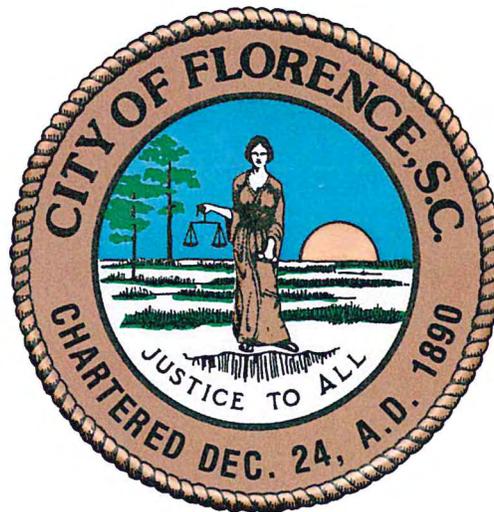


REGULAR MEETING
OF
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL



COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 W. EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

MONDAY
OCTOBER 13, 2014
1:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014 – 1:00 P.M.

CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

324 W. EVANS STREET

FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 8, 2014 – Regular Meeting

IV. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Service Recognitions

Tim Compton – 30 years – Police

Robbie Mott – 30 years – Surface Water

Sam Evans – 25 years – Engineering

Billy Davis – 20 years – Sanitation

John Clark – 10 years – Surface Water

Wilson Deas – 10 years – Recreation Programs

George Clark – 10 years – Police

V. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. Bill No. 2014-36

An Ordinance to approve a proposed text amendment to Article 5, Section 5.2 Table VII for institutional and other non-residential uses in residential zoning districts.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

a. Resolution No. 2014-15

A Resolution to declare November 1, 2014 "Extra Mile Day".

b. Resolution No. 2014-16

A Resolution to honor Seminar Brewing's contributions to the efforts to revitalize Downtown Florence.

c. Resolution No. 2014-17

A Resolution declaring December 5, 2014 as Arbor Day.

VII. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

a. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

b. A report on the Appropriations of the Accommodations Tax Funds for FY 2014-2015.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Legal/Contractual

IX. ADJOURN

**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 – 1:00 P.M.
CITY CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Wukela called the regular meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. with the following members present: Councilman Robby Hill; Councilwoman Teresa Ervin; Councilman Edward Robinson; Councilwoman Williams-Blake; Councilman Glynn F. Willis.

Mayor Pro tem Brand arrived at 1:20 p.m.

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 Urban Planning, Research and Development; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Mr. Scotty Davis, Director of Community Services; Mr. Thomas Chandler, Director of Finance; Mr. Ray Reich, Downtown Development Manager; Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities and Chief Randy Osterman, Florence Fire Department.

Notices were sent to the media and individuals requesting a copy of the agenda, informing them of the date, time and place of this regular meeting.

Mr. Gavin Jackson of the Morning News was present for the meeting.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Teresa Ervin gave the invocation for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Willis made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2014 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 18, 2014. Councilwoman Williams-Blake seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Retirement Recognitions

Mr. Jimmy Spigner was presented a plaque in honor of his retirement from the City. Jimmy served over fourteen years as GIS Administrator with the Engineering/GIS Division and retired in June, 2014.

Service Recognitions

Pat Bridges was presented a Certificate of Recognition for completing 45 years of service with the City of Florence in the Police Department.

Mayor Wukela presented Rodney Goodman with a Certificate of Recognition for completing 20 years of service with the Utility Finance Department.

Kevin Coleman and Hank Glover of the Fire Department and Major Karen Acosta of the Police Department received Certificates of Recognition for completing 15 years of service with the City.

Mayor Wukela presented a Certificate of Recognition to David Caldwell of Recreation Programs and Mark Browder of Ground Water Production in recognition of completing 10 years of service with the City.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION

BILL NO. 2014-31 – SECOND READING

A SERIES ORDINANCE MAKING PROVISION FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REVENUE BORROWING OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZED BY A BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE ADOPTED OCTOBER 24, 1989, AS AMENDED; APPROVING THE FINANCING OF SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH THE BORROWING OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,750,566 PLUS CAPITALIZED INTEREST, IF ANY, FROM THE STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND, BY AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO TITLE 48, CHAPTER 5, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR THE AGREEMENT TO MAKE AND TO ACCEPT A LOAN, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FLORENCE AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PROMISSORY NOTE FROM THE CITY OF FLORENCE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

A Series Ordinance making provision for the terms and conditions of Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue borrowing of the City of Florence, South Carolina, authorized by a Bond Ordinance of the City of Florence adopted October 24, 1989, as amended; approving the financing of system improvements through the borrowing of not exceeding \$1,750,566 plus capitalized interest, if any, from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, by agreement with the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority pursuant to Title 48, Chapter 5, Code of Law of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; providing for the agreement to make and to accept a loan, the execution and delivery of a loan agreement between the City of Florence and the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, the execution and delivery of a promissory note from the City of Florence to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; and other matters relating thereto was adopted by Council on second reading.

Councilman Willis made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-31 on second reading. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-33 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY BRENDAN AND MALLORY BARTH, TAX MAP NUMBER 00984-01-025.

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Brendan and Mallory Barth, Tax Map Number 00984-01-025 was adopted by Council on second reading.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-33 on second reading. Councilwoman Williams-Blake seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-35 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ORDINANCE 2008-37 SITE PLAN.

