amend the Summersett Acres Planned Development District

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Planning, Research & Development

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

An Ordinance to amend the Planned Development District standards for Summersett Acres, located along Jefferson Drive and affecting a portion of Tax Map Number 00100-01-248.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

On March 11, 2025 the City of Florence Planning Commission voted unanimously, 6-0, to recommend the proposed PDD amendment.

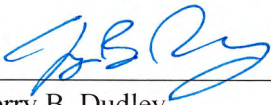
**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- (1) The original development was zoned as a Planned Development District in 2006 (Ordinance 2006-30). It was approved under the 1999 *Florence County Consolidated Zoning Ordinance* which was in effect at the time of adoption. The request is to amend the PDD to change the B-3 designation of 3.24 acres of the northern portion of the parcel to R-5 in order to expand the existing multi-family development.
- (2) The PDD as originally adopted established that the use and development standards for this parcel follow the B-3, General Commercial uses and standards contained in the 1999 *Florence County Consolidated Zoning Ordinance*. The B-3 designation allows for multi-family development with a maximum density of 6.5 units per gross acre.
- (3) The applicant is requesting an R-5, Residential Multi-family designation for the property, which allows up to 16 units for 2-bedroom apartments.
- (4) The applicant is proposing to construct a 48 unit apartment complex (all 2 bedroom) to enlarge the existing Summersett Acres complex on the adjacent parcel. This results in a gross density of 14.5, which would be allowed under the R-5 designation.
- (5) At Planning Commission, City staff recommended that the Summersett Acres PDD be amended to allow the increased density for the specified portion of the parcel in order to enable the applicant to expand the existing apartments. Planning Commission concurred, voting 6 to 0 to approve the amendment.

**IV. PERSONAL NOTES:**

**V. ATTACHMENTS:**

- (1) Ordinance (includes Exhibit A)
- (2) Vicinity Map
- (3) Summersett Acres PDD



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Jerry B. Dudley  
Planning Director



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Scotty Davis  
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SUMMERSETT ACRES  
PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ORDINANCE  
TO REZONE A PORTION OF TAX MAP NUMBER 00100-01-248 FROM B-3 TO R-5**

**WHEREAS,** a Public Hearing was held in City Council Chambers on March 11, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS,** application by Somersett, LLC, owner of TMN 00100-01-248, was presented requesting to amend the Summersett Acres Planned Development District Ordinance to change the zoning designation of a 3.24 acre portion of the aforementioned parcel from B-3 to R-5 as illustrated in Exhibit A;

**WHEREAS,** according to the 1999 *Florence County Consolidated Ordinance*, the R-5 Zoning Designation permits greater density of units per acre to enable the construction of a 48-unit apartment complex;

**The property requesting amendment is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 00100, block 01, parcel 248 (3.24 acres).**

**WHEREAS,** Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings, and recommendations:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:**

- 1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted amending the Summersett Acres Planned Development District Ordinance to change the zoning designation of the aforementioned lot from B-3 to R-5;**
- 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.**

