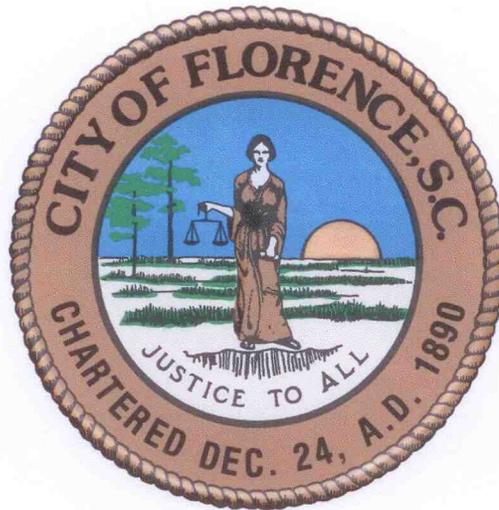


REGULAR MEETING
OF
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL



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

MONDAY
OCTOBER 8, 2012
1:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

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CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 604

FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 10, 2012 – Regular Meeting

IV. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Citizen of the Month -

Service Recognitions

Tony Smith – 25 years – Fire
Tricia Todd – 25 years – Police
Terrence Carraway – 25 years – Police
Shannon Hill – 20 years – Police
Alan Walden – 15 years – Fire
Joseph Todd – 15 years – Fire
Alton Cooper – 10 years – Fire
Lee Bell Ross – 10 years – Streets
Howard Wynn – 10 years – Police
Steve Morganti – 10 years – Park

Educational Recognition

Michael Morris – Has obtained his “B” Biological Wastewater Operator Certification.

V. APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL

- a. *Regina Huff, Ranger, Woods Bay State Park – to promote a program at the State Park.*
- b. *Mrs. Betty Shelly, Timrod Park Neighborhood Association – to discuss some concerns of the neighborhood.*

VI. ORDINANCES IN POSITION

- a. **Bill No. 2012-28 – Second Reading**
An Ordinance to provide for wholesale water and sewer billing rates for sales to outside City Municipal Systems and Public Water/Sewer Authorities.
- b. **Bill No. 2012-32 – Second Reading**
An Ordinance to amend Section 20-103 of the City Code which regulates the towing of vehicles from commercial private property within the municipal limits of the City of Florence.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- a. **Bill No. 2012-30 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Earthe Ray, 209 Wilson Road.
- b. **Bill No. 2012-31 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to amend Article X, Definitions in the Zoning Ordinance to add Institutional Uses.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Resolution No. 2012-26**
A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to complete, and the Mayor to execute and submit an application to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority for a low interest loan from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund in an amount of approximately \$11,396,000 to finance a portion of the construction of the Florence Regional Wastewater Management Facility (WWMF) at the existing facility site.
- b. **Resolution No. 2012-27**
*A Resolution in recognition of Dr. Ruan Westraad of Sexton Dental Clinic for dental services rendered.
(Per Councilman Powers – Resolution will be provided prior to meeting)*

IX. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

a. A report on the Appropriation of Accommodations Tax funds for FY 2012 – 2013.

b. Councilman Ed Robinson – To make a report on Weatherization

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Legal Matter

XI. ADJOURN

**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNTY COMPLEX, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 603
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 F. Willis.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager; Mrs. Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk; Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development; Mr. Scotty Davis, Director of Community Services; Chief Anson Shells, Florence Police Department; Chief Randy Osterman, Fire Department; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities; Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works; Mr. Ray Reich, Downtown Development Manager; and Mr. Thomas W. Chandler, Director of Finance.

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

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Teresa Myers 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 August 13, 2012 Regular Meeting minutes and the August 27, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Citizen of the Month

Councilman Steve Powers recognized Dr. Jane Madden as the Citizen of the Month for September, 2012.

Service Recognitions

Mayor Wukela presented Thomas Williams a certificate in recognition of completing 20 years of service with the Parks Department.

Josh Clark received a certificate from Mayor Wukela in recognition of completing 10 years of service with the City of Florence.

Retiree Recognitions

Captain Pete Becker was presented a retirement plaque by Mayor Wukela in recognition of his retirement from the City of Florence Police Department. Captain Becker retired from the City of Florence Police Department on July 12, 2012 after serving 32 years.

APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL

MR. BILL BRADHAM – TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE FLORENCE MEN’S CHORAL SOCIETY.

Mr. Bill Bradham requested a onetime grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the Florence Men’s Choral Society.

Mayor Wukela asked if there were any objections to refer this to the Budget Committee of Council for review and recommendation.

There were no objections.

WEED & SEED FUNDING REQUEST (PER COUNCILMAN ROBINSON)

Councilman Robinson requested that this request be referred to the Budget Committee for review and recommendation.

The request is for \$25,000.

DR. RON MURPHY, PHD (FMU) AND MS. SUSAN FIRIMONTE – TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE PEE DEE AREA STAND DOWN EVENT THAT WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 23, 2012.

Dr. Murphy requested \$2,500 in matching funds from City Council to be used toward the Stand Down event that will take place on October 23, 2012 in Florence.

Without objection, this was referred to the Budget Committee for review and recommendation.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION

BILL NO. 2012-20 – SECOND READING (AS AMENDED)
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.

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 was adopted as amended on second reading.

Since the Ordinance was passed on first reading by City Council, Mr. Jim Peterson, City Attorney was asked to contact the attorney representing the County to see if the City and County could come up with a plan on this to make the towing regulations between the City and the County on private property, which is what this addresses, consistent. Mr. Peterson feels this has happened. The amendment before Council has very few changes made to it. Mr. Peterson has spoken extensively with the County attorney and Captain Mike Nunn of the Sheriff’s Department. The feeling is that this document is one that the City and County can incorporate so that the regulations on this are consistent.

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Councilman Willis made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2012-20 on second reading, as amended. Mayor Pro tem Brand seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BILL NO. 2012-26 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP HOLDINGS LLC (SCTG HOLDINGS LLC), D/B/A SPIRIT COMMUNICATIONS, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT, POWER, AND AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE IN, OVER, UPON AND UNDER THE STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, ITS LINES, POLES, WIRES, CABLES, AND OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES TO RENDER TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE FOR SUCH PERIOD AS PROVIDED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR THE USE OF THE STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES.

An Ordinance to grant to South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holdings LLC (SCTG Holdings LLC), D/B/A Spirit Communications, its successors and assigns, the right, power, and authority to construct, install, maintain, and operate in, over, upon, and under the streets and public places of the City of Florence, its lines, poles, wires, cables, and other telecommunications facilities to render telecommunications service to its customers in the corporate limits of the City of Florence for such period as provided herein; and to provide for the payment of compensation for the use of the streets and public places was adopted on second reading.

Councilman Powers made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2012-26 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BILL NO. 2012-27 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE LOT 4, QUEENSFERRY SUBDIVISION LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE SURPLUS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY.

An Ordinance to declare Lot 4, Queensferry Subdivision located within the city limits of the City of Florence surplus and to authorize the sale of said property was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2012-27 on second reading. Councilman Powers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

BILL NO. 2012-28 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR WHOLESALE WATER AND SEWER BILLING RATES FOR SALES TO OUTSIDE CITY MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC WATER/SEWER AUTHORITIES.

An Ordinance to provide for wholesale water and sewer billing rates for sales to outside city municipal systems and public water/sewer authorities was passed on first reading.

Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager reported that many years ago when the City bought the County water system, it was agreed that an industrial rate would be created. The industrial rate is an incentive rate to give to industries of a certain size and certain type in order for the City to be more supportive of regional growth. As a part of that, the city discussed terms of regionalism and also to create some regional partners. One of those regional partners that has been a very strong supporter of that effort is the

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Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority. For a number of years the City talked to them about the concept of them having the opportunity to tag onto the industrial rate and it never really got any action. It is a very reasonable approach because they also are attempting to attract industry and most of those industries they attract are on the very north west portion of Florence County. A very good example would be the old Wellman industrial site. If they were able to redevelop that they would like to be able to offer an industrial rate in the same manner that the City has offered that to an entity such as Heinz. The City of Florence currently does have agreements with them, they currently do discharge wastewater to our facility and they are a relatively large user. Another advantage of why it might make sense, the City has no requirement to maintain any line, read any meters, or do any other work associated with their system. Staff does recommend keeping the outside connection fee because that goes to capacity and that is a very different issue.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No. 2012-28 on first reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BILL NO. 2012-29 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING REZONING OF 1301 SECOND LOOP ROAD, TAX MAP #90052-07-004, FROM B-2, CONVENIENCE BUSINESS DISTRICT TO PDD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

An Ordinance requesting rezoning of 1301 Second Loop Road, Tax Map #90052-07-004, from B-2, Convenience Business District to PDD, Planned Development District was denied by Council.

Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development reported that this is a request from the owner, W. H. Bristow, Inc. The agent for the owner is Mr. John Dean with U-Haul Moving and Rental Service. The proposed change, as stated, was from the B-2 Convenience Business District to PDD, Planned Development District. Currently operating on the site is a Marathon Gas Station and a U-Haul Rental Service also is operating out of the site. The property zoned B-2 does not allow for the U-Haul Rental Service. In order to allow that service it would be necessary to rezone to either a B-3 or a PDD.

The property surrounding the subject property is R-1 to the East, and to the North and West is a current Planned Development District; a shopping center. The Future Land Use Plan calls for that property to be commercial auto-urban. The applicant's reason for the rezoning request is to be able to continue to operate the U-Haul Moving and Rental Service from that location.

The request went before the Planning Commission on August 14, 2012 and the matter basically died for lack of a motion.

Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager stated that in speaking with Mr. Jim Peterson, City Attorney, there is a legal issue associated with this request that Council may want to take under advisement in an Executive Session.

Councilman Willis made a motion to enter into Executive Session to receive legal advice on this issue. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Council entered into Executive Session at 1:54 p.m.

Mayor Wukela reconvened the Regular meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Mayor Wukela stated Council received legal advice in Executive Session regarding Bill No. 2012-29. Bill No. 2012-29 is before Council for a first reading requesting the rezoning of 1301 Second Loop Road.

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Councilman Powers made a motion to defer Bill No. 2012-29 for 30 days. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion.

Voting aye to defer were Councilman Powers and Councilman Robinson.

Voting no to defer were Councilwoman Ervin, Councilman Brand, Councilman Willis, Mayor Wukela and Councilwoman Williams-Blake.

The motion to defer failed 2-5.

Councilwoman Williams-Blake made a motion to deny the request. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion.

Mayor Wukela stated he felt the ultimate solution to this issue, although it is going to take some time, is the passage of the Uniformed Development Ordinance. The city's current planning system has use classifications that are very strict. The UDO is a system that is significantly more flexible and it allows the City and the property owner to design away the negative of particular uses. In this case it would involve screening, hiding of vehicles, limitations of certain types of U-Haul vehicles, etc.

Voting in favor of the motion to deny were Councilwoman Ervin, Councilwoman Williams Blake, Mayor Wukela, Mayor Pro tem Brand and Councilman Willis.

Voting against the motion to deny were Councilman Powers and Councilman Robinson.

The motion to deny passed 5-2.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-13

A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE WRECKER POLICY OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE TO BRING CURRENT THE ORIGINAL POLICY ADOPTED IN 1986 AND TO INCORPORATE ALL CHANGES SINCE THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION.

A Resolution to update the wrecker policy of the City of Florence to bring current the original policy adopted in 1986 and to incorporate all changes since the original Resolution was adopted by Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-21

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF BISHOP LANCE R. JETER'S 28TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY.

A Resolution in recognition of Bishop Lance R. Jeter's 28th Pastoral Anniversary was adopted by Council.

Councilman Powers made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-21. Councilman Willis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-22

A RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 23-31, 2012 AS RED RIBBON WEEK.

A Resolution declaring October 23-31, 2012 as Red Ribbon Week was adopted by Council.

Councilman Willis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-22. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-23

A RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 1, 2012 AS “EXTRA MILE DAY”.

A Resolution declaring November 1, 2012 as “Extra Mile Day” was adopted by Council.
Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-23. Councilman Powers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-24

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLORENCE POST 1 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL CLUB.

A Resolution in recognition of the Florence Post 1 American Legion Baseball Club was adopted by Council.

Mayor Wukela made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-24. Mayor Pro tem Brand seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-25

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL, 2013 AS MALE EMPOWERMENT MONTH.

A Resolution designating April, 2012 as Male Empowerment Month was adopted by Council.
Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-25. Councilman Powers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION

Councilman Robinson made a motion to nominate Mr. William Edward Crosswell to serve on the Parks & Beautification Commission. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Crosswell was appointed to serve on the Parks & Beautification Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire June 30, 2017.

BUILDING COMMISSION

Councilwoman Williams-Blake made a motion to nominate Mr. Kendall Hiller to serve on the City County Complex Building Commission. Councilman Powers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Hiller was reappointed to serve on the City County Complex Building Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire June 30, 2016.

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CIVIC CENTER

Councilman Powers made a motion to nominate Mr. Michael Scott Long to serve on the City County Civic Center Commission. Councilwoman Williams-Blake seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Long was appointed to serve on the City County Civic Center Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire June 30, 2014.

COUNCILMAN ROBINSON – A REPORT ON BLACK FLORENCE – WHERE WE ARE AND WHY

Councilman Ed Robinson reported there is a lot that Black Florence has to contend with and he thinks there are some issues that as a Council need to be looked at in terms of growing. We cannot continue to grow a city the way we are growing as relates to Black Florence.

Councilman Robinson stated that the time has come that all of us, white folk, black folk, preachers, elected officials, anybody that has concerns about growth and development of our City, Florence, South Carolina, to begin to deal with the problem of Black Florence. Councilman Robinson feels, based on his assessment that Black Florence is digressing as it relates to quality of life. It is the job of this Council, to provide the necessities of life that people cannot ordinarily provide for themselves. Those of us that are elected by the people of our city are going to have to be more concerned about the wholeness of our city. Wholeness in that we, regardless of ethnicity share in the economic growth of this city. Why is it that black Florence is always at the bottom of every progressive issue in this city and falling? A cause of all adversity that plagues blacks is education and it begins shortly after birth. A recent report from Florence School District 1 classifying grade levels of ethnic groups beginning at the third grade through eighth grade reveals that at third grade levels blacks are already behind all other ethnic groups. As grade levels increase blacks fall further behind. The sad part is that all of us know this but we allow it to happen. We all know that the key to success for tomorrow is education.

This country incarcerates more people than any other country in the world. In America blacks are 13% of the population, yet the black male incarceration rate is 6 times greater than the rate of white males. Yet while blacks are 13% of the population, black males are 40% of those incarcerated. Things like voter ID laws and public access to arrest records specifically have direct effect on quality of life for blacks. It is our responsibility to help all children throughout childhood to provide opportunities into adulthood. Where we put limits on the lives of our youth as a result of mistakes they may have made as a child or young adult creates a worsening situation. Laws that have adversarial effects on the quality of life for any ethnic group must stop.

Councilman Robinson concluded his report by saying there is a serious problem when it comes to the equality and justice in Florence for blacks. It is mostly the fault of black preachers, black elected officials, civil rights leaders and all other organizations that have an interest in the growth of this city. Councilman Robinson puts special emphasis on preachers for they have a strong captive audience at least once weekly and they are not feeding God's sheep. Obviously it is not all preachers for some are doing more than their fair share with the little resources that they have. But those with great resources are the ones that are doing the least. If there is no vision, the people perish. Here in Florence too many Blacks have lost vision and lost hope and are perishing. This is not the way to grow a city and the problem is black leadership.

