

CITY OF FLORENCE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: Advises Council on the expenditure of accommodations tax funds generated locally for the purpose of promoting tourism, arts, and cultural affairs in the community.

MEMBERS: This is a seven member committee whose members serve three year terms.

REQUIREMENTS: Four members are selected from the hospitality industry, two of which must be from the lodging sector of the hospitality industry of the municipality receiving the revenue.

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

PURPOSE: The Commission is empowered to acquire real property and erect sheds and buildings and such other facilities as in its judgment are suitable for the display and sale of agricultural products, including dairy and poultry products, prepared foods, and meats and livestock. The Commission is also authorized and empowered to sponsor any program which has for its object the promotion of agriculture and the production of more and better livestock.

MEMBERS: Six members of this Commission serve three year terms.

CITY OF FLORENCE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

PURPOSE: This Board performs functions with respect to overlay districts established within the jurisdiction of the City of Florence.

MEMBERS: A ten member Board serving four year terms.

REQUIREMENTS: Membership is composed of one professional architect; one appointee with experience in financing of commercial and residential real property or in area of real estate; one appointee that is actively engaged in business, commerce or industry; one commercial general contractor licensed by the State of South Carolina; one professional structural engineer; one appointee experienced in landscape design; one member of City Staff; two at-large residents; two persons engage in business, commerce or industry within the Downtown Central District.

CITY OF FLORENCE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PURPOSE: This Board is intended to be the first step a citizen can take if they are aggrieved by either a particular zoning requirement or an interpretation of the zoning administrator. In addition they have approval authority as spelled out by the zoning ordinance for situations where a "special exception" is allowed by the zoning ordinance. The powers of the Board are as follows and are limited to three specific subject matter areas: 1) Determining appeals from administrative decisions of the zoning administrator;
2) Granting or denying of applications for variances;
3) Granting or denying of applications for special exceptions.

MEMBERS: This is a seven member Board that serves three year terms.

COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION

PURPOSE: This Commission, as judicial officers, shall hear and decide all protests and contest regarding City elections.

MEMBERS: This three member Commission serves six year terms.

CITY OF FLORENCE PLANNING COMMISSION

PURPOSE: The functions and duties of this Commission include undertaking a continuing planning program for the physical, social and economic growth, development and re-development of the area within its jurisdiction.

MEMBERS: A nine member Commission that serves three year terms.

PARKS, BEAUTIFICATION AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION

PURPOSE: This Commission has full and complete charge and supervision of all parks, parkways and open spaces developed for park purposes in the City of Florence.

MEMBERS: Twelve members serve five year terms.

CITY-COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION

PURPOSE: The function of this Commission is to acquire a suitable site and to construct a multi-storied facility of sufficient size for public facilities as required by the City and County. Once the facility is constructed, the Commission is empowered to operate and maintain the facilities in a suitable fashion.

MEMBERS: A seven member Commission of City and County residents serving four year terms.

CITY-COUNTY CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION

PURPOSE: This Commission performs the functions of planning, establishing, developing, constructing, enlarging, improving, maintaining, equipping and operating the Civic Center.

MEMBERS: This is an eleven member Commission. Four members are appointed by City Council and one member is appointed by the Mayor. They may serve no more than two four year terms.

CITY-COUNTY MUSEUM COMMISSION

PURPOSE: This Commission exercises general control and management of the Florence County Museum.

MEMBERS: This is a five member Commission with two members being appointed by City Council. They serve four year terms.

CITY-COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

PURPOSE: This Commission is given stipulated powers to collect and preserve objects of historical interest in Florence County.

MEMBERS: There are ten members on this Commission with five being appointed by City Council. They serve four year terms.

CITY OF FLORENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY

PURPOSE: The purpose of this five member Authority is designated to administer the Housing Authority. Members of this Authority adopt the policies, act on financial matters of the Housing Authority and provide direction and guidance to the Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

MEMBERS: The five members of the Housing Authority serve five year terms.

CITY-COUNTY MEMORIAL STADIUM COMMISSION

PURPOSE:

MEMBERS: Two members of this eight member Commission are recommended by the Florence City Council to the Florence County Council for appointment. They serve five year terms.

PEE DEE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

PURPOSE: This Authority performs the functions of planning, establishing, developing, constructing, enlarging, improving, maintaining, equipping, operating, regulating, protecting, and policing such airports, air navigation, railroad and other facilities as are recommended to serve the people of the district and the public generally.

MEMBERS: This is a nine member Authority with two members recommended by City Council to the Governor of South Carolina for appointment. They may serve no more than two four year terms.

HOUSING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

PURPOSE: This is an appellate board that will hear appeals regarding vacant and abandoned properties.

MEMBERS: The Board shall consist of five (5) members and will serve four (4) year terms. Of the members first appointed, two (2) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, two (2) for a term of two (2) years, one (1) for a term of three (3) years, and thereafter they shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

REQUIREMENTS: The Board shall be composed of one real estate broker, one physician, one architect, engineer or general contractor, one building materials dealer, and one member at large from the homeowners of the governed area. The Board shall be appointed by City Council.