An Ordinance to amend Planned Development District Ordinance 2008-37 Site Plan was adopted by Council on second reading.

Councilman Willis made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-35 on second reading. Councilman Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER 2014 AS NATIONAL INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH.

A Resolution to declare September 2014 as National Infant Mortality Awareness Month was adopted by Council.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-14. Councilwoman Williams-Blake seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councilman Robinson requested appointments to this Commission be deferred.

CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION

In Mayor Pro tem Brand's absence, Councilman Willis made a motion to defer appointments to the Civic Center Commission. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Councilman Willis made a motion to defer appointments to the Historical Commission. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Councilman Robinson requested appointments to this Commission be deferred.

VETERANS PARK COMMITTEE

Councilman Robinson requested appointments to this Commission be deferred.

COUNCILMAN ROBINSON – NOMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL FOR CITY COURT JUDGE POSITION.

Councilman Robinson stated he would like to see more diversity in the City Court, more specifically, the Livability Court. There are currently five judges within City Court: One full time Chief Administrative Judge and four part time judges. Councilman Robinson would like to see more diversity in the Livability Court as that Court deals mostly with African Americans. Councilman Robinson has an individual he would like to nominate for Council's consideration. (Note: There is one white Chief Administrative Judge; one part time African American judge; and three part time Caucasian judges serving in City Court).

Councilman Robinson made a motion that Council consider the nomination of an individual for the City Court Judge position. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion.

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Originally there was to be one more part time judge at the time the three part time Caucasian judges were hired. The position was offered and accepted by an African American but the applicant withdrew from the hiring process. For this reason, Councilwoman Ervin feels there is an existing vacancy and it is not necessary to go back through the committee.

Councilwoman Williams-Blake (Chairperson for the Judicial Committee) has spoken with the Chief Administrative Judge regarding the hiring of another judge and it was determined that another judge is not needed at this time. However, the majority of Council feels that another position was approved and it should be filled. Mayor Pro tem Brand clarified that the position would be opened up to anyone that wanted to apply and not just one individual.

Mayor Wukela stated there has been a motion and a second that this matter be referred to the committee for consideration of the nominations after which the committee will report to the full Council in Executive Session on how or if to proceed further.

Voting aye to refer this matter to the Judicial Committee were Mayor Wukela, Councilman Hill, Councilwoman Ervin, Councilman Robinson and Councilman Willis.

Voting nay were Councilwoman Williams-Blake and Mayor Pro tem Brand.

COUNCILMAN ROBINSON – TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR COUNCIL’S CONSIDERATION TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO DIRECT \$88,000 BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS: \$82,000 TO BE ALLOCATED FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS PLAYGROUND AND \$6,000 TO BE ALLOCATED FOR THE YMCA SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to request consideration to amend the budget to direct \$82,000 to be allocated for the special needs playground (this request was presented to Council at the August 11, 2014 City Council meeting) and \$6,000 to be allocated to the YMCA for the swimming program for underprivileged children (this request was heard during the public hearing on the FY 2014-2015 budget at the May 12, 2014 City Council meeting). Mayor Wukela seconded the motion.

Mayor Wukela amended the motion to state that this matter also be referred to the Budget Committee. Mayor Wukela feels it is appropriate that these matters be discussed during the mid-year budget review along with all the other budget matters. Council has expressed a desire to move forward with the special needs program in a way that Council sees fit but its going to be an expensive proposition and it certainly has to be taken up in the context of the budget as a whole. Mayor Pro tem Brand seconded the motion to amend.

The amended motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The principal motion as amended passed with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2014.

Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 13, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Proposed text amendment to Article 5, Section 5.2 Table VII for institutional and other non-residential uses in residential zoning districts.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 1) Text amendment is being considered for first reading.
- 2) The text amendment was prepared by the Planning, Research & Development Department after request for L.E.D. signs to be illuminated after dark in certain circumstances when adjacent to residential properties.
- 3) At present there are three options being considered by the Planning Commission.
- 4) A public hearing was held at the July 9, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Members of the public were present to support an amendment.
- 5) Planning Commission members voted 6-0 to defer action until the next meeting to give staff time to study the issues surrounding the amendment further.
- 6) At the August 12, 2014 meeting staff requested the item be deferred until the September meeting because known interested parties were unable to attend the August meeting. Planning Commission members voted unanimously (7-0) to defer until the September meeting.
- 7) Upon review of updated information presented by staff, Planning Commission members requested a special meeting to view a sign illuminated to a level of 0.3 foot candles over ambient light in a transitional area and a residential area.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

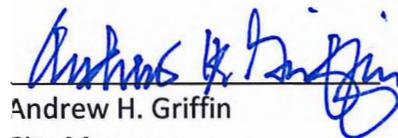
A special meeting of the Planning Commission took place on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were transported to two sites for viewing of a portable sign and back to the City Center to take action on a recommendation. Members present voted five to two (5-2) in favor of the attached ordinance.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Planning Commission Staff Report
- 2) Proposed Ordinance



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



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

**STAFF REPORT
TO THE
CITY OF FLORENCE PLANNING COMMISSION**

CASE NO: PC# 2014-18

DATE: September 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Proposed text amendment to Article 5, Section 5.2 Table VII for institutional and other non-residential uses in residential zoning districts.

