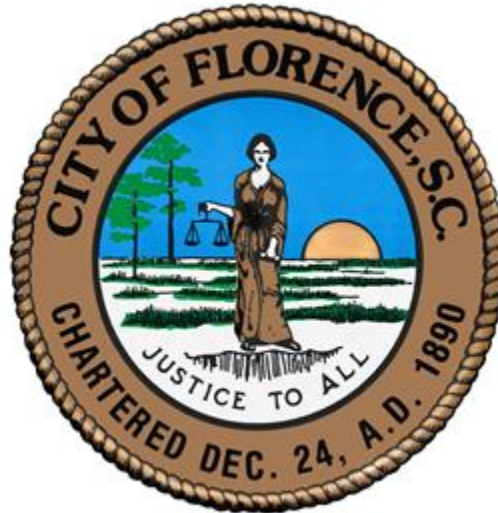


**REGULAR MEETING
OF
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**



**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 W. EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
1:00 P.M.**



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 – 1:00PM
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 WEST EVANS STREET
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 14, 2023 – Regular Meeting

IV. APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

Note: Each person who gives notice to speak may be limited to a five (5) minute presentation at the discretion of the presiding officer, City of Florence Code of Ordinances, Section 2-24(h).

a. Bryan and Jody Ransom

To make a presentation to Council regarding One Table Florence.

b. Debra Runion

To speak to Council regarding water rates.

c. Lekesha Jones

To speak to Council regarding a Parks and Recreation concern.

V. ORDINANCES IN POSITION

a. Bill No. 2023-16 – Second Reading

An Ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for three single member districts of the City of Florence, South Carolina in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2020.

b. Bill No. 2023-30 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-15 2488 Abbey Way, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 01221-01-247.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. Bill No. 2023-32 – First Reading

An Ordinance to rename West Kansas Road and name an unnamed road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 90093-01-001.

b. Bill No. 2023-33 – First Reading

An Ordinance to rezone 619 South Church Street, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 90104-02-019, from AC to NC-6.3.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution No. 2023-37

A Resolution to authorize the transfer of \$1,000,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funds to the General Fund.

b. Resolution No. 2023-40

A Resolution to recognize October 12, 2023 as Pee Dee Hearing Center Day.

c. Resolution No. 2023-41

A Resolution authorizing staff to negotiate a grant agreement with the organizations in the amounts as show in “Exhibit A” in compliance with the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act.

(Note: This item may be discussed in Executive Session.)

VIII. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

a. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

IX. MAYORAL REPORT

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Business Development Committee

b. Community Development Committee

c. Marketing and Public Relations Committee

d. Finance, Audit and Budget Committee

(Note: Action may be taken during Committee Reports.)

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Discussion of matters related to a Contractual Matter [30-4-70(a)(2)].**
- b. Personnel Matter [30-4-70(a)(1)].**

After returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

XII. ADJOURN



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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor Pro Tempore George Jebaily, Councilwoman Lethonia Barnes, Councilman Chaquez T. McCall, Councilman Bryan A. Braddock, Councilwoman LaShonda NeSmith-Jackson and Councilman J. Lawrence Smith, II

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Randall S. Osterman, City Manager; Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Benjamin T. Zeigler, City Attorney; Mrs. Casey Moore, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Chief Shannon Tanner, Florence Fire Department; Mrs. Jennifer Krawiec, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utility Planning and Economic Development; Mr. Jerry Dudley, Director of Utilities; Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services; Mr. Adam Swindler, Director of Public Works and Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer

MEDIA PRESENT

Mr. Christian Smith with the Florence Morning News and Mr. Seth Taylor along with Mr. Chris Day with the Post and Courier were present for the meeting.

Notices of this regular meeting of City Council were provided to the media and individuals requesting a copy of the agenda informing them of the date, location and time of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

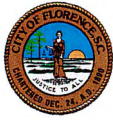
Mayor Ervin called the August 14, 2023 regular meeting of Florence City Council to order at 1:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ervin gave the invocation for the meeting. The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to adopt the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.



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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held to receive input on a proposed water and sewer rate increase.

Mayor Ervin opened the public hearing at 1:03pm.

Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer, reported this public hearing is related to the increase in water and sewer rates and the purpose for the rate increases is to support three separate bond issuances.

Ms. Debra Runion spoke, saying she read in the paper a report about the proposed rate hike and said the proposed rates are a lot for someone on a fixed income. In the last six months Duke Energy has increased their rates, the City's millage increased, Florence County millage increased, and the School Board initiated an increase. Individuals that are retired must change their standard of living when expenses go up and their income must be spent in different ways. Ms. Runion said water infrastructure has been neglected and questioned why improvements have not been made along the way. She asked Council to consider reclaiming funding from somewhere else so that it does not have such a large impact on people's lives.

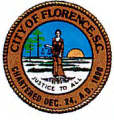
Councilman McCall said the rates were already scheduled to increase in 2028, but recent growth and economic development projects have sped up the timeline for those increases and it is important that the City stay ahead of growth. He said he is also concerned on how the increases will affect those individuals with a fixed income and Council is looking into a potential round-up program to reduce that burden on those, as well as low income, individuals.

Ms. Runion asked if the percentage increase will be eliminated after 2028, to which Councilman McCall replied no; however, the bonding is based off an estimate and the rates will be adjusted if it is determined the City does not need to borrow as much. Ms. Runion asked if it were possible to redirect funds from other areas to finance this project and Mr. Rawlinson said no. The water and sewer system is not supported by tax dollars and it is fully supported by the revenues generated by the system.

Mayor Ervin clarified that the rates have historically been looked at and adjusted accordingly every ten years. Due to recent and the potential for future growth, it has made it necessary to increase the rates ahead of schedule. The City does not enter into these rates haphazardly; the City conducts studies and looks at all options before determining the rates.

Pro tem Jebaily asked Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utility Planning and Economic Development, to clarify the projects to be completed with the bond issuance. Mr. Hemingway said there are three phases. Phase one is the planning and design of the surface water treatment plant expansion, phase two will consist of work to the collection and distribution system, and phase three will entail an expansion to the City's wastewater treatment facility from 22 million gallons per day (MGD) to 33 MGD. Mr. Hemingway further explained that conversations regarding expanding the surface water and wastewater treatment facilities began in 2018 at which point, based on considered growth, the surface water treatment facility would not need to be expanded until 2030 and the wastewater treatment plan would not need expanding until 2040. The timeline to start these projects was accelerated due to current industrial and residential growth and to ensure there is excess capacity for future growth.

Pro tem Jebaily spoke of his concern on water quality and asked if water quality is being addressed at the same time as increasing capacities. Mr. Hemingway said the City just received a grant to make necessary adjustments to the surface water treatment facility due to new EPA and DHEC requirements to remove emerging contaminants.



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Councilman Braddock spoke of other municipalities and their inability to have any control over their water due to other organizations having ownership of the water system. The City is fortunate to be in this position and Council will be mindful of the impacts to retirees but, they also must be mindful of the future of the community.

Ms. Martha Nance spoke and asked Council what they can do to mitigate these impacts. She spoke of the 8% increase in property taxes and asked Council if they could consider those funds to mitigate the rate increase. Mayor Ervin clarified that the utility is a separate fund. She also said that the City has a property tax credit so that the resident does not have to pay the full amount of their taxes and Council will always do what they can to keep rates at the lowest possible level.

There being no one else to speak, Mayor Ervin closed the public hearing at 1:30pm.

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Stacey Belin

Mr. Stacey Belin, President of the Florence Pickleball Club, appeared before Council to formally introduce Pickleball to the City of Florence. Pickleball has had a presence in Florence since 2015 and they have accumulated over 300 members. Goals of the Florence Pickleball Club are to promote health and fitness, to create partnerships, offer clinics and camps, and to give back to the community to support local charities. Several Councilmembers spoke of their excitement and support of Pickleball.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION

Bill No. 2023-25 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to repeal and replace portions of Sections 3-2, 3-7, and 3-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Florence entitled “Definitions”, “Public Nuisance”, “Dangerous/Vicious Animal Enforcement”, and other matters relating thereto.

