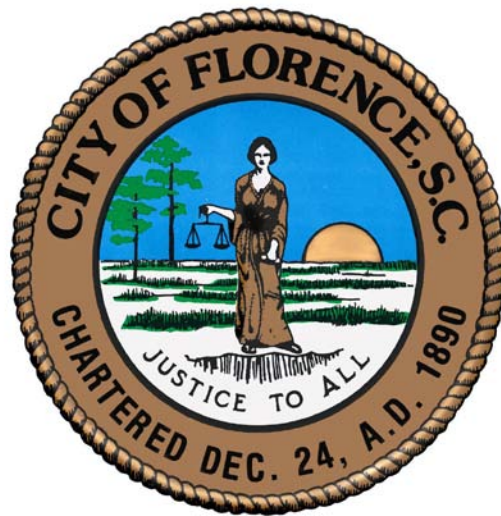


REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL



COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ROOM 604, CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

MONDAY  
MAY 14, 2012  
1:00 P.M.

**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012 - 1:00 P.M.**

**CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 604**

**FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INVOCATION**

*Pledge of Allegiance*

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*April 9, 2012 – Regular Meeting*

**IV. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Retiree Recognitions**

*Phillip King – November 20, 1989 – March 31, 2012 – 22 years*

*Heyward Myers – May 15, 2000 – December 30, 2011 – 10 years*

**Service Recognitions**

*Julie Duff – 25 years – Police Department*

*Johnny Green – 15 years – Distribution Operations*

*Tim Wilson – 10 years – Sanitation Department*

**Educational Recognition**

*Mr. Dan Prosser – has passed his “C” Biological Wastewater Operator Certification.*

**V. PUBLIC HEARING**

**a. A Public Hearing to receive input from the public regarding the 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget.**

**b. A Public Hearing to receive comments on the budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.**

- c. *A Public Hearing to receive input from the public regarding the 2012 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant for the Florence Police Department.*

#### **VI. APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL**

- a. *Mr. Forrest Alton, Chief Executive Officer for the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy*
- b. *Ms. Rosemary A. Barile, Director of Training/Public Information for the SC Department of Mental Health*
- c. *Mr. Gerald Holley, City-County Memorial Stadium Commission – to make a request for funding for capital improvements at American Legion Field.*

#### **VII. ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

- a. *Bill No. 2012-15 – Second Reading*  
*An Ordinance to amend the Hospitality Fund Budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.*
- b. *Bill No. 2012-16 – Second Reading*  
*An Ordinance to annex and rezone property owned by Eloise Hart, 2600 Ascot Drive.*

#### **VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

- a. *Bill No. 2012-17 – First Reading*  
*An Ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013.*
- b. *Bill No. 2012-18 – First Reading*  
*An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.*
- c. *Bill No. 2012-19 – First Reading*  
*An Ordinance to amend Article 5, Sign Regulations in the Zoning Ordinance relating to Institutional Uses.*
- d. *Bill No. 2012-20 – First Reading*  
*An Ordinance to revise Chapter 20 of the City Code by establishing an Ordinance which regulates the towing of vehicles from private property within the municipal limits of the City of Florence.*

- e. **Bill No. 2012-21 – First Reading**  
*An Ordinance to rezone 1811 Cherokee Road from B-1 Limited Business District to B-3 General Commercial District.*

**IX. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

- a. *A request by the Pee Dee Tourism Commission for additional funding to assist with the operation of the South Carolina Welcome Center located in Dillon on I-95 southbound to Florence.*

**X. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION**

- a. **Resolution No. 2012-12**  
*A Resolution to adopt the Community Development Block Grant Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013.*

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. *Contractual Matter*

**XII. ADJOURN**

**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 - 1:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNTY COMPLEX, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 604  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Wukela called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro tem Buddy Brand; Councilwoman Teresa Myers Ervin; Councilman Steve Powers; Councilman Ed Robinson; Councilwoman Octavia Williams-Blake; and Councilman Glynn Willis.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager; Mrs. Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk; Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works; Mr. Thomas Chandler, Director of Finance; Mr. Ray Reich, Downtown Development Manager; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities; and Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Notices of this regular meeting of Florence City Council were sent to the media informing them of the date, time and location of the meeting. Mr. Tucker Mitchell and Mr. John Sweeney of the Morning News were present for the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

Councilwoman Ervin gave the invocation for the meeting, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2012. Councilman Powers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. John Gains was recognized by Councilman Ed Robinson as the Citizen of the Month for April, 2012.

Mr. Ricky Kirkland was presented a plaque in recognition of his retirement from the City of Florence on March 2, 2012 after 34 years of service.

Mr. Archie Smith received a plaque for his 33 years of service and his retirement from the City on February 29, 2012.

For his 31 years of service, Mr. Carlos Washington was presented a plaque by Mayor Wukela in recognition of his retirement from the City on March 16, 2012.

Mr. James Rodgers received a plaque from Mayor Wukela in recognition of his 29 years of service with the City. Mr. Rodgers retired from the City on March 14, 2012.

Mayor Wukela presented a plaque to Tim Clontz in recognition of his retirement from the City after 28 years of service. Mr. Clontz retired from the City on March 16, 2012.

On February 29, 2012, Mr. Ted Hanna retired from the City of Florence after 25 years of service. Mayor Wukela presented Mr. Hanna a plaque in recognition of his retirement.

Mayor Wukela presented Mr. George Mack with a certificate of recognition for 25 years of service with the Police Department.

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Princess Benjamin received a certificate of recognition from Mayor Wukela for completing 15 years of service with the City.

Mayor Wukela presented Virginia Rishkofski-Howle a certificate of recognition for completing 10 years of service.

Walter McLendon was presented a certificate of recognition from Mayor Wukela for completing 10 years of service with the Police Department.

Mayor Wukela presented Wendell Black a certificate of recognition for completing 10 years of service with the Police Department.

Al Wells received a certificate of recognition from Mayor Wukela for completing 10 years of service with the City.

**APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL**

**MR. JOHN JEBAILY, CHAIRMAN, PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

Mr. Jebaily stated that this is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that the Commission has presented their annual plan to City Council. Although the annual plan continues to have a wish list, the Commission understands the fiscal responsibilities the City must deal with.

Mr. Jebaily reported on the following: **Arbor Day**: The Arbor Day Tree Planting took place at Carver Elementary School this year and was well planned and attended. **Tree Plantings**: The City continues to lead the state with the number of trees planted each year. If selected, this will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year in a row the City has been named a Tree City and the 8<sup>th</sup> year to receive the Growth Award. To be known as a Tree City, one tree must be planted each day and the quota must be exceeded on a regular basis. **The Teen Program**: Located at Barnes Street, continues to be run quite strong. The center offers a variety of programs that attract children throughout the community and average almost 500 children in different programs held there. In addition they host adult programs, such as community wellness, GED assistance, teen programs, afterschool, adult and teen night culinary prep, the basics of barbering and others. **The trail system**: This continues to be an amazing experience. It is well utilized by residents of the community. The Commission has applied for and received a grant for \$107,000 from the SCDOT to continue with asphalt from Hobby Lobby to Wal-Mart and Beltline Drive. The work is scheduled to begin this summer. **The Blue Trail**: The Commission requested funding from the DNR for \$200,000 to create the Blue Trail. It will be in Jeffries Creek allowing kayaks and canoes the opportunity to launch from Naturally Outdoors on Palmetto Street. There will be three launch sites along the corridor and the final phase has already begun and it includes the clearing of the main channel of obstructions and debris funded by DNR. It continues through Jeffries Creek and it ends at Freedom Florence. **Athletics**: Once again, it is estimated there are over 5,000 children participating in athletic programs in Florence. The Commission continues to solicit support for a new gymnasium. **The Afterschool Programs**: Includes the homework club, healthy snack programs, movie nights, board games, reading, playstation and wellness. **The Tennis Complex**: It is complete and opened in July of 2011. A total of 2,180 players have registered generating an estimated 2,460 room nights in the hotels. The tournaments scheduled for this year are the Pepsi Open, the Girl's Tournament, the Junior's Tournament, the Mixed Doubles, the Polar Bear, and the Greater Florence Tennis Championship. In addition, the Tennis Center has been selected by the United States Tennis Association to host its first ever pro-event. The tournament will bring tennis professionals to Florence for a U.S. T.A. sanctioned ladies tournament scheduled for October 22-28, of this year. It is obvious that the Tennis Center is well utilized and truly an asset to the community. **Freedom Florence**: Freedom Florence continues to be a revenue generator and it is still the largest generator of visitors. **Senior Programs**: Programs for seniors run every day at Levy Park, Northwest Park and two days a week at Maple Park. **Levy Park**: The improvements are complete. This

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is Mr. Jebaily's third consecutive year as Chairman of the Commission and reminded Council of the dilapidated closed down motel adjacent to the Levy Park playground. This motel is within 50 feet of the playground and houses undesirable people. Mr. Jebaily stated, for the safety of the children if there is anything that Council can do to acquire it and raze it the entire City would benefit. **Beautification:** In an effort to make sure that the Commission's pledge to the community does not go lacking, a Beautification Committee was formed. Mr. Jebaily stated the Commission would like to commend Mayor Stephen, for his efforts to clean up and raze the dilapidated homes scattered throughout the community. These neglected homes were a breeding ground for undesirable activities. Mayor Wukela's efforts have made a positive impact on making significant changes in the right direction. The committee has been having by-monthly meetings with several members of the commission as well as invited guests and is in the process of compiling a list of suggestions of how to deal with specific issues that will be brought council.

