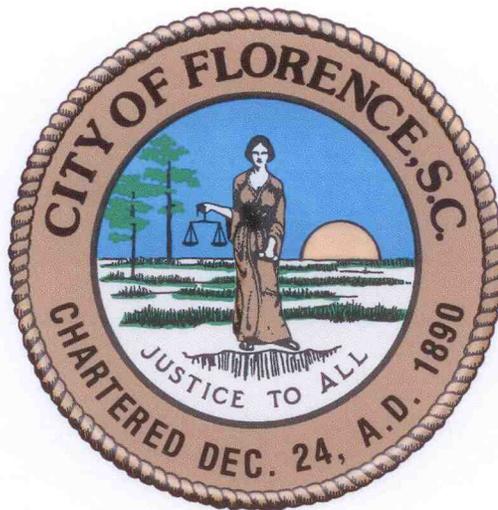


REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL



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

MONDAY  
JANUARY 14, 2013  
1:00 P.M.

**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013 - 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**

*December 10, 2012 – Regular Meeting*

**IV. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Retiree Recognition**

*Patrick Joseph – 34 years of service – August 2, 1977 – November 5, 2012*

**Service Recognitions**

*Charles Hobgood – 20 years – Police Department*

*Kevin Rawlinson – 10 years – Finance Department*

*Andy Jones – 10 years – Parks & Recreation Department*

**V. APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL**

- a. Ms. Teresa Young – Clemson Extension/Carolina Clear**  
**Would like to thank the City of Florence for participating in the Carolina Clear Program and to give a report on the highlights of what the Consortium has done throughout the year.**

**VI. ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

- a. **Bill No. 2012-37 – Second Reading**  
*An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Cynthia and Russell Gordon, 2509 Kingston Drive.*
- b. **Bill No. 2012-38 – Second Reading**  
*An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Gilbert and Caroline Morehead, 1622 Southwood Court*
- c. **Bill No. 2012-39 – Second Reading**  
*An Ordinance to amend the budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013.*
- d. **Bill No. 2012-40 - Second Reading**  
*An Ordinance to amend the budget for the City of Florence, SC, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013.*

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

- a. **Bill No. 2012-24 – First Reading**  
*An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Jim Stroud, 301 to 307 Alexander Street.*
- b. **Bill No. 2013-01 – First Reading**  
*An Ordinance to rezone 609 West Evans Street, Tax Map Number 90073-10-005, from B-1, Limited Business District to B-3, Convenience Business District.*

**VIII. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Resolution No. 2013-01**  
*A Resolution to declare December 7, 2012 as Arbor Day*
- b. **Resolution No. 2013-02**  
*A Resolution approving existing multi-jurisdictional agreements entered into by the Florence Police Department with surrounding law enforcement agencies and authorizing the City Manager to approve and sign materially equivalent agreements entered into by the Police Department in the future.*
- c. **Resolution No. 2013-03**  
*A Resolution to name the South Florence Fire Station #5*

**IX. ADJOURN**

**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 - 1:00 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNTY COMPLEX, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 605**  
**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 Robby L. Hill; 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 General Services; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities; Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works; Chief Randy Osterman, Florence Fire Department; 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 Swinney of the Morning News, Ms. Patricia Burkett of WBTW TV-13 and Ms. Tonya Brown of WPDE TV-15 were 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 Buddy Brand made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2012 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 26, 2012. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Retirement Recognition**

Mayor Wukela presented Vicki Suggs a retirement plaque in recognition of her retirement from the City on October 17, 2012. Vicki served the City for 30 years with the Florence Fire Department.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was held to receive input for a State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) to fund Contract 3 of the Florence Regional Wastewater Management Facility, which will increase the capacity of the facility from 18 mgd per day to 22 mgd per day.

Mayor Wukela opened the public hearing at 1:04 p.m.

Mr. Chris Kolkhorst with the consulting engineering firm of CDM Smith reported that the City is pursuing a loan under the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) for the Regional Wastewater Management Facility Contract 3.

Mr. Thomas Chandler reported that a Resolution has been adopted by Council authorizing the City of Florence to apply for the loan. At the time the report was made to Council, the rate for 2012 was

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2.25%. The 2013 rate, which the City will be borrowing under, is 1.9%. The cost estimate for construction is \$11.3 million.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or Council, Mayor Wukela declared the public hearing closed at 1:08 p.m.

**REPORT TO COUNCIL (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)**  
**PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SC COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM OF WEBSTER ROGERS, LLP.**

Mr. Gregory Ackerman, CPA with Webster Rogers presented the findings of the audit engagement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 for the City of Florence.

Mr. Ackerman stated that the audit has been completed and an unqualified opinion has been issued on the financial statements of the City of Florence as a whole. In general terms, this means it was a clean opinion and based on their calculations nothing was found that was materially misstated, inappropriate or reported incorrectly.

Usually within City Administration, there is concern regarding the general operating fund where most projects, other than the special projects, are undertaken and how general expenditures of the government are paid. This year, the City budgeted to use some of fund balance due to the concern that the revenues would not be able to meet the expenses of the City. Fund balance is an accumulation of unappropriated funds from prior years. A portion of those funds were budgeted to be used for the current year's operations to prevent having to make any drastic changes to how the City was operating. Some of those funds were utilized but not as much as was budgeted.

A couple of items that happened during the year; 1) Refinancing that lowered a number of the rates on some of the City's outstanding debt; and 2) the conversion of the reporting and accounting packages.

Currently, there is 29% of the budget in unassigned available fund balance.

**APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL**

**Mr. Andrew Kampiziones – to make a presentation to Mayor Wukela.**

Mr. Kampiziones presented Mayor Wukela with a letter from the Mayor of Lamia, Greece. Mr. Kampiziones recently visited his homeland of Lamia, Greece and met with the Mayor of Lamia and presented a letter to him from Mayor Stephen J. Wukela.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Councilman Glynn Willis nominated Councilman Buddy Brand to serve as Mayor Pro tem. Councilman Robby Hill seconded the motion.

There being no further nominations, Councilman Willis made a motion to close the nominations. Councilman Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Wukela declared by acclamation that Councilman Brand has been appointed to serve as Mayor Pro tem for the next two years.

**ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

**BILL NO. 2012-24 – SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE BY AMENDING SECTION 2.3, TABLE 1 AND SECTION 2.4, TABLE 2 AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 3.24 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH NEW DESIGN STANDARDS FOR DUPLEXES, TRIPLEXES, QUADRAPLEXES AND TOWNHOUSES BUILT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.**

An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Florence by amending Section 2.3, Table 1 and Section 2.4, Table 2 and by adding a new Section 3.24 in order to establish new Design Standards for Duplexes, Triplexes, Quadraplexes and Townhouses built within the city limits was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Wukela stated this issue was passed by Council on first reading at a Special Council meeting on June 26, 2012 and was then referred back to the Planning Commission for further review. The Planning Commission discussed the pending ordinance on six occasions outside of the required public hearing. Public comment was taken at these meetings as well as at the public hearing. At the October 9, 2012 Planning Commission meeting, the members present voted unanimously to recommend the amendments to the current zoning ordinance.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2012-24 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilman Robinson stated he is in support of this ordinance but feels Council needs to be cautious in regards to building codes and restrictions placed on construction.

**BILL NO. 2012-33 – SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SC BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE PROVISIONS FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES.**

An Ordinance amending the City of Florence, SC Business License Ordinance provisions for insurance companies was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2012-33 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**BILL NO. 2012-34 – SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 0.35 ACRES, IDENTIFIED BY FLORENCE COUNTY TAX MAP 90103-01-011, FROM R-4 MULTI-FAMILY, LIMITED DISTRICT TO B-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.**

An Ordinance to rezone 0.35 acres, identified by Florence County Tax Map 90103-01-011, from R-4 Multi-Family, Limited District to B-3 General Commercial District was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2012-34 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**BILL NO. 2012-37 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY CYNTHIA AND RUSSELL GORDON, 2509 KINGSTON DRIVE.**

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Cynthia and Russell Gordon, 2509 Kingston Drive was passed on first reading.

Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development reported this is an annexation and zoning request for property identified on Florence County Tax Map 01801-04-016. The request is to annex the property and zone it R-1, Single Family Residential and is being made by the owners, Cynthia and Russell Gordon.

Water and sewer services are already available and there is no cost to extend utility services.

A public hearing for rezoning was held November 13, 2012 at the Planning Commission meeting. No one was present to voice concerns or support for the request. Planning Commission members present voted 9-0 to recommend the zoning request.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No. 2012-37 on first reading. Councilwoman Williams-Blake seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**BILL NO. 2012-38 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY GILBERT AND CAROLINE MOREHEAD, 1622 SOUTHWOOD COURT.**

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Gilbert and Caroline Morehead, 1622 Southwood Court was passed on first reading.

Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development reported this is a request to annex and zone the property identified by Florence County Tax Map 90080-01-100.

City water and sewer services are already available and there is no cost to extend utility services.

A public hearing was held at the November 13, 2012 Planning Commission meeting and the members voted 9-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-3 Single Family Residential District.

Councilman Willis made a motion to pass Bill No. 2012-38 on first reading. Mayor Pro tem Brand seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**BILL NO. 2012-39 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SC, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013.**

An Ordinance to amend the budget for the City of Florence, SC, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013 was passed on first reading.