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-25 on second reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Ben Zeigler, City Attorney, reported a group of stakeholders met regarding this Bill and some revisions were agreed upon. Mr. Zeigler said the revisions are shown on the redline version attached to the ordinance and he highlighted the proposed changes. Highlights include changes to the determination of a dangerous animal and the distinguishing factors of a feral animal. Other proposed changes include simplifying the timeframes for animal noises, changes to the penalties to the public nuisance section and dangerous animal enforcement. All the redline changes are recommended by the stakeholder group.

Councilman Smith made a motion to amend Bill No. 2023-25 to reflect the changes as outlined in red; however, as part of this amendment, Councilman Smith said he'd also like to strike Section 3-7-9 and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson said she wants to be sure Council is allowing the framework in which policies and guidelines can be enforced and be fair for both parties. The purpose of the times in this section was to add the framework of when someone is able to complain. She said public safety includes dog safety and there are underlying reasons if a dog is consistently barking for an extended period time.



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Mayor Ervin acknowledged Mr. Lance Weldy, an individual that requested to speak on this item. Mr. Weldy said he has been keeping track of the current conversation regarding the ordinance pertaining to dangerous dogs. He spoke of Section 3-7-9 and how important it is to the community. Currently, City Code references animal noises in two different places and the language in both is vague, subjective and calls for negligible accountability on the part of the pet owners. He said he has been dealing with community members violating these ordinances for years. He decided to reach out to City Council and ask that the ordinance regarding noise and public nuisance be revised to include specific language from South Congaree's and West Columbia's ordinances. Section 3-7-9 is not saying a barking dog automatically violates the noise ordinance; however, it is saying that if a dog is barking for a specified amount of time, it is violating the noise ordinance. Mr. Weldy expressed concern on removing Section 3-7-9 from the ordinance and requested that the timeframe be kept in place with the ten minutes continuous and thirty minutes intermittent barking.

Councilman Smith said the referenced section currently resides in the public nuisance portion of the ordinance, where other municipalities have it in the noise ordinance. He said he does not feel good about having the language under public nuisance, but it could be looked at for the noise ordinance.

Councilman McCall agreed with Councilman Smith, saying this proposed ordinance pertains to public safety and perhaps the barking dog language can be addressed in the noise ordinance in the future.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson said if the language needs to be added to the noise ordinance, it needs to be done now. Either way, the framework needs to be created so these issues can be addressed.

Mr. Zeigler said amending the noise ordinance would require a separate ordinance, so his recommendation is to take action on the motion on the floor and revisit the noise ordinance in a separate enactment.

Councilman Braddock expressed his support of removing the language from the public nuisance section and adding it to the noise ordinance.

Council voted 5-2 in favor the motion to amend, with Mayor Ervin and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson voting against the amendment. The amendment passed.

Council voted 6-1 in favor of the motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-25 on second reading, as amended, with Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson voting against. Bill No. 2023-25 was adopted, as amended.

Bill No. 2023-26 – Second Reading

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of combined waterworks and sewerage system revenue bonds of the City of Florence, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.

Councilman Braddock made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-26 and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion.

Mr. Rawlinson reported the projects outlined for this bond issuance include the AESC economic development project, utility engineering and master planning, surface water treatment plant planning and design, and automated water meters for billing.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-26 was adopted.



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Bill No. 2023-27 – Second Reading

An Ordinance revising the water and sewer rate schedule for the City of Florence, South Carolina.

Councilman Braddock made a motion to move Bill No. 2023-27 to Executive Session to receive legal advice covered by attorney-client privilege and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion. Without objection, Council moved Bill No. 2023-27 to Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice.

Bill No. 2023-28 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to amend the budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-28 on second reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-28 was adopted.

Bill No. 2023-29 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to abandon a portion of sewer line and easement located on private property at 1411 Golf Terrace Boulevard, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 000101-01-470.

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-29 on second reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-29 was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Bill No. 2023-16 – First Reading

An Ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for three single member districts of the City of Florence, South Carolina in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2020.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to discuss this item in Executive Session and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-16 will be discussed in Executive Session.

Bill No. 2023-30 – First Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-15 2488 Abbey Way, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 01221-01-247.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-30 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development, reported this is an existing, infill lot within the Windsor Forest Subdivision. Once annexed, a single-family residential home will be constructed.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-30 was passed on first reading.

Bill No. 2023-31 – First Reading



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An Ordinance to rezone a portion of Florence County Tax Map Number 90030-02-007 from PDD to AC.

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-31 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Moore reported the lot is currently zoned both Planned Development District (PDD) and Activity Center (AC). This property has come before Planning Commission and Council previously. In February 2022, Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted to approve the request to rezone the parcel from PDD to AC, but the request was withdrawn by the applicant prior to Council action. In July 2022, Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted to deny the request to rezone the parcel from PDD to AC. On July 11, 2023 the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted to approve the request to rezone the parcel from PDD to AC. This lot was two separate lots that were combined into one. No development standards for the PDD are on file with the City of Florence or Florence County. The owner wishes to rezone the portion that is currently zoned PDD to AC so that the single property maintains a consistent zoning designation. Since the building and use standards are not available for the PDD portion of the property, the property is currently unable to be developed.

Having signed up to speak, Mayor Ervin recognized Mr. Matt Scalise, agent for the owners of the property. Mr. Scalise said the property owners have owned the property for approximately twenty years and have been paying approximately \$22,000 a year in property taxes. When they purchased the property they were reassured the property would be able to go through the formality of rezoning for development. The owners want to clarify the zoning so that it makes sense to a potential buyer or developer. If zoned AC, the only uses that may be developed are those permitted in the AC district and the property will still be subject to City of Florence codes and regulations to include the bufferyard requirements where the lot abuts residential zoning districts. Mr. Scalise said the current status of the property is essentially holding the property hostage while the owners continue to pay property taxes.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked what can be done since the PDD development standards have been lost. Mr. Moore replied the reason for the rezoning is to reclassify that portion of the property so that then there will be standards in place. Allowable uses in the AC zoning designation include some of the typical commercial uses seen around the City. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked how many parcels the in the City currently have the PDD zoning where there are no development standards available. Mr. Moore responded there are several older PDDs, but PDDs are not regularly utilized anymore since the state recently clearly defined what constitutes a PDD. This parcel is unique in that it is a split zoning.

Councilman Braddock inquired on other zoning designation options for the property. Mr. Moore replied a request could be made for residential zoning, however, adjacent to the property is commercial zoning and residential zoning. Under the Unified Development Ordinance, large bufferyard requirements would be required between commercial and residential zoning.

Councilman Braddock said last time this property came before Council, there was great community concern surrounding a potential Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) project. He asked if this is zoned AC, what would then be left to protect the residents from projects they are not in favor of. Mr. Moore said much of the concerns regarding development of the property can be mitigated by the requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance. It's unavoidable to have connection between residential and commercial zoning districts, but the development standards implemented by the Unified Development Ordinance helps mitigate these concerns. Mr. Moore further elaborated that a benefit to the



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AC designation is that development is required to be drawn forward to the major thoroughfare, so that lighter uses occur between the residential and commercial zonings.

Pro tem Jebaily said traffic associated with a multi-use development was a concern expressed before and asked if there is anything that would require a traffic study prior to any residential, high-density development. Mr. Moore said the City has regulations and standards; if a development hits a certain threshold, the City requires that a traffic study be conducted. Also, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will review the project and will put in place requirements if they have concerns. Mr. Moore elaborated that a traffic study will be able to identify potential problems and if a problem exists or will be created due to the increase in volume that would occur with the development, the City will work with the SCDOT to mitigate the issue.