Mr. Walter Sallenger, stated that the Beautification Commission began talking about areas that could be enhanced that would add to the attractiveness of the community. Some of the ideas that have been discussed are the gateways to the City, in particular the gateway to the airport. There is enough land available that perhaps the Committee can work on that with other partners to make that a more attractive entrance into the city. Other areas identified are the overpasses from the airport and water features in the City of Florence. Having Jeffries Creek in the middle of town is an amenity mentioned in all of the City's comprehensive plans and all information about Florence. The Committee discussed enhancing Timrod Park. There are some plans in the works to enhance Gully Branch that runs through Timrod and also McLeod Park. Tree lined streets are an essential part of the Committee's vision for the city. Staff is working on the idea that there should be trails that lead from each park to the downtown cultural area. An important thing realized is that the City Parks and Beautification Committee is not the only entity interested in beautifying Florence. Interest groups like Keep Florence Beautiful and neighborhood groups are working to enhance their communities. ACS Technologies recently enhanced an area around their business that will eventually connect into the City's Trail System.

Mr. Barry Wingard, Chairman of the Veterans Park Committee gave a report on the activities at the Veterans Park. On the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11-2001, the 9-11 monument was dedicated. This monument is a 184 lb piece of granite that came out of the Pentagon on 9-11-2001 when the plane crashed into the Pentagon. On September 16, 2011 a ceremony was held for the 133<sup>rd</sup> MP Company out of Timmonsville, SC that deployed to Afghanistan. On November 11, 2011 a dedication ceremony was held for the "Home Safe" monument at the Park. Mr. Wingard thanked Council for their help with the funding of this monument. Upcoming projects include a World War II monument, completing a panel for the Wall of Honor, and a concert in the Park with a military band. The Committee is also working on their first fundraising project. It will be a 5K race on a certified course that will begin and end in the Veterans Park.

**MS. FRAN WILLIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PEE DEE TOURISM**

Ms. Willis reported that last year Pee Dee Tourism entered into a partnership with S. C. Parks, Recreation and Tourism to assume the responsibility of running the Welcome Center located at I-95 southbound in Dillon. This venture is a 3 year commitment. Pee Dee Tourism pursued a request for funding from the County and was allocated \$12,500 with the hopes that the City would match that amount; which they did. This amount was for a partial year. This is the first full fiscal year that Pee Dee Tourism has been awarded \$20,000 by the County Accommodations Tax. The same amount was requested from the City Accommodations Tax but only \$10,900 was allocated.

Ms. Willis requested \$9,100 in funding from City Council. This will make a total of \$20,000 in funding from the City, which will match the amount given by the County. Ms. Willis stated it is important to tourism in Florence that Pee Dee Tourism continues this successful partnership that allows

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an opportunity to increase the economic impact of tourism in Florence. Approximately 350,000 people visit this Welcome Center annually.

There was no objection to Mayor Wukela's request that staff prepare a recommendation to be considered with the upcoming budget.

**ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

**BILL NO. 2012-13 – SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LOAN AGREEMENTS RELATING TO CITY OF FLORENCE WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REVENUE DEBT IDENTIFIED AS SOUTH CAROLINA DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND LOAN NUMBERS 3-003-99-2110001-02, 3-008-00-2110001-01 AND 3-014-02-2110001-04 AND SOUTH CAROLINA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND LOAN NUMBER S1-121-09-378-19; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS THEREIN; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

An Ordinance approving amendments to existing loan agreements relating to City of Florence Water and Sewerage System Revenue Debt identified as South Carolina Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Numbers 3-003-99-2110001-02, 3-008-00-2110001-01 and 3-014-02-2110001-04 and South Carolina Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Number S1-121-09-378-19; to provide for certain changes to the debt service reserve fund funding requirements therein; and other matters relating thereto was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2012-13 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**BILL NO. 2012-14 – SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING OF CAPITAL PROJECTS TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE BASE LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA AND BB&T GOVERNMENTAL FINANCE AND THE LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN BB&T GOVERNMENTAL FINANCE AND THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.”**

An Ordinance amending an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the lease-purchase financing of capital projects to be located in the City of Florence; authorizing the City of Florence, South Carolina to execute documents including the base lease by and between the City of Florence, South Carolina and BB&T Governmental Finance and the lease agreement by and between BB&T Governmental Finance and the City of Florence, South Carolina; and other matters relating thereto” was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2012-14 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.



**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**BILL NO. 2011-24 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 616 SOUTH COIT STREET, TAX MAP #90088-07-038, FROM B-1, LIMITED BUSINESS TO B-2, CONVENIENCE BUSINESS DISTRICT.**

An Ordinance to rezone 616 South Coit Street, Tax Map #90088-07-038, from B-1, Limited Business to B-2, Convenience Business District was tabled.

Mr. Gary Finklea, representative of the owner who is making the rezoning request, has submitted a request to Council to table this Ordinance.

Councilman Willis made a motion to table Bill No. 2011-24. Councilman Powers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**BILL NO. 2012-04 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY JIM STROUD, 3084-3098 S. CASHUA DRIVE.**

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Jim Stroud, 3084-3098 S. Cashua Drive failed for lack of a motion.

Mayor Wukela stated that Council has previously discussed this property and it was sent back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration. It is now back before Council and there is a question that if annexed and zoned, the property would be in immediate non-compliance.

Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Urban Planning, Research and Development reported that on December 13, 2011 the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this request and voted 7-1 in favor of recommending the property be zoned R-4. City Council deferred action at their January 9, 2012 to receive more information regarding the site as built. At the February 13, 2012 City Council meeting, City Council referred the matter to the Planning Commission to review as built information related to conformance to City zoning districts and to make a subsequent recommendation.

Staff identified issues with the parking spaces, the structures (as to whether they were built to quadraplex or townhome standards), required parking size, driveway width, building separation and impervious surface ratio.

At their March 13, 2012 Planning Commission meeting, the members looked at the request to review the as-built information and if the property were annexed, what Zoning District would create the least amount of non-conformities. They concluded that if the property were annexed the R-5 Zoning District would create the least amount of non-conformities. Also, they reaffirmed their decision to recommend R-4 as they did at the prior meeting.

Another point to consider is that this request probably would not have been approved if it had been submitted to the Planning Commission as undeveloped.

Options for City Council to consider:

- (1) Approve the annexation request and zone the property as requested in the application; R-5 Multi-Family Residential District (Option: Do not include the adjacent Waterford Drive right-of-way).
- (2) Approve the annexation request and zone the property as recommended by Staff; R-3, Single Family Residential District (Option: Do not include the adjacent Waterford right-of-way).
- (3) Approve the annexation request and zone the property as recommended by the Planning Commission; R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited (Option: Do not include the adjacent Waterford Drive right-of-way).

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- (4) Deny the annexation request based on non-compliance with City of Florence Zoning and Development Ordinances.

Mayor Wukela asked if there was a motion. There was no motion made.

Bill No. 2012-04 failed for lack of a motion.

**BILL NO. 2012-15 – FIRST READING**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HOSPITALITY FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012.**

An Ordinance to amend the Hospitality Fund Budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 was passed on first reading.

Mr. Thomas Chandler, Director of Finance reported to Council that this Ordinance is designed to facilitate Bill No. 2012-14 wherein the Ordinance provides for the funding that was not anticipated at the time of the budget for FY 2011-2012 for the partial pre-payment component of the refinancing.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No. 2012-15. Councilman Powers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**BILL NO. 2012-16 – FIRST READING**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY ELOISE HART, 2600 ASCOT DRIVE.**

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Eloise Hart, 2600 Ascot Drive was passed on first reading.

Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Urban Planning, Research and Development reported to Council that this is a request to annex and zone property located at 2600 Ascot Drive, shown more specifically on Tax Map #01221-01-166. Water and sewer services are already available and there is no cost to extend utility services. A Public Hearing for rezoning was held at the March 13, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. No one was present to voice concerns or support the request. Planning Commission members voted 7-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-1 Single Family Residential District.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No. 2012-16 on first reading. Councilman Powers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012 – 10**  
**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH**

A Resolution in support of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month was adopted by Council. Councilman Willis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-10. Councilman Powers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-11**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COMMITMENT OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE TO FUND A CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATING EXPENSE FOR A BASKETBALL GYMNASIUM/YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE NORTH REGION OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE.**

A Resolution expressing the commitment of the City of Florence to fund a capital construction and operating expense for a basketball gymnasium/youth activity center to be located within the north region of the City of Florence was denied by Council.

Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager reported that Resolution 2012-11 is to discuss the funding of a gymnasium basketball center for the City of Florence. The elements of the Resolution contain a 4 ½ mill increase for capital construction, 1 ½ mill increase for operational costs, not to exceed an annual payment of \$900,000 per year. The other component of the Resolution is for Council to direct city staff to determine final location for that facility, if so approved.

On January 5, 2012 a work session was held to discuss objectives for the City. During that meeting Council directed staff to report back in three months with information regarding a basketball gym/youth center. Staff was directed to review and discuss with interested parties partnerships with area agencies; facility size and usage; cost considerations; location and financing. In addition to city staff, contact was made with Francis Marion University, Florence School District One, Florence County, Boys & Girls Club, groups involved with traveling basketball, City basketball leagues, churches, and private schools. Purpose, goals, objectives, costs, location, financing and construction of a basketball/youth center was discussed with each of the groups. From these discussions five options were given priority for consideration:

**Facility Options**

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| Option 1 | Build a “premier” Basketball/Youth Center      |
| Option 2 | Build a “recreational” Basketball/Youth Center |
| Option 3 | Build additional gyms at various parks         |
| Option 4 | Lease existing and additional facilities       |
| Option 5 | Upgrade existing FSD1 facilities               |

Also location was discussed. Sites identified were:

North Vista Elementary School  
Williams Middle School  
Barnes Street Recreational Facility  
Bush Recycling Facility

After prioritization and through discussion with various user groups two options were preferred:

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| Option 1 | Build a “premier” basketball/youth center focused on championship style seating and orientation |
| Option 2 | Build a “recreational” basketball/youth center focused on playing surfaces vs. building         |

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Next building styles were looked at:

- Building 1     A single court premier basketball/youth center facility focused on championship style seating and orientation (29,000 sf - \$6,500,000)
- Building 2     A double court premier basketball/youth center facility focused on championship style seating and orientation (29,000 sf - \$6,500,000)
- Building 3     A double court recreational basketball/youth facility focused on multi-use with roll out seating during tournament play (23,000 sf - \$4,000,000)
- Building 4     A three court recreational basketball/youth center focused on more floor space with roll out seating during tournament play (45,000 sf - \$7,000,000)

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-11. Mayor Wukela seconded the motion.