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ADJOURN

Mayor Wukela asked if there were any objections to adjourning the meeting. There were no objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 10, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Introduction of Ordinances

DEPARTMENT / DIVISION: City Manager / Utilities

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

An ordinance to extend the industrial wholesale water and sewer billing rate to municipalities and public water / sewer districts that are large volume customers.

CURRENT STATUS / PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Code currently provides a declining water and sewer rate schedule for certain industries located outside the city limits. For large users (greater than 750,000 gallons per month), the rate schedule gradually declines from the outside-city rate to the inside-city rate. All purchases in excess of 9,000,000 gallons per month are billed at the inside-city rate. This rate schedule allows large industrial users to participate in the savings inherent in higher volume sales.

In 2010 when Council adopted the current ten-year water rate schedule, the ordinance also provided that a schedule of rates for wholesale customers would “be established and set at a future date.”

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. The City of Florence is positioning itself to support regional growth by providing cost-effective water and sewer services. Approval of this ordinance would allow the City to extend the scope of this support to bona fide public utility systems which are located within the Pee Dee region, but outside the City’s designated water and sewer service area.
2. The wholesale rate structure under consideration relates only to monthly billings (volume charges). Tap fees (initial connection fees) will not be affected.

STAFF RECOMMENDS:

Staff recommends the adoption of the proposed ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Copy of proposed Ordinance which revises portions of Section 12-87.2. and Section 12-161.2. of the Code.
2. Copy of current Code Section 12-87.2.
3. Copy of current Code Section 12-161.2.
4. Copy of current Code Section 12-161.(d).


Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-_____

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR WHOLESALE WATER AND SEWER BILLING RATES FOR SALES TO OUTSIDE-CITY MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC WATER / SEWER AUTHORITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Florence has concluded that it is reasonable and prudent to offer a wholesale water and sewer billing rate to bona fide public utility systems in the Pee Dee area; and

WHEREAS, in adoption of the current water rate schedule, City Council expressed its intent that a wholesale rate be developed for appropriate customer classes; and

WHEREAS, the City has been advised by its financial consultant that billing rates (volume charges) for customers located outside the city limits should not be less than the inside city rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, that Sections 12-87.2. (a) and 12-161.2.(a) of the Code of Ordinances be amended by replacing the current titles and texts with the corresponding titles and texts shown below.

Sec. 12-87.2. Schedule of rates for outside publicly-owned sewer systems and certain industrial sewer customers.

- (a) The rate schedule for outside municipal sewer systems, outside public sewer authorities and qualified outside industrial sewer customers shall be set for a period of ten consecutive fiscal years and thereafter, unless amended, as follows: FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018, FY 2019 and FY 2020. Rates will be effective from July 1 through June 30 of each fiscal year. The fiscal year 2020 rates shall remain in effect for subsequent years unless amended. These rates are applicable only to bona fide publicly-owned sewer systems and qualified industrial customers that are shown in Sectors 31 through 33 of the most current edition of the North American Industry Classification System. Customers must exceed an average annual sewage volume of seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) gallons per month to qualify for this rate schedule. Connection (initial tap) fees are specified in Section 12-67. of the Code, and are not affected by the provisions of this rate schedule.

Sec. 12-161.2. Schedule of rates for outside publicly-owned water systems and certain industrial water customers.

- (a) The rate schedule for outside municipal water systems, outside public water authorities and qualified outside industrial water customers shall be set for a period of ten consecutive fiscal years and thereafter, unless amended, as follows: FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018, FY 2019 and FY 2020. Rates will be effective from July 1 through June 30 of each fiscal year. The fiscal year 2020 rates shall remain in effect for subsequent years unless amended. These rates are applicable only to bona fide publicly-owned water systems and qualified industrial customers that are shown in Sectors 31 through 33 of the most current edition of the North American Industry Classification System. Customers must exceed an average annual water usage of seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) gallons per month to qualify for this rate schedule. Connection (initial tap) fees are specified in Section 12-149. of the Code, and are not affected by the provisions of this rate schedule.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

1. That Sections 12-87.2. (1) and (2), as well as Sections 12-161.2 (1) and (2) are not modified or repealed, and remain in full force and effect.
2. That Section 12-161. (d) is repealed in its entirety.

AND BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED:

That these rates shall not be applied retroactively to existing water and sewer accounts and that no abatement or refund of billings prior to the effective date of this ordinance is intended or authorized.

That all ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

That this ordinance shall become effective within 45 days after adoption by Council.

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

cents (\$0.98) per one hundred (100) pounds of septage will be effective from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The fiscal year 2010 fee shall remain in effect for subsequent years unless amended.

(Code 1973, App. H, Art. II, § 6.1; Ord. No. 87-11, 4-6-87; Ord. No. 88-27, 5-25-88; Ord. No. 89-90, § 1, 12-22-89; Ord. No. 91-27, 6-24-91; Ord. No. 91-54, § 1, 12-16-91; Ord. No. 92-01, 1-13-92; Ord. No. 92-04, 2-10-92; Ord. No. 95-06, 2-13-95; Ord. No. 95-49, § 1, 11-13-95; Ord. No. 2000-14, 4-10-2000; Ord. No. 2007-28, 6-11-2007; Ord. No. 2010-07, 3-8-2010)

Editor's note—Ord. No. 95-06, adopted Feb. 13, 1995, deleted § 12-87.1(i), effective after June 30, 1995. Prior to deletion, subsection (i) pertained to sludge disposal fee.

Sec. 12-87.2. Schedule of rates for outside industrial sewer customers.

(a) The schedule for outside industrial sanitary sewer rates shall be set for a period of ten (10) years consecutive fiscal years and thereafter, unless amended, as follows: FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2020. Rates will be effective from July 1 through June 30 of each fiscal year. The fiscal year 2020 rates shall remain in effect for subsequent years unless amended. The industrial rates are applicable only for qualified customers that are shown in Sectors 31 through 33 of the most current edition of the North American Industry Classification System and exceed an average annual water usage of seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) gallons per month.

- (1) Availability charges (per account) and customer charges (per account) shall be as shown in section 12-87.1(g).
- (2) Volume charges (per 1,000 gallons) shall be as follows:

Monthly Volume Charges (Sewer)

Use (Gallons)	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
0 — 750,000	\$3.97	\$4.08	\$4.21	\$4.34	\$4.46
750,001 — 3,000,000	2.52	2.57	2.64	2.69	2.75
3,000,001 — 6,000,000	2.10	2.15	2.20	2.24	2.30
6,000,001 — 9,000,000	2.46	2.55	2.66	2.79	2.89
9,000,001 and above	2.48	2.55	2.63	2.71	2.79

Monthly Volume Charges (Sewer)

Use (Gallons)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
0 — 750,000	\$4.59	\$4.74	\$4.88	\$5.02	\$5.17
750,001 — 3,000,000	2.81	2.86	2.93	2.98	3.04
3,000,001 — 6,000,000	2.34	2.39	2.44	2.48	2.54
6,000,001 — 9,000,000	3.01	3.16	3.29	3.45	3.58
9,000,001 and above	2.87	2.96	3.05	3.14	3.23

(Ord. No. 2008-03, 1-23-2008; Ord. No. 2010-07, 3-8-2010)

Sec. 12-161.2. Schedule of rates for outside industrial water customers.

(a) The schedule for outside industrial water rates shall be set for a period of ten (10) years consecutive fiscal years and thereafter, unless amended, as follows: FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2020. Rates will be effective from July 1 through June 30 of each fiscal year. The fiscal year 2020 rates shall remain in effect for subsequent years unless amended. The industrial rates are applicable only for qualified customers that are shown in Sectors 31 through 33 of the most current edition of the North American Industry Classification System and exceed an average annual water usage of seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) gallons per month.