Mr. Scalise said under the current split zoning situation, any development seeking a permit would have to go through with a rezoning of the property. The density and traffic concerns don't really apply to this property, as the prior development that feel through was only for forty units. Mr. Scalise said the concerns from the residents seem to be a "not in my back yard" situation. The zoning laws and regulations already mentioned along with the density limitations in place should be safeguard enough to rezone the entirety of the property to AC.

Mr. Moore explained what is permitted in relation to density. How many units allowed will depend on the size of the property along with any bufferyard, stormwater and parking requirements.

Following additional discussion, Council voted unanimously (7-0) to deny the rezoning request.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2023-36

A Resolution to proclaim August 6-12, 2023 as National Health Center Week in the City of Florence.

Councilman Braddock made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-36 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson presented the Resolution to Nicole Echols of HopeHealth and thanked them for their contributions to the community.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-36 was passed.

Resolution No. 2023-37

A Resolution to authorize the transfer of \$1,000,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funds to the General Fund.

Councilman Braddock made a motion to send Resolution No. 2023-37 to the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee of City Council for review and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-37 will go before the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee for review.



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Resolution No. 2023-38

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Florence to execute an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stormwater infrastructure program subrecipient agreement between the City of Florence and the South Carolina Office of Resilience to fund a stormwater infrastructure improvement project that will mitigate the impact of future disasters.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-38 and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.

Mr. Moore reported the grants were made available through the American Resuce Plan Act and are distributed through the South Carolina Office of Resilience, Disaster Recovery Division. The scope of the Pennsylvania Street Stormwater Mitigation Project involves the upgrade of stormwater infrastructure in the watershed that includes the Pennsylvania Street corridor.

Pro tem Jebaily asked when the project will start. Mr. Moore replied they are at 90% complete with the plans. Contractors should be procured by the end of the year with work to begin at the first of the year.

Resolution No. 2023-39

A Resolution of City Council approving Downtown Redevelopment Grants for First Quarter, FY24.

Mayor Ervin said this item may be heard in Executive Session. There being no objection, this item will be heard in Executive Session.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mr. Davis presented the packet of appointments to Boards and Commissions to Council.

Planning Commission

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson deferred her nomination to the Board.

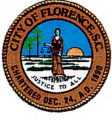
Board of Zoning Appeals

Councilman Smith made a motion to reappoint Deborah Moses to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Deborah Moses was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2026.

Councilman Braddock deferred his nomination to the Board.

Civic Center Commission

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to reappoint Ron Roberts to the Civic Center Commission. Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Ron Roberts was reappointed to the Civic Center Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2027.



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Design Review Board

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson deferred her nomination to the Board.

Housing Authority

Councilman Smith made a motion to appoint Calvin Robinson to the Housing Authority. Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Calvin Robinson was appointed to the Housing Authority for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2028.

Councilman Braddock made a motion to reappoint Jerrod Moultrie to the Housing Authority. Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Jerrod Moultrie was reappointed to the Housing Authority for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2028.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to reappoint Linda Williams to the Housing Authority. Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Linda Williams was reappointed to the Housing Authority for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2028.

Parks and Beautification Commission

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to reappoint Walter Sallenger to the Parks and Beautification Commission. Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Walter Sallenger was reappointed to the Parks and Beautification Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2028.

Councilman McCall deferred his nomination to the Board.

Aesthetics Advisory Committee

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to appoint William Thompson to the Aesthetics Advisory Committee. Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. William Thompson was appointed to the Aesthetics Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2026.

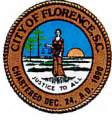
Councilman Smith made a motion to reappoint LaTisha Jackson to the Aesthetics Advisory Committee. Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. LaTisha Jackson was reappointed to the Aesthetics Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2026.

Public Safety Citizen's Review Board

Mayor Ervin deferred her nomination to the Board.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Ervin thanked Councilmembers for attending the Municipal Association's annual meeting in Greenville in July. Florence received many complements from Greenville's Mayor and others on the success of Florence's downtown and the many other things the City is working on for the residents. She spoke of several projects going on downtown to include the parking deck with the Urban Square Project, the Nofal building, the old pharmacy and the old theater. Mayor Ervin spoke of National Night Out that was celebrated throughout Florence and thanked the Police Department for their participation.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Development Committee, Chaired by Pro tem Jebaily

Pro tem Jebaily said the Committee met at the Nofal building located at 127 West Evans Street. This project will be a mixed-use development with Air Bnbs located on the top floors and restaurants and other retail located on the bottom floor. They also received updates on other development and utility projects. At the next meeting, the Committee will be receiving information from staff regarding the gateways.

Community Development Committee, Chaired by Councilwoman Barnes

Councilwoman Barnes announced the hiring of the new Community Services Department Manager. Currently, the City is working with new developers to build housing units in the target areas and there are three homes currently under construction.

Marketing and Public Relations Committee, Chaired by Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson said the Committee discussed awareness campaigns to keep the community engaged and motivated. The current campaign is focused around sharing information on the responsibilities and funding sources for roads and a pedestrian safety campaign will follow. The Request for Proposals for the communication tool has closed and a selection committee is reviewing the proposals. The next meeting will include updates on the communication tool and the results from the communication survey.

Finance, Audit and Budget Committee, Chaired by Councilman McCall

Councilman McCall said the Committee had a robust discussion regarding the impact of the water and sewer rate adjustments and whether to provide city residents with a differentiated percentage compared to county residents. Councilman McCall mentioned that the City of Greenville just created an Economic Development office and the committee discussed the City's potential to create one in the City. Also discussed was the funding from the opioid settlement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Ervin said Council will be entering into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding a redistricting plan, for a discussion of matters related to a proposed economic development project, for a discussion related to a proposed economic development project, a personnel matter and to receive legal advice regarding water and sewer rates.

Councilman McCall made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously (7-0) to enter into Executive Session at 3:15 p.m.

Council resumed open session at 4:35 p.m. and took action on the following items:

Bill No. 2023-27 – Second Reading

An Ordinance revising the water and sewer rate schedule for the City of Florence, South Carolina.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-27 on second reading and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion.



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Councilman McCall made a motion to amend the ordinance to increase the rate by 1% for County residents and decrease the rate by 1% for City residents and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Councilman McCall said he wants to do the right thing for the utility, but he also wants to take care of constituents with low and fixed incomes. Councilman McCall also said there is a need to look into the tap in fees and loosening that burden for county residents.

Council voted 6-1 in favor of the motion to amend, with Councilman Braddock voting nay. Bill No. 2023-27 was amended.

Council voted 6-1 in favor of the motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-27, as amended, with Councilman Braddock voting nay. Bill No. 2023-27 was adopted, as amended.

Bill No. 2023-16 – First Reading

An Ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for three single member districts of the City of Florence, South Carolina in accordance with the federal Decennial Census of 2020.

Councilman Smith made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-16 and move forward with the map as illustrated in “Option 2” on first reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-16 was passed on first reading with the map as illustrated “Option 2”.

Resolution No. 2023-39

A Resolution of City Council approving Downtown Redevelopment Grants for First Quarter, FY24

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-39 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-35 was adopted.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the August 14, 2023 Regular meeting of City Council was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of September 2023.

Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk

Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: An Ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for the three (3) single member districts of City of Florence, South Carolina in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2020.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Manager's Office

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

An Ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for the three (3) single member districts of City of Florence, South Carolina in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2020.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On January 10, 2022 City Council voted to defer the Ordinance to adopt a redistricting plan until after the November 2022 General Election.

On December 12, 2022 City Council voted to table the Ordinance to adopt a redistricting plan to the May, 2023 meeting.

On May 8, 2023 City Council voted to defer the adoption of a redistricting plan to the August, 2023 meeting in order for city staff to develop a viable secondary option.

On August 14, 2023 City Council voted unanimously at first reading to proceed with "Option 2" redistricting plan.

