

SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2014 - 9:00 A.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY CENTER, 324 W. EVANS STREET, FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. ORDINANCES IN POSITION

- a. Bill No. 2014 – 03 – First Reading***
An Ordinance adopting a Redistricting Plan for the three single member districts of the City of Florence, South Carolina in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2010.

IV. ADJOURN

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: January 31, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 2014-____: An ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for the three single member districts of City of Florence, South Carolina in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2010.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Manager and City Attorney

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

An ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for the three single member districts of City of Florence, South Carolina in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2010.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

(a) The City of Florence, since 1977, has been governed by a City Council composed of seven members, one of whom is the mayor, with the mayor and three council members elected at large, and three council members elected from single member districts.

(b) The most recent change to the district lines occurred by the passage of Ordinance No. 2004-51 in order to realign the districts in accordance with the data from the 2000 Census.

(c) The U.S. Constitution, the South Carolina Code of Laws, §2-20 of the Florence Code of Ordinances, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 all require that the city make sure that its three districts continue to comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 upon receipt and study of the new census data.

(d) The data from the 2010 Census indicates that the growth trends in the three districts since the 2000 Census have resulted in population deviation between the districts that exceeds the standards allowed. To bring the districts back into compliance with all standards, the boundaries of the districts require adjustment.

(e) City Staff has analyzed the Census data and, with the help of the state office of Research and Statistics, has developed several plans for review with council and the public. Numerous neighborhood meetings have been held throughout each of the districts in order to discuss plans and receive public input.

(f) Based upon input from council members and the public, the redistricting plan set forth in this ordinance has been chosen for submission to Council for first reading on January 31, 2014. This plan brings the population deviation among the districts into full compliance and remains in full compliance with all other standards set forth in the Voting Rights Act and other applicable laws.

(g) Notice has been given that, prior to second reading, Council will hold a Public Hearing on February 10, 2014 in order to receive any additional input or comments from the public on the proposed plan.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

(a) This Ordinance would adopt changes to the boundaries of the districts to bring them into full compliance with the applicable laws and standards.

(b) Time is of the essence since the required notice of the election scheduled for November, 2014 will be accomplished by March 1, 2014.

IV. OPTIONS:

City Council may (1) adopt the Ordinance on first reading as presented based on information submitted; (2) amend the Ordinance and accomplish first reading; (3) defer action should additional information be needed; or (4) suggest other alternatives.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

City Manager and City Attorney recommend adoption of the Ordinance.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

The Proposed Ordinance No.-____ with exhibits.

JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.
City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-_____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE THREE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS OF CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS OF 2010.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the United States Constitution, the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, §2-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Florence, South Carolina, and the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the City Council of Florence, South Carolina, has determined to realign the three (3) electoral districts for the election of three (3) members of City Council in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2010;

WHEREAS, there presently exists three (3) single-member districts for the election of City Council members for Florence, South Carolina;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is for the purpose of re-defining the boundaries of the three (3) single-member districts based upon the 2010 census data in order that the population of such districts shall comply with the requirements set forth in the Voting Rights Act of 1965;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Florence, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, as follows:

1. The pertinent demographic data in reference to the proposed districts is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit “A” and is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein verbatim.

2. The three (3) single-member election districts for the election of City Council members for Florence, South Carolina, are hereby redistricted to be as depicted on the map of the City of Florence which is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit “B” and incorporated herein by

reference as if fully set forth herein verbatim. In addition, the areas annexed since the 2010 Census have been placed in the districts as shown on the document entitled “Annexations by District for Proposed Plan” which is attached hereto as a portion of Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein verbatim.

3. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take such administrative actions as might be necessary to promulgate and execute such procedures and policies as may be necessary or desirable to carry into effect and implement the redistricted single-member election districts provided for in this Ordinance in accordance with any directions, suggestions, or objections from the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, after submittal of this Ordinance to the Department of Justice.

4. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

Approved as to form:

JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.
City Attorney

STEPHEN J. WUKELA
Mayor

Attest:

DIANNE M. ROWAN
Municipal Clerk

EXHIBIT A
City of Florence - Proposed Plan

Proposed Plan As Of 2010 Census

District #	Persons	Dev.	% Dev.	Non-Hispanic White	% Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	% Non-Hispanic Black	All Other	% All Other	*VAP	%*VAP	Non-Hispanic White *VAP	% Non-Hispanic White *VAP	Non-Hispanic Black *VAP	% Non-Hispanic Black *VAP	All Other *VAP	% All Other *VAP
1	12048	-304	-2.46	4228	35.09	7262	60.28	558	4.63	9085	75.41	3371	37.11	5336	58.73	378	4.16
2	12658	306	2.48	4497	35.53	7715	60.95	446	3.52	9330	73.71	3607	38.66	5441	58.32	282	3.02
3	12350	-2	-0.02	9570	77.49	2141	17.34	639	5.17	9550	77.33	7633	79.93	1485	15.55	432	4.52

Annexations Since 2010 Census

District #	Persons	Dev.	% Dev.	Non-Hispanic White	% Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	% Non-Hispanic Black	All Other	% All Other	*VAP	%*VAP	Non-Hispanic White *VAP	% Non-Hispanic White *VAP	Non-Hispanic Black *VAP	% Non-Hispanic Black *VAP	All Other *VAP	% All Other *VAP
1	10		42.86	7	70	3	30	0	0.00	8	80.00	5	62.50	3	37.50	0	0.00
2	9		28.57	6	66.67	3	33.33	0	0.00	8	88.89	5	62.50	3	37.50	0	0.00
3	3		-57.14	3	100	0	0	0	0.00	3	100.00	3	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Data With Annexations Added