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Ordinance No. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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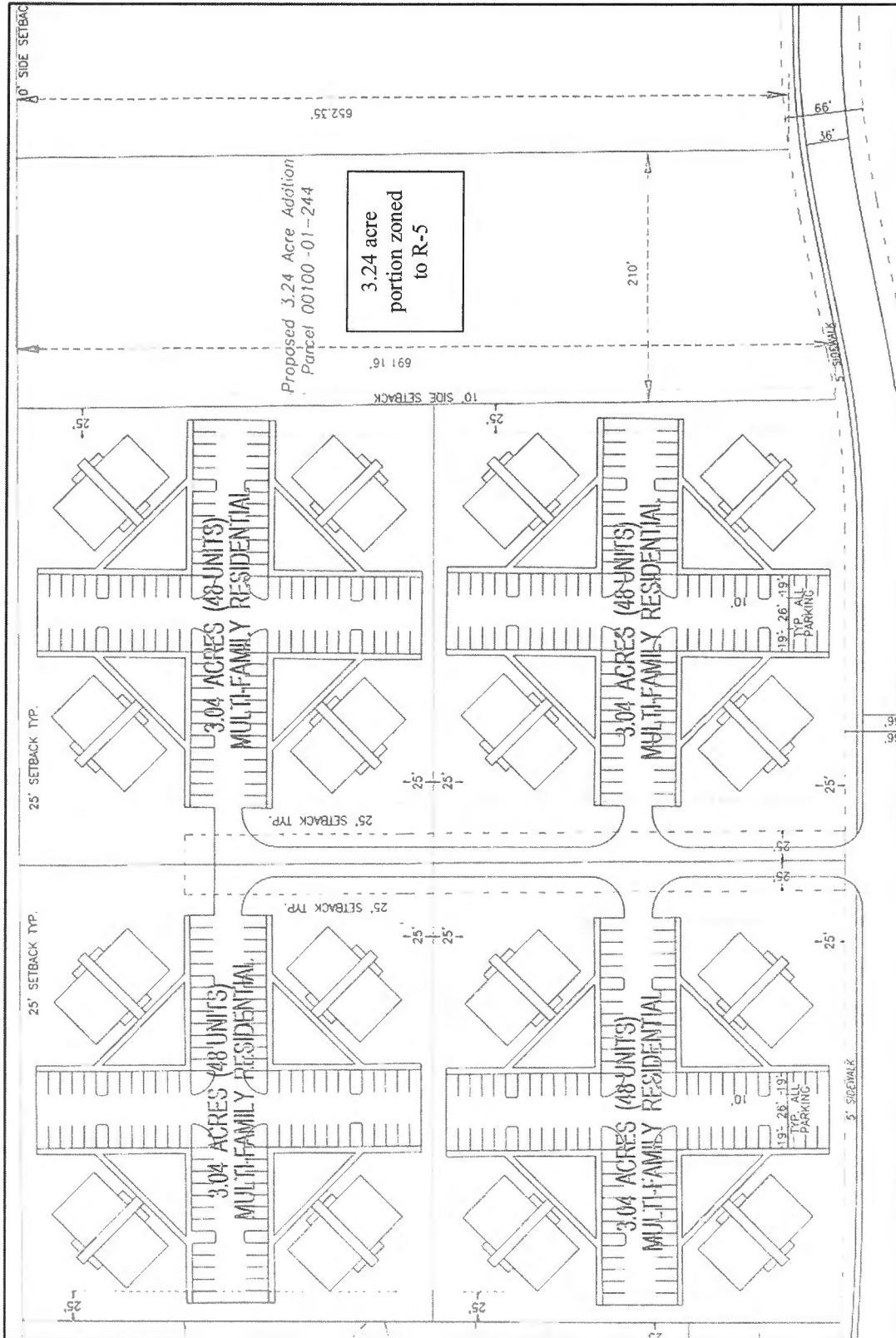
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City Attorney

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**Lethonia Barnes**  
**Mayor**

Attest:

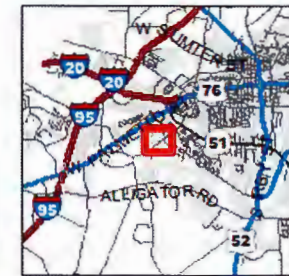
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**Casey C. Moore**  
**Municipal Clerk**