On September 6, 2023 City staff held a public meeting in Council Chambers from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm to receive comments from the public on the second option for the redistricting plan.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) 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.
- (2) The most recent change to the district lines occurred by the passage of Ordinance 2014-03 in order to realign the districts in accordance with the data from the 2010 Census.
- (3) The U.S. Constitution, the South Carolina Code of Laws, §2-20 of the Florence Code of Ordinance, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 all require that the city make certain that the three districts continue to comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 upon receipt and study of the latest census data.
- (4) The data from the 2020 Census indicates that the growth trends in the three districts since the 2010 Census have resulted in population deviation between the districts that meet the standards allowed and requires no adjustment to the existing boundaries.
- (5) Provided for reference is information on properties annexed into municipal boundaries after the 2020 Census data (Exhibit A).

- (6) Official 2020 Census data can only be considered when determining compliance with applicable laws and standards to develop the final district map.
- (7) City Staff has analyzed the Census data and, with the help of the state office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, has confirmed that the “Benchmark Map” is within compliance of the deviation requirements and meets all other standards (Exhibit C).
- (8) City Staff has analyzed the Census data further to develop an additional option, “Option 2”, that incorporates minor amendments to the current “Benchmark Map”. This alternative district map lowers the deviation and meets all other standards. (Exhibit D and E)
- (9) Based upon the City Council meeting on August 14, 2023 “Option 2” was selected for submission to Council for adoption and compliance with applicable laws and standards.
- (10) At the public meeting held in Council Chambers on September 6, 2023 “Option 2” was presented to the public for comment. No comments from the public was provided.

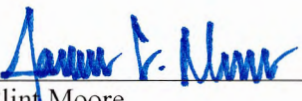
IV. OPTIONS:

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

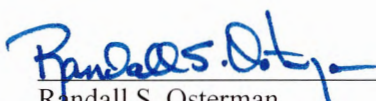
V. PERSONAL NOTES

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Ordinance
- B. Exhibit A – Annexations by District
- C. Exhibit B – 2020 Census information by District (Current district lines)
- D. Exhibit C – Benchmark Plan
- E. Exhibit D – Option 2
- F. Exhibit E – Option 2 Callout Map



Clint Moore
Assistant City Manager



Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-_____

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 2020.

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 2020;

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 2020 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 "D" 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 "D" and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein verbatim.
3. 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 _____, 2023

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

Approved as to form:

Benjamin T. Zeigler
City Attorney

Teresa Myers Ervin
Mayor

Attest:

Casey C. Moore
Municipal Clerk

Exhibit A

Annexations: April 2020 to July 2023

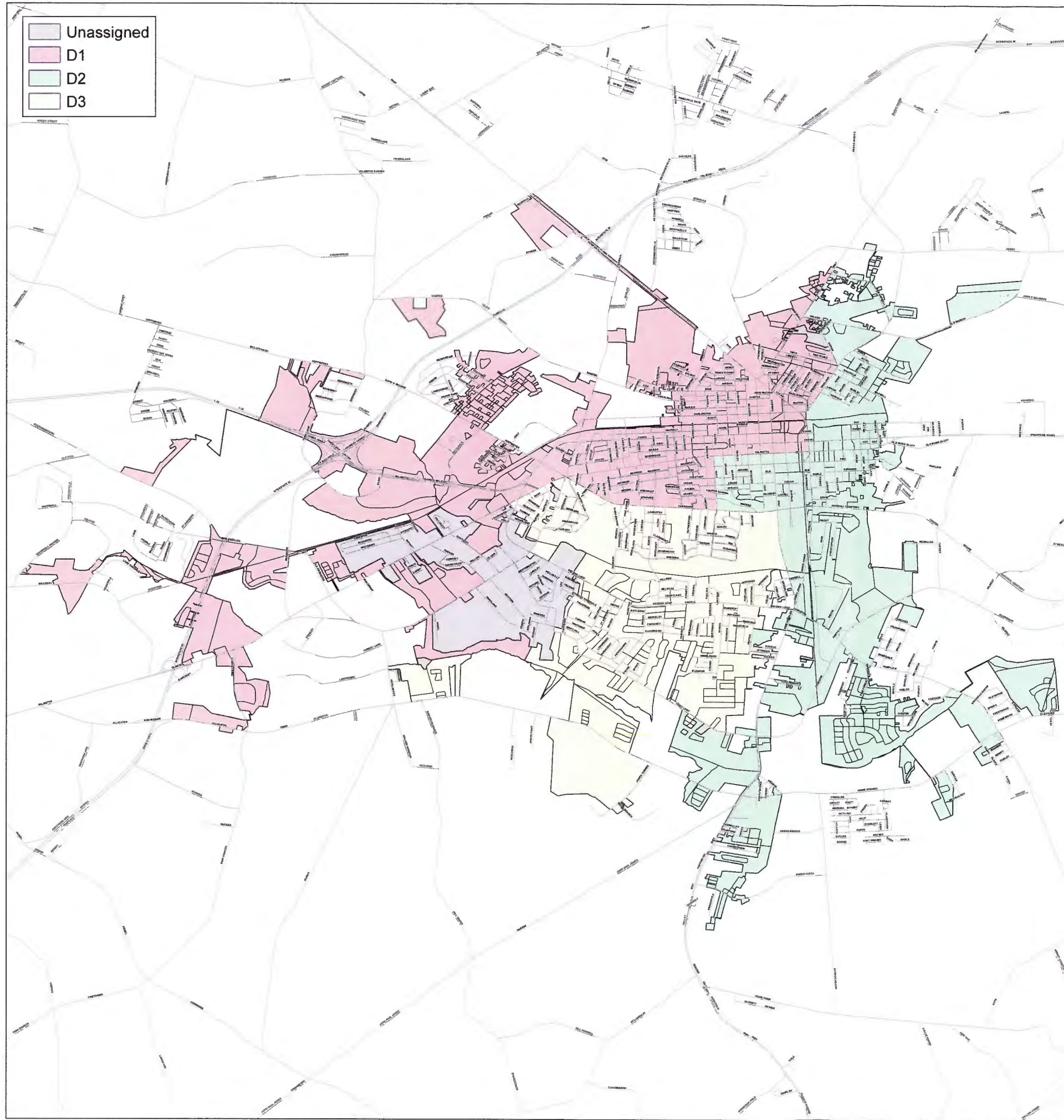
Ordinance	Tax Map Numbers	Total Population	Voting Age Population	Registered Voters	Race	Address	Date of Petition	Property Owner	Land Use	Zoning	District
2020-14	90108-01-001 & 90108-01-004	0	0	0	n/a	305 Pamlico Highway	2/11/2020	Hugh Willcox and John Deberry	vacant	CG	2
2020-16	90060-08-010 & 90060-08-011	1	1	1	B	1012 W. Sumter St.	4/14/2020	Carmen Singletary & Jermaine Nowlin	single family house	NC-6.2	1
2020-34	00179-01-014	0	0	0	n/a	Freedom Boulevard and Gilbert Drive	8/11/2020	Palmetto Corp. of Conway	vacant	RG-3 & CG	2
2020-36	00075-01-221 (portion)	0	0	0	n/a	Grove Boulevard	10/12/2020	The Grove at Ebenezer, LLC	vacant	PDD	1
2020-38	00123-01-005 (portion); 00123-01-006, 00123-01-152; 00123-01-R/W	0	0	0	n/a	Jody Road	8/12/2020	City of Florence; Richard Harrington	vacant	AC	1
2020-39	00741-01-007 & 00741-01-008	4	4	4	W & B	3553 Texas Rd. & 695 Florida Dr.	8/27/2020	Clayton B. Griffin; Robert & Terrie Miller	single family residential	NC-6.1	1
2020-40	90113-01-120	2	2	2	B	234 E. Shenandoah Ln.	8/28/2020	Moses Ellerbe, Jr.	single family residential	NC-6.1	2
2021-01	00097-01-008 (portion)	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	10/13/2020	Gary Finkiea	vacant	RG-3	1
2021-03	90096-01-008	3	3	3	B	1537 N. Sierra Range	11/6/2020	Venca Sinclair	single family house	NC-6.1	1
2021-03	90096-01-009	1	1	1	B	1543 N. Sierra Range	11/6/2020	Thelma Brailey	single family house	NC-6.1	1
2021-03	90096-01-017	3	3	3	B	1539 N. Sierra Range	11/6/2020	Clyde Bradford	single family house	NC-6.1	1
2021-03	90096-02-005	2	2	2	B	1534 N. Sierra Range	11/6/2020	Arthur & Delores Lawrence	single family house	NC-6.1	1
2021-09	90113-01-067	1	1	1	B	1541 Palomar Pkwy	11/12/2021	Rosa M. Eleby	single family house	NC-6.1	2
2021-12	01221-01-158	2	2	0	W	2499 Rainford Rd.	2/22/2021	Robert T. Parsons	single family house	NC-15	1
2021-16	01221-01-109	3	3	3	W	2495 Hoffmeyer Rd.	4/6/2021	James & Barbara Lewis	single family house	NC-15	1
2021-17	01221-01-254	3	2	1	W	2504 Abbey Way	4/7/2021	Scott & Tamara Byrne	single family house	NC-15	1
2021-17	01221-01-261	4	2	2	W	2513 Abbey Way	4/7/2021	Robert & Julie LeMaster	single family house	NC-15	1
2021-17	01221-01-283	4	4	4	W/A	2502 Parsons Gate	4/7/2021	James & Kimberly Osborne	single family house	NC-15	1
2021-17	01221-01-305	3	2	2	A	2485 Parsons Gate	4/7/2021	Brian Kim & June Chang	single family house	NC-15	1
2021-18	00097-01-029	4	2	2	W	3136 Pisgah Rd.	4/16/2021	Jessica Harrington	single family house	RG-3	1
2021-26	00100-01-030	0	0	0	n/a	2924 W. Palmetto St.	5/14/2021	Florence Adventist Church	church	CA	1
2021-29	01461-02-005	4	2	2	B	1524 McKenney Court	6/14/2021	Ainsworth Leonard	single family house	NC-15	1
2022-02	01221-01-323	6	4	2	Non-His	2468 Parsons Gate	10/12/2021	Babubhai Patel	single family house	NC-15	1
2022-09	01794-03-009	2	2	2	B	1142 Annelle Drive	11/8/2021	John and Marilyn Gagner	single family house	NC-10	3
2022-19	00152-01-029	0	0	0	n/a	3648 S. Irby Street	2/21/2022	Marilyn Summerford	business	CG	2
2022-16	90117-23-004	0	0	0	n/a	1300 E. Palmetto St.	5/10/2022	City of Florence	park	OSR	2
2022-17	90113-01-050	1	1	1	W	206 E Shenandoah Lane	6/17/2022	Ian Carrese	single family house	NC-6.1	2
2022-21	00100-01-002 and -147	0	0	0	n/a	2507 W Palmetto	6/21/2022	Naturally Outdoors Properties	business	OSR	1
2022-18	00098-01-002	0	0	0	n/a	3350 Clark Branch Rd	6/24/2022	Ken Jackson	vacant	NC-6.1	1
2022-26	00077-01-007, 00072-01-020, 00072-01-022, 00072-01-024, 00072-01-025, 00072-01-026, 00072-01-030; and Darlington Co. TMN: 169-00-01-026, 169-00-01-027, 169-00-01-029	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	7/18/2022	David and Lynda Grant, and MAIB Development	vacant	RG-3	1
2023-02	00751-01-049	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	10/11/2022	Stoney Moore	vacant	RG-3	1
2023-09	90108-05-001, 90109-01-002, 90109-01-002	0	0	0	n/a	401, 409, and 411 Pamlico Hwy	10/19/2022	Southbound Florence, LLC	vacant	CG	2
2023-04	90060-07-002	2	2	1	B	925 W Sumter Street	10/27/2022	Leroy and Janet Brown	single family house	NC-6.1	1
2023-05	90105-01-007	0	0	0	n/a	825 S Church Street	11/23/2022	City of Florence	vacant	DS	2
2023-06	90105-01-018	0	0	0	n/a	833 S Church Street	11/23/2022	City of Florence	vacant	OSR	2
2023-10	90104-02-015, 90104-02-030	0	0	0	n/a	707 and 709 S Church St	12/14/2022	Raymond Moses	vacant	NC-6.3	2
2023-15	00179-01-006, -007, and 90132-03-015	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	12/19/2022	PC Land Development Co, LLC	vacant	RG-3	2
2023-11	00149-01-005	0	0	0	n/a	1100 S Church Street	12/30/2022	City of Florence	vacant	IL	2
2023-16	00100-01-265 thru -313	0	0	0	n/a	Smith's Field Subdivision	4/3/2023	Highgate, LLC	vacant	RG	1
2023-19	90097-01-022	1	1	1	B	136 Wilson Road	3/1/2023	George Scipio, III	single family house	NC-10	1