Background

In 2012 the Planning Commission recommended and City Council adopted an ordinance amending, among other sections, Section 5.2 Table VII of the City of Florence Zoning Ordinance with respect to signs for institutional and other non-residential uses in residential zoning districts. The purpose of this amendment was to provide for adequate signage and protection of the residential districts from potential nuisance sign illumination.

Staff Analysis

A sign is defined as:

Any object, device, display or structure, or part thereof, situated outdoors or indoors, which is used to advertise, identify, display, direct or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event or location by any means, including words, letters, figures, design, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination or projected images.

Tables VII references institutional uses (INS). INS does not represent a zoning district but applies to institutional and other non-residential uses permitted in residential districts, i.e., churches, schools, parks, etc., and includes historical markers. Currently, signs fitting this definition are allowed in residential districts and allowed to be illuminated until evening hours where the sign is visible from residential properties.

The necessity of signs to identify buildings and places is clear. The ability for a facility meeting the definition of INS to communicate their location and other messages during daylight and evening hours is also necessary in transitional areas defined by being located in and amongst commercial properties and adjacent to roadways with four or greater travel lanes. Residential zones are intended to protect and preserve residential character and reduce encroaching dynamics that distract from the integrity of the neighborhood. Signage for institutional uses within these residential zones should be for identification and limited communicative purposes with minimal impact on residential areas.

The following four options provide varying degrees of protection to residential uses and provision for INS uses to communicate location and messaging. The proposed amendments are seen below. Changes are highlighted; additions are underlined and highlighted; deletions are struck through and highlighted.

Option One:

This option makes no changes and is illustrated below:

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

Sign Type	All	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	B-5/B-	RU-1	RU-2	INS	UZ (5)
Permanent										
Freestanding										
Billboards (4)	N	N	N	P	N	P	P	N	N	P
Other	P (1)	P (1)	P	P	P	P	P	P (1)	P	NA
Directional (6)	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Building										
Canopy	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	NA
Identification	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Directional	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Marquee	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Projecting	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Roof	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Roof, Integral	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	NA
Wall	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA
Window	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Temporary (2)										
A-Frame	N	N	A	A	A	A	A	N	N	NA
Banner	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	NA
Posters	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Portable	N	N	N	P	N	N	P	P	N	NA
Inflatable	N	N	P	P	N	N	P	N	N	NA
Pennant	N	N	P	P	N	P	P	N	N	NA
Identification	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Sign Characteristics										
Animated (7)	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	NA
Changeable Copy	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Illumination Indirect	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Illumination Internal	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Illumination, Exposed bulbs or neon	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NA

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7. Animated signs shall comply with South Carolina State Code 63-364, subsections (E), (F), and (I). Illumination should not shine directly on adjacent properties. Where permitted in the INS illumination shall not be displayed during evening hours where visible from adjacent residential properties...

Option Two:

This option allows INS signs to be illuminated; however, requires a maximum illumination level of no greater than 0.3 foot candles. This option also requires an optical sensor be installed and used to automatically implement the allowable illumination.

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

Sign Type	All Residential	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	B-5/B-6	RU-1	RU-2	INS (3)	UZ (5)
Permanent										
Freestanding										
Billboards (4)	N	N	N	P	N	P	P	N	N	P
Other	P (1)	P (1)	P	P	P	P	P	P (1)	P	NA
Directional (6)	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Building										
Canopy	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	NA
Identification	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Directional	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Marquee	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Projecting	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Roof	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	NA
Roof, Integral	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	NA
Wall	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA
Window	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
Temporary (2)										
A-Frame	N	N	A	A	A	A	A	N	N	NA
Banner	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	NA
Posters	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NA
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Pennant	N	N	P	P	N	P	P	N	N	NA
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Sign Characteristics										
Animated (7)	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	P(8)	NA
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Illumination Indirect	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P(8)	NA
Illumination Internal	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P(8)	NA
Illumination, Exposed bulbs or neon	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NA

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7. Animated signs shall comply with South Carolina State Code 63-364, subsections (E), (F), and (I). Illumination should not shine directly on adjacent properties. Where permitted in the INS illumination shall not be displayed ~~during evening hours~~ from sunset to sunrise where visible from adjacent residential properties. This provision shall apply unless the criteria stated in footnote nine (9) below are met.

8 - Where permitted in the INS, signs may be illuminated from sunset to sunrise where visible from adjacent residential properties only by making use of an Optical Sensor as defined in this ordinance (See Article 10. Definitions). In no case shall an illuminated sign as previously allowed be illuminated greater than 0.3 foot candles over ambient illumination measured at the closest residential property.

9 - Where permitted in the INS, animated signs may be illuminated from sunset to sunrise where visible from adjacent residential properties, if located in a transitional area, and only by making use of an Optical Sensor as defined in this ordinance (See Article 10. Definitions). In no case shall an illuminated sign as previously allowed be illuminated greater than 0.3 foot candles over ambient illumination measured at the closest residential property.

ARTICLE 10

DEFINITIONS

...Open Space Ratio ...

Optical Sensor - A device that automatically determines the ambient illumination and is programmed to automatically dim according to ambient light conditions, or that can be adjusted to emit less than or equal to 0.3 foot candles over ambient illumination measured at the required distance...

Transitional Area – an area located on a roadway of four or greater travel lanes, containing a mixture of commercial and residential uses within the surrounding area as defined in footnote one of Section 3.24 of this ordinance...