**Exhibit A - Portion (3.24 acres) of parcel 00100-01-244 to be rezoned from B-3 to R-5**





# PC 2025-13 Vicinity Map - Summerett Acres



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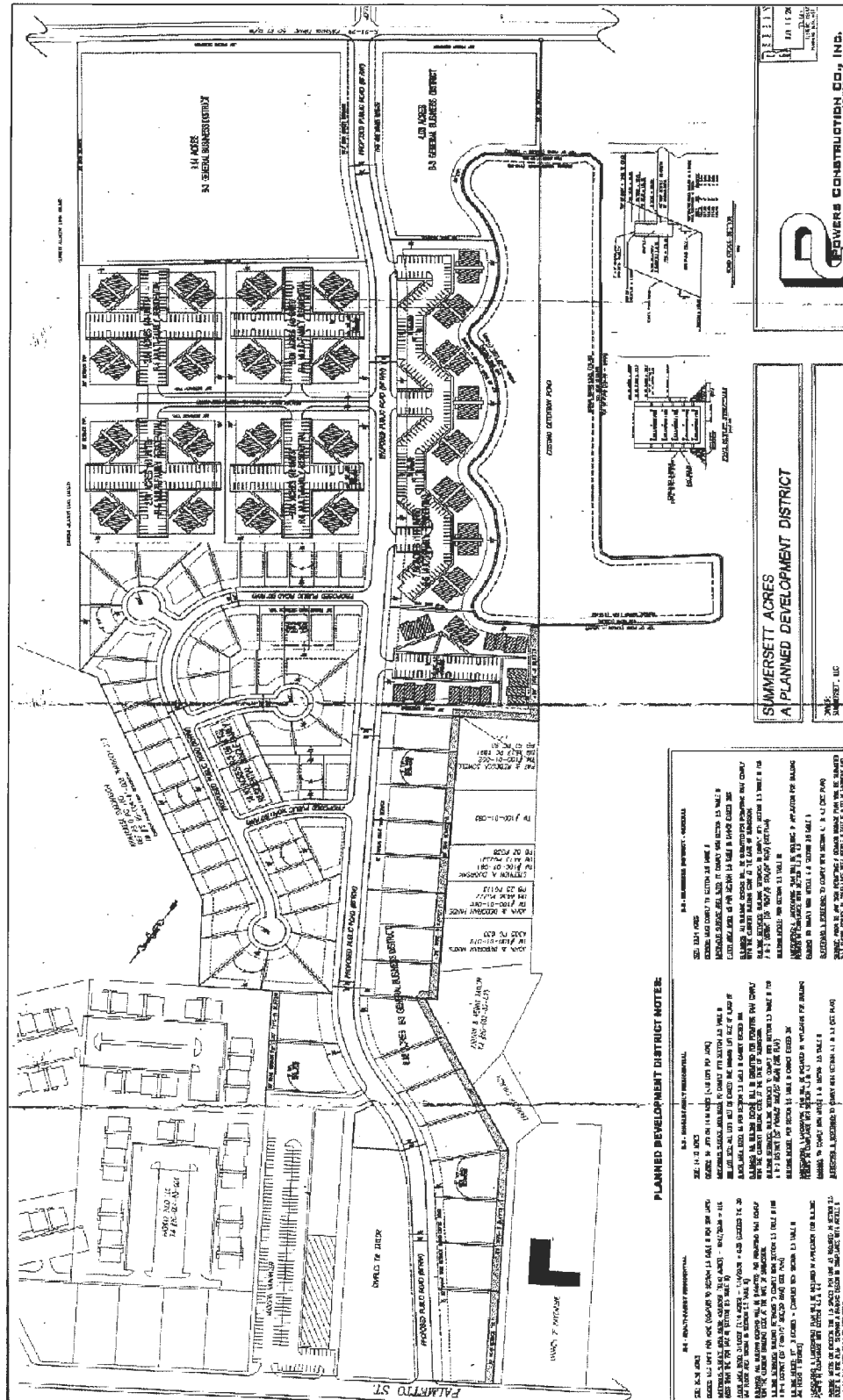
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**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** April 14, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** An Ordinance to annex and zone Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2) the parcel located at 1006 West Marion Street, TMN 90060-13-005.