- (1) Availability charges (per account) and customer charges (per account) shall be as shown in subsection (b).
- (2) Volume charges (per 1,000 gallons) shall be as follows:

Monthly Volume Charges (Water)

<i>Use (Gallons)</i>	<i>FY 2011</i>	<i>FY 2012</i>	<i>FY 2013</i>	<i>FY 2014</i>	<i>FY 2015</i>
0 — 750,000	\$2.80	\$2.86	\$2.93	\$2.99	\$3.06
750,001 — 3,000,000	2.10	2.15	2.20	2.24	2.30
3,000,001 — 6,000,000	1.54	1.57	1.61	1.64	1.68
6,000,001 — 9,000,000	1.44	1.47	1.50	1.54	1.56
9,000,001 and above	1.75	1.79	1.83	1.87	1.91

<i>Use (Gallons)</i>	<i>FY 2016</i>	<i>FY 2017</i>	<i>FY 2018</i>	<i>FY 2019</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>
0 — 750,000	\$3.12	\$3.18	\$3.25	\$3.31	\$3.38
750,001 — 3,000,000	2.34	2.39	2.44	2.48	2.54
3,000,001 — 6,000,000	1.72	1.75	1.79	1.82	1.86
6,000,001 — 9,000,000	1.60	1.63	1.66	1.70	1.72
9,000,001 and above	1.95	1.99	2.03	2.07	2.11

(Ord. No. 2008-03, 1-23-2008; Ord. No. 2010-07, 3-8-2010)

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

§ 12-161.1

<i>Water Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>FY 2016</i>	<i>FY 2017</i>	<i>FY 2018</i>	<i>FY 2019</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>
3"	256.00	261.12	266.24	271.36	276.48
4"	400.00	408.00	416.00	424.00	432.00
6"	800.00	816.00	832.00	848.00	864.00
8"	1,280.00	1,305.60	1,331.20	1,356.80	1,382.40
Customer charge (per account)	3.25	3.30	3.35	3.40	3.45
Volume charge (per 1,000 gallons)	3.12	3.18	3.25	3.31	3.38

(d) The schedule of water rates for wholesale customers shall be established and set at a future date.

(Ord. No. 88-27, 5-25-88; Ord. No. 91-54, § 1, 12-16-91; Ord. No. 92-18, § 1, 5-11-92; Ord. No. 94-22, §§ 5, 6, 2-28-94; Ord. No. 95-32, 7-10-95; Ord. No. 95-33, 7-10-95; Ord. No. 98-10, § 1, 3-9-98; Ord. No. 2000-14, 4-10-2000; Ord. No. 2002-22, 7-8-2002; Ord. No. 2002-35, 10-14-2002; Ord. No. 2007-28, 6-11-2007; Ord. No. 2010-07, 3-8-2010)

Sec. 12-161.1. Schedule of rates for county commercial water customers..

(a) The monthly schedule of commercial water rates for current and future commercial customers located in the water and sewer utilities service area served by Florence County prior to July 1, 2002 shall be amended and set effective July 1, 2007 for the following fiscal years: FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010, and thereafter. Fiscal year 2008 rates will be effective from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Fiscal year 2009 rates will be effective from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Fiscal year 2010 rates will be effective from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The fiscal year 2010 rates shall remain in effect for subsequent years unless amended.

MONTHLY CHARGES

<i>Use (Gallons)</i>	<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>FY 2010</i>
0 to 3,000	\$35.73	\$38.95	\$42.46
3,001 to 10,000	3.58	3.90	4.25
10,001 to 25,000	4.14	4.51	4.92
25,001 to 40,000	4.76	5.19	5.66
40,001 to 60,000	5.29	5.77	6.29
60,001 and above	6.37	6.94	7.56

Note: Costs for 3,001 gallons and above are cost per 1,000 gallons of usage above the base charge for 3,000 gallons.

(b) A schedule of minimum monthly charges for commercial water services, based upon meter size for current and future commercial customers located in the water and sewer utilities service area served by Florence County prior to July 1, 2002 shall be amended and set effective July 1, 2007 for the following fiscal years: FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010, and

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 8, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance in Position – Second Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council – Sponsor – Councilman Glynn F. Willis

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

Second reading of an Ordinance to amend Section 20-103 of the City Code which regulates the towing of vehicles from commercial private property within the municipal limits of the City of Florence as amended. As recommended by Mr. Jim Peterson, City Attorney, to correct administrative clerical errors in the original Ordinance.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER

1. First Reading was given to this Ordinance at the September 10, 2012 City Council meeting.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval and adoption of the amended Ordinance.



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2012- _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 20-103 OF THE CITY CODE WHICH REGULATES THE TOWING OF VEHICLES FROM COMMERCIAL PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 12- 020 was enacted by Council on Second reading on September 10, 2012 to accomplish the goal of regulating the towing of vehicles from private commercial property located in the city; and

WHEREAS, after coordination with the county, it appears that the ordinance passed should be amended to clarify clerical errors, said changes being highlighted in yellow below.

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

1. Section 20-103 of the Municipal Code for the City of Florence, South Carolina is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 20-103. Towing from Commercial Private Property.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to remove any motor vehicle from commercial private property¹ 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/**restricted**. Signs shall be at least (3) square feet; and
 - (2) The posted signs contain a legible warning that violators' vehicles **may** 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.
 - (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; and

¹ "Commercial private property", for the purposes of this ordinance, shall mean property used in conjunction with a business of any type, including, but not limited to, the rental of residential living units of any kind.

- (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 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 fpdcommunications@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 (shortest 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:
 - (1) Towing by a Class A Wrecker/Car Carrier:
 - Towing - (per tow) \$135.00 flat fee to include dollies and Go-Jacks.
 - No Tow - shall be 50% of the towing fee.²
 - After Hours Vehicle Release - \$35.00 per release.³
 - (2) Towing by a Class D Wrecker:
 - Towing - (per tow) \$150.00 flat fee to include dollies and Go-Jacks.
 - No Tow - shall be 50% of the towing fee.⁴
 - After Hours Vehicle Release - \$35.00 per release.⁵

² If the owner of such vehicle appears before his vehicle is towed away and makes claim to his vehicle after the wrecker has been ordered to remove such vehicle but before the vehicle has been connected to the tow truck upon settlement with the wrecker service for a "no tow fee" equal to 50% of the towing fee. 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 connected to 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.

³ Normal business hours for wrecker and storage businesses governed by this Policy shall be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. A wrecker service operator is not required to return a vehicle to an owner after the company's normal business hours pursuant to Section 56-5-2525 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended. Should the operator elect to provide for after hour request to pick up vehicles, the operator may charge no more than the amount specified in this section.

⁴ See Footnote 2 above.

⁵ See Footnote 3 above.

- (3) When a vehicle is towed by a wrecker service under this Policy, no storage charge shall be assessed for the first 24 hours after the towing. After the first 24 hours, the maximum storage charges on stored and impounded vehicles weighing under 10,000 pounds shall be \$20.00 dollars per day for storage of vehicles and or trailers. After the first 24 hours, the maximum storage charges on stored and impounded vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or more shall be \$30.00 dollars per day for storage of vehicles and or trailers.
- (4) All towing and storage charges will be itemized on an invoice or receipt when the charges are paid. No charges other than the towing or storage charges allowed in paragraphs (g)(1)-(3) above may be made on any vehicle towed by a wrecker service selected under this Ordinance without the prior written approval of the owner or his agent.
- (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 (g) 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.

(m) The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to towing directed by law enforcement from public right-of-ways, pursuant to motor vehicle accidents, criminal investigations, or as authorized by S. C. Code Section 56-5-5810. It shall also not apply to lawful repossession of vehicles by third parties pursuant to applicable provisions of the S. C. Code of Laws.