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends reviewing all four options and recommending to City Council the option that, in the opinion of the Commission, promotes the goals and objectives of both the community and the comprehensive plan. It should also be noted that this code amendment would be implemented, where applicable, throughout the City of Florence.

7. Animated signs shall comply with South Carolina State Code 63-364, subsections (E), (F), and (I). Illumination should not shine directly on adjacent properties. Where permitted in the INS illumination shall not be displayed during evening hours from sunset to sunrise where visible from adjacent residential properties. This provision shall apply unless the criteria stated in footnote nine (9) below are met.

8 - Where permitted in the INS, signs may be illuminated from sunset to sunrise where visible from adjacent residential properties only by making use of an Optical Sensor as defined in this ordinance (See Article 10. Definitions) and in compliance with subsection 9 (d) below. In no case shall an illuminated sign as previously allowed be illuminated greater than 0.3 foot candles over ambient illumination measured at the closest residential property.

9 - Where permitted in the INS, animated signs may be illuminated from sunset to sunrise where visible from adjacent residential properties under the following conditions:

- a. The property where the sign is located is in a transitional area, and
- b. Only by making use of an Optical Sensor as defined in this ordinance (See Article 10. Definitions).
- c. The sign shall be set to the lowest possible illumination setting and in no case shall an illuminated sign as previously allowed be illuminated greater than 0.3 foot candles over ambient illumination.
- d. Illuminated signs shall be located according to the table below and in no case shall an illuminated sign be located closer than sixty (60') feet from the property line of the adjacent residential property.

<u>Area of Sign</u>	<u>Measurement</u>
<u>sq. ft.</u>	<u>Minimum Distance (ft.) from adjacent residential property</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>35</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>45</u>	<u>67</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>71</u>
<u>55</u>	<u>74</u>

<u>60</u>	<u>77</u>
<u>65</u>	<u>81</u>
<u>70</u>	<u>84</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>87</u>
<u>80</u>	<u>89</u>
<u>85</u>	<u>92</u>
<u>90</u>	<u>95</u>
<u>95</u>	<u>97</u>
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

* For signs with an area in square feet other than those specifically listed in the table (i.e., 12 sq ft, 400 sq ft, etc), the measurement distance may be calculated with the following formula: The square root of the product of the sign area and one-hundred.

Example using a 12 square foot sign:

$$\text{Measurement Distance in feet} = \sqrt{(12 \text{ Sq. Ft.} \times 100)} = 34.6$$

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Transitional Area – an area located on a roadway of four or greater travel lanes, containing a mixture of commercial and residential uses within the surrounding area as defined in footnote one of Section 3.24 of this ordinance...

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 Ordinance as shown above.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

**VI. a.
Resolution No.
2014-15**

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 13, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 2014-15 – Mayor Stephen Wukela

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION: A Resolution to declare November 1, 2014 as Extra Mile Day

CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- 1) Extra Mile Day was founded in 2009 by Shawn Anderson, who believes one person, one organization, one community has the power to positively change the world.
- 2) Extra Mile Day is a day to recognize the people and organizations who are creating positive change in our communities through their extra mile efforts in volunteerism and service.
- 3) Since 2009, Extra Mile Day has grown from 23 participating cities in its inaugural year to 444 in 2013.
- 4) This will be the sixth year the City of Florence has been an Extra Mile Day city.



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

(State of South Carolina)
()
(City of Florence)

RESOLUTION 2014-15

- WHEREAS,** Florence, South Carolina is a community that acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and
- WHEREAS,** Florence, South Carolina is a community that encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and community; and
- WHEREAS,** Florence, South Carolina is a community that chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who “go the extra mile” in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and
- WHEREAS,** Florence, South Carolina acknowledges the mission of the Extra Mile America Foundation to create 500 Extra Mile cities and states in America and is proud to support “Extra Mile Day” on November 1, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, hereby declares November 1, 2014 as

EXTRA MILE DAY

in the City of Florence, and we urge each individual in our community to take time on this day to not only “go the extra mile” in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge all those around who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country, or world a better place.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED, this 13th day of October, 2014.

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 13, 2014

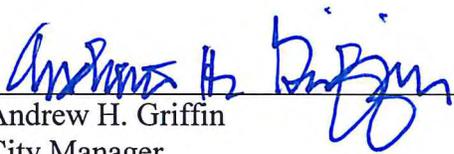
AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 2014-16 – Councilman Robby Hill

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION: A Resolution to honor Seminar Brewing's contributions to the efforts to Revitalize Downtown Florence.

CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- 1) The investment by Seminar Brewing in Florence is playing a role in the continued development of Florence's Downtown Business District.
- 2) The owners are contributors to the community's growth through their philanthropic endeavors, leadership and business investments.
- 3) Every quarter, with recommendation from the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Florence City Council recognizes a business that has made contributions to the development of Downtown.



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 16

**A RESOLUTION HONORING SEMINAR BREWING'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EFFORTS TO
REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN FLORENCE**

- WHEREAS,** the owners of Seminar Brewing have established South Carolina's first commercial craft brewery in Florence. In addition to opening a permanent location and tasting room next door to Red Bone Alley's Palmetto St. location, the business was a participant in a number of Downtown Florence events where future customers could sample their products in anticipation of the brewery's opening; and
- WHEREAS,** the investment by Seminar Brewing in Florence is welcomed and is playing a role in the continued development of Florence's Downtown Business District; and
- WHEREAS,** the owners are contributors to the community's growth through their philanthropic endeavors, leadership, as well as their business investments; and
- WHEREAS,** the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce has requested that the City recognize the business efforts of Seminar Brewing and its contributions to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, upon the petition of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and in recognition of Seminar Brewing's contribution to the continued efforts to revitalize downtown Florence, the City Council of the City of Florence hereby declares the months of October through December, the Seminar Brewing quarter.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED, this 13th day of October, 2014.