Following Mr. Griffin's presentation Councilman Willis asked if there was a plan that would allow Council to move forward with one of these options under the present budget that would not require a tax increase. Also Councilman Willis asked if any federal funds have been pursued for this type of facility.

Mr. Griffin responded that there are not adequate funds within the existing budget to build and maintain a facility of this magnitude. As to pursuing federal funds, Mr. Griffin stated that staff has not applied for a grant for any federal funds and it is his belief that there are no federal funds available for this type of project.

Councilman Robinson stated he has concerns with implementing a tax increase to be used for the construction and operation of the gymnasium. Another area of concern is the neighborhood redevelopment and where the money will come from for that project. Councilman Robinson is concerned that obligating this amount of money may pose a problem. He is also concerned with the lack of an educational component to the proposed gym/youth center.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to defer this Resolution until after the upcoming budget worksession. Mayor Pro tem Brand seconded the motion.

Voting in favor of the motion to defer were Councilman Powers, Councilman Robinson, and Mayor Pro tem Brand.

Voting in opposition to the motion to defer were Councilwoman Ervin, Mayor Wukela, Councilwoman Williams-Blake and Councilman Willis.

The motion to defer failed with a vote of 3 in favor and 4 against.

Councilwoman Ervin requested that Council vote by roll call on the principal motion.

Voting in favor of Resolution No. 2012-11 were Councilwoman Ervin, Mayor Wukela and Councilwoman Williams-Blake.

Voting in opposition of Resolution No. 2012-11 were Councilman Powers, Councilman Robinson, Mayor Pro tem Brand and Councilman Powers.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-11 failed with a vote of 3 in favor and 4 against.

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**ADJOURN**

Councilman Willis made a motion to adjourn. There was no objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

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Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

## **Chief Executive Officer**

**Forrest Alton, MSPH, CHES** [falton@teenpregnancysc.org](mailto:falton@teenpregnancysc.org) (803) 771-7700 ext. 117 [Biography](#)



Forrest has been a part of teen pregnancy prevention efforts in SC for more than a decade and is now recognized as a state and national leader on the issue of adolescent sexual health. He has authored or co-authored numerous articles and publications on teen pregnancy prevention and related issues. Nationally, Forrest serves on the board of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy – more locally, he is on the board of the SC Association of Non-Profit Organizations, is an alumni of the Riley Diversity Leadership Institute at Furman University and serves as a “big brother” in Greater Columbia’s BBBS program.

Forrest earned his Master of Public Health from the University of South Carolina – Arnold School of Public Health, where he was named Alumni of the Year in 2011. He received his Bachelor of Science from Coastal Carolina University where he also has been named a Distinguished Alumnus. In 2010, Forrest was recognized by The State newspaper as one of their 20-under-40 emerging leaders, and recently joined the ranks of South Carolina’s elite, rising leaders in being named to the Liberty Fellowship program.

(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
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(CITY OF FLORENCE)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-10**


**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH**

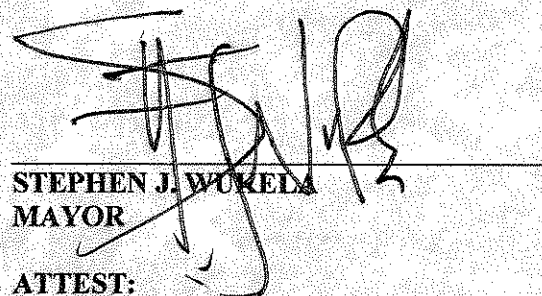
- WHEREAS,** teen pregnancies have far-reaching consequences that adversely affect the health, education and economic future of South Carolina's young people; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2010, more than 6,000 young girls, ages 15-19 gave birth in our state; and
- WHEREAS,** teen birth rates in South Carolina decreased by 26% between 2000-2010; and
- WHEREAS,** teen birth rates in South Carolina decreased by 13% between 2009-2010, the lowest teen birth rate for girls ages 15-19 ever recorded in South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** however, the progress in teen birth rate reductions that save South Carolina taxpayers an estimated \$127 million in 2008 alone should not suggest decreases in investment and commitment to this issue; and
- WHEREAS,** Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month is an opportunity for parents, teens, educators, program providers, faith based organizations, local elected leaders and statewide policymakers to work together to reduce and prevent teen pregnancy in South Carolina.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Florence affirms on this day April 9, 2012, its dedication to the future success of its young people and the prevention of teen pregnancy and is proud to declare May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in the City of Florence, South Carolina.

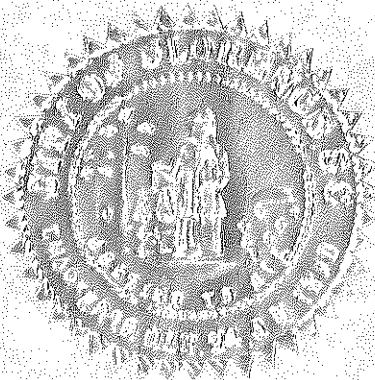
**RESOLVED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2012.**

Approved as to form:

  
JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.  
CITY ATTORNEY

  
STEPHEN J. WORELDA  
MAYOR  
ATTEST:

  
DIANNE M. ROWAN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK





**VI. b.**  
**Appearance before Council**  
**Ms. Rosemary A. Barile**

*State of South Carolina*  
*Department of Mental Health*

**MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION:**

Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair  
Joan Moore, Vice Chair  
Jane B. Jones  
Everard Rutledge, PhD  
J. Buxton Terry

**STATE DIRECTOR**

John H. Magill

**Pee Dee  
Mental Health Center**

125 East Cheves Street  
Florence, SC 29506

Information: (843) 317-4089

Stuart J. Shields, MSW, MHA, Executive Director

**Invitation to Council members**

Dear Council Members:

Council Members are invited to attend our "Mental Health Awareness Walk" on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 9:30 am, sponsored by Pee Dee Mental Health Center (Refer to enclosed flyer.) We will be taking pictures and this event will be covered by the media. We look forward to this being a great event.

Your presence is also needed to help make this a success as we "walk" to bring mental health awareness to our community. Please help us spread the word by announcing this at the next Council meeting.

If you need additional information, please contact Ms. Rosemary A. Barile at 629-2491.

Sincerely,

Rosemary A. Barile  
Director of Training/Public Information

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To support the recovery of people with mental illnesses.





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**PEE DEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER  
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WALK**

**Wednesday, May 16, 2012**

**9:30 AM**



125 East Cheves Street  
Florence, SC 29506  
If you need any  
additional  
Information, regarding the  
walk, please contact Ms.  
Rosemary A. Barile, at  
843-317-4089  
Extension 323

**Meet at PDMHC in the front of the building - 9:15 AM**

**We will walk to Maple Park on King Avenue  
Florence, SC**

**Staff, clients, friends, and family members are welcome  
Come Celebrate With Us!**

**Join us as we WALK to help reduce stigma,  
promote recovery, and awareness.**

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** May 14, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM:** Mr. Gerald Holley - Appearance before Council

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** City Council

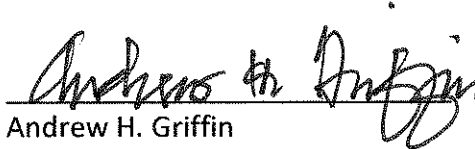
**ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:** Funding Request for capital improvements at American Legion Stadium

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

1. On behalf of the Florence City-County Stadium Commission, Mr. Gerald Holley is requesting funding from the City in the amount of \$5,000.
2. This funding will be used for improvements that consist of reworking the driveways and parking areas at the facility with additional gravel or stone.
3. The total cost of the improvements is \$10,000. Historically the City and County have shared equally in capital improvements at American Legion Field. The cost to the County would be \$5,000 and the cost to the City would be \$5,000.
4. Mr. Holley has made this same request to County Council and approval is contingent upon the City's approval of the request.
5. If approved, funds for this request are available in the Contingency Fund.

**II. ATTACHMENT**

1. Request from the Florence City-County Stadium Commission

  
Andrew H. Griffin  
City Manager

FLORENCE CITY-COUNTY STADIUM COMMISSION  
Post Office Box 1863  
Florence, 29504-3863

May 2, 2012

Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager  
City of Florence  
City-County Complex  
180 North Irby Street, BB  
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Mr. Griffin:

I am writing on behalf of the Florence City-County Stadium Commission to request assistance from Florence City Council for capital improvements at American Legion Field. The improvements consist of reworking the driveways and parking areas at the facility.

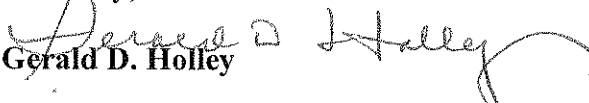
The County of Florence annually reworks the driveways to improve drainage and smooth the driving surface. The County staff has determined that conditions are such this year that additional gravel or stone is needed to upgrade the areas. The cost will be \$10,000.

Historically, the City and County have shared equally in capital improvements at American Legion Field. The City Council's share would be \$5,000. I have made this same request to County Council, and approval by both is contingent upon approval by the other.