TOTALS: 40 annexations 56 46 40

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EXHIBIT B
City of Florence - Census 2020 Data

	District One		District Two		District Three	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Population Total	13,506	1.55	12,944	-2.67	13,449	1.12
Population Deviation						
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White	4,912	36.37	3,919	30.28	9,112	67.75
Black	7,424	54.97	8,307	64.18	3,312	24.63
Other Multiple Race	755	5.59	379	2.93	674	5.01
Hispanic	415	3.07	339	2.62	351	2.61
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Voting Age Population Total	10,416	77.12	9,842	76.04	10,451	77.71
White	4,079	30.20	3,293	25.44	7,369	54.79
Black	5,521	40.88	6,050	46.74	2,381	17.70
Other Multiple Race	552	4.09	273	2.11	480	3.57
Hispanic	264	1.95	226	1.75	221	1.64



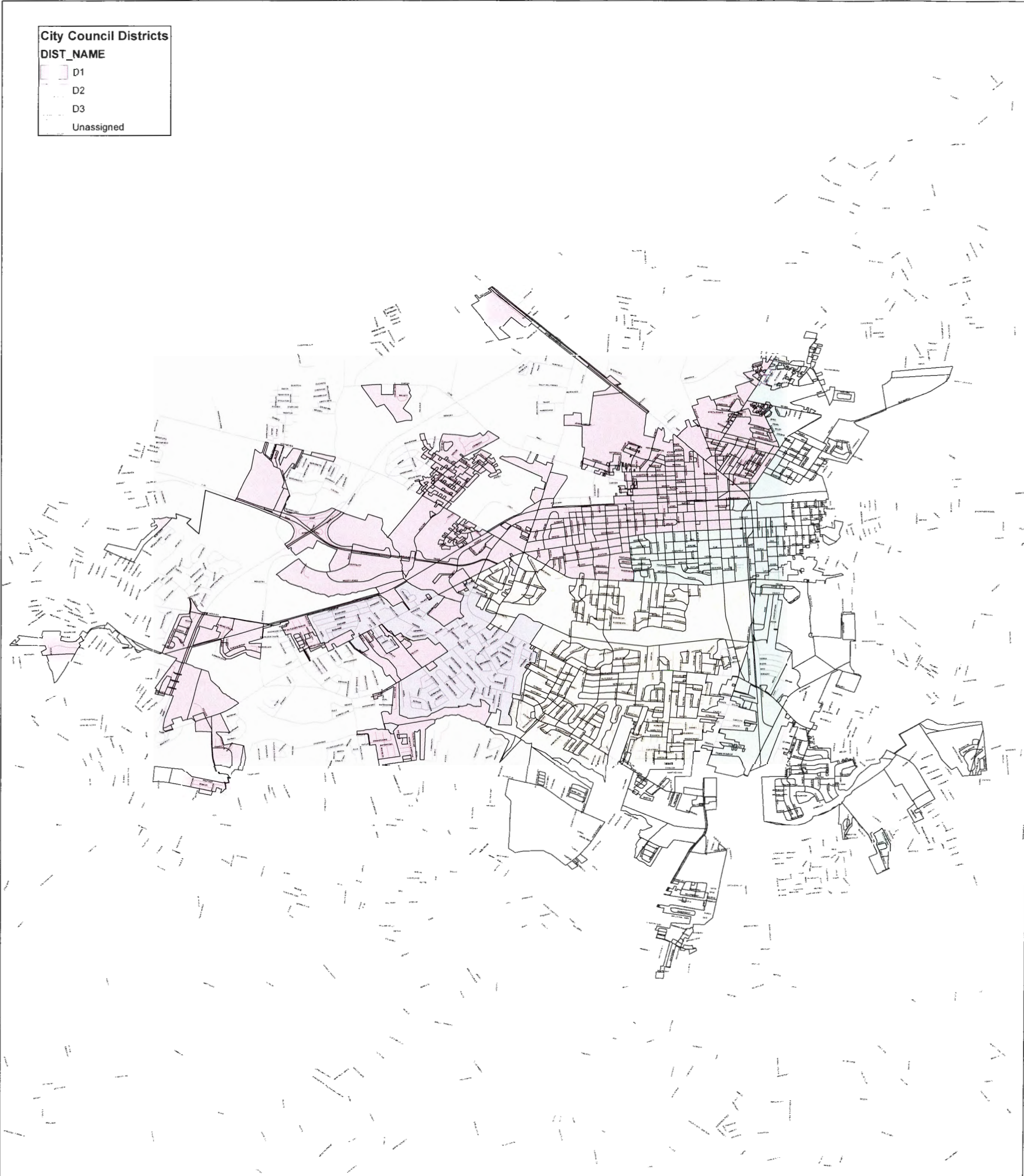
Option 1 (Benchmark)