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Department of Planning, Research & Development

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Request to annex the parcel located at 1006 West Marion Street, with Tax Map Number 90060-13-005, into the City of Florence and assign it the zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2). The request is being made by the property owner.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

On March 11, 2025, the City of Florence Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter, and voted unanimously, 6-0, to recommend the zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2).

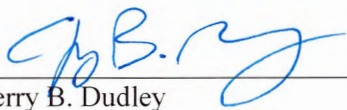
**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- (1) City water and sewer services are currently available, with no cost to extend utilities.
- (2) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the March 11, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.
- (3) City staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the request to zone the property Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2).

**IV. PERSONAL NOTES:**

**V. ATTACHMENTS:**

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Vicinity Map
- (3) Annexation Petition

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry B. Dudley  
Planning Director

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Scotty Davis  
City Manager



**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION-6.2 (NC-6.2)  
THE LOT AT 1006 WEST MARION STREET, TMN 90060-13-005.**

**WHEREAS,** a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on March 11, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission, and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS,** application by Shirley R. Sisnett, owner of TMN 90060-13-005, was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid property be incorporated into the City limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina and given the zoning district classification of NC-6.2:

**The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90060, block 13, parcel 005 (0.195148 acre).**

**Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the property described above will be included in the annexation.**

**WHEREAS,** Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings, and recommendations:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:**

- 1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the Zoning Atlas to the aforesaid zoning classifications.**
- 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective in seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.**

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025**

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

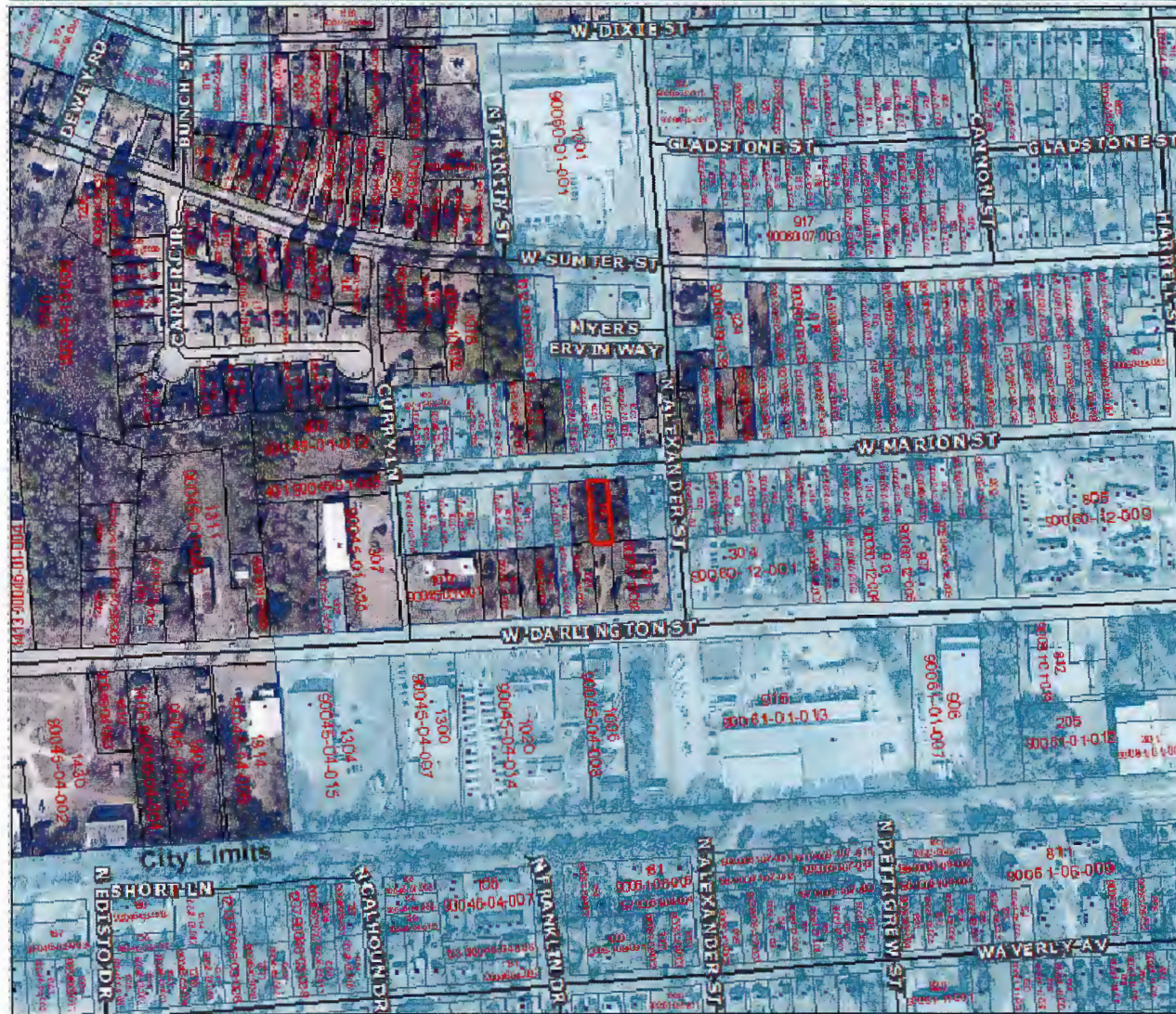
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Lethonia Barnes,  
Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey C. Moore,  
Municipal Clerk