District #	Persons	Dev.	% Dev.	Non-Hispanic White	% Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	% Non-Hispanic Black	All Other	% All Other	*VAP	%*VAP	Non-Hispanic White *VAP	% Non-Hispanic White *VAP	Non-Hispanic Black *VAP	% Non-Hispanic Black *VAP	All Other *VAP	% All Other *VAP
1	12058	-301	-2.44	4235	35.12	7265	60.25	558	4.63	9093	75.34	3376	37.13	5339	58.72	378	4.16
2	12667	308	2.49	4503	35.55	7718	60.93	446	3.52	9338	73.66	3612	38.68	5444	58.30	282	3.02
3	12353	-6	-0.05	9573	77.5	2141	17.33	639	5.17	9553	77.31	7636	79.93	1485	15.54	432	4.52

*Voting age population

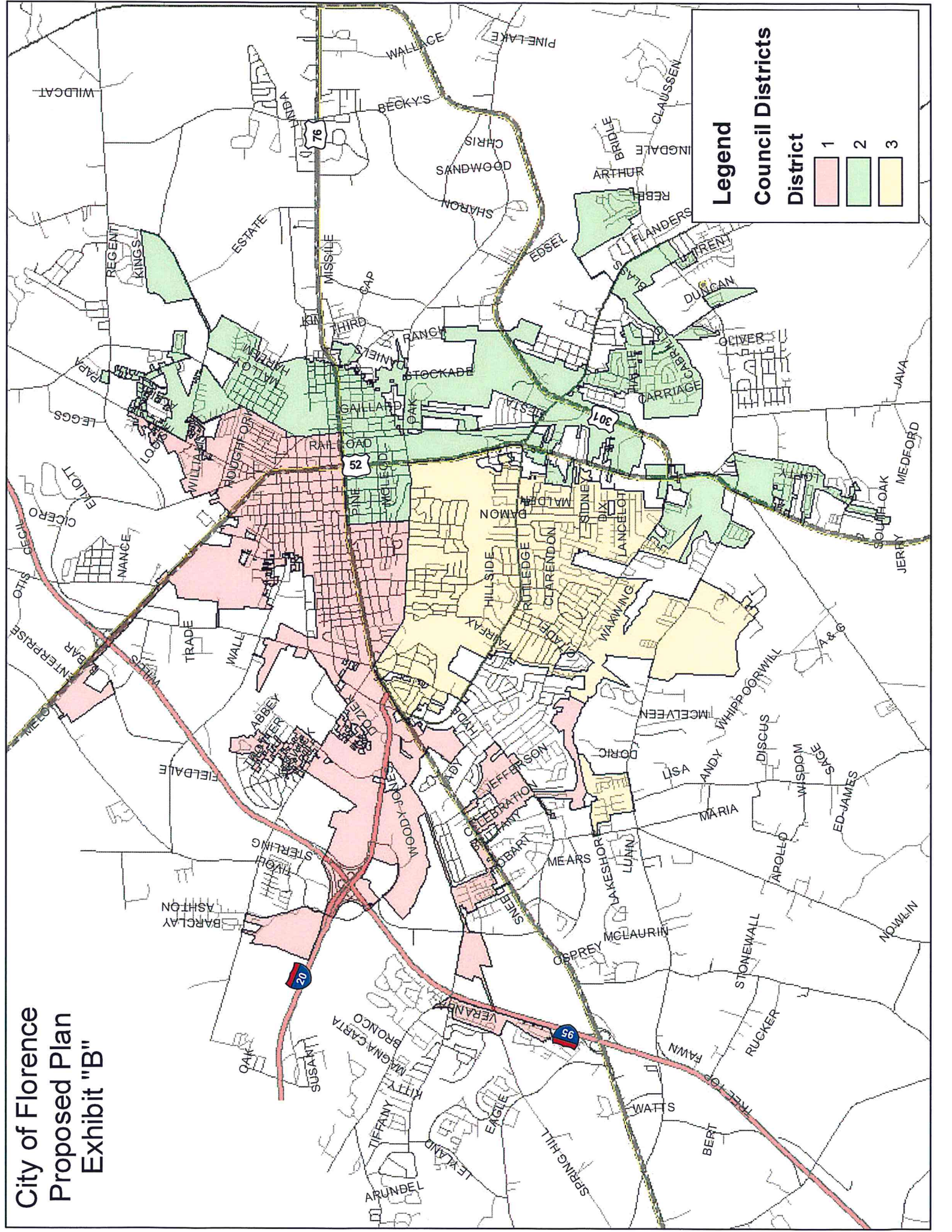
EXHIBIT A

Annexations by District

District	Population	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic White *VAP	Non-Hispanic Black *VAP	Ordinance
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2010-09
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2011-22
D1	2	2	0	2	0	2010-15
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2010-16
D1	1	0	1	0	1	2012-17
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2012-23
D1	5	5	0	3	0	2012-07
D1	2	0	2	0	2	2012-05
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2013-08
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2013-09
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D1	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D1 Totals	10	7	3	5	3	
D2	1	0	1	0	1	2012-30
D2	2	2	0	2	0	2013-01
D2	2	0	2	0	2	2013-16
D2	4	4	0	3	0	2012-06
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2	0	0	0	0	0	2012-08
D2 Totals	9	6	3	5	3	
D3	3	3	0	3	0	2013-02
D3 Totals	3	3	0	3	0	
All District Total	22	16	6	13	6	

*Voting age population

**City of Florence
Proposed Plan
Exhibit "B"**



Legend

Council Districts

District	Color
1	Pink
2	Green
3	Yellow