	District One		District Two		District Three	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Population Total	13,506		12,944		13,449	
Population Deviation	206	1.55	-356	-2.68	149	1.12
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White	4,912	36.37	3,919	30.28	9,112	67.75
Black	7,424	54.97	8,307	64.18	3,312	24.63
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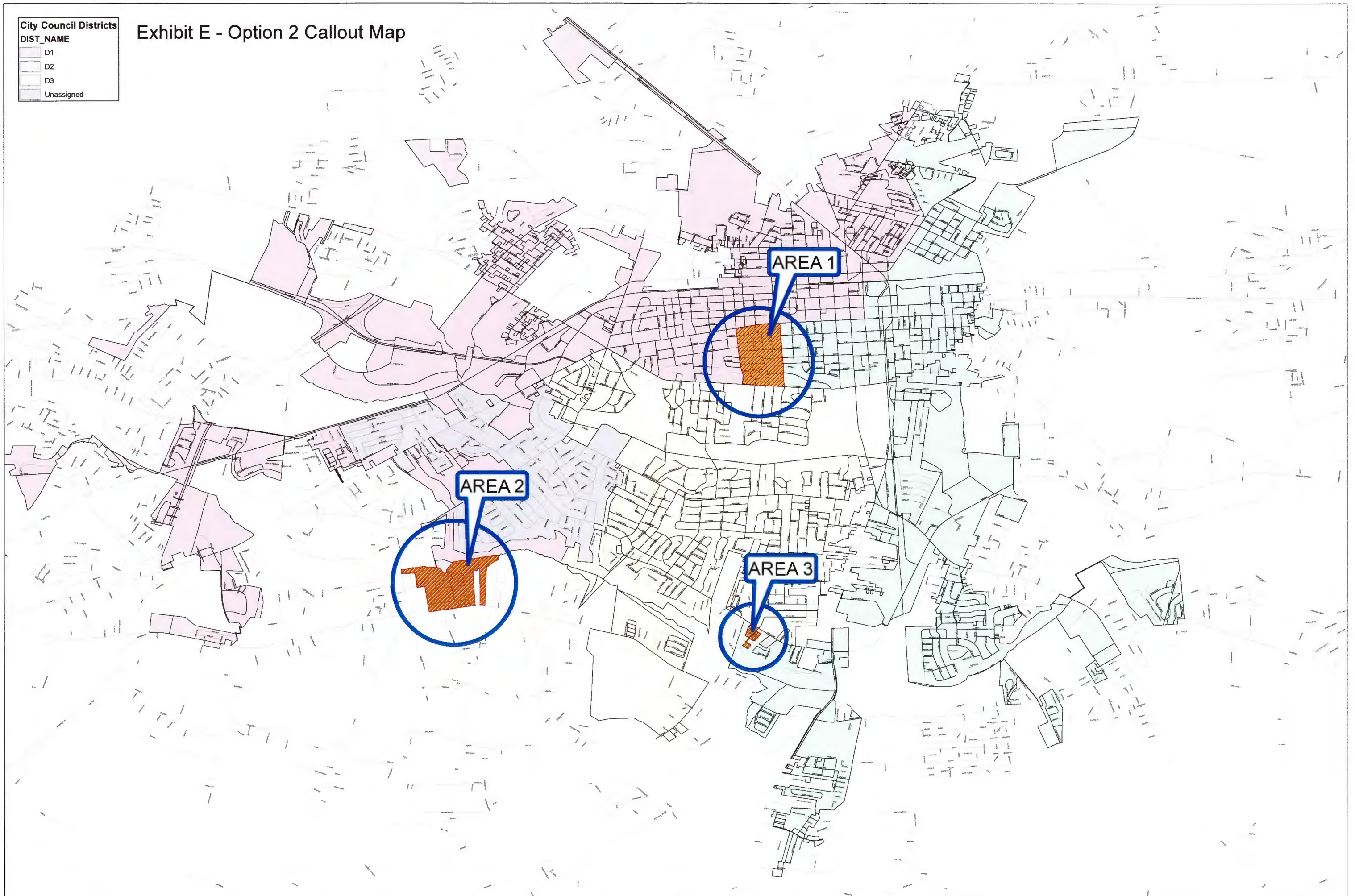
Option 2

	District One		District Two		District Three	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Population Total	13,394		13,455		13,050	
Population Deviation	94	0.71	155	1.17	-250	-1.88
White	4656	34.76	4483	33.32	8804	67.46
Black	7540	56.29	8182	60.81	3321	25.43
Other Multiple Race	779	5.81	422	3.14	607	4.65
Hispanic	419	3.12	368	2.74	318	2.44
VAP: Total	10271	76.68	10280	76.4	10158	77.84
VAP: White	3830	28.59	3775	28.06	7136	54.69
VAP: Black	5605	41.85	5958	44.28	2389	18.31
VAP: Other Multiple Race	569	4.25	307	2.28	429	3.29
VAP: Hispanic	267		240		204	

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Exhibit E - Option 2 Callout Map



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: August 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance to Annex and Zone 2488 Abbey Way, TMN 01221-01-247

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex the lot located at 2488 Abbey Way, Tax Map Number 01221-01-247, into the City of Florence and assign it the zoning designation NC-15, Neighborhood Conservation-15. The request is being made by the property owner.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On July 11, 2023, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter, and voted unanimously, 6-0, to recommend the zoning request of NC-15, Neighborhood Conservation-15.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City water and sewer services are currently available; there is no cost to extend utilities.
- (3) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the July 11, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.
- (4) City staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property NC-15, Neighborhood Conservation-15.

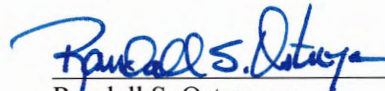
IV. PERSONAL NOTES:

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Vicinity Map
- (3) Annexation Petition



Clint Moore
Assistant City Manager



Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE 2488 ABBEY WAY, TMN 01221-01-247.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on July 11, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission, and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, application by Kunal and Tulsi Patel, owners of TMN 01221-01-247 was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid property be incorporated into 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 given the zoning district classification of NC-15:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 247 (0.553442 acre).

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

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 annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the Zoning Atlas to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective in 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.

