



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 – 1:00PM  
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
324 WEST EVANS STREET  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INVOCATION**

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 13, 2025 – Regular Meeting

**IV. APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL**

**a. Gloria Jones**

To speak to Council regarding several concerns, including the water system and infrastructure provided by the City of Florence.

**b. Thomas Mitchell**

To speak to Council regarding concerns with small businesses located downtown.

**c. John Cox**

To speak to Council regarding the homeless and litter in the community.

**d. Millicent Newman**

To speak to Council regarding concerns with the city's utility billing system.

***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).***

**V. ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

**a. 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.

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

**b. Bill No. 2025-01 – Second Reading**

An Ordinance to annex and zone IL the property located at 1228 North Cashua Drive, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00122-01-040.

**c. Bill No. 2025-02 – Second Reading**

An Ordinance to rezone from CG to IL a portion of Florence County Tax Map Number 00147-01-023.

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

**e. Bill No. 2025-04 – Second Reading**

An Ordinance finding certain dwellings exist that are unfit for human habitation due to dilapidation; defects increasing the hazards of fire, accidents, or other calamities; lack of ventilation, light, or sanitary facilities; or other conditions rendering such dwellings unsafe, unsanitary, or dangerous, and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, the enforcement of proceedings pertaining dwellings deemed unfit.

**VI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**a. Bill No. 2025-05 – First Reading**

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-15 the properties located at 924, 928, and 932 Barclay Drive, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 07212-01-043, 07212-01-037, and 07212-01-042.

**b. Bill No. 2025-06 – First 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.

**c. Bill No. 2025-07 – First 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.

**d. Bill No. 2025-08 – First Reading**

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

**e. Bill No. 2025-09 – First 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).

**f. Bill No. 2025-10 – First 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.

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

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Resolution No. 2025-04**

A Resolution to proclaim February 23 – March 1, 2025 as Montessori Education Week in the City of Florence.

**b. Resolution No. 2025-05**

A Resolution to adopt the Municipal Association of South Carolina 2025 Advocacy Initiatives.

**c. Resolution No. 2025-06**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Florence to execute an agreement between the City of Florence and the South Carolina Office of Resiliency.

**d. Resolution No. 2025-07**

A Resolution approving Downtown Redevelopment Grants for Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025.

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

**VIII. REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**a. Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

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

**IX. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**X. MAYORAL REPORT**

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Business Development Committee**

**b. Community Development Committee**

**c. Finance, Audit and Budget Committee**

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**a. To receive legal advice regarding a moratorium [30-4-70(a)(2)].**

- b. For a discussion regarding a proposed Economic Development Project [30-4-70(a)(5)].**
- c. For a discussion regarding appointments to city Boards and Commissions [30-4-70(a)(1)].**
- d. For a discussion regarding a contractual matter regarding property located near the City of Florence Sports Complex [30-4-70(a)(2)].**
- e. For a discussion regarding a contractual matter regarding Timrod Park [30-4-70(a)(2)].**
- f. To receive an update regarding Project Urban Square [30-4-70(a)(5)].**
- g. To receive legal advice regarding South Carolina Senate Bill 244: Tort Reform [30-4-70(a)(2)].**

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

**XIII. ADJOURN**