2. 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:

Dianne M. Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 8, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex 209 Wilson Road, Tax Map 90097-01-007, into the City of Florence and zone to R-2 Single Family Residential District. The request is being made by the owner, Earthe Ray

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

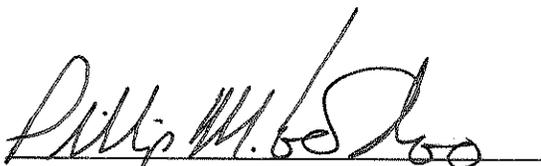
- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City water services are already available.
- (3) City sewer service extension Revenue/ Cost Ration equals 1.
- (4) A Public Hearing for rezoning was held at the May 8, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. No one was present to voice concerns or support the request.
- (5) Planning Commission members voted 9-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-2 single Family Residential District.
- (6) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-2 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



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2012_____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY EARTHE RAY, 209 WILSON ROAD.

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 Earthe Ray, owner of 209 Wilson Road 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-2, Single Family Residential District:

The properties requesting annexation are shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90097, block 01, parcel 007. (0.34 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-2, 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

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

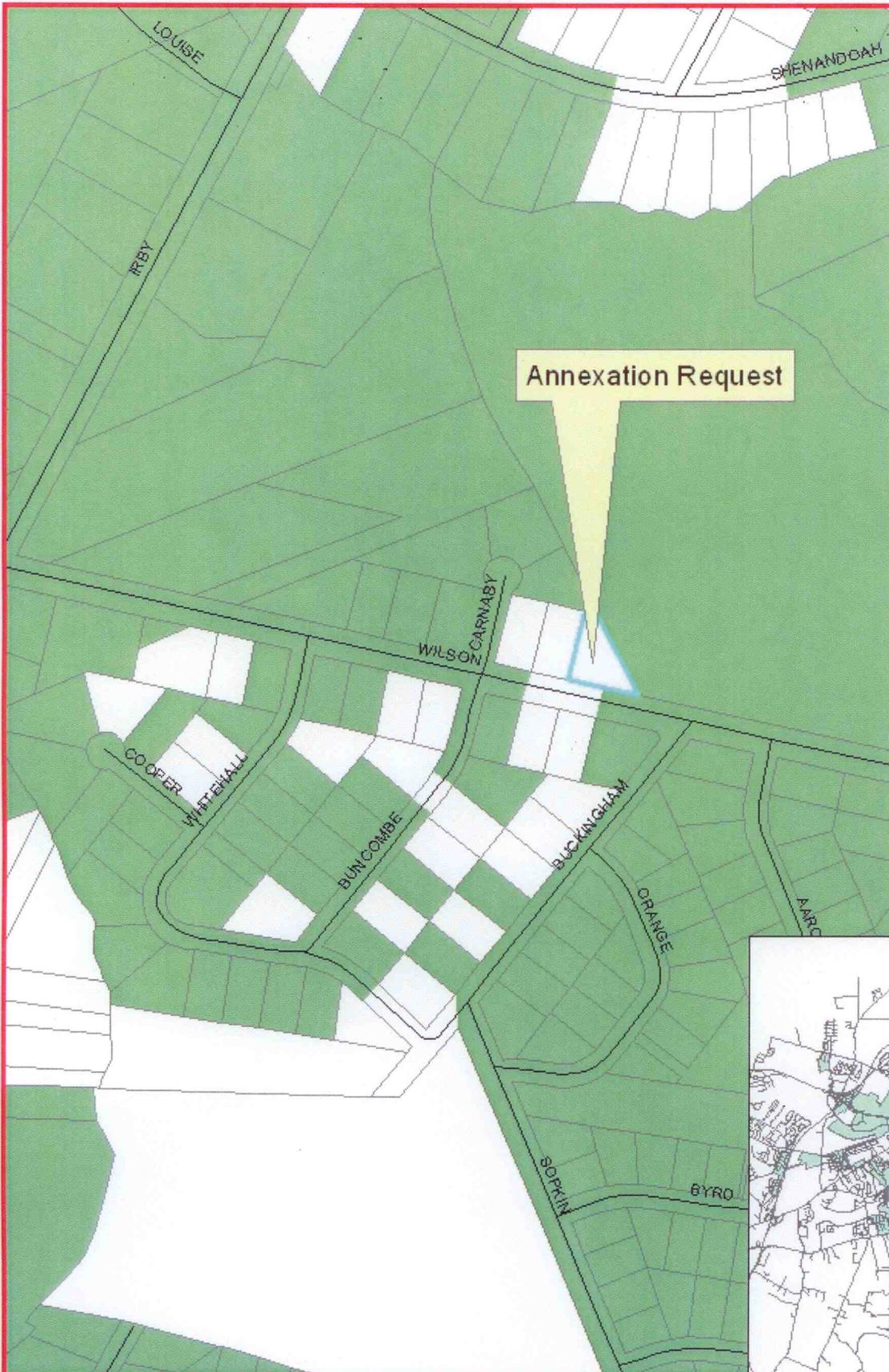
Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

Location Map 209 Wilson Road

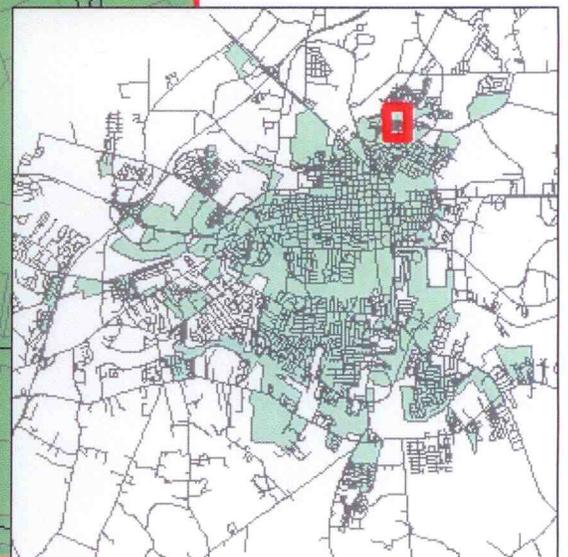


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CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 8, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Article X Definitions, for the addition of *Institutional Use*.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

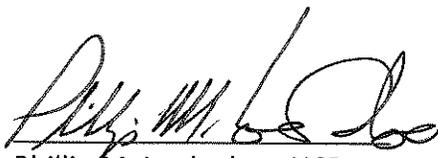
- 1) Text amendment is being considered for first reading.
- 2) The text amendment was prepared by the Planning, Research & Development Department after request for clarification of *institutional use* by City Council.
- 3) The proposed text amendment adds *institutional use* to the definitions section of the Zoning Ordinance and by reference in Tables VII & VIII.
- 4) A public hearing was held at the September 11, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. No one was present to voice concerns or support the request.
- 5) Planning Commission members voted 7-0 to recommend the text amendment.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- (1) City Council requested further clarification of institutional uses at their June 11, 2012 meeting.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance



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



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

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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

1 – Signs identifying or announcing land subdivisions, residential projects, or agricultural operations, where permitted.

2 – See Section 5.5

3 – This column does not represent a zoning district. It applies to institutional uses, and other non-residential uses permitted in residential zoning districts, i.e., churches, schools, parks, etc., and includes historical markers.

4 – Where permitted by Table VII, billboards may be established only on lots or parcels fronting or within 600 feet of Interstate ROW as defined by Table VIII and U.S. designated highways.

5 – Un-zoned area of County.

6 – Though allowed w/o prior permitting, must meet the conditional requirements of Table VIII

7- Animated signs shall comply with South Carolina State Code 63-354, subsections (E), (F), and (I). Illumination should not shine directly on adjacent properties. Where permitted in the INS illumination shall not be displayed during evening hours where visible from adjacent residential properties.

NA – Regulation not applicable in un-zoned area of county.