Ordinance No. 2023 - _____

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ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023

Approved as to form:

Benjamin T. Zeigler,
City Attorney

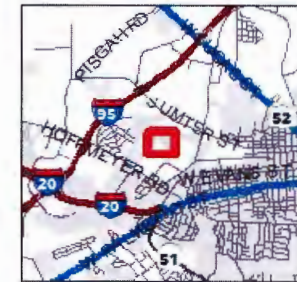
Teresa Myers Ervin,
Mayor

Attest:

Casey C. Moore,
Municipal Clerk

PC 2023-20

Location Map - 2488 Abbey Way

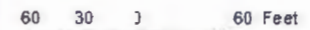


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-  City Limits
-  Parcels
-  Proposed Parcel



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Date: 6/21/2023

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 Number:
3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:
4. 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>4</u>	Race	<u>ASIAN</u>
Total 18 and Over	<u>2</u>	Total Registered to Vote	<u>2</u>

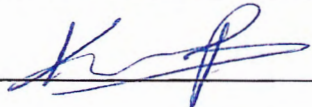
APPLICANT (S) (Please print or type):

Name(s): KUNAL & TULSI PATEL

Address: 2488 ABBEY WAY FLORENCE SC 29501

Telephone Numbers: 843 489 7904 [work] _____ [home]

Email Address: KUNAL.PATEL.DC@GMAIL.COM

Signature  Date 06/20/23

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:	FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY
Date <u>6.20.23</u>	<u>AB</u>

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: An ordinance to rename West Kansas Drive and name an unnamed road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 90093-01-001.

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

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A request by the property owner of Freedom Square to rename two private streets bordering the parcel located at 611 South Irby Street, said property being specifically designated in the Florence County Tax Records as Tax Map Number 90093-01-001 within the City Limits of Florence.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:


On August 8, 2023, the City of Florence Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted unanimously 7-0 to recommend the streets be renamed as requested.

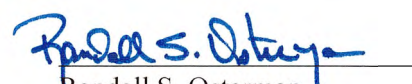
III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. The proposed new street name for West Kansas Drive is Ticonderoga Way, and the proposed new street name for an unnamed parallel road to the north is Allegiance Avenue.
2. The only developed parcel affected by this change will be the strip mall at the corner of South Irby Street and West Kansas Drive which includes Vibez843 Bar and Lounge at 104 West Kansas Drive. City Staff will notify the property owner of the name change.
3. Both streets are private and will continue to be maintained by the property owner.
4. City staff has compared the proposed new street names to those existing in the e911 database and found them to be unique and compliant.
5. Upon receiving City Council approval certifying a changed street name, the petitioner must submit a copy of a plat with the new street name. The plat is to be stamped by City Planning for approval and the applicant must have the plat recorded at the Florence County Tax Assessor office and Clerk of Court.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- A) Ordinance
- B) Vicinity Map
- C) Location Map


Clint Moore
Assistant City Manager


Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-_____

AN ORDINANCE TO RENAME WEST KANSAS DRIVE AND NAME AN UNNAMED ROAD, IDENTIFIED AS FLORENCE COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 90093-01-001.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in City Council Chambers on August 8, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, the property owner made application to rename two private streets within Freedom Plaza on the property specifically identified as Tax Map Number 90093-01-001;

WHEREAS, the property owner has requested West Kansas Drive be renamed Ticonderoga Way and an unnamed street to the north perpendicular to Second Loop Road and parallel to South Irby Street be renamed Allegiance Avenue as shown on Attachment C;

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 to rename the private streets as requested by the property owner after necessary legal documents have been properly executed.**
- 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence.**

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023

Approved as to form:

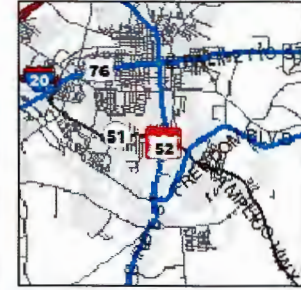
Benjamin T. Ziegler
City Attorney

Teresa Myers Ervin
Mayor

Attest:

Casey C. Moore
Municipal Clerk

Vicinity Map - Kansas Drive Renaming



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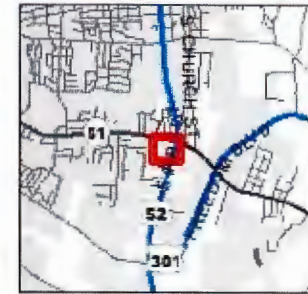
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Date: 9/1/2023

Location Map - Kansas Drive Renaming



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Date: 9/12/2023

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2023
AGENDA ITEM: An ordinance to rezone 619 South Church Street, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 90104-02-019, from AC to NC-6.3.

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

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A request to rezone from AC to NC-6.3 the parcel located at 619 South Church Street, said property being specifically designated in the Florence County Tax Records as Tax Map Number 90104-02-019. The request is being made by the property owner.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

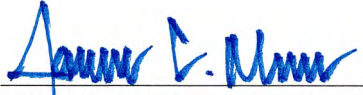
On August 8, 2023, the City of Florence Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted 6-0 to recommend the parcel be rezoned from AC to NC-6.3.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

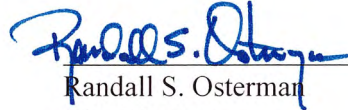
1. The current zoning for 619 South Church Street is Activity Center (AC), which is intended for mixed use development outside of the Central Business District (CBD). The AC zoning district does not permit the construction of a single-family detached home as the applicant desires.
2. The proposed zoning is Neighborhood Conservation-6.3. The primary use permitted under the proposed zoning is single-family residential characterized by small lots. It also permits townhouses, duplexes, multiplexes, and multi-family uses with specific lot and design standard requirements. The lot meets the dimensional requirements of the NC-6.3 zoning district for a single-family detached home per the City of Florence Unified Development Ordinance
3. Land uses of the adjacent properties are a mixture of single family, multi-family, and commercial, and those in the City limits are zoned AC, NC-6.3, and CG. The AC district does not permit single family detached houses, which is the owner's intended use.
4. The lot is currently vacant, but a survey of the property revealed the home at 621 South Church Street encroaches up to 2.1' on the property of 619 South Church Street (Attachment F). The side setback for the proposed NC-6.3 is 5'. The encroachment will not change the side setback required for the future home, but Building Code fire safety measures will be a consideration for placement.
5. Due to the size of the lot, development of the parcel would be limited to single-family residential under the NC-6.3 zoning designation.
6. City water and sewer services are available.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- A) Ordinance
- B) Vicinity Map
- C) Location Map
- D) Zoning Map
- E) Future Land Use Map
- F) Unofficial survey



Clint Moore
Assistant City Manager



Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-_____

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS 619 SOUTH CHURCH STREET, TAX MAP NUMBER 90104-02-019 FROM ACTIVITY CENTER ZONING DISTRICT TO NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION-6.3.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in City Council Chambers on August 8, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, the property owner made application to rezone from AC, Activity Center to NC-6.3, Neighborhood Conservation-6.3.