The Stadium Commission greatly appreciates the past support of City Council. It has allowed us to provide recreation activities of playing and watching baseball for our citizens. Currently, the Florence RedWolves, American Legion, Florence-Darlington Technical College, and James Byrnes Academy call Legion Field their baseball home. December and part of January are the only months when baseball activity is not taking place. The facility is heavily used.

Your assistance with this request will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald D. Holley

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** April 9, 2012  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Finance

**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

Amendment to the FY 2011-12 City of Florence Hospitality Fund Budget.

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

City Council has given first reading approval to an ordinance reducing the interest rate and providing for a partial prepayment of the 2006 Radio Drive/Veterans Park lease-purchase financing to produce a debt savings for the Hospitality Fund of approximately \$130,000 for the life of the loan.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**

The objective of the proposed ordinance is to amend the Hospitality Fund budget for FY 2011-12 to include revenue from unappropriated reserves and offsetting debt service expenditures to provide for the partial prepayment of the 2006 Radio Drive/Veterans Park lease-purchase financing in the amount of \$500,000. These funds come from a portion of a \$1.5 million Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation grant received by the City in 2011 as reimbursement for funds previously expended by the City for the construction of a tennis activity center.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

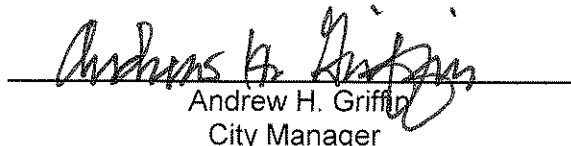
Approval and adoption of the proposed ordinance.

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

Copy of the proposed ordinance.



Thomas W. Chandler  
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin  
City Manager

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HOSPITALITY FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012**

**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, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, is hereby amended as follows:

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

400375-435010 Unappropriated Reserves is increased in the total amount of \$500,000 from reservation of fund balance from the prior fiscal year.

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

400-598050 Radio Drive/Veterans Park Debt Service (Hospitality Fund Expenditures) is increased in the amount of \$500,000 to provide funding for the partial prepayment of the 2006 Radio Drive/Veterans Park lease-purchase financing.

**Section 3.** 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.**

**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
James W. Peterson, Jr.  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen J. Wukela  
Mayor

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Rowan  
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: April 9, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance  
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City of Florence Planning, Research, & Development  
Department

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Request to annex and zone 2600 Ascot Dr. (Windsor Forest Subdivision) from unzoned to R-1 Single Family Residential District, pending annexation into the City of Florence. Tax Map 01221-01-166. The request is being made by the owner, Eloise Hart.

**II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**


- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) Water and Sewer services are already available, no cost to extend utility services.
- (3) A Public Hearing for rezoning was held at the March 13, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. No one was present to voice concerns or support the request.
- (4) Planning Commission members voted 7-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-1 single Family Residential District.
- (5) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-1 Single Family Residential District.

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

- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

- (1) Ordinance and map showing the location of the property.

  
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP  
Planning, Research, & Development Director

  
Drew Griffin  
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY ELOISE HART, 2600 ASCOT DR.**

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held in Room 603 of the City-County Complex on March 13, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS**, an application by Eloise Hart, owner of 2600 Ascot Drive was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid properties be incorporated in 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 adding the zoning district classification of R-1, Single Family Residential District:

**The properties requesting annexation are shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 166. (0.56 Acres)**

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

**WHEREAS**, Florence City Council concur 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 and annexing the aforesaid properties to R-1, Single Family Residential District and incorporating them into the City Limits of the City of Florence
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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

**Ordinance No. 2012 - \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**James W. Peterson, Jr.**  
**City Attorney**

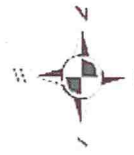
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Stephen J. Wukela,**  
**Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Dianne Rowan**  
**Municipal Clerk**



# Location Map 2600 Ascot Dr.



Urban Planning &  
Development Department

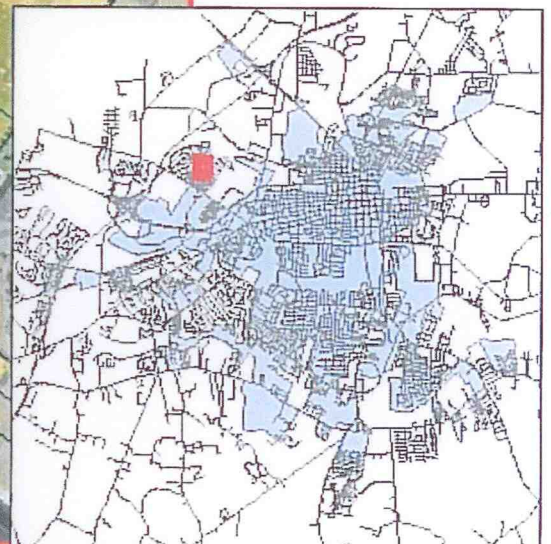


**Legend**

- Coaling Request
- City Limit

**ORIGINAL PREPARATION**  
This map was prepared by:  
City of Florence  
Urban Planning & Development Department

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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 14, 2012  
AGENDA ITEM: FY 2012-13 Budget Ordinance  
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budgets for the City of Florence.

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

The FY 2012-13 budget process began with a special meeting of City Council and staff on January 5, 2012 to establish objectives and to discuss budget implications of these objectives. Since that time, revenue estimates were prepared, wages and benefits data was developed, budget requests were submitted, and departmental budget meetings were held with department directors and the City Manager. A proposed budget was developed and presented to City Council for discussion in a budget work session held on April 23, 2012.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**

The General Fund, General Fund Debt Service Fund, Water & Sewer Utilities Enterprise Fund, Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund, Water and Sewer Utilities Construction Fund, Stormwater Utility Construction Fund, Water and Sewer Utilities Equipment Replacement Fund, Stormwater Utility Equipment Replacement Fund, and the Hospitality Fund budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, recommended for adoption by the City Council, are enclosed for your review.

**IV. OPTIONS**


Adoption of the budgets.  
Modification of the budgets as presented.

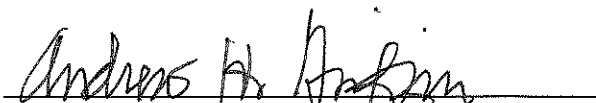
**III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Adoption of the budgets.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS**

Budget ordinance and detailed proposed budgets.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas W. Chandler  
Finance Director

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew H. Griffin  
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2012- \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013.**

**WHEREAS**, § 5-7-260 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (as amended) requires that a Municipal Council shall act by ordinance to adopt budgets and levy taxes pursuant to public notice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Florence in Council duly assembled and by the authority of the same:

**Section 1**

- (a) There is hereby adopted a General Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, providing for revenues and appropriations in a total amount of \$28,665,000.
- (b) Further, there is hereby adopted a General Fund Debt Service Fund budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, providing for revenues and appropriations in a total amount of \$421,600.
- (c) Further, there is hereby adopted a Water and Sewer Utilities Enterprise Fund budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, providing for revenues and appropriations in a total amount of \$30,110,000.
- (d) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein providing for revenues and appropriations in the total amount of \$1,325,000.
- (e) Further, there is hereby adopted a Water and Sewer Utilities Construction Fund budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, providing for revenues and appropriations in a total amount of \$4,931,000.
- (f) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Construction Fund budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, providing for revenues and appropriations in a total amount of \$527,000.



## **Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget Ordinance (continued)**

- (g) Further, there is hereby adopted a Water and Sewer Utilities Equipment Replacement Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein providing for revenues and appropriations in the total amount of \$517,200.
- (h) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Equipment Replacement Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein providing for revenues and appropriations in the total amount of \$180,000.
- (i) Further, there is hereby adopted a Hospitality Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein providing for revenues and appropriations in the total amount of \$3,385,000.

### **Section 2**

Subject to the provisions and requirements of § 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (as amended), a tax for general operating purposes for the period from July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, for the sums and in the amount hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the City of Florence for the operational use and service thereof. A tax of fifty three and seven-tenths (53.7) mills upon each one dollar (\$1.00) in value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the City of Florence, South Carolina, is and shall be levied and paid into the City treasury for the credit to the City of Florence for the corporate purposes, improvements, and for the purpose of paying current operating expenses of said municipality. Such a tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

### **Section 3**

Subject to the provisions and requirements of § 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (as amended), a tax for general obligation bond indebtedness for the period from July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, for the sums and in the amount hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the City of Florence for the purpose of meeting general obligation bond debt service requirements. A tax of up to, but not exceeding, four (4.0) mills upon each one dollar (\$1.00) in value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the City of Florence, South Carolina, is and shall be levied and paid into the City treasury for the credit to the City of Florence for the purpose of providing for and paying general obligation bond debt of the municipality. Such a tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

### **Section 4**

The City Manager shall administer the budget and may authorize the transfer of appropriate funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget.

**Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget Ordinance (continued)**

**Section 5**

If for any reason, any sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.

**Section 6**

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, insofar as the same affect this Ordinance.

**Section 7**

That this Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2012.

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.**

**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
James W. Peterson, Jr.  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen J. Wukela  
Mayor

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dianne M. Rowan  
Municipal Clerk

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 14, 2012  
AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance  
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

Amendment to the FY 2011-12 City of Florence General Fund Budget.

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

The City of Florence has recently received a grant in the amount of \$160,000 from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation to be used for the purchase of the Kress building located at 121 West Evans Street for downtown redevelopment.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**


The objective of the proposed ordinance is to amend the General Fund budget for FY 2011-12 to provide for the receipt and expenditure of Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation grant funds for the City to purchase the Kress property.


**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approval and adoption of the proposed ordinance.

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

Copy of the proposed ordinance.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas W. Chandler  
Finance Director

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew H. Griffin  
City Manager

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012**

**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, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, is hereby amended as follows:

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

100120-790000      Miscellaneous Grants is increased in the amount of \$160,000 to provide for grant funds from Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation.