*ORD 2010-10

** ORD 2012-20

Table VIII Regulation of Signs by Type, Characteristics, and Zoning District

	All	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	B-5/B-	RU-1	RU-2	INS (B)
FREESTANDING SIGNS									
Number Permitted									
Billboards	N	N	N	NA	N	NA	NA	N	N
Other (J)	1(A)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 (A)	2**
Per Feet of St. Frontage									
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	(L)
Maximum Sign Area (s.f.)									
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	(M)
Minimum Setback from									
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'
BUILDING SIGNS									
Number Permitted (K)	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
Maximum Sign Area (s.f.)	4	12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	90 (M)
Maximum Wall Area (K)	NA	NA	25	25%	25%	15%	25%	NA	20%
TEMPORARY SIGNS	See Section 5								

Table Notes: NA = Not Applicable N= Not Allowed s.f. = Square Feet

A – One-use identification signs, not exceeding 20 s.f. each, are permitted for each entrance of a subdivision, residential project, or agricultural operation

* - Two-use identification signs, not exceeding 20 s.f. each, are permitted for each entrance of a subdivision, residential project, or agricultural operation for the City of Florence only.

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- B** – This column does not represent a zoning district. It applies to institutional and other non-residential uses permitted under the Zoning Ordinance in residential zoning district, i.e. churches, schools, parks, etc.
- C** – Minimum distances required by this section shall be measured between billboards located on either side of the street along the centerline of the street from which the billboard is viewed.
- D** – One per lot or one for each 300 linear feet of street frontage, whichever is less.
- E** – Lots fronting on two or more streets are allowed one additional sign for each street frontage, but signage cannot be accumulated and used on one street in excess of that allowed for lots with only one street frontage.
- F** – 378 s.f., except where located within 600 feet of an Interstate Highway ROW, where maximum shall be 672 square feet. Interstate highway ROW does not include I-20 Spur or McLeod Blvd. From W. Evans to I-95.
- G** – Not to exceed 160 square feet.
- H** - Maximum height of billboards shall not exceed 100 feet where located within 600 feet of Interstate Highway as defined above (measured from the average roadway grade level; maximum height of other signs and billboards not on Interstate ROW shall not exceed forty (40) feet.
- I** – Un-zoned areas – Billboards must be within 600 feet of business operation for 12 months, with at least one employee available to public at least 36 hours per week for four (4) days. Business to be equipped with all utilities, including restroom and permanent floor.
- 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.
 - (2) A limit of three signs stacked may be utilized and shall not exceed five feet in height measured from the ground up.
 - (3) The height of a directional sign shall not exceed five feet in height measured from the ground up.
 - (4) Sign cannot intrude into the required site triangle.
 - (5) Company colors and/or logo may be used but no commercial message may be displayed.
- K** - One projection or wall sign may be allowed per tenant wall, not above the roof line, meeting the following size requirement and not to exceed 4 tenant walls; Front and rear walls=20% of wall area not to exceed 200 square feet; side walls=20% of wall areas not to exceed 100 square feet. **This provision shall apply to structures within line of sight of interstate highways and major thoroughfares.**
- L**- One Additional freestanding sign may be permitted per lot meeting a separation of 300 linear feet per sign.***
- M**- Up to a 20 square foot minimum may be permitted 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.***

** ORD 2010-10

*** ORD 2012-20

2. Proposed text with additions highlighted:

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)
Permanent										
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
Building										
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
Temporary (2)										
A-Frame	N	N	A	A	A	A	A	N	N	NA

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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
Sign Characteristics										
Animated (7)**	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	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

1 – Signs identifying or announcing land subdivisions, residential projects, or agricultural operations, where permitted.

2 – See Section 5.5

3 – This column does not represent a zoning district. It applies to institutional uses, as defined in Article 10 Definitions, and other non-residential uses permitted in residential zoning districts, i.e., churches, schools, parks, etc., and includes historical markers.

4 – Where permitted by Table VII, billboards may be established only on lots or parcels fronting or within 600 feet of Interstate ROW as defined by Table VIII and U.S. designated highways.

5 – Un-zoned area of County.

6 – Though allowed w/o prior permitting, must meet the conditional requirements of Table VIII

7- Animated signs shall comply with South Carolina State Code 63-354, subsections (E), (F), and (I). Illumination should not shine directly on adjacent properties. Where permitted in the INS illumination shall not be displayed during evening hours where visible from adjacent residential properties.

NA – Regulation not applicable in un-zoned area of county.

*ORD 2010-10

** ORD 2012-20

Table VIII Regulation of Signs by Type, Characteristics, and Zoning District

	All	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	B-5/B-	RU-1	RU-2	INS (B)
FREESTANDING SIGNS									
Number Permitted									
Billboards	N	N	N	NA	N	NA	NA	N	N
Other (J)	1(A)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 (A)	2**
Per Feet of St. Frontage									
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	(L)
Maximum Sign Area (s.f.)									
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	(M)
Minimum Setback from									
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'

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BUILDING SIGNS									
Number Permitted (K)	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
Maximum Sign Area (s.f.)	4	12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	90 (M)
Maximum Wall Area (K)	NA	NA	25	25%	25%	15%	25%	NA	20%
TEMPORARY SIGNS	See Section 5								

Table Notes: NA = Not Applicable N= Not Allowed s.f. = Square Feet

- A – One-use identification signs, not exceeding 20 s.f. each, are permitted for each entrance of a subdivision, residential project, or agricultural operation
- * - Two-use identification signs, not exceeding 20 s.f. each, are permitted for each entrance of a subdivision, residential project, or agricultural operation for the City of Florence only.
- B – This column does not represent a zoning district. It applies to institutional uses; as defined in Article 10, Definitions and other non-residential uses permitted under the Zoning Ordinance in residential zoning district, i.e. churches, schools, parks, etc.
- C – Minimum distances required by this section shall be measured between billboards located on either side of the street along the centerline of the street from which the billboard is viewed.
- D – One per lot or one for each 300 linear feet of street frontage, whichever is less.
- E – Lots fronting on two or more streets are allowed one additional sign for each street frontage, but signage cannot be accumulated and used on one street in excess of that allowed for lots with only one street frontage.
- F – 378 s.f., except where located within 600 feet of an Interstate Highway ROW, where maximum shall be 672 square feet. Interstate highway ROW does not include I-20 Spur or McLeod Blvd. From W. Evans to I-95.
- G – Not to exceed 160 square feet.
- H - Maximum height of billboards shall not exceed 100 feet where located within 600 feet of Interstate Highway as defined above (measured from the average roadway grade level; maximum height of other signs and billboards not on Interstate ROW shall not exceed forty (40) feet.
- I – Un-zoned areas – Billboards must be within 600 feet of business operation for 12 months, with at least one employee available to public at least 36 hours per week for four (4) days. Business to be equipped with all utilities, including restroom and permanent floor.
- 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.
 - (2) A limit of three signs stacked may be utilized and shall not exceed five feet in height measured from the ground up.
 - (3) The height of a directional sign shall not exceed five feet in height measured from the ground up.
 - (4) Sign cannot intrude into the required site triangle.
 - (5) Company colors and/or logo may be used but no commercial message may be displayed.
- K - One projection or wall sign may be allowed per tenant wall, not above the roof line, meeting the following size requirement and not to exceed 4 tenant walls; Front and rear walls=20% of wall area not to exceed 200 square feet; side walls=20% of wall areas not to exceed 100 square feet. **This provision shall apply to structures within line of sight of interstate highways and major thoroughfares.**
- L- One Additional freestanding sign may be permitted per lot meeting a separation of 300 linear feet per sign.***
- M- Up to a 20 square foot minimum may be permitted 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.***

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Article 10 Definitions

Institutional Use - Public, semipublic, and private elementary schools, high schools, civic buildings, community buildings and uses, and public utility uses including substations, government buildings, churches, museums, art galleries, fire houses, post offices, police stations, reservoirs, libraries, parks, essential services, hospitals, and similar uses.

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

Ordinance No. 2012-
October 8, 2012

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

**VIII. a.
Resolution
No. 2012-26**

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 8, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to complete, and the Mayor to execute and submit an application to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority for a low interest loan from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund in an amount of approximately \$11,396,000 to finance a portion of the construction of the Florence Regional Wastewater Management Facility (WWMF) at the existing facility site.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

A. Following the recommendation of the Pee Dee Regional Water and Sewer Steering Committee, the City contracted the design engineering for construction of a new 18 mgd wastewater treatment facility. In January 2008, the City accepted the findings and recommendations of the preliminary engineering report, and the phased upgrade and expansion of the WWMF began implementation.