PC 2025-14

# Vicinity Map - 1006 West Marion Street



## Legend

- City Limits
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

Petition requesting Florence City Council to enact an Ordinance annexing the area described below, that area being the same property as shown by the map prepared by the City of Florence Planning, Research, and Development Department, attached and incorporated by reference herein:

The undersigned freeholder property owner(s) hereby respectfully certifies, petitions, and requests of the City Council of Florence as follows:

1. The petitioners are the sole owner(s) of real estate in the County of Florence, State of South Carolina which property lies adjacent and contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Florence.
2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:  
Florence County Tax Map Number: 1006 W. Marion St.  
90060-13-005
3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes: city services
4. That the petitioner(s) request that the City Council of Florence annex the above described property in accordance with subsection 31 of 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina for 1976, such section allowing the annexation of an area without the necessity of an election and referendum.

To the Petitioner: The following information needs to be completed for submittal to the City of Florence and other government agencies for records prior to and after annexation.

Total Residents \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_  
Total 18 and Over \_\_\_\_\_ Total Registered to Vote \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT (S)** (Please print or type):

Name(s): Shirley R. Sisnett  
Address: 1006 West Marion St Florence, SC  
Telephone Numbers: 803-546-9111 [work] \_\_\_\_\_ [home] 29501  
Email Address: Care giver margaretholloway2000@gmail.com  
Signature: [Signature] Date: 02-18-2025

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:

FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

Date 2/21/25

[Signature]



**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** April 14, 2025  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

A Resolution of City Council, in accordance with Ordinance 2014-15, approving the authorization for the service of alcoholic beverages by approved groups and organizations at additional city properties to include the Timrod Park Pickleball Courts and spectator area, Timrod Park Tennis Courts and spectator area, and the Timrod Park Amphitheater and lawn.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

- (1) On May 12, 2014, Florence City Council approved Ordinance 2014-15 which amended sections 14-13.1 and 15-34 of the City Code to provide for the possession and consumption of beer and wine in certain limited public rights-of-way, parking lots, courtyards, lawns, and plazas, to provide for the issuance of event permits and to establish the areas and the permitting process for such event permits.
- (2) Section 15-34 (a)(1)(f) authorizes City Council to designate any other space within the city through the adoption of a resolution.
- (3) Section 15-34 (b) defines that nothing contained in this Code shall be interpreted to alter or change in any way any state or federal statutes governing possession, sale, service, consumption, or distribution of beverages with alcoholic content.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- (1) Since the approval of Ordinance 2014-15, the city has added facilities which are available for rent to the public where there is a desire for the allowance of alcoholic beverages for some events.
- (2) City staff will be responsible for permitting such events to be allowed through the completion of an appropriate application through the assigned city department pursuant to compliance and conformity with state law, city ordinances and all rules and regulations governing the use of city facilities.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