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

10049300-594160      Property Acquisition (Non-Departmental) is funded in the amount of \$160,000 to provide for the grant-funded purchase of the Kress property located at 121 West Evans Street.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.**

**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
James W. Peterson, Jr.  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen J. Wukela  
Mayor

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Rowan  
Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF FLORENCE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** May 14, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance  
First Reading

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

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Text amendment to Section Five of the City of Florence Zoning Ordinance pertaining to allowed signage for institutional uses within residential zones and minimum time an image must be displayed to not be considered a flashing sign.

**II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- 1) Text amendment is being considered for first reading
- 2) The request is in response to the proposed signage plan for the new Florence School District One campus off Hoffmeyer Road and specifically the Lucy C. Davis Elementary School.
- 3) The current ordinance allows for 20 sqf free standing signs and a 12 sqf wall sign for institutional uses in residential districts. These standards do not adequately allow for signage needs in a campus setting. Staff proposes to base allowable signage on the scale and proportion of building and lot size.
- 4) The text amendment was requested and prepared by the Planning, Research & Development Department in response to the proposed signage plan for the Florence School District One Lucy C. Davis Elementary School and Hoffmeyer Road campus.
- 5) The proposed signage regulations impact only institutional uses located within residential zoning districts.
- 6) Also provides definitive language regarding flashing signs that is consistent with South Carolina State Code Section 63-364 (E), (F) and (I).

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

- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.
- (2) Planning Commission members voted 6-0 to recommend the text amendment.
- (3) A public hearing was held at the April 10, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. No one was present to voice concerns or support the request.

**IV. OPTIONS:**

- (1) Adopt ordinance as proposed by staff and recommended by Planning Commission.
- (2) Request staff and Planning Commission to research further taking into consideration any additional elements as identified by City Council.

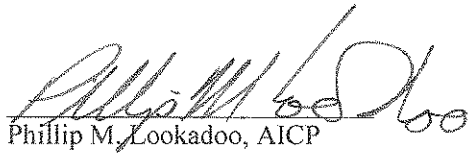


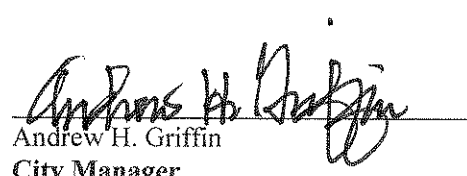
(3) Deny the request.

**V. ATTACHMENTS:**

Ordinance

Copy of South Carolina State Code Section 63-364 (E), (F) and (I)

  
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP  
**Planning, Research, & Development Director**

  
Andrew H. Griffin  
**City Manager**

CHAPTER 63.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**63-354. Off-premise Changeable Message Signs.**

- A. Changeable message signs shall not contain or display flashing, intermittent or moving lights.
- B. Changeable message signs shall conform with size requirements as described in Regulation Section 63-345.
- C. Changeable message signs shall be spaced 500 feet apart on the same side of the highway.
- D. Only conforming sign structures may be modified to changeable message signs upon compliance with changeable message sign standards and approval of the Department. Nonconforming sign structures shall not be modified to changeable message signs.
- E. Each message displayed shall remain fixed for at least six seconds.
- F. When a message is changed, it shall be accomplished within an interval of two seconds or less.
- G. Changeable message signs may only be constructed as a single face and V-shape structures. Changeable message signs shall not be side by side or stacked.
- H. If a conforming sign is to be revised to a changeable message sign, an application shall be submitted noting the sign is to become a changeable message signs and requesting approval for this change.
- I. Brilliancy and light intensity shall remain the same throughout the display period.

HISTORY: Amended by State Register Volume 31, Issue No. 3, eff March 23, 2007.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012 \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, SIGN REGULATIONS IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO INSTITUTIONAL USES**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Staff has reviewed and prepared an amendment to the sign ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission at their April 10, 2012 meeting recommended approval of the amendments as submitted by Staff;

1. Current text with changes shown by a strikethrough:

**ZO: Table VII Number, Dimension, and Location of Permitted Signs, By Zoning District**

Sign Type	All Residential	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	B-5/B-6	RU-1	RU-2	INS (3)	UZ (5)
<b>Permanent</b>										
Freestanding										
Billboards (4)	N	N	N	P	N	P	P	N	N	P
Other	P (1)	P (1)	P	P	P	P	P	P (1)	P	NA
Directional (6)	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
<b>Building</b>										
Canopy	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	NA
Identification	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Directional	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Marquee	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Projecting	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Roof	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Roof, Integral	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	<del>N</del>	NA
Wall	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	<del>N</del>	NA
Window	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
<b>Temporary (2)</b>										
A-Frame	N	N	A	A	A	A	A	N	N	NA
Banner	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P*	NA
Posters	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Portable	N	N	N	P	N	N	P	P	N	NA
Inflatable	N	N	P	P	N	N	P	N	N	NA
Pennant	N	N	P	P	N	P	P	N	N	NA
Identification	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
<b>Sign Characteristics</b>										
Animated	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	<del>N</del>	NA
Changeable Copy	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Illumination Indirect	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Illumination Internal	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Illumination, Exposed bulbs	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NA

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\*ORD 2010-10

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<b>FREESTANDING SIGNS</b>									
<b>Number Permitted</b>									
Billboards	N	N	N	NA	N	NA	NA	N	N
Other (J)	1(A)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 (A)	2**
<b>Per Feet of St. Frontage</b>									
Billboards	N	N	N	1:1,200	N	1:1,200	1:1,200	N	N
Other	NA	NA	NA	(D)	NA	(D)	(D)	NA	NA
<b>Maximum Sign Area (s.f.)</b>									
Billboards	NA	NA	NA	(F)	NA	(F)	(F)	NA	NA
Other	20	20	32	3 s.f. for each ft. st. frontage (G)	80	80	32	20	20
<b>Minimum Setback from</b>									
Billboards	NA	NA	NA	10'	NA	10'	10'	NA	NA
Other	5'	5'	5'	5'	0'	5'	5'	5'	5'
Maximum Height	12'	12'	24'	(H)	24'	(H)	(H)	12'	12'
<b>BUILDING SIGNS</b>									
Number Permitted (K)	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	4
Maximum Sign Area (s.f.)	4	12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	12
Maximum Wall Area (K)	NA	NA	25	25%	25%	15%	25%	NA	NA
<b>TEMPORARY SIGNS</b>	<b>See Section 5</b>								

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J – Directional signs shall meet the following conditional criteria:

- (1) The display surface area of directional signs shall not exceed 2 square feet per sign.
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**Proposed**

**ZO: Table VII Number, Dimension, and Location of Permitted Signs, By Zoning District**

Sign Type	All Residential	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	B-5/B-6	RU-1	RU-2	INS (3)	UZ (5)
<b>Permanent</b>										
Freestanding										
Billboards (4)	N	N	N	P	N	P	P	N	N	P
Other	P (1)	P (1)	P	P	P	P	P	P (1)	P	NA
Directional (6)	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
<b>Building</b>										
Canopy	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	NA
Identification	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Directional	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Marquee	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Projecting	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Roof	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Roof, Integral	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	NA
Wall	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA
Window	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
<b>Temporary (2)</b>										
A-Frame	N	N	A	A	A	A	A	N	N	NA
Banner	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P*	NA
Posters	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Portable	N	N	N	P	N	N	P	P	N	NA
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Changeable Copy	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
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L- One Additional freestanding sign may be permitted per lot meeting a separation of 300 linear feet per sign.

M- Permitted up to a 20 square foot minimum and a maximum of 1 square foot for each 2 feet of street frontage up to 90 square feet for building signs and 60 square feet for free standing signs.

**WHEREAS**, Florence City Council concur 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 Ordinance as shown above.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2012**

**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
James W. Peterson, Jr.  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen J. Wukela,  
Mayor

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dianne Rowan  
Municipal Clerk

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** May14, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM:** Introduction of Ordinances

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** City Council – Sponsor – Councilman Glynn Willis

**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

An ordinance to regulate the posting, notification requirements and fees associated with towing of a vehicle from private property.

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

1. The City of Florence currently has an ordinance which regulates wrecker service and storage charges for vehicles which are removed from public property by the City of Florence.
2. The City of Florence does not regulate the towing of vehicles from private property within the municipal limits of the City.
3. This is the initial consideration of the proposed ordinance.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Within the City there are no regulations regarding the towing of vehicles from private property. Therefore, reasonable notification, information or security may not be provided to the owner of a vehicle. Due to this lack of information an owner may believe his vehicle has been stolen and the Police Department is unable to assist the owner.
2. A large number of vehicle owners who have had a vehicle towed believe that they have been subjected to unfair business practices in the form of price gouging and other restrictions when they attempt to reclaim their vehicle.
3. Some examples of why a vehicle may be towed from private property are noted below: 1) a particular business parking lot is full and therefore the business patron(s) use a parking lot on an adjacent property; 2) an owner parks a vehicle in an attempt to sell the vehicle; 3) a vehicle has experienced a mechanical failure; or 4) a vehicle is left overnight at a business location but is not removed within a short period of time.
4. Reasonable signage or posting of property would resolve most issues regarding unauthorized parking on private property. The City may also adopt rules to insure that market rates are charged for the service provided.