STEPHEN J. WUKELA, MAYOR

FRANK J. BRAND, II, MAYOR PRO TEM

TERESA MYERS ERVIN, DISTRICT 1

EDWARD ROBINSON, DISTRICT 2

ROBBY L. HILL, AT-LARGE

ATTEST:

OCTAVIA WILLIAMS-BLAKE, AT-LARGE

DIANNE M. ROWAN, MUNICIPAL CLERK

GLYNN F. WILLIS, AT-LARGE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JAMES W. PETERSON, JR., CITY ATTORNEY

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 13, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: RESOLUTION

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Public Works

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION: A request to proclaim December 5, 2014 as Arbor Day in the City of Florence.

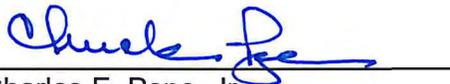
CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

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 34 consecutive years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends that City Council proclaim December 5, 2014 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)
()
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RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 17

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 5, 2014 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, this 13th day of October, 2014.

ADOPTED THIS 13th day of October, 2014.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.
CITY ATTORNEY

STEPHEN J. WUKELA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DIANNE M. ROWAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

**VII. a.
Appointments
Boards/Commissions**

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 13, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Report To Council/Boards and Commissions

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Council will consider nominations for City Boards and/or Commissions

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

There are five boards/commissions that as of June 30, 2014, have either a vacancy or an expiring term.

III. ATTACHEMENTS:

Letters from existing board members indicating if they want to continue to serve
Any applications received

SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - September 2014

	District 1	District 2	District 3	At-Large 1	At-Large 2	At-Large 3	Mayor	
	Ervin	Robinson	Brand	Willis	Wms-Blake	Hill	Wukela	
Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee		X						Chad Patterson
City County Civic Center Commission			X					Michael Scott Long
City County Historical Commission				X	X	X		Vacancy; Mark Dwyer, III; Alberta Major
Parks and Beautification Commission		X						Bettie Ann McCrae
Veterans Park Committee		X						Donnie Carter

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

One Re/Appointment

Current Board Member

**Councilmember to make
Appointment**

Mr. Chad Patterson

Would like to be reappointed

Councilman Robinson

Attachments:

Letter of Interest from current board member
Applications Received



CITY ADMINISTRATION

TEL: (843) 665-3113

FAX: (843) 665-3110

April 15, 2014

Mr. Chad Patterson
820 Gregg Avenue
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Our records indicate that your term on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee will expire on June 30, 2014. Please indicate by marking the appropriate blank below if you are interested in being considered for reappointment to this Commission. Please return this letter to our office and keep the enclosed copy for your records.

Thank you for your past service to the City of Florence. Your time and effort are deeply appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Drew Griffin
City Manager

I would like to continue to serve on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

I do not want to serve on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chad Patterson



APPLICATION FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CITY OF FLORENCE
SOUTH CAROLINA

Board or Commission for which you are applying: <i>Any</i>			
Your Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>Raines Charles E.</i>		County <i>Florence</i>	Council District <i>#3</i>
Residential Address <i>1313 Jackson Ave</i>		City <i>Florence</i>	State <i>South Carolina</i>
Mailing Address <i>1313 Jackson Ave</i>		City <i>Florence</i>	Zip Code <i>29501</i>
Your Occupation - Title <i>Restaurant / Part Owner</i>		Business Phone <i>843-245-9941</i>	Residence Phone <i>843-373-8398</i>
Employer Name <i>Struttin Turkey BBQ</i>		E-Mail Address <i>rainescharlie@hotmail.com</i>	
Employer Address <i>3051 S. Irby St.</i>		City <i>Florence</i>	Zip Code <i>29501</i>

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City? Yes No How Long? *5 yrs*

Why would you like to serve?

I believe that I have a talent to bring people together to accomplish bigger things. I believe community is the key to building stronger families.

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:

I currently serve on the Board of Trustees for the Florence County Library.

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I served as Chairman of the Florence County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Florence? If so, list the position and date:

N/A

Are you involved in any Community Activities? If so, please list:

President of the Royal Neighborhood Watch Association

What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?

To use my ability to be a team player to accomplish the mission given to the Board in a fair and honest way.

I certify that the information above is true and correct. Information on this form will be considered public information.

[Signature]
Signature

5/8/13
Date

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Received:	<i>5-9-2013</i>
Appointed to:	
Date:	

Civic Center Commission

One Vacancy and One Re/Appointment

Current Board Member

**Councilmember to make
Appointment**

Mr. Michael Scott Long

Would like to be reappointed

Councilman Brand

Attachments:

Letter of Interest from current board member
Applications Received



CITY ADMINISTRATION

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FAX: (843) 665-3110

April 15, 2014

Mr. Michael Scott Long
1414 Hunter Street
Florence, SC 29505

Dear Mr. Long:

Our records indicate that your term on the Civic Center Commission will expire on June 30, 2014. Please indicate by marking the appropriate blank below if you are interested in being considered for reappointment to this Commission. Please return this letter to our office and keep the enclosed copy for your records.