Mr. Thomas Chandler, Director of Finance reported this is an ordinance that the City traditionally presents in conjunction with the audit at the end of each fiscal year. There are generally certain purchases for equipment, one time expenditures for projects that at the end of the year have not been completed. The funding for those projects and equipment lapse and following the audit process staff generally takes a look and reports back with an amendment request to the budget appropriating funds to cover those items.

(See discussion of Bill No. 2012-40 for motion and action on this proposed ordinance.)

**BILL NO. 2012-40 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SC, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013.**

An Ordinance to amend the budget for the City of Florence, SC, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013 was passed on first reading.

Mr. Thomas Chandler, Director of Finance reported that this is an ordinance to recognize two grant revenue items. The first is the 50% funding for property acquisition adjacent to the brownsfield that the city redeveloped some years ago. That total expenditure is \$170,000 of which \$85,000 is being funded as a grant from the Bruce and Lee Foundation. The second item is to recognize revenue and create expense for \$1.2 million in funds from the Bruce and Lee Foundation for the upfitting of the City Center.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No. 2012-39 and Bill No. 2012-40, in conjunction, on first reading . Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**MR. SCOTTY DAVIS – A REPORT ON THE IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING.**

Mr. Scotty Davis, Director of General Services, reported to Council that the City of Florence is an entitlement City and as such is required to look at analysis of impediments to fair housing. Staff reviews this analysis on a year to year basis and gives a report to HUD every five years.

Fair Housing Laws were enacted in 1968. South Carolina enacted a Fair Housing Law in 1989 that is administered by the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission. A basic definition of Fair Housing Choice consists of: “The ability of persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin of similar income levels to have available to them the same housing choice.” In some circumstances the Act exempts the following: owner-occupied buildings with no more than four units; single-family housing sold or rented without the use of a broker; and housing operated by organizations and private clubs that limit occupancy to members.

This project represented a coordinated effort between the City and several other entities. These efforts included the following: 1) Identifying key “actors” in the Florence Area Housing Community; 2) Interviewing minority representatives of the local Real Estate community to discuss Fair Housing issues; 3) Discussions with officials of the Florence Board of Realtors, to collect any historical information on Fair Housing Complaints/Problems and obtain information on the Board’s Fair Housing activities; 4) Collecting base demographic data, land use ordinances, maps, etc., and information on Fair Housing Policies, complaints, etc. from City Staff; and 5) Contacting agencies for historical and/or analytical data. We also looked at other agencies such as the Human Affairs Commission. Staff studied these and paid particular interest to the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, commonly known as HMDA data concerning lending patterns in the area.

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Areas of study included:

- 1) Zoning/Land Use Regulations.
- 2) Equalization of Municipal Services
- 3) Institutional Practices in the Real Estate and Insurance Community; and
- 4) Mortgage Lending Practices.

There were no problems found with zoning, land use or equalization of municipal services. The following three impediments were identified:

- 1) The City of Florence has identified that the apparent unequal access to mortgage financing from some lending institutions serving the Florence area indicates the presence of an impediment to housing choice for minorities;
- 2) Non-representative, i.e., low number and percent of loans originating for minorities is an apparent impediment to fair housing choice in Florence; and
- 3) Indications of disparities in property insurance coverage may be an impediment to fair housing choice in Florence.

In order to obtain a comprehensive overview of the general mortgage lending patterns of all of the major lenders in the Florence area, the city obtained a copy of the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) statistical data for the Florence MSA. This report is useful in providing a general picture of lending patterns relative to race and enabled the following summary statements to be made:

- 1) Blacks have a higher chance (twice as likely) of being turned down for a mortgage loan than Whites;
- 2) Whites have a denial rate of 18% while Blacks have a denial rate of 37%;
- 3) The above statements, drawn from the HMDA data does not address reasons for denial. These factors could include poor credit history, high debt-to-income ratios, etc.

**Identified Impediment 1**

The City of Florence has identified that the apparent unequal access to mortgage financing from some lending institutions serving the Florence area indicates the presence of an impediment to housing choice for minorities.

**Action Item 1**

\*Develop and promote credit and homebuyer assistance programs.

\*Because credit history is a major reason for denial of home mortgage applications, lenders will be asked to consider to assist with reducing the denial of home mortgage applications based on credit history:

- 1) To share with the applicant the specific information on the credit report on which the denial was based.
- 2) To give the applicant the opportunity to investigate questionable credit information prior to denial of a home mortgage application by the bank.
- 3) To allow the applicants to offer alternative credit references in lieu of the standard traditional references.
- 4) To refer applicants for credit counseling or other readily available services in the community

**Action Item 2**

\*The City of Florence will improve the visibility of fair housing to ensure that residents know what to do if they think they have experienced housing discrimination. The following will be provided on the City's website:

- 1) Define fair housing. Discuss what fair housing is and provide the basics of the federal Fair Housing Act, including a list of the protected classes.
- 2) Fair housing information pamphlet. Provide information to assist the visitor with fair housing issues and make available a pamphlet of information concerning fair housing and how to file a complaint.
- 3) Have direct instructions for filing a complaint. The website will contain specific instructions on how to file a complaint with the city, the state, and HUD.

**Identified Impediment 2**

Non-representative, i.e., low number and percent of loans originating for minorities is an apparent impediment to Fair Housing Choice in Florence.

**Action Item 1**

\*The City will develop a brochure to promote improving credit and homeownership programs. It will be distributed at community centers, libraries, etc. The City of Florence will continue to monitor HMDA data to identify lenders with high rates of loan denials involving members of protected classes and utilize the Community Reinvestment Act to influence lender conduct. Education about loan requirements and budgeting offered through first-time homebuyer classes and other financial classes may increase the number and percentage of loans originated by minorities.

\*The Hispanic community is the second largest minority population in the City. The City has developed a marketing strategy to assist this population in accessing information on its housing program. The City has produced its housing brochures in Spanish and businesses frequented by the Hispanic population have agreed to display the brochures.

**Identified Impediment 3**

Indications of disparities in property insurance coverage may also be an impediment to fair housing choice in Florence.

**Action Item 1**

\*A Congressional report on the fairness of using consumer credit data in underwriting and rate setting concluded that:

- 1) Most insurance companies use credit-based insurance scores in determining the price to offer coverage to consumers.
- 2) The scores are an effective predictor of risk under automobile policies.
- 3) The scores are distributed disproportionately among racial and ethnic groups and affect insurance premiums that these groups pay.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which conducted the report, concluded that it was unable to develop an alternative credit-based insurance scoring model that would not have such an effect among racial and ethnic groups. Although this activity may be an impediment to fair housing choice, it has been vetted by Congress without any resolution. Therefore, the City of Florence will have to wait on nationally mandated changes in the insurance industry to address this possible impediment. It is assumed that this impediment is a national issue that will be addressed by the officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Members of Council expressed their concerns with the possibility that the City is conducting business with financial institutions that are contributing to these impediments to minorities.

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Mayor Wukela requested that Mr. Davis provide more detailed information from lenders regarding the basis for these denials. Obviously, at times, there are legitimate underwriting reasons for denials, but statistically there is some disparity and there should be some explanation.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to direct staff to proceed with the action items as outlined by Mr. Davis and provide the requested additional information for Council's consideration. Councilwoman Williams-Blake seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**COUNCILMAN ROBINSON – TO MAKE A REQUEST THAT THE CITY CO-SPONSOR, ALONG WITH FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY, THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WALK AND RALLY.**

Councilman Robinson stated for the fourteenth year the Florence Community Development Agency is sponsoring the MLK March and Rally and would like to do it in two phases. Dr. Carter, of Francis Marion University has agreed to co-sponsor this event and is allowing the use of the Performing Arts Center. On January 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a musical tribute to Dr. King. On Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the march and rally will take place beginning at Majority Church and ending at the Performing Arts Center. Activities should conclude at the Performing Arts Center around 2:00 p.m.. The FCDA would like to continue with this event until 5:00 p.m. and is requesting the City to be a co-sponsor and donate the use of the city's parking lot to allow the activities to continue.

Mayor Wukela clarified that the City's sponsorship would be an in-kind sponsorship.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Williams-Blake seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**COUNCILMAN ROBINSON – WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MAKE-UP OF THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

Councilman Robinson stated when the Downtown Development Corporation (DDC) was first formed there was representation from all council members. Councilman Robinson stated based on the current make up of the board, the lower income areas are not being equitably represented in the growth of downtown and feels there needs to be some changes so that it will be more inclusive of everybody in the city. Councilman Robinson has spoken with the City Attorney regarding this and understands that City Council has no control over who is appointed to serve on the board.

The DDC is its own non-profit entity and City Council does not control its membership. However, given the fact that the City makes donations to the DDC, Council Robinson would like to request that the DDC be more cognizant of minority representation on the board.

Mayor Wukela stated that he shares this desire along with Councilman Robinson and feels that the other members of Council do as well and will pass this desire along to the DDC.

Mayor Pro tem Brand stated that as a member of the DDC for the past 3-5 years, as with any civic club, members become disinterested and decide to stop serving on the board. When new members are recruited, the motivation is to bring people in who are excited about downtown and want to build it up. Sometimes this results in the exclusion, although not intentional, of minority businesses, as well as other businesses. Mayor Pro tem Brand stated he feels if a request was conveyed to the DDC board that City Council would like to see representation of the type of citizen that Council Robinson is referring to, the board would take that into consideration and it would be acted upon.

Council Robinson stated that was all he was asking the board to do.