**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recognizes the issues associated with private property towing and would recommend adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

Copy of the proposed ordinance.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew H. Griffin  
City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012- \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY CODE BY ESTABLISHING AN ORDINANCE WHICH REGULATES THE TOWING OF VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE.**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council recognizes and acknowledges that there are no local regulations regarding the posting of signs or other notification procedures informing owners of towed vehicles as to their status, contact or location information or fees assessed for towing and storage; and

**WHEREAS,** it has been brought to the attention of City Council that a number of residents of the City believe they have been subjected to unfair business practices as it relates to the towing of their vehicles from property as well as fees charged for the act of towing and storage of their vehicle; and

**WHEREAS,** it is also recognized by the City that owners of towed vehicles because they believe that their vehicle has been stolen call the City's Police Department which often creates confusion and wasted manpower of City Police personnel; and

**WHEREAS,** it is reasonable to assert that the reasonable posting of property which would include contact information and notification to the Florence Police Department would assist in clarifying the issues regarding the towing of vehicles from private property for both the vehicle owner and the property owner.

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

**Sec. 20-103. Towing from private property.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful to remove any motor vehicle from private property without authorization from the owner of the motor vehicle, except for the following circumstances:
- (1) The property owner has appropriate signage which clearly states parking is prohibited. Signs shall be at least (3) square feet; and
  - (2) The posted signs contain a legible warning that violators' vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense and said sign shall also include a telephone number to call for the release information regarding the towed vehicle; and
  - (3) The posted signs were in place, clearly visible and legible to a driver approaching the private property where parking is prohibited/restricted at the time the vehicle was parked/
- (b) The owner of the vehicle towed from private property shall be responsible for paying all applicable towing and storage charges provided that the private property owner has complied with all requirements contained in subsection (a) above and (d) below.
- (c) If a vehicle is towed as a result of the property owner's request and the property owner has not complied with the requirements of subsection (a) above or (d) below, or if the vehicle is shown to have been legally parked at the time it was towed, the property owner shall be guilty of an offense punishable by a maximum fine of \$200.00 or sentenced to thirty (30) days imprisonment, and, in addition, shall, in the discretion of the municipal judge pursuant of §14-25-75 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, be responsible for reimbursement of towing and storage charges paid by the vehicle owner.
- (d) Before towing a vehicle from private property without authorization from the vehicle owner, the wrecker service operator shall first obtain from the property owner or their agent of record written authorization for the towing which shall set forth the name and original signature of the property owner or agent; the address from which the motor vehicle is to be towed; the reason for the removal; and the year, make, model, vehicle identification number, and license plate state and number of motor vehicle being towed. Any wrecker service removing a motor vehicle from private property without the consent of the owner of the

vehicle shall, within 30 minutes of the removal, deliver the report of the tow to the Florence Police Department (FPD). This delivery of the report shall either be done via e-mail to [fdpcommunications@cityofflorence.com](mailto:fdpcommunications@cityofflorence.com) , by facsimile to (843) 676-8851, or by delivering it by hand to the FPD Telecommunications Desk at 180 N. Irby Street, City/County Complex. The report to the FPD must include a copy of the written authorization referenced in (d) above as well as the location where the motor vehicle may be claimed by its owner. The wrecker service may only tow to a storage area or garage located within the City of Florence or no more than five (5) road miles (shortage distance) as measured from the existing municipal limit boundary of the City of Florence. The business operations office and storage facility for the wrecker service must be located at the same physical location.

- (e) A private property owner may authorize persons as their agent of record to request towing of vehicles from their property pursuant to this article by sending a letter to the Florence Police Department giving authority to said person(s) and detailing the person's name, address and any contact information determined necessary by the Police Department.
- (f) It shall be unlawful for any towing business/towing operator to financially reward any property owner or agent of record and also for any property owner or agent of record to accept any financial reward from any towing business/towing operator.
- (g) When a vehicle is towed without owner authorization or a person lawfully in possession of the vehicle (hereinafter, the vehicle owner), the following fees shall be the maximum allowable charges by any wrecker operator or company and no other fees or charges of any kind shall be required by the vehicle owner in order to recover the vehicle.

***Class A Wrecker/Car Carrier:***

Towing - (per tow) \$135.00 flat fee to include dollies and Go-Jacks.

Storage – (after first 24 hours), per 24 hours: \$20.00

No Tow – shall be 50% of the towing fee

Vehicle release – (between 6PM and 7AM only), per release: \$35.00

***Class D Wrecker:***

Towing – (per tow) \$150.00 flat fee to include dollies and Go-Jacks.

Storage (after first 24 hours), per 24 hours: \$30.00.

No tow – shall be 50% of the towing fee.

Vehicle release (between 6PM and 7AM only), per release: \$35.00.

The city manager shall upon the recommendation of the chief of police cause a review of the above fees. Based upon review by the city manager shall cause the fees to be adjusted for those services noted above.

If a vehicle owner returns to reclaim his/her vehicle while the tow truck is on the scene, but prior to the vehicle being connected to the tow truck, the tow truck operator may charge no more than the “no tow” fee to release the vehicle. If the vehicle owner refuses or is unable to pay the no tow fee, the tow truck operator may tow the vehicle. If the vehicle is completely connected or on the “rollback” of the tow truck when the vehicle owner returns to reclaim the vehicle, the tow truck operator shall disconnect the vehicle and return it to the vehicle owner upon payment of no more than the maximum towing charge listed above. If the owner refuses or is unable to pay the towing fee, the vehicle may be towed.

- (h) A wrecker service operator is not required to return the vehicle to the person after the company’s normal business hours, per state law [S.C. Code, §] 56-5-2525. Should the operator elect to provide for after hour requests, no additional fee or charge is allowed other than those established in [subsection] (D) above.
- (i) The wrecker service shall post a copy of the ordinance at business locations outlining the service provider’s obligations and duties. Any wrecker service located within the city limits or holding a city business license shall be required to post the city prepared ordinance in a conspicuous location. It shall be unlawful to intentionally or negligently fail to post or alter or obscure the ordinance in any way.
- (j) The Chief of Police is the principle person responsible for the administration of this ordinance. It is also the responsibility of the Chief of Police to inform the business license department of any suspected unfair business practices as it relates to this ordinance.
- (k) As to private towing and law enforcement towing, the tow truck operator will permit the vehicle owner to remove at all times health and human care related

devices such as, but not limited to, car seats, strollers, walkers, crutches and the like, medications, prescriptions, personal handbags, and personal and identity papers from the vehicle without charge and without regard to any towing or storage charge owed on the vehicle. If the tow truck operator has removed this personal property from the vehicle, he will return it to the vehicle owner when requested without charge and without regard to any towing or storage charge owed on the vehicle.

- (l) Any towing owner/operator who violates any provision of this Section of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of an offense and shall be subject to punishment under Florence code Sec. 20-102.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Approved as to form:

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Stephen J. Wukela  
Mayor

Attest:

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Dianne Rowan  
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 14, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance  
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City of Florence Planning, Research, & Development  
Department

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I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to rezone 1811 Cherokee Rd. from B-1 Limited Business District to B-3 General Commercial District. Tax Map 90026-08-003 & 90026-08-004. The request is being made by the owner, Kenneth Davis.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) Adjacent land uses, on the same side of the street are of a general commercial and office nature.
- (3) The future land use map of the Florence 2010 Comprehensive Plan designates the subject properties as Commercial Auto Urban, consistent with the present request.
- (4) The recently adopted comprehensive plan supports commercial development centered around intersections of major roads. One such area is Five Points. As a result the future land use designation around Five Points is supports general commercial zoning districts. The exceptions are those properties between Cherokee Road and Cashua Drive. Because of this, City Staff will recommend that Planning Commission support this request in its recommendation to City Council.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:


- (1) A Public Hearing for rezoning will be held at the May 8, 2012 Planning Commission meeting.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance and map showing the location of the property.



Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP  
Planning, Research, & Development Director



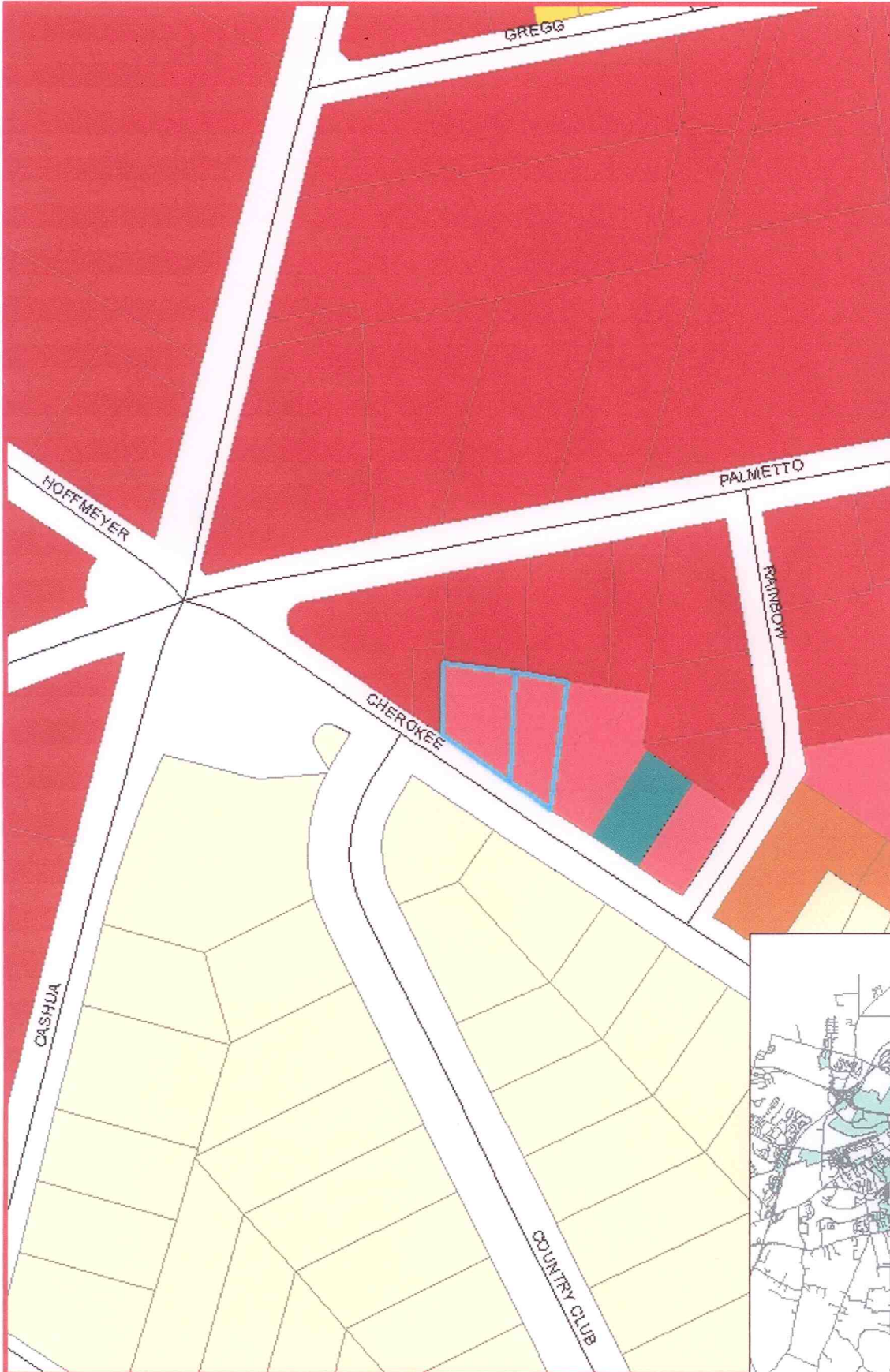
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# Zoning Districts