Thank you for your past service to the City of Florence. Your time and effort are deeply appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Drew Griffin
City Manager

I would like to continue to serve on the Civic Center Commission.

I do not want to serve on the Civic Center Commission.

Mr. Michael Scott Long



APPLICATION FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CITY OF FLORENCE
SOUTH CAROLINA

Board or Commission for which you are applying:
Board Member

Your Name (Last, First, Middle) <u>POSTON, KRISTY LELAND</u>	County <u>Florence</u>	Council District <u># 2</u>
Residential Address <u>1126 Third Loop Rd Apt H</u>	City <u>Florence</u>	State <u>South Carolina</u>
Mailing Address <u>1126 Third Loop Rd Apt H</u>	City <u>Florence</u>	State <u>South Carolina</u>
Your Occupation - Title <u>Front Office Assistant</u>	Business Phone <u>843-674-1400</u>	Residence Phone <u>843-496-0304</u>
Employer Name <u>Carolinas Medical Alliance</u>	E-Mail Address <u>kristymleland@gmail.com</u>	
Employer Address <u>805 Pamlico Hwy Suite B310</u>	City <u>Florence</u>	State <u>South Carolina</u>
		Zip Code <u>29505</u>

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City? Yes No How Long? 9 yrs

Why would you like to serve?

I am an up and coming family woman and young professional who can bring fresh ideas to the city

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:

No

Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:

No

Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Florence? If so, list the position and date:

No

Are you involved in any Community Activities? If so, please list:

I attend community events and wish to be involved with more

What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?

to make the city more appealing and

I certify that the information above is true and correct. Information on this form will be considered public information.

Kristy Poston
Signature

03/28/2013
Date

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CITY OF FLORENCE
SOUTH CAROLINA

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Residential Address <i>1313 Jackson Ave</i>		City <i>Florence</i>	State <i>South Carolina</i>
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Charles E. Raines
 Signature

5/8/13
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Historical Commission

One Vacancy and Two Re/Appointments

Current Board Member

Vacancy (Mr. Dowis does not want to be reappointed)

Mr. Mark Buyck, III

Ms. Alberta Major

Would like to be reappointed

Did not return letter

**Councilmember to make
Appointment**

Councilman Willis

Councilwoman Williams Blake

Councilman Hill

Attachments:

Letter of Interest from current board member

Applications Received



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April 15, 2014

Mr. William S. Dowis
1500 Madison Avenue
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Mr. Dowis:

Our records indicate that your term on the City County Historical Commission will expire on June 30, 2014. Please indicate by marking the appropriate blank below if you are interested in being considered for reappointment to this Commission. Please return this letter to our office and keep the enclosed copy for your records.

Thank you for your past service to the City of Florence. Your time and effort are deeply appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Drew Griffin
City Manager

I would like to continue to serve on the City County Historical Commission.

I do not want to serve on the City County Historical Commission.

Mr. William S. Dowis



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TEL: (843) 665-3113

FAX: (843) 665-3110

April 15, 2014

Mr. Mark W. Buyck, III
414 Seminole Avenue
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Mr. Buyck:

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Sincerely,

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I do not want to serve on the City County Historical Commission.

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CITY OF FLORENCE
SOUTH CAROLINA

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Parks and Beautification

One Re/Appointment

Current Board Member

**Councilmember to make
Appointment**

Ms. Bettie Ann McCrae

Would like to be reappointed

Councilman Robinson

Attachments:

Letter of Interest from current board member

Applications Received



CITY ADMINISTRATION

TEL: (843) 665-3113

FAX: (843) 665-3110

April 15, 2014

Ms. Bettie Ann McCrae
1009 W. Darlington Street
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Ms. McCrae:

Our records indicate that your term on the Parks & Beautification Commission will expire on June 30, 2014. Please indicate by marking the appropriate blank below if you are interested in being considered for reappointment to this Commission. Please return this letter to our office and keep the enclosed copy for your records.

Thank you for your past service to the City of Florence. Your time and effort are deeply appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Drew Griffin
City Manager

I would like to continue to serve on the Parks & Beautification Commission.

I do not want to serve on the Parks & Beautification Commission.

Ms. Bettie Ann McCrae



**APPLICATION FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CITY OF FLORENCE
SOUTH CAROLINA**

Board or Commission for which you are applying: Board Member			
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Received:	<i>5-9-2013</i>
Appointed to:	
Date:	

Veterans Committee

One Re/Appointment

Current Board Member

**Councilmember to make
Appointment**

Mr. Donnie Carter

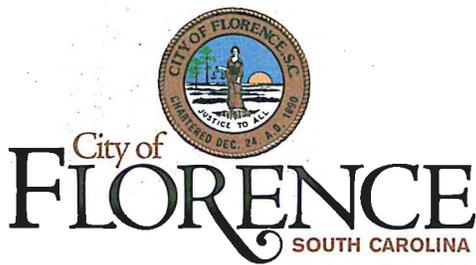
Would like to be reappointed

Councilman Robinson

Attachments:

Letter of Interest from current board member

Applications Received



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April 15, 2014

Mr. Donnie Carter
3357 W. Forest Lake Drive
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Mr. Carter:

Our records indicate that your term on the Veterans Park Committee will expire on June 30, 2014. Please indicate by marking the appropriate blank below if you are interested in being considered for reappointment to this Commission. Please return this letter to our office and keep the enclosed copy for your records.