B. Contract 1 construction of the WWMF began in the fall of 2009. The total Contract 1 project cost is approximately \$18,900,000, and is funded by a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan approved by City Council on June 15, 2009. Contract 1 construction was completed prior to January 2012. Additional equipment purchases are currently being completed with the SRF Contract 1 funding.

C. Contract 2 construction of the WWMF began in September 2010. The total Contract 2 project cost is approximately \$68,000,000 and is funded by water and sewer system revenue bonds approved by City Council on April 12, 2010. Contract 2 construction is scheduled for completion by the summer of 2013.

D. With the completion of Contract 2 the City's WWMF capacity will be expanded from 15 to 18 million gallons per day allowing the City to meet its current wastewater treatment needs.

E. The 18 mgd permit capacity provides for only limited additional system growth in accordance with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) guidelines. The continued phased expansion of the WWMF is, therefore, advised consistent with the approved master plan and preliminary engineering reports.

F. The continued phased expansion will cost-effectively expand the permit capacity of the WWMF from 18 mgd to 22 mgd through the design and construction of additional liquid train treatment.

G. Design and construction of a wastewater treatment capacity expansion to 22 mgd will provide additional marketable sewer service by Spring 2014.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER

A. The total estimated cost for the Contract 3 construction is \$11,396,000, and if approved for funding, the SRF Loan program will provide the City with a 2.25% interest loan to fund the project over a 20-year period.

B. If approved for funding, an ordinance authorizing the borrowing of these funds will also need to be adopted by City Council.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve and adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to complete, and the Mayor to execute and submit an application to the State Authority for a loan from the State Revolving Fund in the amount of approximately \$11,396,000 to finance a portion of the construction of the Florence Regional Wastewater Management Facility at the existing facility site.

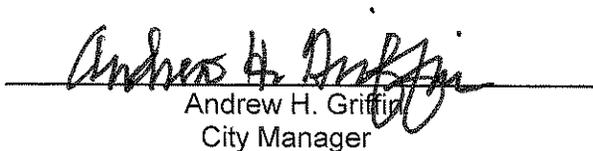
V. ATTACHMENTS

A. Project summary

B. Proposed resolution



Thomas W. Chandler
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Florence Regional Wastewater Management Facility Project Executive Summary

Project Background Information - Working in cooperation with other regional entities including those members of the Pee Dee Regional Water and Sewer Steering Committee, the City has developed a wastewater improvement program to address the treatment needs of the City and the surrounding area. The project was recommended as a result of the Pee Dee Regional Water and Sewer Master Plan (January 2006) effort led by the City. The master plan recommendations were further refined as part of the Florence Regional Wastewater Management Facility (WWMF) Preliminary Engineering Report (October 2007). In January 2008, the City accepted the findings and recommendations of the preliminary engineering report, and the phased upgrade and expansion of the wastewater management facility began implementation. The program addresses many of the wastewater challenges facing the City of Florence and the surrounding Pee Dee Region including:

- Reinvestment in aging wastewater infrastructure nearing the end of its useful service life
- Improved regulatory permit compliance
- Integration with community and educational facilities adjacent to the existing WWTP site
- Improved water quality and environmental stewardship
- Expanded and upgraded treatment capacity to attract and maintain economic development

Project Status - The second of several planned construction contracts is currently underway at the WWMF. The completed Contract 1 and ongoing Contract 2 will increase treatment reliability and will serve as the foundation for future regional wastewater services. Following the successful completion of Contract 2 (scheduled for summer 2013), the City's WWMF capacity will be expanded from 15 to 18 million gallons per day allowing the City to meet its current wastewater treatment needs. However, the 18 mgd permit capacity will leave little room for additional system growth in accordance with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) guidelines. The continued phased expansion of the WWMF is recommended, consistent with the approved master plan and preliminary engineering reports.

Project Recommendations – Initiation of the next two phases of program improvements are recommended by the Engineering Team in order to increase available wastewater treatment capacity, to improve regulatory compliance with more stringent collection system requirements, and to capitalize on favorable financing conditions. The recommended projects for approval include the Contract 3 Florence Regional Wastewater Management Facility Expansion Project and the Middle Swamp Pump Station and Williamson Road Force Main Improvements Project as described in more detail below.

Contract 3 – Florence Regional Wastewater Management Facility Expansion. As previously mentioned, the City will be well positioned to meet the City's current capacity and treatment needs following the completion of Contract 2. However, the continued phased expansion of the WWMF is required to provide available capacity to attract and support additional economic and community growth in the City of Florence. This project will cost-effectively expand the permit capacity of the WWMF from 18 mgd to 22 mgd through the design and construction of additional liquid train treatment units including:

- 20 MG Flow Equalization Tank and Pumping Facilities
- Secondary Clarifier No. 5
- Additional Return Activated Sludge and Waste Activated Sludge Pumping
- Existing Building Roof Maintenance & Repair
- Miscellaneous Demolition, Yard Piping, Civil/Site Improvements
- New Site Access Road (due to the nature of construction, it is anticipated that the access road will

be designed and constructed as a standalone construction contract).

The City will benefit from immediate authorization of the Contract 3 project for the following reasons:

- Design and construction of a wastewater treatment capacity expansion to 22 mgd will provide additional marketable sewer service by Spring 2014.
- Immediate authorization will allow procurement of bids in a favorable bidding climate. By maximizing construction overlap with the current Contract 2 project, the City will benefit from Contractor and subcontractor mobilization and available local labor staffing which should result in lower bid pricing.
- The SCDHEC State Revolving Fund program has available loan capacity to fund the project at a near historic low interest rate.

Middle Swamp Pump Station and Williamson Road Force Main Improvements. Consistent with the findings of the approved Pee Dee Regional Water and Sewer Master Plan, conveyance and maintenance improvements within the sewer collection system are recommended concurrent with WWMF upgrade and expansion. In addition, a new state law has established an enforcement threshold (no more than two significant sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) per 100 miles of aggregate collection system within a 12-month period) that if exceeded will result in greater regulatory scrutiny and issuance of a DHEC enforcement order. The three most critical needs for the City's sewer collection system to improve regulatory compliance are replacement of the Middle Swamp Pump Station with a larger capacity pump station, replacement of the Williamson Road Force Main for greater conveyance capacity, and remote communications and operations monitoring on major pump stations. The City will benefit from immediate authorization of this project for the following reasons:

- Positions the City to meet the new SSO regulatory enforcement threshold by addressing the City's highest priority collection system improvement needs.
- The SCDHEC State Revolving Fund program has available loan capacity to fund the project at a near historic low interest rate.

Project Benefits – Through the City's efforts, the proposed Florence Regional Wastewater Management Facility will provide the following benefits:

- Adequate treatment capacity to meet the current wastewater needs and support continued economic growth in the Pee Dee Region.
- Reliable process of wastewater meeting local, state, and federal water quality standards.
- Integration with neighboring science and educational assets including the ScienceSouth center, demonstrative wetlands, and the Florence Civil War Confederate Stockade as demonstrated in the conceptual WWMF site rendering.
- Integration with community recreational facilities including the region's premier recreational center and a developing system of City greenways.
- Environmental stewardship through high efficiency equipment, future design of energy recovery and reuse from biogas, and other smart design aspects.
- High cost/benefit ratio of improvements through the use of existing City property and selective reuse of existing structures that support the long-term needs of the WWMF.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-_____

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

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority (the "State Authority") provides low-interest financing for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (the "Fund") pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and Title 48, Chapter 5, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence is legally constituted municipal corporation in the State of South Carolina and is authorized to incur revenue debt pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 21, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to apply to the State Authority for a loan from the Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina (the "Council"), in a meeting duly assembled:

1. That the Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to complete, and the Mayor to execute and submit an application to the State Authority for a loan from the Fund in the amount of approximately \$11,396,000 to finance the costs of constructing an expansion of the City's Regional Wastewater Management Facility (Wastewater Treatment Plant). The City Manager is authorized to take such actions as may be necessary or convenient to complete the application process.
2. That the City will grant to the State Authority a pledge of, and lien on, all revenues of the City's combined water and sewer system for repayment of the loan.
3. That the final terms and conditions of the loan and the loan documents shall be subject to the approval of this Council.