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**COUNCILMAN ROBINSON – A REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL DAY AS A CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.**

The City of Florence will recognize Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> as Christmas holidays. Councilman Robinson is requesting that an additional day, Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> be granted as part of the Christmas holidays for city employees.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> as an additional Christmas holiday for city employees. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Wukela stated there were two matters with regard to legal advice that Council needed to discuss in Executive Session.

Councilman Willis made a motion to enter into Executive Session. There was no objection.

Council entered into Executive Session at 2:40 p.m.

Mayor Wukela reconvened the regular meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Mayor Wukela stated that Council received legal advice on a number of issues in Executive Session. One issue involved the question of an expenditure in the amount of \$25,000 for a feasibility study for a Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant third and fourth year medical school in Florence.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to approve this request. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM PEE DEE HEALTH EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD A FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

This issue was discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to approve the request for \$25,000 for a feasibility study for a Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant third and fourth year medical school in Florence. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the request, which carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was no objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013

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Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

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Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

**CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** December 10, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance  
First Reading

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

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Request to annex 2509 Kingston Drive, Tax Map 01801-04-016, into the City of Florence and zone to R-1 Single Family Residential District. The request is being made by the owners, Cynthia and Russell Gordon.

**II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

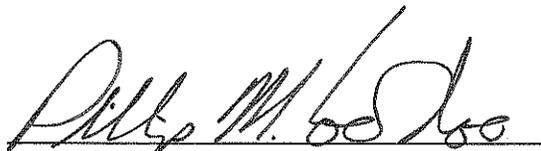
- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City water and sewer services are already available; there is no cost to extend utility services.
- (3) A Public Hearing for rezoning was held at the November 13, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. No one was present to voice concerns or support the request.
- (4) Planning Commission members voted 9-0 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:**

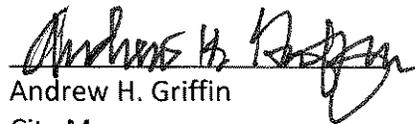
- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

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



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



Andrew H. Griffin  
City Manager

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY CYNTHIA AND RUSSELL GORDON, 2509 KINGSTON DRIVE.**

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held in Room 603 of the City-County Complex on November 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 Cynthia and Russell Gordon, owner of 2509 Kingston 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 01801, block 04, parcel 016. (0.41 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**

**Approved as to form:**

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

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Stephen J. Wukela,  
**Mayor**

**Attest:**

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Dianne Rowan  
**Municipal Clerk**

# Annexation Request



Urban Planning &  
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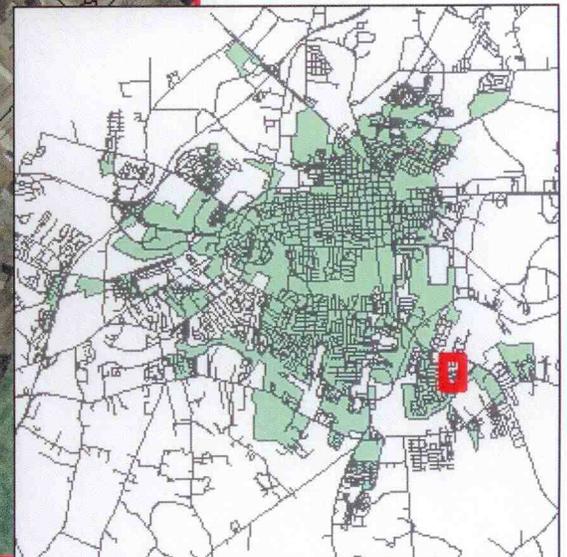


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 City Boundary

ORIGINAL PREPARATION  
This map was prepared by:  
City of Florence  
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**CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** December 10, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance  
First Reading

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

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Request to annex 1622 Southwood Court Tax Map 90080-01-100, into the City of Florence and zone to R-3 Single Family Residential District. The request is being made by the owners, Gilbert and Caroline Morehead.

**II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

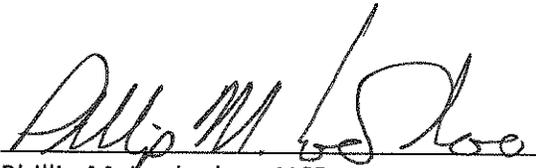
- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City water and sewer services are already available; there is no cost to extend utility services.
- (3) A Public Hearing for rezoning was held at the November 13, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. No one was present to voice concerns or support the request.
- (4) Planning Commission members voted 9-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-3 single Family Residential District.
- (5) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-3 Single Family Residential District.

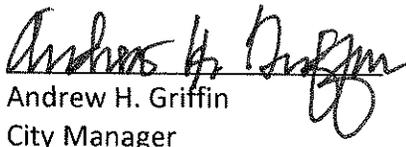
**III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

- (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 GILBERT AND CAROLINE MOREHEAD, 1622 SOUTHWOOD COURT.**

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held in Room 603 of the City-County Complex on November 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 Gilbert and Caroline, owner of 1622 Southwood Court 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-3, Single Family Residential District:

**The properties requesting annexation are shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90080, block 01, parcel 100. (0.20 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-3, 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**

# Annexation Request



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Development Department

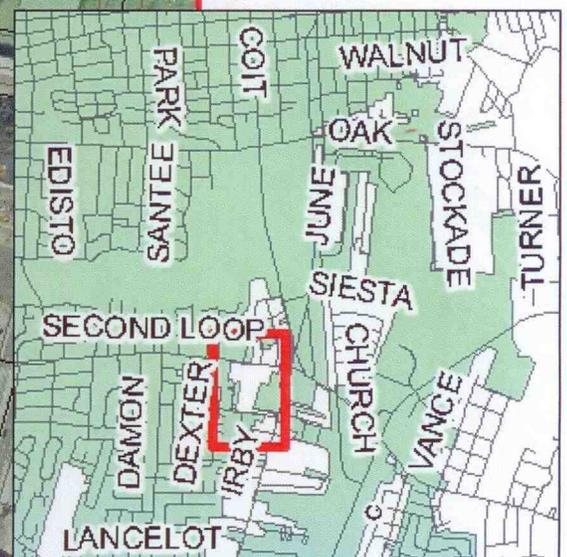


### Legend

 City Boundary

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1622 Southwood Court

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** December 10, 2012  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance – First Reading  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Finance

**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

First amendment to the FY 2012-13 City of Florence Budget.

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

No previous action has been taken on this ordinance.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**

The objective of the proposed ordinance is to more closely align budgeted amounts with actual revenues and expenditures thereby eliminating or reducing significant variances between budgeted and actual amounts in both revenue and expenditure categories. Funds are being re-appropriated from fiscal year 2011-12 to 2012-13 to complete transactions which were incomplete at the end of fiscal year 2011-12. Additionally, funds are being added in the Water and Sewer Construction Fund to provide for water and sewer line projects not included in the original FY 2012-13 budget to be reimbursed by the Florence County Infrastructure Fund.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

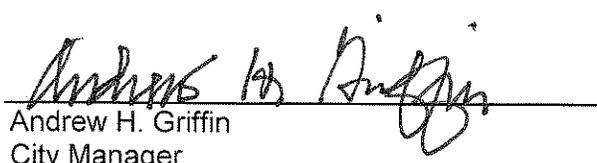
Approval and adoption of the proposed ordinance.

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

Copy of the proposed ordinance.



Thomas W. Chandler  
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin  
City Manager

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

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

**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, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, is hereby amended as follows:

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

100375-435010 From Unappropriated Reserve is increased in the amount of \$560,700 from fund balance.

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

10043020-580060 Other Equipment (Beautification & Facilities) is funded in the amount of \$31,800 to provide for the replacement of a brush chipper (\$21,800) and for the replacement of mower # 331 (10,000).

10043023-580060 Other Equipment (Equipment Maintenance) is funded in the amount of \$6,500 to provide for the purchase of a tire changing machine.

10043024-574010 Tree Beautification (Recreation) is increased in the amount of \$1,000 to provide tree and miscellaneous plant replacement at the Veterans Park and Tennis Center.

10043024-580010 Buildings & Fixed Equipment (Recreation) is funded in the amount of \$73,000 to provide for parks equipment and facilities improvements.

10043024-580040 Auto Equipment (Recreation) is funded in the amount of \$69,800 to provide for the replacement of seniors van # 923 (\$34,800); pickup truck # 931 (\$17,500); and pickup truck # 934 (\$17,500).

10043024-890000 Miscellaneous Grants (Recreation) is increased in the amount of \$6,000 for grant funded Maple Park facility improvements.

10043025-580010 Buildings & Fixed Equipment (Athletic Programs) is funded in the amount of \$9,400 to provide for facility improvements at Freedom Florence.

10043025-580060 Other Equipment (Athletic Programs) is funded in the amount of \$26,000 to provide for replacement of mower # 964 (\$10,000); replacement of mower # 992 (\$12,000); and replacement of trailer # 971 (\$4,000).

**FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment Ordinance (continued)**

- 10046300-531000 Professional Services (Planning) is increased in the amount of \$31,000 for uncompleted UDO and Neighborhood Action Plans development.
- 10049300-574120 Tennis Center Capital Equipment (Non-Departmental) is funded in the amount of \$5,300 to provide for the purchase of Tennis Center facility equipment.
- 10049300-594005 Lot Clearing and Demolition (Non-Departmental) is funded in the amount of \$91,500 to provide for the clearing and demolition of lots and abandoned structures within the city limits.
- 10049300-594020 Contingency Fund (Non-Departmental) is increased in the amount of \$92,900 to provide for contingency funding for unanticipated General Fund projects or programs required in FY 2012-13.
- 10049300-594060 IT Support Services (Non-Departmental) is increased in the amount of \$13,000 to provide for IT support services related to management system software implementation and development.
- 10049300-594070 Management System Software (Non-Departmental) is increased in the amount of \$86,000 to provide funds for the General Fund portion of the Financial and HR management software conversion and implementation.
- 10049300-594150 Rail Trail – DHEC (Non-Departmental) is funded in the amount of \$17,500 to provide for DHEC grant-funded trail system improvements.

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

- 200375-435010 From Unappropriated Reserve is funded in the amount of \$603,000 from unrestricted net assets.

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

- 20041506-550510 Meters, Parts & Supplies (Utility Finance) is increased in the amount of \$130,000 to provide for radio read equipment.
- 20044042-580050 Facility Improvements (Surface Water) is increased in the amount of \$120,000 to provide for lagoons solids dewatering (\$80,000) and cleaning of the raw water reservoir (\$40,000).

**FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment Ordinance (continued)**

- 20044043-538040 Well Maintenance & Repairs (Ground Water) is increased in the amount of \$30,000 to provide for Public Works well chemicals.
- 20044043-580050 Facility Improvements (Ground Water) is increased in the amount of \$85,000 to provide for Alligator Road filter media replacement.
- 20049300-594020 Contingency Fund (Non-Departmental) is increased in the amount of \$50,000 to provide for contingency funding for unanticipated water and sewer facilities maintenance and improvements required in FY 2012-13.
- 20049300-594060 IT Support Services (Non-Departmental) is increased in the amount of \$13,000 to provide for IT support services related to management system software implementation and development.
- 20049300-594070 Management System Software (Non-Departmental) is increased in the amount of \$175,000 to provide funds for the General Fund portion of the Financial and HR management software conversion and implementation.

**Section 5.** That the category of revenues of the Water and Sewer Equipment Replacement Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

- 210375-435010 From Unappropriated Reserve is funded in the amount of \$277,000 from unrestricted net assets.

**Section 6.** That the category of expenses of the Water and Sewer Equipment Replacement Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

- 21041506-580030 Office Equipment (Utility Finance Equipment Replacement) is increased in the amount of \$6,500 to provide funding for the purchase of office equipment.
- 21044040-580040 Auto Equipment (Engineering Equipment Replacement) is increased in the amount of \$50,000 to provide funding for the replacement of utility vehicle # 100 (\$25,000) and the replacement of utility vehicle # 511 (\$25,000).
- 21044041-580060 Other Equipment (Wastewater Treatment Equipment Replacement) is increased in the amount of \$18,000 to provide funding for the replacement of backhoe # 766.
- 21044044-580010 Buildings and Fixed Equipment (Distribution Operations Equipment Replacement) is funded in the amount of \$7,500 to provide funding for the purchase of a heat pump replacement.

**FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment Ordinance (continued)**

21044044-580060 Other Equipment (Distribution Operations Equipment Replacement) is increased in the amount of \$85,000 to provide funding for the purchase of a replacement trailer mounted 4" pump (\$20,000); a replacement 6" trash pump (\$20,000); and a replacement 8" trash pump (\$45,000).

21044045-580040 Auto Equipment (Collection Operations Equipment Replacement) is increased in the amount of \$94,000 to provide funding for the replacement of sewer rod truck # 677 (\$76,000), and the replacement of pickup truck # 696 (\$18,000).

21044045-580060 Other Equipment (Collection Operations Equipment Replacement) is increased in the amount of \$16,000 to provide funding for the replacement of an air compressor.

**Section 7.** That the category of revenues of the Water and Sewer Construction Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

220375-435010 From Unappropriated Reserve is increased in the amount of \$494,000 from unrestricted net assets.

220399-460130 Florence County Infrastructure Fund Reimbursement is funded in the amount of \$139,000 for water and sewer line extension projects funded in part by Florence County.

**Section 8.** That the category of expenses of the Water and Sewer Construction Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

22049900-W0013 Surface Water Raw Water Pump Station (W/S Construction Fund Projects) is funded in the amount of \$225,000 for raw water pump station repairs at the Surface Water Plant.

22049900-W0019 Jody Road Pump Station (W/S Construction Fund Projects) is funded in the amount of \$213,000 to upgrade the Jody Road pump station.

22049900-W0030 Wilson Road Sewer Extension (W/S Construction Fund Projects) is funded in the amount of \$35,000 for Wilson Road sewer line extension.

22049900-W0031 Becky's Parkway Water Line Extension (W/S Construction Fund Projects) is funded in the amount of \$40,000 for water line extension on Becky's Parkway.

22049900-W0045 Emma Lane Water Line Extension (W/S Construction Fund Projects) is funded in the amount of \$30,000 for water line extension on Emma Lane.

**FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment Ordinance (continued)**

22049900-W0046 Olanta Highway Water Line Extension (W/S Construction Fund Projects) is funded in the amount of \$90,000 for water line extension on Olanta Highway.

**Section 9.** That the category of revenues of the Stormwater Equipment Replacement Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

310375-435010 From Unappropriated Reserve is increased in the amount of \$168,000 from unrestricted net assets.

**Section 10.** That the category of expenses of the Stormwater Equipment Replacement Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

31044060-580060 Other Equipment (Stormwater Operations Equipment Replacement) is increased in the amount of \$168,000 to provide funding for the replacement of street sweeper # 851.

**Section 11.** That the category of revenues of the Hospitality Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

400375-435010 From Unappropriated Reserve is funded in the amount of \$385,000 from fund balance.

**Section 12.** That the category of expenditures of the Hospitality Fee Fund in said budget is hereby amended by the additional appropriations as follows:

40049900-598045 Downtown Improvements (Hospitality Fund General Expenditures) is funded in the amount of \$260,000 for: courtyard construction on S. Dargan Street (\$125,000); breezeway construction on S. Dargan Street (\$100,000); and to provide for underground utility services on the west side of the 400 block of S. Dargan Street (\$35,000).

40049900-598135 Incubator (Hospitality Fund General Expenditures) is funded in the amount of \$125,000 to provide for the development of a downtown incubator.

**Section 13.** 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.

**FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment Ordinance (continued)**

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

**VI. d.**  
**Bill No. 2012-40**  
**Second Reading**

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** December 10, 2012  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance – First Reading  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Finance

**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

Second amendment to the 2012-13 City of Florence Budget.

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

No previous action has been taken on this ordinance.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**

Funds are being added in the General Fund to provide for property acquisitions not included in the original FY 2012-13 budget to be paid from grant funding and unappropriated reserves of the General Fund. Additionally, funds are being added in the General Fund and Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund to provide for costs related to moving City administrative and operational departments into the City Center facility located at 324 W. Evans Street to serve as City Hall. These costs are being paid for from grant funding in the General Fund and from unappropriated reserves of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

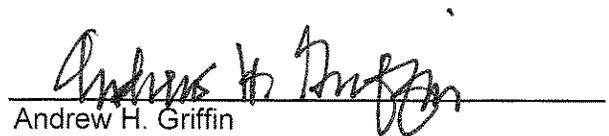
Approval and adoption of the proposed ordinance.

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

Copy of the proposed ordinance.



Thomas W. Chandler  
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin  
City Manager

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

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

**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, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, is hereby amended as follows:

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

100120-790000      Miscellaneous Grants is increased in the amount of \$1,285,000 to provide for Bruce and Lee Foundation grant funds for 50% of the land acquisition cost for property adjacent to the City's reclaimed brownfield property (\$85,000) and to provide funding for costs related to moving City administrative and operational departments into the City Center facility located at 324 W. Evans Street to serve as City Hall (\$1,200,000).

100375-435010      From Unappropriated Reserve is increased in the amount of \$85,000 from fund balance.

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

10049300-594015      City Center (Non-Departmental) is funded in the amount of \$1,200,000 to provide for costs related to moving City administrative and operational departments into the City Center facility located at 324 W. Evans Street to serve as City Hall.

10049300-594160      Property Acquisition (Non-Departmental) is increased in the amount of \$170,000 to provide for the acquisition of the Schaefer property adjacent to the City's reclaimed brownfield property (\$170,000).

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

200375-435010      From Unappropriated Reserve is funded in the amount of \$200,000 from unrestricted net assets.

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

**FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment Ordinance (continued)**

20049300-594015 City Center (Non-Departmental) is funded in the amount of \$200,000 to provide for costs related to moving City administrative and operational departments into the City Center facility located at 324 W. Evans Street to serve as City Hall.

**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

**VII. a.**  
**Bill No. 2012-24**  
**First Reading**

**CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** January 14, 2013

**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance  
First Reading

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

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Request to annex and zone 301 to 307 Alexander St., Tax Map 90090-13-002 (0.66 acres). The request is being made by the applicant, Jim Stroud.