Thank you for your past service to the City of Florence. Your time and effort are deeply appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Drew Griffin
City Manager

I would like to continue to serve on the Veterans Park Committee.

I do not want to serve on the Veterans Park Committee.

Mr. Donnie Carter



APPLICATION FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CITY OF FLORENCE
SOUTH CAROLINA

Board or Commission for which you are applying:
Board Member

Your Name (Last, First, Middle) <u>POSTON, KRISTY LEUAND</u>	County <u>Florence</u>	Council District <u># 2</u>
Residential Address <u>1126 Third Loop Rd Apt H</u>	City <u>Florence</u>	State <u>South Carolina</u>
Mailing Address <u>1126 Third Loop Rd Apt H</u>	City <u>Florence</u>	Zip Code <u>29505</u>
Your Occupation - Title <u>Front Office Assistant</u>	Business Phone <u>843-674-1460</u>	Residence Phone <u>843-496-0304</u>
Employer Name <u>Carolinas Medical Alliance</u>	E-Mail Address <u>kristymkleand@gmail.com</u>	
Employer Address <u>805 Pumplico Hwy Suite B310</u>	City <u>Florence</u>	State <u>South Carolina</u>
		Zip Code <u>29505</u>

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City? Yes No How Long? 9 yrs

Why would you like to serve?

I am an up and coming family woman and young professional who can bring fresh ideas to the city

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:

No

Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:

No

Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Florence? If so, list the position and date:

No

Are you involved in any Community Activities? If so, please list:

I attend community events and wish to be involved with more

What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?

to make the city more appealing and

I certify that the information above is true and correct. Information on this form will be considered public information.

Kristy Poston
Signature

03/28/2013
Date

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
Office of the City Clerk
City of Florence, City County Complex AA,
180 N. Irby Street, Florence, SC 29501
Fax: 843-665-3110

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Received:	<u>4-1-2013</u>
Appointed by:	
Date:	



APPLICATION FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CITY OF FLORENCE
SOUTH CAROLINA

Board or Commission for which you are applying: <i>Any</i>			
Your Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>Raines Charles E.</i>		County <i>Florence</i>	Council District <i>#3</i>
Residential Address <i>1313 Jackson Ave</i>		City <i>Florence</i>	State <i>South Carolina</i>
			Zip Code <i>29501</i>
Mailing Address <i>1313 Jackson Ave</i>		City <i>Florence</i>	State <i>South Carolina</i>
			Zip Code <i>29501</i>
Your Occupation - Title <i>Restaurant / Part Owner</i>		Business Phone <i>843-245-9941</i>	Residence Phone <i>843-373-8398</i>
Employer Name <i>Stuttin Turkey BBQ</i>		E-Mail Address <i>rainescharlie@hotmail</i>	
Employer Address <i>3051 S. Irby St.</i>		City <i>Florence</i>	State <i>South Carolina</i>
			Zip Code <i>29501</i>

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City? Yes No How Long? *5 yrs*

Why would you like to serve?
I believe that I have a talent to bring people together to accomplish bigger things. I believe community is the key to building stronger families.

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:
I currently serve on the Board of Trustees for the Florence County Library.

Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:
I served as Chairman of the Florence County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Florence? If so, list the position and date:
N/A

Are you involved in any Community Activities? If so, please list:
President of the Royal Neighborhood Watch Association

What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?
To use my ability to be a team player to accomplish the mission given to the Board in a fair and honest way.

I certify that the information above is true and correct. Information on this form will be considered public information.

Charles E. Raines
 Signature

5/8/13
 Date

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 Fax: 843-665-3110

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Received:	<i>5-9-2013</i>
Appointed to:	
Date:	

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 13, 2014
AGENDA ITEM: Accommodations Tax
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

Appropriation of Accommodations Tax funds for FY 2014-15.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

No previous action has been taken by City Council for FY 2014-15 Accommodations Tax funding requests.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER

The recommendations of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee are attached.

IV. OPTIONS

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

V. ATTACHMENTS

A memo and related information from Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee is attached.



Thomas W. Chandler
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager



City of Florence, SC Memorandum

To: Mayor Wukela and Members of City Council

From: City of Florence Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

Subject: **Funding Recommendations for FY 2014-2015**

Date: October 13, 2014

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee held meetings in August and September 2014 for the purpose of receiving and evaluating Accommodations Tax funding requests for fiscal year 2014-2015. Requests were received from twenty-one (21) organizations requesting "65% funds" and one (1) organization requesting "30% funding."

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

Preliminary projections indicate that approximately \$460,000 of the "65% funds" will be available for allocation to requesting agencies and an additional \$189,000 for tourism promotion in the "30% funds."

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee is again recommending to City Council that the 2014-2015 appropriations to the various arts organizations be routed through the Florence Regional Arts Alliance to enable that organization to receive additional grant funding through the South Carolina Arts Commission. The Florence Regional Arts Alliance will then disburse the Accommodations Tax funds directly to the funded arts organizations in the amounts appropriated by City Council. This arrangement enables the Arts Alliance to substantially increase its level of grant funding from the South Carolina Arts Commission for its Small Grants Program which benefits a large number of arts organizations in the Florence area. The organizations which will be funded in this manner include: **The Masterworks Choir, Florence Little Theatre, Florence Symphony Orchestra, Arts International Festival, Sankofa Festival, and the SC Dance Theatre**, in addition to the independent funding of the Florence Area Arts Alliance.