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

**IX. a.
Accommodations
Tax Fund Report**

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 8, 2012
AGENDA ITEM: Reports to Council
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

Appropriation of Accommodations Tax funds for FY 2012-2013.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

No previous action taken.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER

The recommendations of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee are attached.

IV. OPTIONS

- a. Approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.
- b. Adjust appropriations.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Memo from Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee with Attachments 1, 2, 3 & 4.



Thomas W. Chandler
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager



City of Florence, SC Memorandum

To: Mayor Wukela and Members of City Council

From: City of Florence Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

Subject: Funding Recommendations for FY 2012-2013

Date: October 8, 2012

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee held meetings in August and September 2012 for the purpose of receiving and evaluating Accommodations Tax funding requests for fiscal year 2012-2013. Requests were received from twenty-two (22) organizations requesting "65% funds" and one (1) organization requesting "30% funding.

The Committee has studied these requests carefully, closely examining the critical needs expressed by the representatives of the requesting agencies, and evaluating the impact these agencies have on the tourism in the Florence community.

Preliminary projections indicate that approximately \$383,000 of "65% funds" will be available for allocation to requesting agencies and an additional \$163,000 for tourism promotion in the "30% funds."

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee is again recommending to City Council that the 2012-2013 appropriations to the various arts organizations be routed through the Florence Area Arts Alliance to enable that organization to receive additional grant funding through the South Carolina Arts Commission. The Florence Area Arts Alliance will then disburse the Accommodations Tax funds directly to the funded arts organizations in the amounts appropriated by City Council. This arrangement enables the Arts Alliance to substantially increase its level of grant funding from the South Carolina Arts Commission for its Small Grants Program which benefits a large number of arts organizations in the Florence area. The organizations which will be funded in this manner include: **The Masterworks Choir, Florence Little Theatre, Florence Symphony Orchestra, Florence Museum, Sankofa Festival, SC Dance Theatre,** and the **Arts International Festival** in addition to the independent funding of the Florence Area Arts Alliance.

Attached you will find the Accommodations Tax Request for FY 2012-2013 report listing all organizations requesting funds for this year; the amount of funding received by these organizations for FY 2011-12; the amount of funds requested by the organizations for FY 2012-13; and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (**Attachment 1**). You will also find attached an Accommodations Tax Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 (**Attachment 2**). In addition, an Accommodations Tax Projection of Receipts for FY 2012-13 is included for your information (**Attachment 3**). Also enclosed is a copy of the public notice printed in the local newspaper providing information concerning application for Accommodations Tax Funding (**Attachment 4**).

**CITY OF FLORENCE, SC
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX REQUESTS AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

ORGANIZATION	Appropriated 2011-12	Requested 2012-13	Committee Recommended ¹	Appropriated 2012-13
A. 30% Funds for Tourism Promotion				
1. Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau	<u>\$138,000</u>	<u>\$145,000</u>	<u>\$163,000</u> ²	
B. 65% Funds				
1. Florence Regional Arts Alliance & Pee Dee Arts	\$6,100	\$20,000	\$10,100	
2. The Masterworks Choir, Inc.	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$3,900	
3. Florence Little Theatre	\$11,100	\$15,000	\$13,100	
4. eBushua Foundation	\$3,100	\$0	\$0	
5. Florence Symphony Orchestra	\$6,100	\$10,000	\$7,500	
6. Florence Museum	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$5,000	
7. Arts International Festival	\$14,100	\$40,000	\$23,000	
8. Sankofa Festival	\$3,500	\$25,000	\$3,100	
9. SC Dance Theatre	\$3,900	\$10,000	\$5,100	
10. Carolina Classic Basketball Tournament	\$6,500	\$8,000	\$7,300	
11. Freedom Florence & Tennis Center	\$31,300	\$75,000	\$58,500	
12. Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$76,500	\$140,000	\$90,600	
13. May Fly Air Show	\$19,900	\$0	\$0	
14. Florence Tennis Association	\$9,800	\$15,000	\$13,100	
15. Florence Pecan Festival	\$14,000	\$35,000	\$15,400	
16. Florence City-County Civic Center	\$46,400	\$92,500	\$69,000	
17. Florence International Basketball Tournament	\$11,100	\$18,500	\$12,000	
18. Car Haulers Parade	\$5,250	\$10,000	\$5,600	
19. Florence Area Sports Council	\$11,200	\$20,000	\$13,600	
20. Pee Dee Tourism Commission	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	
21. Martin Luther King March and Rally	\$1,400	\$0	\$0	

**CITY OF FLORENCE, SC
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX REQUESTS AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

ORGANIZATION	Appropriated 2011-12	Requested 2012-13	Committee Recommended ¹	Appropriated 2012-13
22. SC Senior Sports Classic	\$1,850	\$5,000	\$2,700	
23. Pee Dee Arts	\$6,100	\$0	\$0	
24. Art Trail Gallery	\$1,600	\$2,500	\$2,200	
25. Wreaths Across America	\$0	\$200	\$100	
26. Hwy 52 Frontage Road Beautification	\$0	\$10,000	\$2,100	
Total -- 65% Funds	<u>\$319,100</u>	<u>\$581,700</u>	<u>\$383,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Note 1: Including carryover funds from FY 2011-12, it is anticipated that the amount available for distribution to the requesting agencies of "65% funds" will be approximately \$383,000. The "30% funds" for tourism promotion is estimated to be approximately \$163,000.

Note 2: The "30% funds" appropriation to the Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau includes \$15,000 designated specifically to the Civic Center for tourism marketing and promotion expenses, and an additional \$9,000 for a Business Development Fund to help promote the Civic Center for educational, religious, and other conferences.

**City of Florence, SC
Accommodations Tax Financial Report
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012**

Total Accommodations Funds Received	\$546,189.70
Plus Carryover Funds from Prior Year	\$10,315.55
Plus Interest Earned on Carryover Funds	\$3.96
Less General Fund Standard Allocation	<u>-\$25,000.00</u>
Balance	\$531,509.21
Less 5% Funds Paid to General Fund	-\$26,059.50
Less 30% Funds Paid for Advertising/Promotion	-\$156,356.91
Balance = 65% Funds Available for Tourism	\$349,092.81
Less Appropriations Paid to Tourism Agencies	<u>-\$319,100.00</u>
TOTAL Year End Balance	\$29,992.81

**City of Florence, SC
Accommodations Tax
Projections for FY 2012-13**

Accommodations Tax Funds Projected	\$567,840.00
Less \$25,000 to General Fund	-\$25,000.00
Subtotal	\$542,840.00
Less 5% of Balance to General Fund	-\$27,142.00
Less 30% of balance to Advertising/Promotion	-\$162,852.00
Balance for 65% Funds Distribution	\$352,846.00
Plus Carryover from Prior Year	<u>\$29,992.81</u>
Total Available for Tourism Expenditures	\$382,838.81

**City of Florence, SC
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Florence has 2012-2013 Accommodations Tax application packets available for distribution to agencies with a not-for-profit designation interested in applying for funding. Requests for application packets should be addressed to Finance Director, City of Florence, City-County Complex BB, Room 602, Florence, South Carolina 29501, Telephone 665-3162. **Applications must be received by the Finance Director no later than Friday, July 27, 2012 to be eligible for funding consideration.**

The above ad was printed in the Morning News on July 8, 2012