- (1) Resolution



Victoria Nash  
Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism  
Director



Scotty Davis  
City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SPACES WITHIN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN WHICH THE POSSESSION, SALE, SERVICE, CONSUMPTION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF BEER AND WINE AT SPECIAL EVENTS MAY BE PERMITTED.**

**WHEREAS**, continued activities at the Timrod Park Pickleball Courts and spectator area, the Timrod Park Tennis Courts and spectator area, and the Timrod Park Amphitheater and lawn have created a desire to allow for the provision of alcoholic beverages for some events and social gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of alcoholic beverages will be administered and allowed for appropriately permitted individuals, groups, and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, some of these spaces will be utilized as rental spaces by the public for meetings, social gatherings, and events; and

**WHEREAS**, permitting is allowed through the completion of an appropriate application pursuant to compliance and conformity with state law, city ordinances, and all rules and regulations governing the use of city facilities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF FACT SET OUT ABOVE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA AS FOLLOWS:**

- a. The City hereby declares that in accordance with Ordinance 2014-15, the Timrod Park Pickleball Courts and spectator area, the Timrod Park Tennis Courts and spectator area, and the Timrod Park Amphitheater and lawn are additional approved city facilities for the service of alcoholic beverages by approved groups and organizations pursuant to compliance and conformity with state law, city ordinances, and all rules and regulations governing the use of city facilities.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lethonia Barnes  
Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey C. Moore  
Municipal Clerk

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** April 14, 2025  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Community Services

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

A Resolution to proclaim the month of April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Florence.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

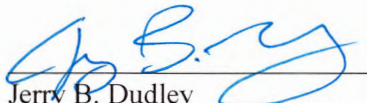
1. The Fair Housing Act was enacted as Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and codified at 42 U.S.C. 3601-3619, with penalties for violation at 42 U.S.C. 3631. It is enforced by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

1. The Fair Housing Act is intended to protect the buyer or renter of a dwelling from seller or landlord discrimination. Its primary prohibition makes it unlawful to refuse to sell, rent to, or negotiate with any person because of that person's inclusion in a protected class. The goal is a unitary housing market in which a person's background – as opposed to financial resources does not arbitrarily restrict access.
2. The legislation was the culmination of a civil rights campaign against housing discrimination in the United States and was approved by President Lyndon B. Johnson.
3. The Fair Housing Act has been strengthened since its adoption in 1968, but enforcement continues to be a concern among housing advocates.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution

  
Jerry B. Dudley  
Planning Director

  
Scotty Davis  
City Manager

(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
( )  
(CITY OF FLORENCE )

**RESOLUTION 2025-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** Title VIII of the Civil Right Act of 1968 prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide for fair housing the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and right for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that the issue of fair housing continues to be a problem for many families of all races and that complete success can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Florence in its commitment to Fair Housing, proclaim the Month of April as Fair Housing Month, and urge all of our citizens to join in this effort to reaffirm our individual commitment to support the practice and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the City Council of the City of Florence, in the State of South Carolina, does hereby proclaim the month of April as

**“Fair Housing Month”**

RESOLVED THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF April 2025

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin T. Ziegler  
City Attorney

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Lethonia Barnes  
Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey C. Moore  
Municipal Clerk

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** April 14, 2025  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** City Council  
Sponsored by Councilman Chaquez McCall

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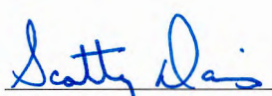
A Resolution of Recognition for the Florence 10U All Star Boys Basketball team for winning the South Carolina Athletic Programs Championship.