**II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- (1) City water and sewer services are available.
- (2) The property is situated along City/County boundaries where some adjacent property is unzoned. The adjacent property within the City of Florence municipal limits is predominantly zoned R-4 in the residential neighborhoods. Generally adjacent parcels in the county are zoned R-3A which does not allow duplexes or multi-family development.
- (3) The future land use map of the Florence 2010 Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property as Neighborhood Conservation.
- (4) The objective of this designation is to identify and protect the character and present use of residential resources (existing neighborhoods and subdivisions) and to prohibit development which would compromise or infringe on the prevailing character or continued use of such resources for residential purposes.
- (5) Subsequent to the annexation petition being submitted, building permits were obtained.
- (6) The applicant requested the R-5 zoning classification which permits a higher intensity of residential uses such as multi-family and quadraplex. Such uses are not permitted within the surrounding R-3A and R-4 zoned neighborhood.
- (7) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the June 12, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. One person was present to represent the applicant's zoning request to R-5 Multi-Family.
- (8) Based upon the most compatible zoning district, staff recommended R-4 multi-family limited.
- (9) A motion to recommend R-4 Multi Family limited zoning classification failed when a vote by Planning Commission members resulted in four in favor and four opposed to the motion.
- (10) A second motion, to recommend the R-3 zoning classification, failed by a 5-3 vote by the Planning Commission.

- (11) The property is located in an unzoned area of the county and therefore compliant with county codes. However, the development was constructed out of compliance with City of Florence Zoning and Development Standards in place at the time the annexation was submitted.
- (12) The development does not meet the design standards as adopted at the December 10, 2012 meeting of City Council.

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

- (1) Action on this item was requested by the applicant's agent to be deferred until after December 1, 2012.

**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

City of Florence Planning, Research & Development Department

218 West Evans St., Florence, SC 29501

Phone (843) 665-2047 Fax (843) 292-4911

ZONING/REZONING APPLICATION

Date filed: 5-8-12 Request No. \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Notice Published: \_\_\_\_\_

Planning Commission Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Governing Council Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Action: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS

A zoning map amendment may be initiated by the property owner, Planning Commission, or Governing Council. The City of Florence Planning, Research & Development Department must then hold a public hearing. The applicant and/or agent must appear at the hearing to present the case before the Planning Commission. After the Planning Commission has made its recommendation, the issue will then go to the respective Governing Council.

If the application is on behalf of the property owner(s), all owners must sign. If the applicant is not the owner, the owner(s) must sign the Designation of Agent section.

A \$100.00 fee must accompany this application.

THE APPLICANT (S) HEREBY REQUEST (S) that the property described below be zoned/rezoned from UNZONED to R-5

THE APPLICANT(S) is/are the () property owner(s), ( ) agent of property owner(s) or ( ) option holder(s)

APPLICANT (S) (Please print or type): Name(s):

Stroud Holdings, LLC  
Address: P.O. Box 13555 Florence, SC 29504  
Telephone Number: 229-9236 [work] 229-9236 [home]

[Use reverse side if more space is needed] PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
307A/B, 305A/B, 303A/B, 301A/B Alexander St Tax Map No. 90060-13-002  
\_\_\_\_\_, Block \_\_\_\_\_, Parcel 13, Lot 002, Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_, Lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Dimensions: 150 x 173 Area: .59 ACRES Zoning  
District: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGNATION OF AGENT [complete only if owner is not applicant]: I (we) hereby appoint the person named as Applicant as my (our) agent to represent me (us) in this request for rezoning. The signature(s) of the owner(s) must be notarized.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5-8-12

I (we) certify that the information in this request is correct. Applicant(s) signature:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Proposed Change:

Amendment to Map. It is requested that the property described and shown on the attached site plan be zoned to R-5.

Amendment to Map. It is requested that the property described and shown on the attached site plan be rezoned from UNZOWECL to R-5.

Present use of property: VACANT LOT

Proposed use of property: TOWN HOME ASSOC.

I certify that I have received and read the attached copy of Section 2.5 Table III Schedule of Lot Area, Yard, Setback, Height, Density, Floor Area and Impervious Surface Requirements for Residential, Business, and Rural Districts and understand that the property must meet these requirements.

I understand that other conditions such as a bufferyard or special setbacks may also be imposed by the Consolidated Zoning Ordinance.

Applicant(s) signature: [Signature] Date: 5-8-12

V. Proposed Change (Check those applicable)

Amendment to Text. It is requested that Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Consolidated Zoning Ordinance be amended to read as follows:

Purposed by being Annexed is to benefit from city water/sewer rates. To be refunded if Annexed.

Note: An amendment to the text of the Ordinance may be implemented only by Zoning Officials, Planning Commission and Governing Councils.

VI. Adjacent Property Owners List all property adjacent to the subject property.

Name Address Present Use

I certify that all of the above information including any attachments provided along with this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5-8-12

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

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

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

1. The petitioners are the sole owner(s) of real estate in the County of Florence, State of South Carolina which property lies adjacent and contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Florence.
2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map

3. That the petitioner(s) request that the City Council of Florence annex the above described property in accordance with subsection 31 of 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina for 1976, such section allowing the annexation of an area without the necessity of an election and referendum.

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

Total Residents	<u>8</u>
Race	_____
Total 18 and Over	_____
Total Registered to Vote	_____

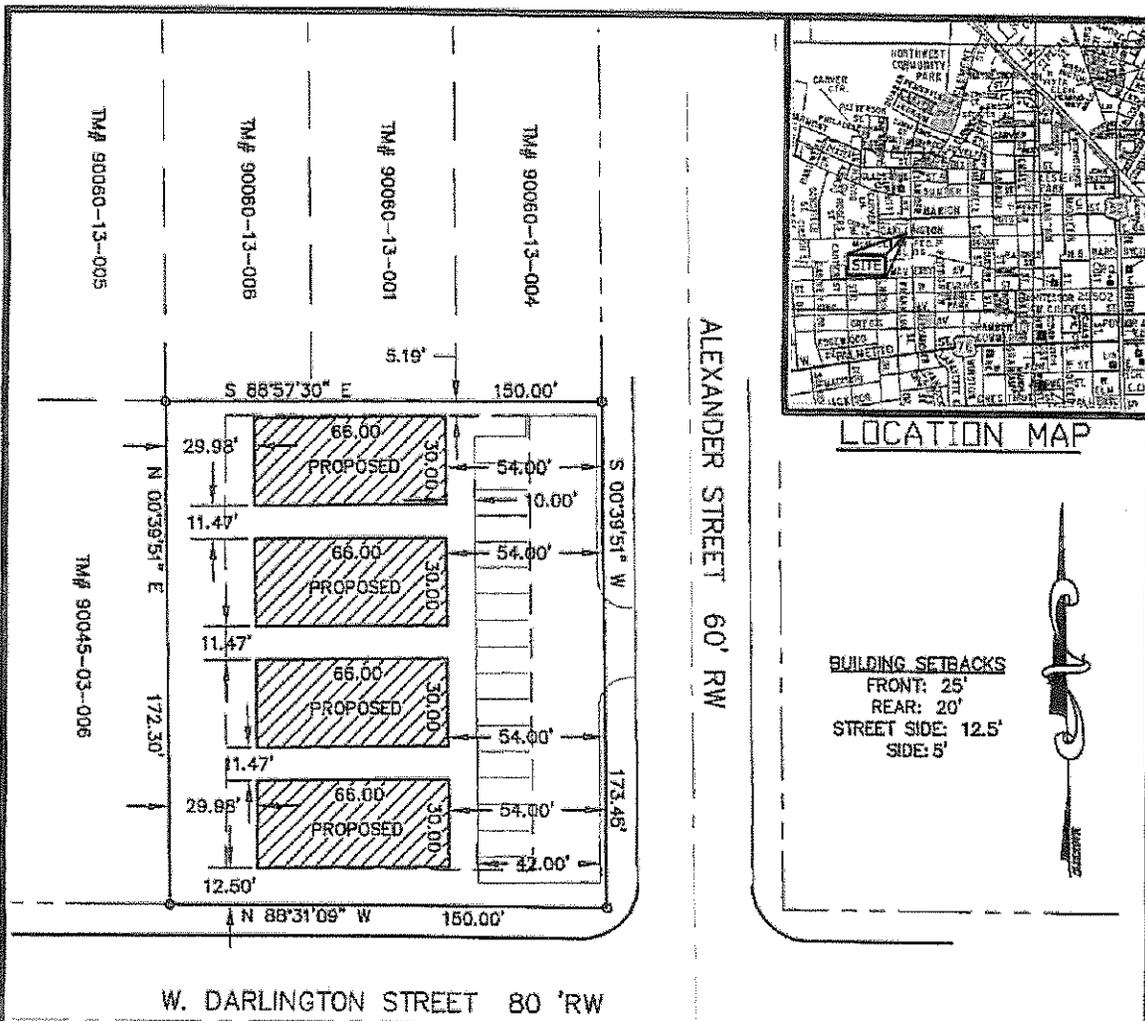
Date 5-8-12

[Signature]  
Petitioner

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:	FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY
Date _____	_____



1001 W. DARLINGTON ST.  
FLORENCE COUNTY  
SOUTH CAROLINA

THIS IS A RESURVEY OF  
AN EXISTING PARCEL.

### PLOT PLAN

OF 0.60 ACRES LOCATED IN FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING THAT PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS TAX PARCEL #90060-13-002 AND DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK A455, PG. 1677. SURVEYED FOR:

### STROUD HOLDINGS

DATE: MAY 2, 2012    JOB NO: 12197R    FLD BK:    PAGE:    REF JOB NO:    TM#: 90060-13-002

I HEREBY STATE THAT TO THE BEST OF MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THE SURVEY SHOWN HEREON WAS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STANDARD OF PRACTICE MANUAL FOR SURVEYING IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CLASS "A" SURVEY AS SPECIFIED THEREIN. ALSO THERE ARE NO ENCROACHMENTS, PROJECTIONS, OR SETBACKS AFFECTING THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN THOSE SHOWN. ALSO I HAVE CONSULTED THE FEDERAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FLOOD HAZARD MAP 45041C0133D, EFFECTIVE DATE DEC. 16, 2004 AND FOUND THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO NOT BE IN A FLOOD ZONE.