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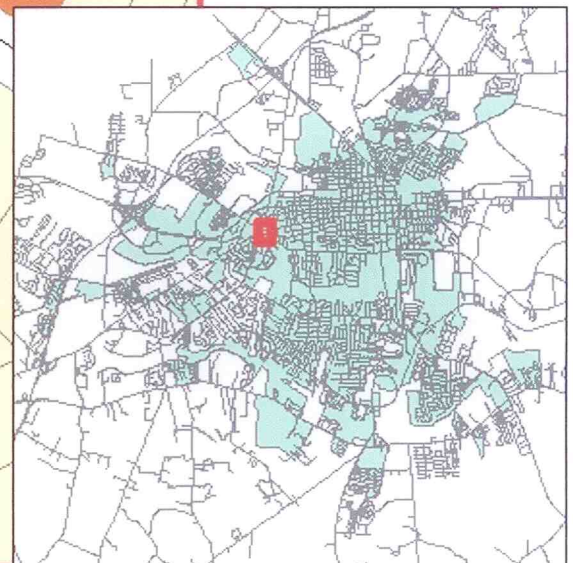


### Legend

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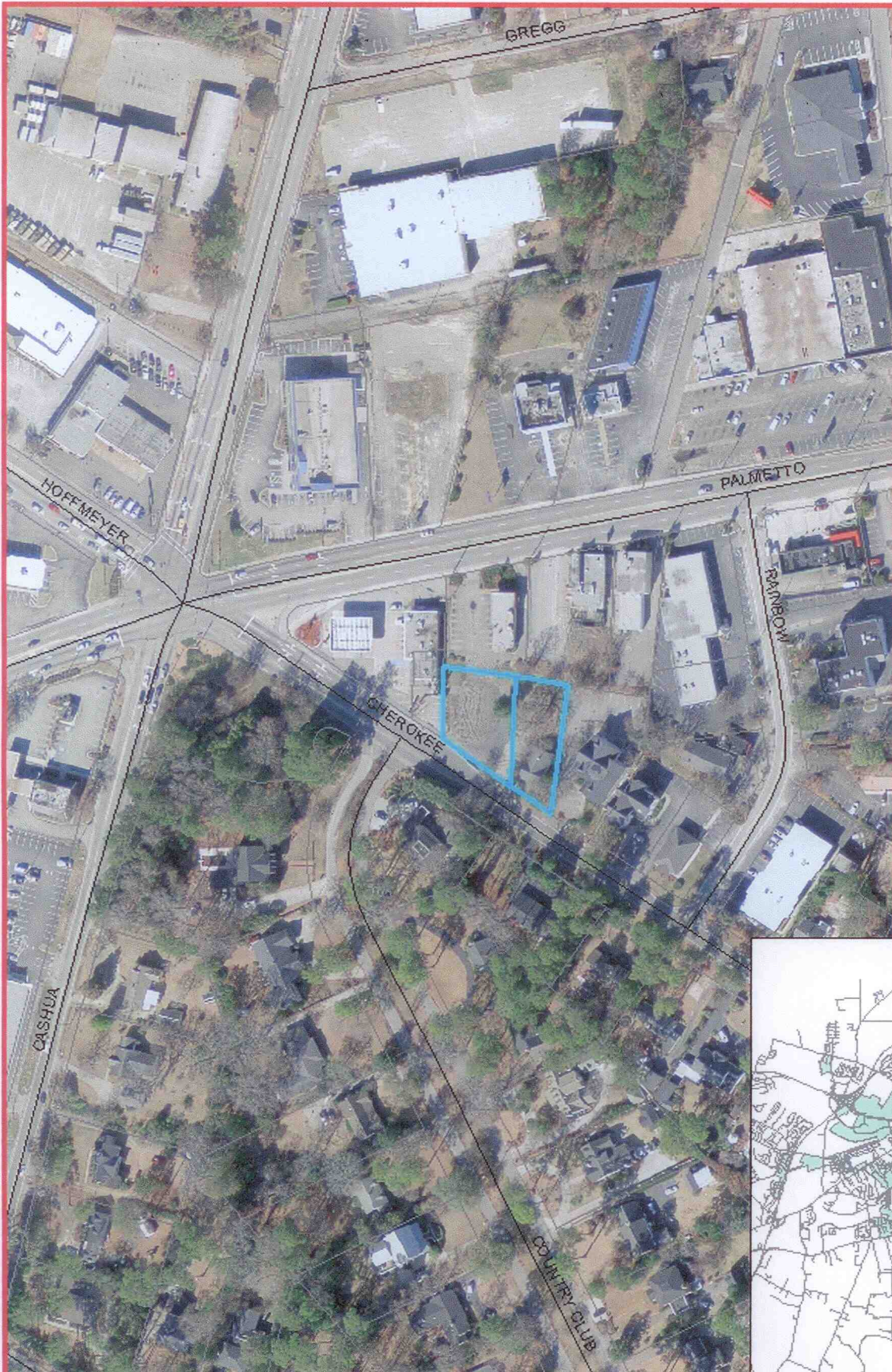




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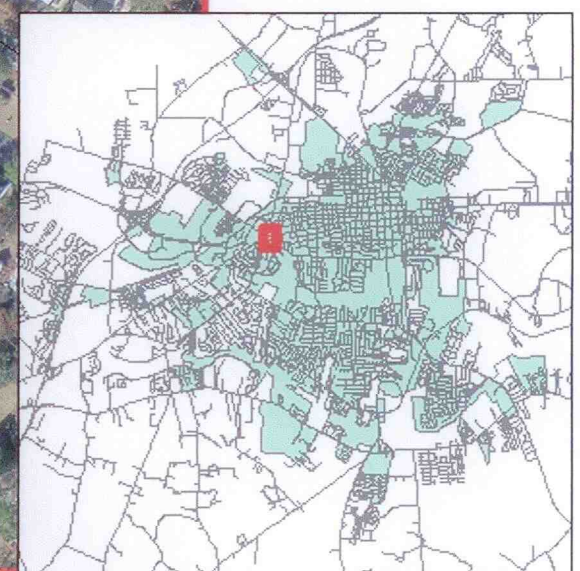


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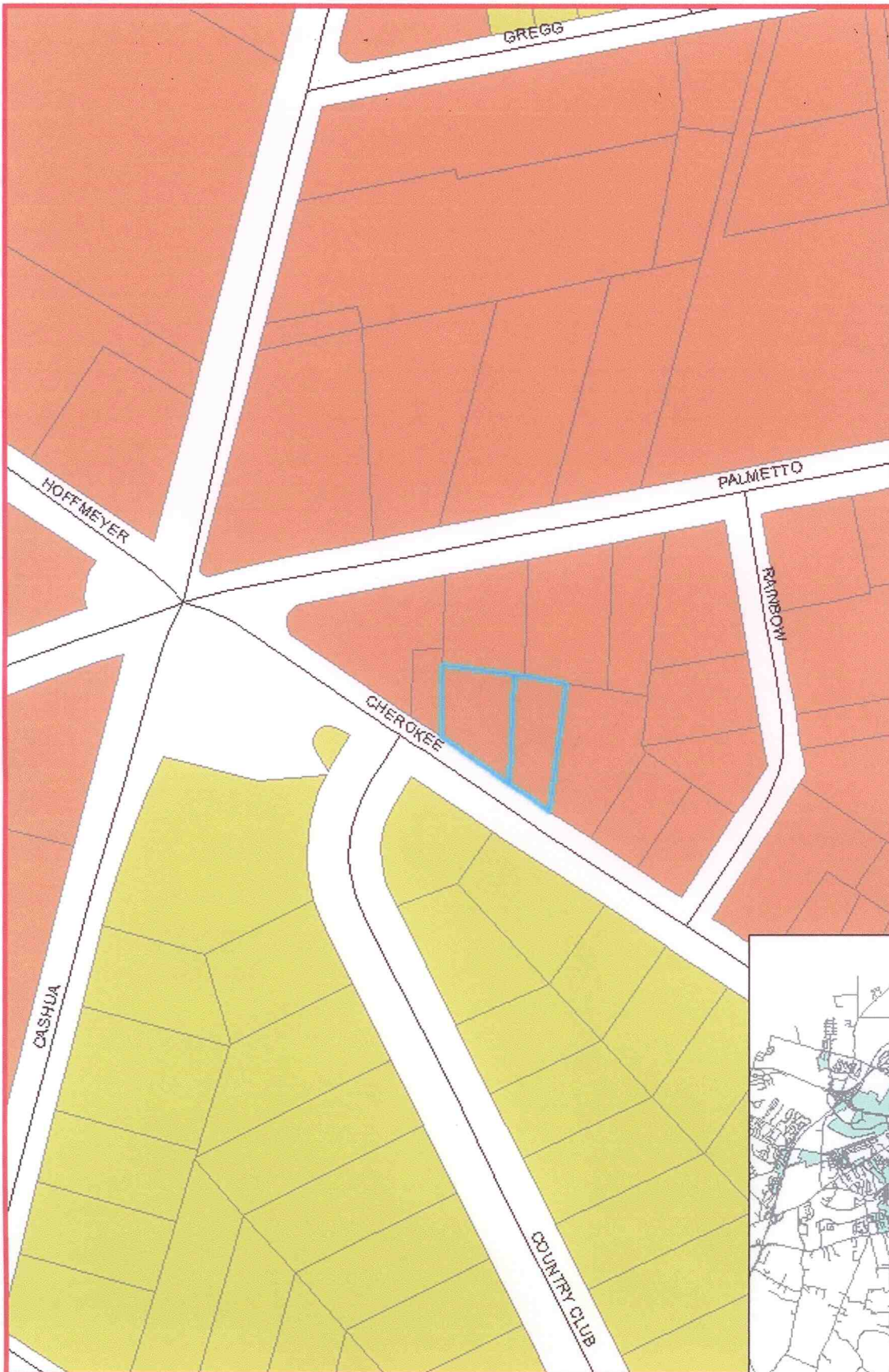