Attached you will find the Accommodations Tax Requests for FY 2014-2015 report listing all organizations requesting funds for this year; the amount of funding received by these organizations for FY 2013-14; the amount of funds requested by the organizations for FY 2014-15; and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (**Attachment 1**). You will also find attached an Accommodations Tax Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 (**Attachment 2**). In addition, an Accommodations Tax Projection of Receipts for FY 2014-15 is included for your information (**Attachment 3**). Also enclosed is a copy of the public notice printed in the local newspaper providing information concerning application for Accommodations Tax Funding (**Attachment 4**).

**CITY OF FLORENCE, SC
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX REQUESTS AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

ORGANIZATION	Appropriated 2013-14	Requested 2014-15	Committee Recommended ¹	Appropriated 2014-15
A. 30% Funds for Tourism Promotion				
1. Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau	<u>\$163,000.00</u>	<u>\$163,000</u>	<u>\$189,000</u> ²	
B. 65% Funds				
1. Florence Regional Arts Alliance & Pee Dee Arts	\$7,343.75	\$15,000	\$9,500	
2. The Masterworks Choir, Inc.	\$3,000.00	\$5,000	\$4,300	
3. Florence Little Theatre	\$11,943.75	\$25,000	\$18,200	
4. Florence Symphony Orchestra	\$5,843.75	\$15,000	\$9,000	
5. Arts International Festival	\$16,243.75	\$30,000	\$17,400	
6. Sankofa Festival	\$3,000.00	\$7,000	\$4,500	
7. SC Dance Theatre	\$4,543.75	\$10,000	\$6,400	
8. Florence Museum	\$0.00	\$30,000	\$27,700	
9. Carolina Classic Basketball Tournament	\$6,443.75	\$8,000	\$7,000	
10. Freedom Florence & Florence Tennis Center	\$50,143.75	\$70,000	\$68,300	
11. Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$89,643.75	\$140,000	\$117,000	
12. Florence Tennis Association	\$0.00	\$16,000	\$16,000	
13. Florence Tennis Center	\$18,843.75	\$0	\$0	
14. South Carolina Pecan Festival	\$13,343.75	\$35,000	\$15,200	
15. Florence City-County Civic Center	\$67,043.75	\$78,000	\$73,800	
16. Florence International Basketball Tournament	\$11,043.75	\$20,500	\$12,800	
17. Car Haulers Parade	\$5,943.75	\$10,000	\$7,700	
18. Florence Area Sports Council	\$8,743.75	\$20,000	\$11,700	
19. Pee Dee Tourism Commission	\$19,943.75	\$20,000	\$19,000	
20. Martin Luther King March and Rally	\$1,600.00	\$0	\$0	
21. SC Senior Sports Classic	\$2,100.00	\$5,000	\$3,400	
22. Art Trail Gallery	\$3,000.00	\$0	\$0	

**CITY OF FLORENCE, SC
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX REQUESTS AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

ORGANIZATION	Appropriated 2013-14	Requested 2014-15	Committee Recommended ¹	Appropriated 2014-15
23. Hwy 52 Frontage Road Beautification	\$1,000.00	\$10,000	\$4,500	
24. SC AgriBiz Expo & Farm Show	\$3,243.75	\$0	\$0	
25. Eastern SC Heritage Region Project	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$6,600</u>	
Total -- 65% Funds	<u>\$354,000</u>	<u>\$579,500</u>	<u>\$460,000</u>	

Note 1: Including carryover funds from FY 2013-14, it is anticipated that the amount available for distribution to the requesting agencies of "65% funds" will be approximately \$460,000. The "30% funds" for tourism promotion is estimated to be approximately \$189,000.

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

**City of Florence, SC
Accommodations Tax Financial Report
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014**

Total Accommodations Funds Received	\$646,886.86
Plus Carryover Funds from Prior Year	\$0.00
Plus Interest Earned	\$36.81
Less General Fund Standard Allocation	<u>-\$25,000.00</u>
Balance	\$621,923.67
Less 5% Funds Paid to General Fund	-\$31,094.34
Less 30% Funds Paid for Advertising/Promotion	-\$186,566.06
Balance = 65% Funds Available for Tourism	\$404,263.27
Less Appropriations Paid to Tourism Agencies	<u>-\$354,000.00</u>
TOTAL Year End Balance	\$50,263.27

**City of Florence, SC
Accommodations Tax
Projections for FY 2014-15**

Accommodations Tax Funds Projected	\$655,690.00
Less \$25,000 to General Fund	-\$25,000.00
Subtotal	\$630,690.00
Less 5% of Balance to General Fund	-\$31,534.50
Less 30% of balance to Advertising/Promotion	-\$189,207.00
Balance for 65% Funds Distribution	\$409,948.50
Plus Carryover from Prior Year	<u>\$50,263.27</u>
Total Available for Tourism Expenditures	\$460,211.77

**City of Florence, SC
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Florence has 2014-2015 Accommodations Tax application packets available for distribution to agencies with a not-for-profit designation interested in applying for funding. Requests for application packets should be addressed to Finance Director, City of Florence, Finance Department, 3rd Floor, 324 West Evans Street, Florence, South Carolina 29501-3430, Telephone 665-3162.

Applications must be received by the Finance Director no later than Friday, July 25, 2014 to be eligible for funding consideration.

Morning News Tuesday, July 8, 2014