NOTE: THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT OF ANY AND ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS, RECORDED OR UNRECORDED, THAT MAY APPLY. UNLESS NOTED HEREON THIS MAP DOES NOT ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS OR SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION.

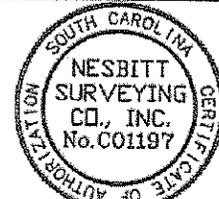


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SCALE 1" = 50 FT



GRAPHIC SCALE



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

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY JIM STROUD, 301 TO 307 ALEXANDER STREET.**

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held in Room 603 of the City-County Complex on June 12, 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 Jim Stroud, owner of 301 to 307 Alexander Street 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 \_\_\_\_\_:

**The properties requesting annexation are shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90090, block 13, parcel 002. (0.66 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 property to \_\_\_\_\_ and incorporating it 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

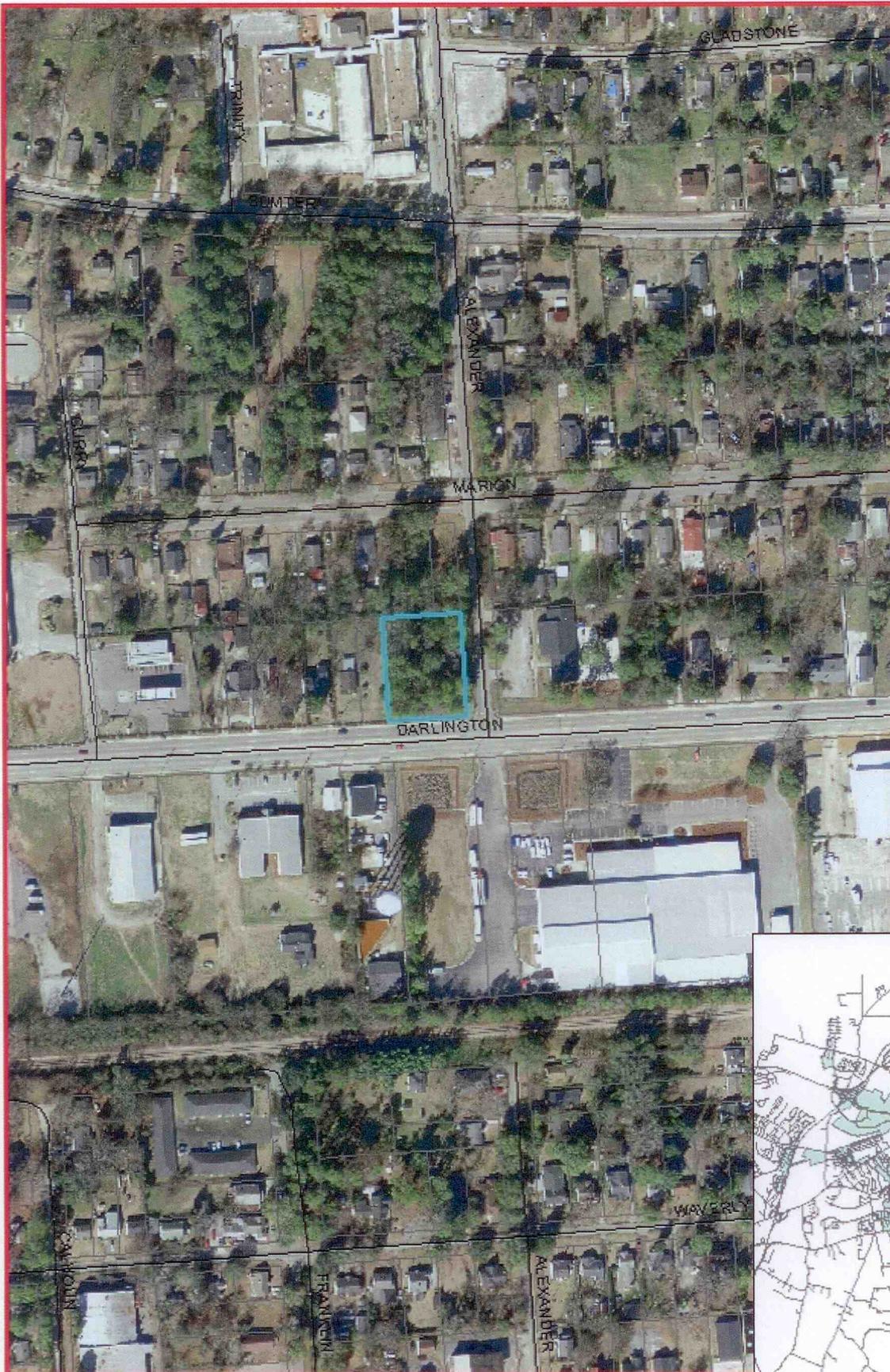
Attest:

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

# AERIAL LOCATION MAP



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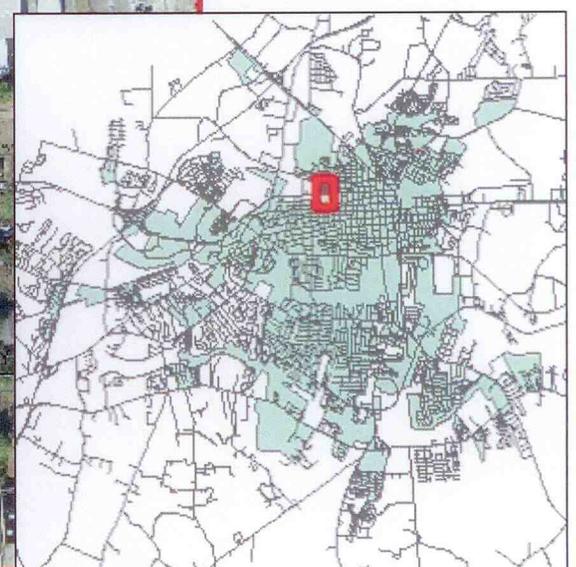


**Legend**

- City Limits
- Parcels
- Road Segment

**ORIGINAL PREPARATION**  
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**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** January 14, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM:** First Reading, Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance

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

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

Request to rezone 609 West Evans Street, Tax Map Number 90073-10-005, from B-1, Limited Business District to B-2, Convenience Business District.

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

On November 13, 2012, Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter. The Planning Commissioners voted unanimously, 9-0, to approve the request.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**

1. The rezoning request was made so that the property may be used as a gift shop and/or café.
2. Retail and restaurant uses are only permitted in a B-2 or higher zoning district.
3. This property is currently surrounded by B-1 and R-4 Zoning Districts.
4. Rezoning the property does meet the purpose of the Future Land Use Map, Residential Transition.
5. One surrounding property owner submitted an email message opposing the request.

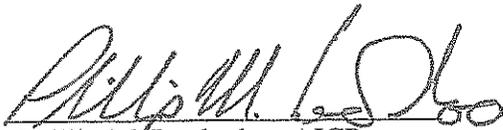
**IV. OPTIONS**

City Council may:

1. Approve the request as presented based on the information submitted.
2. Defer the request should additional information be needed.
3. Suggest other alternatives
4. Deny the request.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Ordinance
2. Email opposing the request



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



Andrew H. Griffin  
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-\_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 609 WEST EVANS STREET, TAX MAP NUMBER 90073-10-005, FROM B-1, LIMITED BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-2, CONVENIENCE BUSINESS DISTRICT:**

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held in Room 604 of the City-County Complex on November 13, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS**, Betty Hooker made application to rezone 609 West Evans Street from B-1, Limited Business District to B-2, Convenience Business District;

**WHEREAS**, the rezoning request was made so that a gift shop and/or café may be permitted;

**WHEREAS**, retail and restaurant uses are not permitted in the B-1 Zoning District;

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

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

1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted by amending the Zoning Atlas of the City of Florence for the aforesaid property to B-2, Convenience Business 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013**

**Approved as to form:**

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

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Stephen J. Wukela,  
**Mayor**

**Attest:**

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Dianne M. Rowan  
**Municipal Clerk**

**From:** ebrand57@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 5:03 PM  
**To:** Kendra Cobbs  
**Subject:** rezoning of 609 W. Evanst St., Florence

Dear Ms. Cobbs:

This email constitutes a reaffirmation of our telephone conversation today November 13, 2012, in which I articulated the following reasons for my strong opposition (reinforced by the collective opposition of other business professionals Owing property in the area) to the rezoning of 609 W Evans Street (B1 Limited business to B2 convenience business):

1) Rezoning may have a negative impact on the property value of professionally owned businesses (Clinical psychologists, attorneys, chiropractors, Financial investment advisors, etc);

2) Rezoning may have a stultifying effect on the professional image of extant properties and thus is incongruent with the positive redevelopment plans of key city government and planning leaders;

3) Rezoning may increase automotive and personal traffic that may compromise, significantly, the confidentiality of many medical, legal, mental health, and professional clients who receive services from current professional business owners;

4) Finally, rezoning with the accompanying traffic problems may result in increased risk of undesirable activities (Break-ins, property theft, drug sales, etc.) that will have a negative impact on said businesses.