# Future Land Use



















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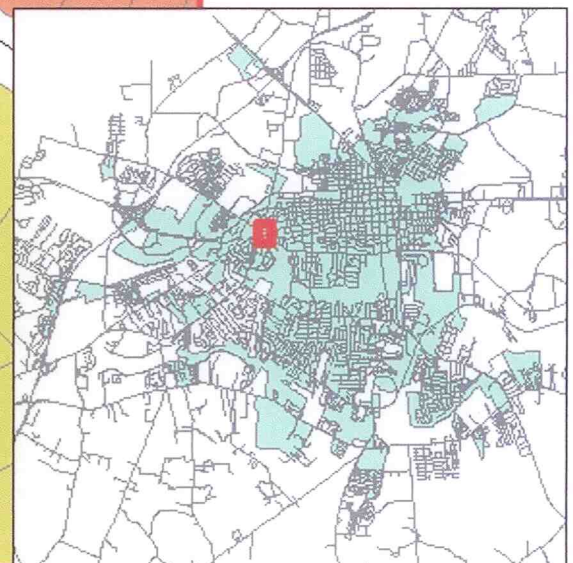
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 Zoning Request  
Future Land Use

-  Business Parks
-  Commercial Autourban
-  Commercial Suburban
-  Downtown
-  Industrial
-  Neighborhood Conservation
-  Parks and Open Space
-  Public and Institutional
-  Residential Autourban
-  Residential Estate
-  Residential Suburban
-  Residential Transition
-  Residential Urban
-  Rural
-  Parcels
-  Road Segment

ORIGINAL PREPARATION  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2012\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 1811 CHEROKEE ROAD FROM B-1 LIMITED BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held in Room 603 of the City-County Complex on May 8, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS**, an application by Kenneth Davis, owner of 1811 Cherokee Rd. was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid properties be rezoned to a B-3 General Commercial zoning district classification:

**The properties requesting annexation are shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90026, block 08, parcel 003 & 4. (1 Acre)**

**WHEREAS**, Florence City Council concur 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 and rezoning the aforesaid properties to B-3, General Commercial District.
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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2012**

**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
James W. Peterson, Jr.  
City Attorney

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Stephen J. Wukela,  
Mayor

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dianne Rowan  
Municipal Clerk

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** May 14, 2012  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Pee Dee Tourism Commission Funding Request  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Finance

**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

A request by the Pee Dee Tourism Commission ("Pee Dee Tourism") for additional funding to assist with the operation of the South Carolina Welcome Center ("Welcome Center") located in Dillon on I-95 southbound to Florence.

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

- A. At the April 9, 2012 Regular Council meeting Ms. Fran Willis, representing Pee Dee Tourism, informed City Council that last year the Pee Dee Tourism entered into a 3-year partnership with South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism ("SCPRT") to operate the Welcome Center located on I-95 in Dillon and that 1/3 of the facility has been allocated to the promotion of Florence.
- B. Ms. Willis noted that last year Florence County and the City of Florence provided \$12,500 each to fund the facility operations for a partial year.
- C. Ms. Willis stated that this partnership with SCPRT was a 3-year commitment. She informed Council that for the current year, which represents the first full fiscal year of operations at the Welcome Center, Pee Dee Tourism requested \$20,000 each from Florence County and the City of Florence for state Accommodations Tax funding. She noted that Florence County appropriated \$20,000, and that the City appropriated \$10,900 for the current fiscal year from state Accommodations Tax funds.
- D. Ms. Willis requested from the City an additional \$9,100 to represent a full \$20,000 match to the amount appropriated by the County.
- E. Ms. Willis informed Council that the total budget for Welcome Center operations is \$217,000 annually and that the Center served over 350,000 visitors to the center annually. She noted that funding is received from six counties and that Pee Dee Tourism appropriates \$80,000 for operations funding.
- F. Ms. Willis stated that it is important to tourism in Florence that the successful partnership is maintained to increase the economic impact of tourism in Florence.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**

- A. In October 2011, when Accommodations Funding requests were presented to City Council, the anticipated FY 2011-12 Accommodations Tax Funding collections for "65% tourism-related revenues" were estimated to be \$310,000. This total amount was distributed to a number of requesting agencies including Pee Dee Tourism.

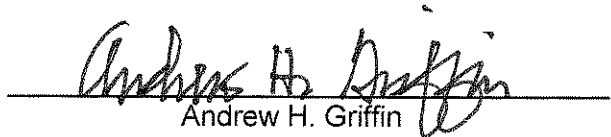
- B. Following three complete quarters of Accommodations Tax collections, more recent estimates indicate that these revenues may exceed the original estimate of \$310,000.
- C. The \$9,100 additional funding requested by Pee Dee Tourism represents the difference in the original FY 2011-12 original funding request of \$20,000 and the actual \$10,900 appropriated in October 2011 by City Council.
- D. If Council determines that it would like to provide the additional Accommodations Tax funding to Pee Dee Tourism for operation of the Welcome Center, funding could be appropriated, contingent upon receiving Accommodations Tax "65% tourism-related revenues" in excess of \$310,000, up to an amount not to exceed the request of \$9,100.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff stands ready to carry out Council's action.



Thomas W. Chandler  
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin  
City Manager

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** May 14, 2012  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Community Services

**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

A resolution to adopt the Community Development Block Grant budget for fiscal year 2012-2013.

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

The City of Florence will receive **\$224,958** in Community Development Block Grant funding for FY 2012-2013. Staff met with community members and neighborhood leaders on four separate occasions during the month of February to gather input on the use of these funds. The Florence City Council held a CDBG work session on Monday, April 23, 2012. Staff informed Council of all of the community funding requests that were received.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**

- A. The City of Florence will receive **\$224,958** in Community Development Block Grant funding for FY 2011-2012. This represents a decrease of **\$80,118** from last year's allocation of **\$305,076**.
- B. City staff held public meetings to receive input on the Community Development Block Grant funding at the following times and locations:
  - February 6, 2012 at 6:30 pm – Greater Wilson Heights
  - February 8, 2012 at 7:00 pm – Levy Park
  - February 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm – Northwest Community Center
  - February 22, 2012 at 2:00 pm – City Council Chambers



- C. CDBG funding can only be used to meet three national objectives: aid in the elimination of slum and blight; benefit to low-moderate income persons; and meeting a need having particular urgency.
- D. The recommended budget provides funding for projects in each of CDBG targeted areas of North Florence, North West Florence, and East Florence. The recommended projects are as follows:
- Repairs to the basketball courts at Dr. Iola Jones Park \$33,500
  - Repairs to the basketball courts at the North West Park \$33,500
  - Storm drainage improvements in the Williams Heights area \$20,958\*  
(\*An additional \$150,000 will be provided by the storm water utility for this project)
  - Funding for the Pee Dee Transitional Shelter \$35,000
  - Debt service on the Section 108 loan, which was used to make improvements to Levy Park and the Barnes Street facility. \$100,000

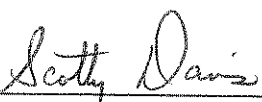
**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve and adopt the CDBG budget as presented.

**V. PERSONAL NOTES:**

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

2012-2013 CDBG Budget Resolution

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Scotty Davis  
 Director of Community Services

  
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 Andrew H. Griffin  
 City Manager



Resolution No. 2012

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Florence is an Entitlement City as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Florence will receive **\$224,958** in Community Development Block Grant funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 2012-2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Florence is required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to approve and adopt a Community Development Block Grant budget;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina in a meeting duly assembled do hereby adopt the following Community Development Block Grant budget for fiscal year 2012-2013:

Recreational improvements	\$ 67,000
Storm drainage improvements	\$ 22,958
Pee Dee CAA Transitional Shelter	\$ 35,000
Section 108 Loan repayment	\$100,000

ADOPTED, this 14th day of May, 2012.

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James W. Peterson, Jr.  
City Attorney

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Steven Wukela, Mayor

Attest:

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Dianne M. Rowan  
Municipal Clerk