**II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

1. The 10U All Star Boys Basketball team traveled to Beaufort, SC to compete in the South Carolina Athletic Programs state tournament.
2. On March 9, 2025 the 10U All Stars defeated East Columbia, winning the state championship title.

**III. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution



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Scotty Davis  
City Manager

(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
(  
(CITY OF FLORENCE)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE FLORENCE 10U ALL STAR BOYS  
BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC PROGRAMS  
CHAMPIONSHIP.**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Florence 10U All Star Boys Basketball team competed in the state tournament, winning the South Carolina Athletic Programs (SCAP) crown; and
- WHEREAS,** the team's journey to success began with their victory at the District tournament held in Florence, showcasing their commitment to excellence and teamwork; and
- WHEREAS,** following their district triumph, the team advanced to the SCAP State Tournament, held at the Burton Wells Recreation Center in Beaufort, South Carolina, where they displayed remarkable determination and competitive spirit; and
- WHEREAS,** led by coaches James Eason, Robert Demps IV, and Anthony Waters, the 10U All Star Boys delivered impressive performances, defeating North Charleston and East Columbia on March 8, 2025, to secure a place in the championship game; and
- WHEREAS,** in a decisive rematch against East Columbia on March 9, 2025, the Florence boys rose to the occasion to claim a 43-17 victory and secure the SCAP State Championship title; and
- WHEREAS,** through hard work, dedication, and perseverance, these athletes have proven themselves State Champions and are role models for area youth.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT,** the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina commends this athletic accomplishment and congratulates the 10U All Star Boys Basketball Team for their remarkable achievement in winning the South Carolina Athletic Programs Championship.

**RESOLVED THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025.**

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_  
LETHONIA BARNES  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CASEY C. MOORE  
MUNICIPAL CLERK



**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** April 14, 2025  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution  
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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

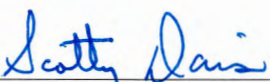
A Resolution of Recognition for the Florence 17U All Star Boys Basketball team for winning the South Carolina Athletic Programs Championship.

**II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

1. The 17U All Star Boys Basketball team traveled to Bluffton, SC to compete in the South Carolina Athletic Programs state tournament.
2. On March 9, 2025 the 10U All Stars defeated Myrtle Beach, winning the state championship title.

**III. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Scotty Davis  
City Manager

(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
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(CITY OF FLORENCE)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE FLORENCE 17U ALL STAR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC PROGRAMS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Florence 17U All Star Boys Basketball team competed in the state tournament, winning the South Carolina Athletic Programs (SCAP) crown; and
- WHEREAS,** the team's journey to success began with their victory at the District tournament held in Florence, showcasing their commitment to excellence and teamwork; and
- WHEREAS,** following their district triumph, the team advanced to the SCAP State Tournament, held at the Buckwalter Recreation Center in Bluffton, South Carolina, where they displayed remarkable determination and competitive spirit; and
- WHEREAS,** led by coaches Henry Byrd, Renaldo Cannon, and Sean Wilds, the 17U All Star Boys delivered impressive performances, defeating Pickens and Seneca on March 8, 2025, to secure a place in the championship game; and
- WHEREAS,** in the championship game on March 9, 2025, the Florence boys rose to the occasion to claim a 41-23 victory over Myrtle Beach to claim the SCAP State Championship title; and
- WHEREAS,** through hard work, dedication, and perseverance, these athletes have proven themselves State Champions and are role models for area youth.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT,** the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina commends this athletic accomplishment and congratulates the 17U All Star Boys Basketball Team for their remarkable achievement in winning the South Carolina Athletic Programs Championship.

**RESOLVED THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025.**

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_  
LETHONIA BARNES  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CASEY C. MOORE  
MUNICIPAL CLERK