The professionals who object to this rezoning are represented by law-abiding, tax-paying, doctors, lawyers and financial investment advisors many of whom have provided more than 25 years of service to the Florence community and surrounding areas.

I respectfully request that the planning committee give serious consideration to the aforementioned concerns.

Sincerely,

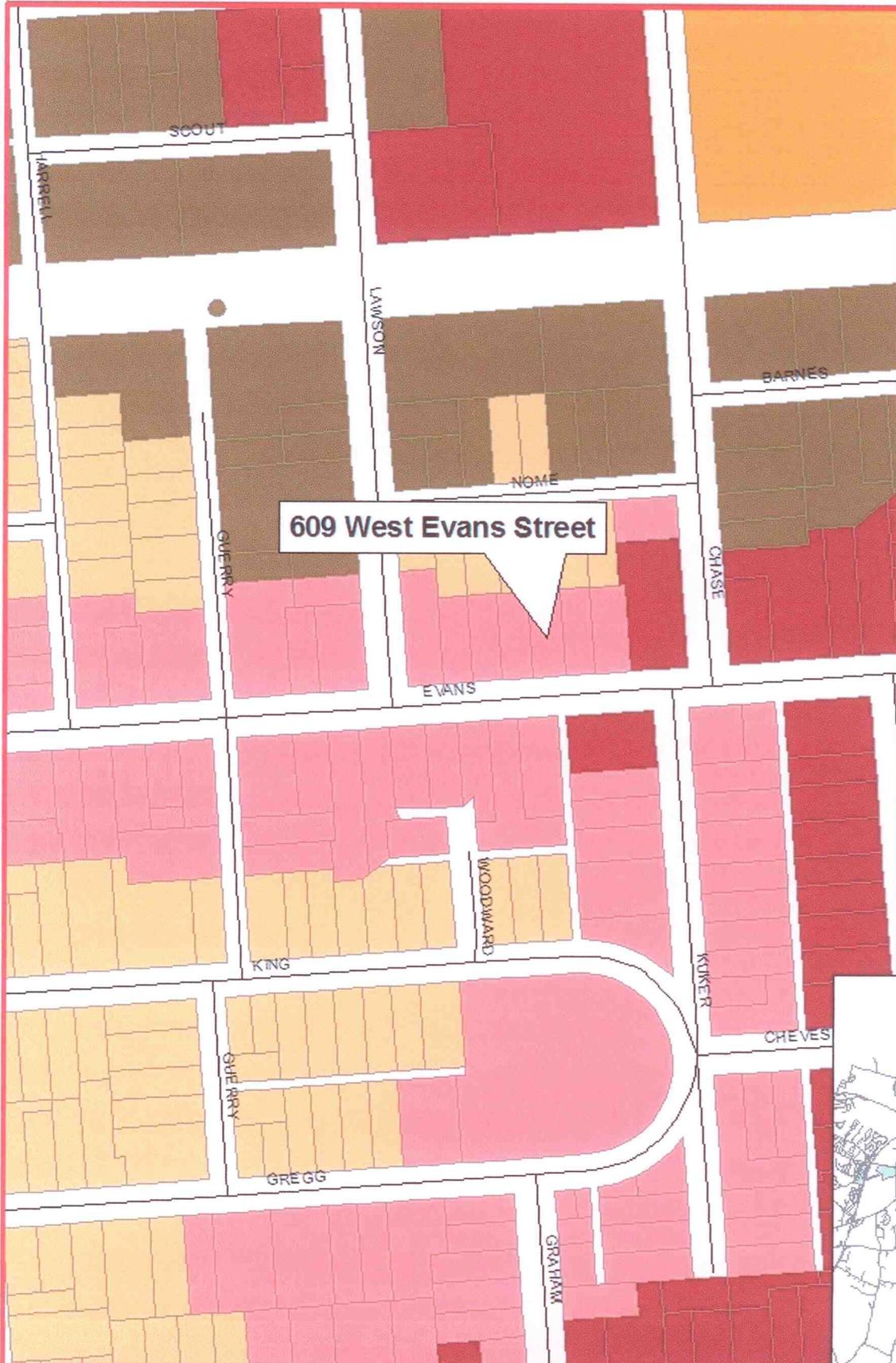
Dr. Eulalee Brand  
Licensed clinical psychologist  
Owner, Family Psychology Institute  
607 West Evans St.  
Florence, SC 29501

Phone number 843-662-6312

# ZONING MAP



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**Legend**

- RoadSegment
- Parcels

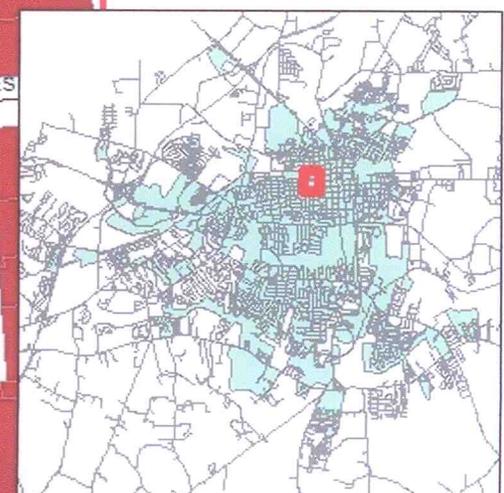
**Zoning**

**ZONE CODE**

- B-1, LIMITED
- B-2, CONVENIENCE
- B-3 GENERAL
- B-4, CENTRAL
- B-5, OFFICE-LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
- B-6, INDUSTRIAL
- PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
- R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY, LARGE LOTS
- R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY, MEDIUM LOTS
- R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY, SMALL LOTS
- R-4, MULTI-FAMILY, LIMITED
- R-5, MULTI-FAMILY
- RU-1, COMMUNITY
- RU-2, RESOURCE
- UNZONED



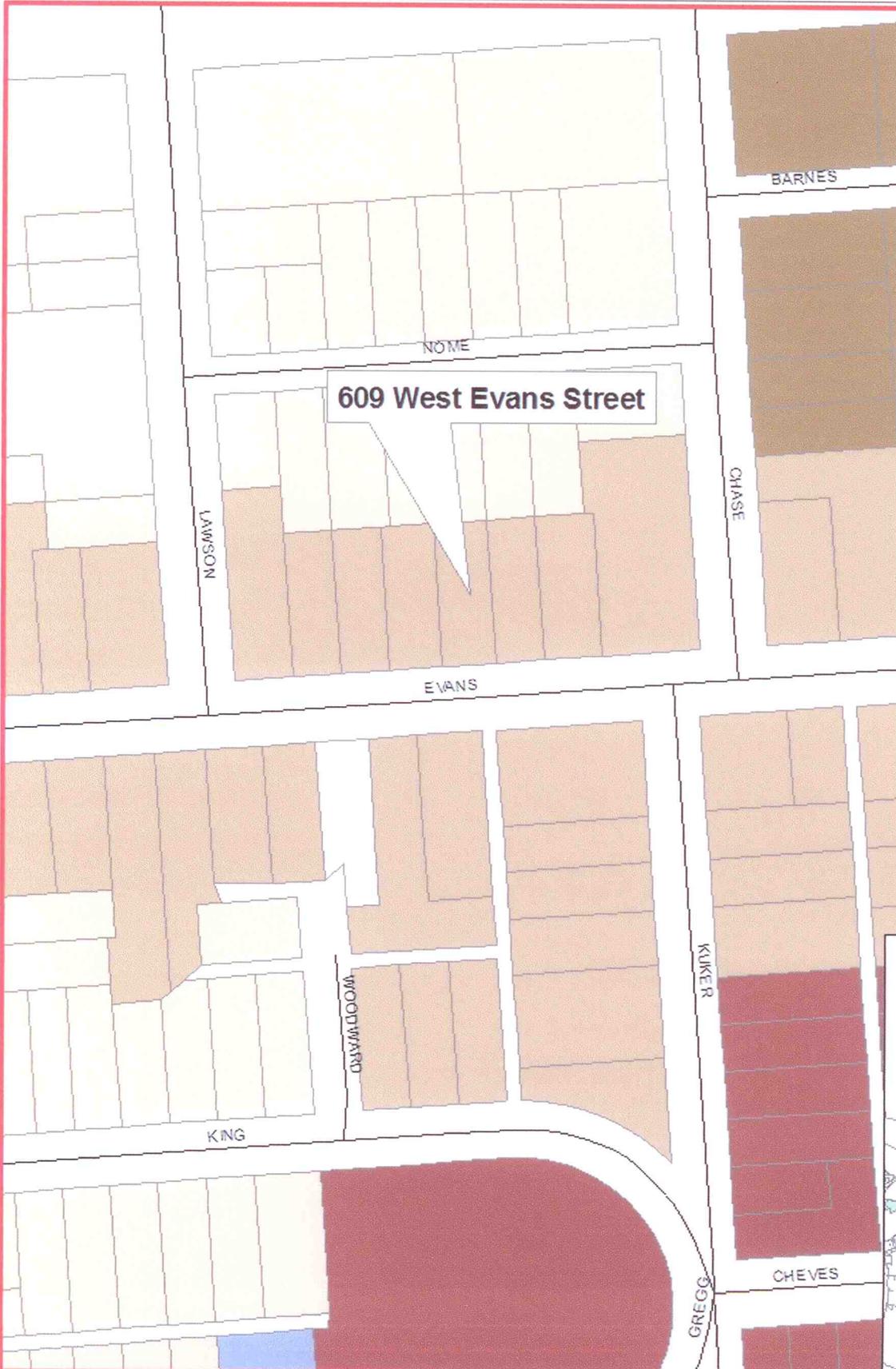
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# Future Land Use Map



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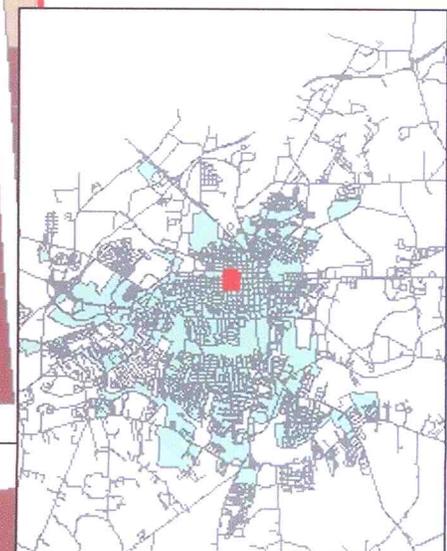


## Legend

- RoadSegment
- Parcels
- Rural
- Neighborhood Conservation
- Residential Estate
- Residential Sub-Urban
- Residential Auto-Urban
- Residential Transition
- Residential Urban
- Sub-Urban Commercial
- Auto-Urban Commercial
- Central Business District
- Business Parks
- Industrial
- Public and Institutional
- Parks and Open Space



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**VIII. a.  
Resolution  
No. 2013-01**

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: January 14, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: RESOLUTION

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Public Works

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION: A request to proclaim December 7, 2012 as Arbor Day in the City of Florence.

**CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

1. City Council has previously designated the first Friday in the month of December each year as Arbor Day in the City of Florence.
2. In order for the City of Florence to be eligible for the Tree City USA award, the National Arbor Day Foundation requires that the City sponsor an Arbor Day celebration.
3. The City of Florence has been recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for 32 consecutive years.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

City staff recommends that City Council proclaim December 7, 2012 as Arbor Day in the City of Florence.

**NOTES:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Charles E. Pope, Jr.  
Director of Public Works

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01**

**WHEREAS,** In 1872 the first Arbor Day was observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and  
**WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and  
**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce erosion, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and  
**WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and  
**WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and  
**WHEREAS,** trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and  
**WHEREAS,** Florence has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, hereby declares December 7, 2012 as

**ARBOR DAY**

in the City of Florence, and all citizens are urged to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our City's community forestry program.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED,** the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

**ADOPTED THIS** 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

**APPROVED AS TO FROM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.**  
**CITY ATTORNEY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**STEPHEN J. WUKELA**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DIANNE M. ROWAN**  
**MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**VIII. b.  
Resolution  
No. 2013-02**

**CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** January 14, 2013  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution No. 2013-02, a Resolution to Ratify Multi-Jurisdictional Agreements Entered into by Police Department  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** City of Florence Police Department and City Attorney

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

*A resolution approving existing multi-jurisdictional agreements entered into by the Florence Police Department with surrounding law enforcement agencies and authorizing the city manager to approve and sign materially equivalent agreements entered into by the police department in the future.*

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

*A. In the spring of 2012 Council received a report about the need to coordinate the council approval of all multi-jurisdictional agreements with other law enforcement agencies in order to meet the requirements discussed in a recent decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina. Council directed staff and the City Attorney to draft form agreements and Resolutions and to coordinate with the other entities to insure that these agreements have been properly authorized.*

*B. It has taken a considerable of period of time to complete the process of coordination with the surrounding entities that the Police Department needed as multi-jurisdictional law enforcement partners, but the process is now complete, and this Resolution, in one action, constitutes the approval and ratification of these agreements.*

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

*A. In accordance with the decisions of the South Carolina Courts, this Resolution is needed in order for the multi-jurisdictional law enforcement agreements to be valid.*

*B. The Agreements, with the exception of the ones with Columbia, Bluffton and Sumter, are on the form developed by Florence. Both Bluffton and Sumter have also signed our form, but they requested our signature on their form as well. Columbia was not one of the jurisdictions we sought out, but they requested that we sign their mutual aid and narcotics agreements.*

*C. These agreements allow and specify the methodology our police department uses in coordinating with, assisting, and receiving assistance from surrounding law enforcement agencies. The police department has approved all of the agreements and signed them, but Council ratification is needed in order to comply with pre-requisites set out by our Supreme Court.*

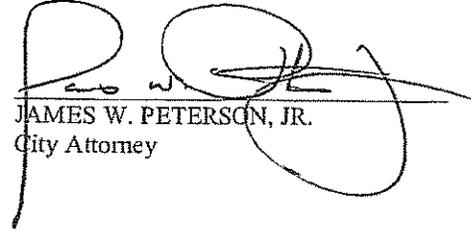
*D. This Resolution also authorizes the City Manager to approve future agreements, without coming back to Council, provided the future agreements are materially equivalent to the ones described herein.*

**IV. OPTIONS:**

*City Council may (1) approve request as presented based on information submitted; (2) Defer request should additional information be needed; (3) suggest other alternatives; or (4) deny request.*

V. ATTACHMENTS:

*The Proposed Resolution No. 2013-02.*



JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.  
City Attorney



1. Hereby specifically approve and ratify all of the multi-jurisdictional agreements having been entered into by the Florence City Police Department with law enforcement agencies, said agreements being listed as follows:

**Standard Multi-Jurisdictional Agreements On the “Florence Form”**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Date of Agreement</b>
Florence County Sheriff Department	April 17, 2012
City of Lake City Police Department	April 17, 2012
Francis Marion University Police Department	April 17, 2012
City of Johnsonville Police Department	April 17, 2012
City of Pamlico Police Department	April 17, 2012
Town of Scranton Police Department	April 17, 2012
Darlington County Sheriff Department	April 17, 2012
City of Darlington Police Department	April 17, 2012
City of Hartsville Police Department	June 6, 2012
Marion County Sheriff Department	April 17, 2012
City of Mullins Police Department	April 17, 2012
Horry County Police Department	April 17, 2012
City of Myrtle Beach Police Department	April 17, 2012
City of Dillon Police Department	April 17, 2012
City of Sumter Police Department	April 17, 2012
City of Bluffton Police Department	October 30, 2012

**Mutual Aid Agreements on Forms Provided by Other City**

Jurisdiction	Date of Agreement
City of Columbia Police Department (Both a Mutual Aid and a Narcotics Agreement)	July 24, 2012
City of Bluffton Police Department	September 20, 2012
City of Sumter	July 24, 2012

2. Hereby specifically authorize the City Manager of the City of Florence to authorize and execute materially equivalent multi-jurisdictional agreements entered into by the City of Florence Police Department in the future without the need to obtain Council authorization.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.**  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
**STEPHEN J. WUKELA**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DIANNE M. ROWAN**  
Municipal Clerk

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VIII. c.  
Resolution  
No. 2013-03

**DATE:** January 14, 2013

**AGENDA ITEM:** First Reading, Ordinance to Name South Florence Fire Station #5

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

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

Name South Florence Fire Station #5, 296 East Redbud Lane, TMN 00152-01-113.

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

On December 11, 2012, Planning Commission reviewed this request. Commissioners recommended unanimously, 6-0, to name Fire Station #5 the Jesse R. Sims Station.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**

1. James Sims, Jesse R. Sims' son, requested that Fire Station #5 be named the Jesse R. Sims Station in honor of his late father's service to the City of Florence Fire Department.
2. Jesse Sims was the Assistant Fire Chief when he suddenly died after helping combat a fire at the Trailways Bus Station in June 1968.
3. According to a Florence Morning Newspaper article, the coroner determined that Sims died of a heart attack that may have been provoked by smoke and heat of the fire, and over exertion.
4. Sims had served the City Fire Department for 18 years.

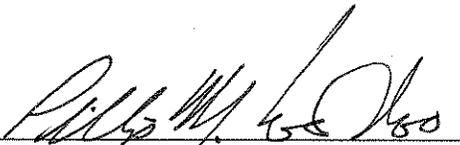
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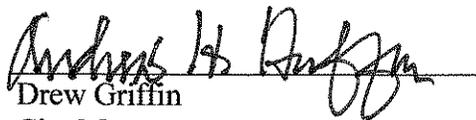
City Council may:

1. Approve the request as presented based on the information submitted.
2. Defer the request should additional information be needed.
3. Suggest other alternatives
4. Deny the request.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Ordinance

  
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP  
Urban Planning & Development Director

  
Drew Griffin  
City Manager

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03**

- WHEREAS,** James Sims requested that South Florence Fire Station #5 be named the Jesse R. Sims Station in honor of his late father; and,
- WHEREAS,** The City of Florence Planning Commission reviewed this request in Room 603 of the City-County Complex on December 11, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.; and,
- WHEREAS,** Jesse R. Sims was the City of Florence Assistant Fire Chief in June 1968 when he died of a heart attack after helping combat a fire; and,
- WHEREAS,** Planning Commission recommended by unanimous vote, 6-0, to approve the request.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations;

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED,** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

**ADOPTED THIS** 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.**  
CITY ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_  
**STEPHEN J. WUKELA**  
MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DIANNE M. ROWAN**  
MUNICIPAL CLERK