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 NC-6.3**
- 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 _____, 2023

Approved as to form:

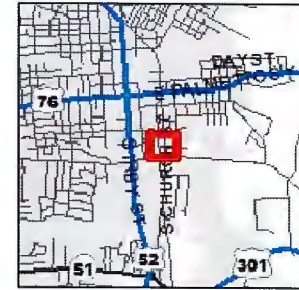
Benjamin T. Ziegler
City Attorney

Teresa Myers Ervin
Mayor

Attest:

Casey C. Moore
Municipal Clerk

Vicinity Map - 619 South Church Street




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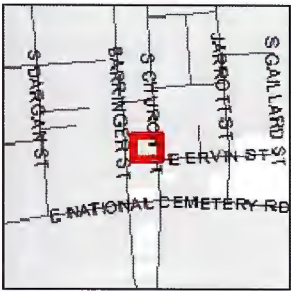
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Date: 9/1/2023

Location Map - 619 South Church Street



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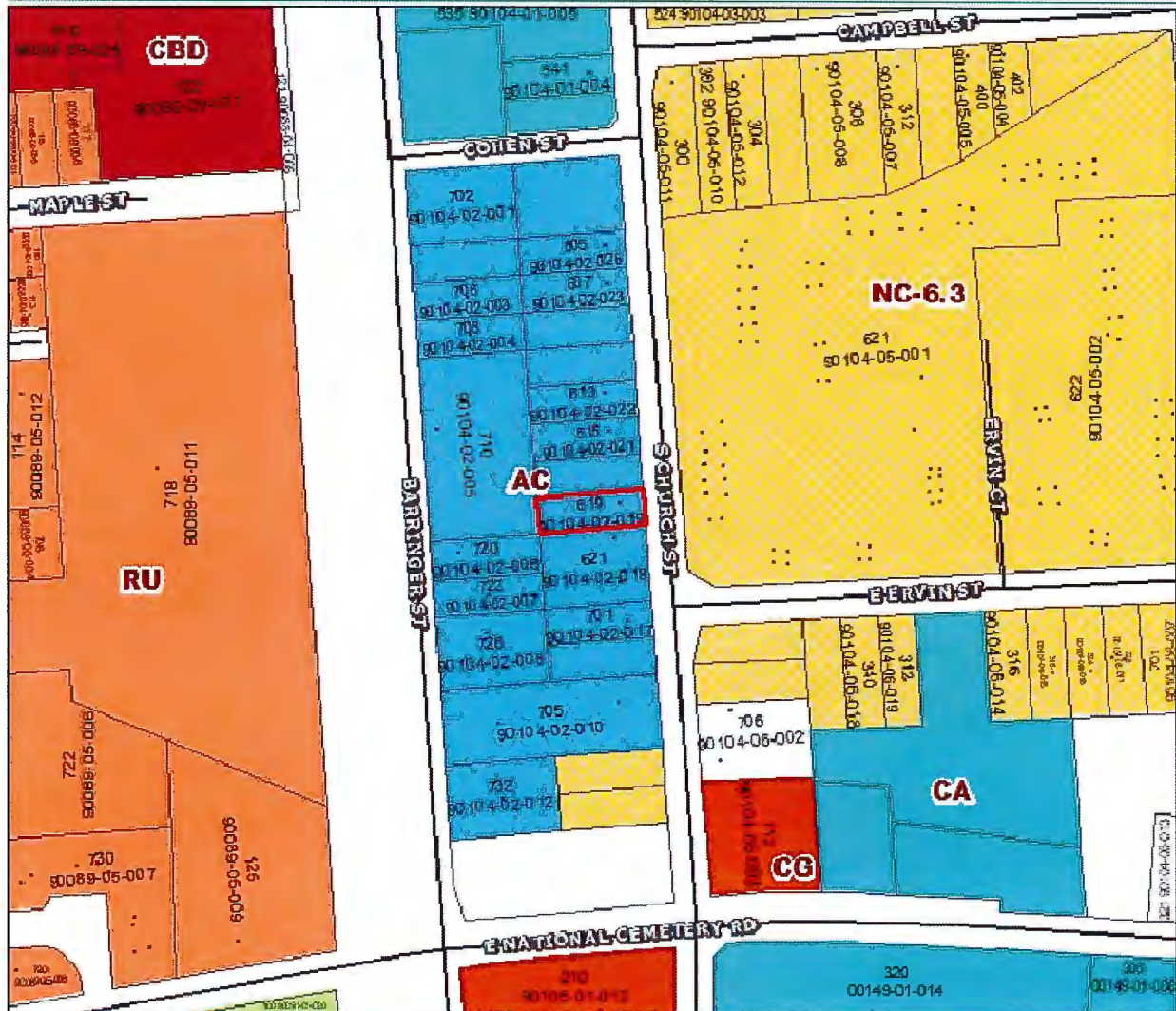


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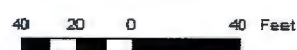
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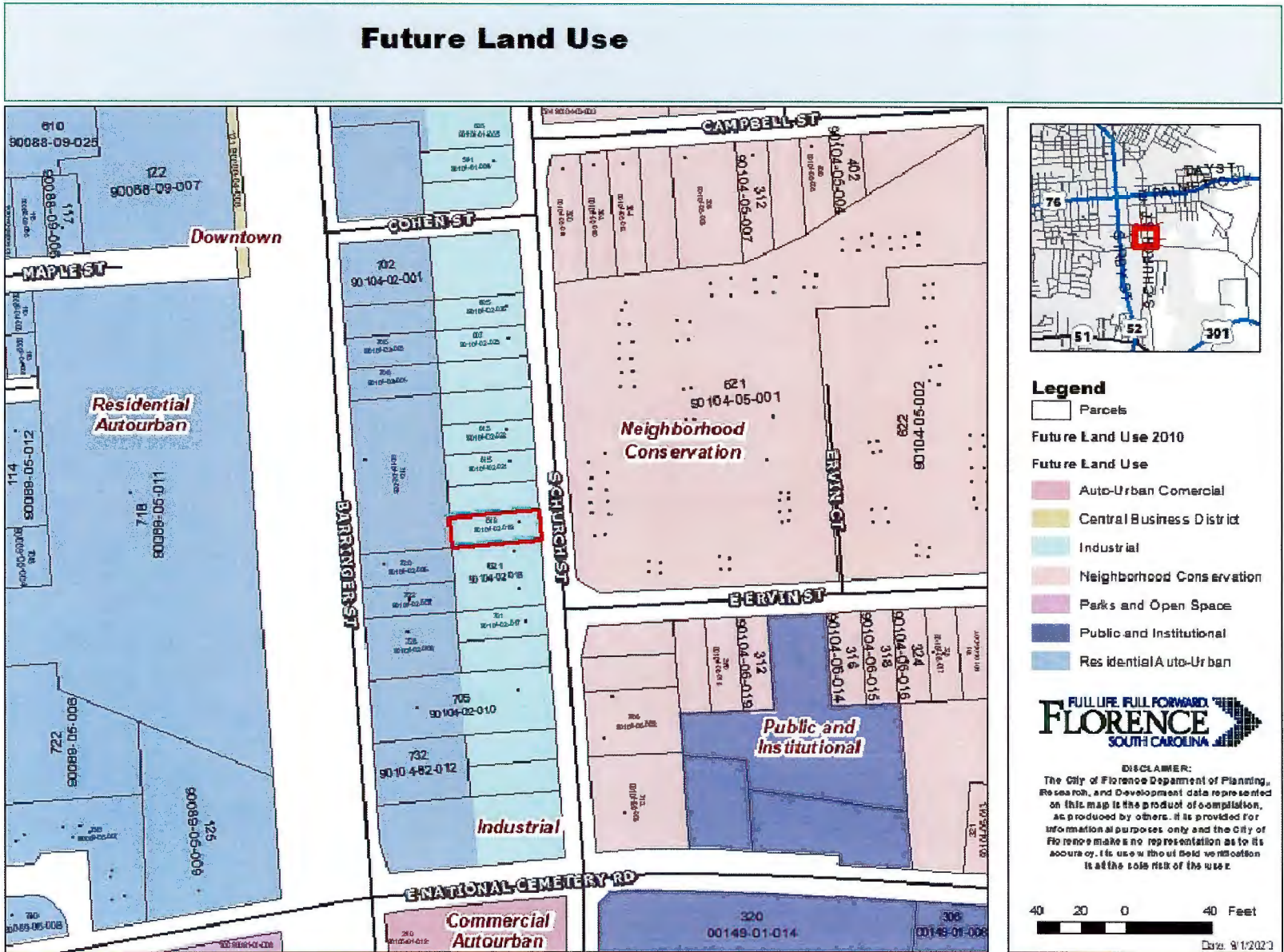
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 - CA
 - CG
 - Mixed-Use Districts**
 - CBD
 - AC



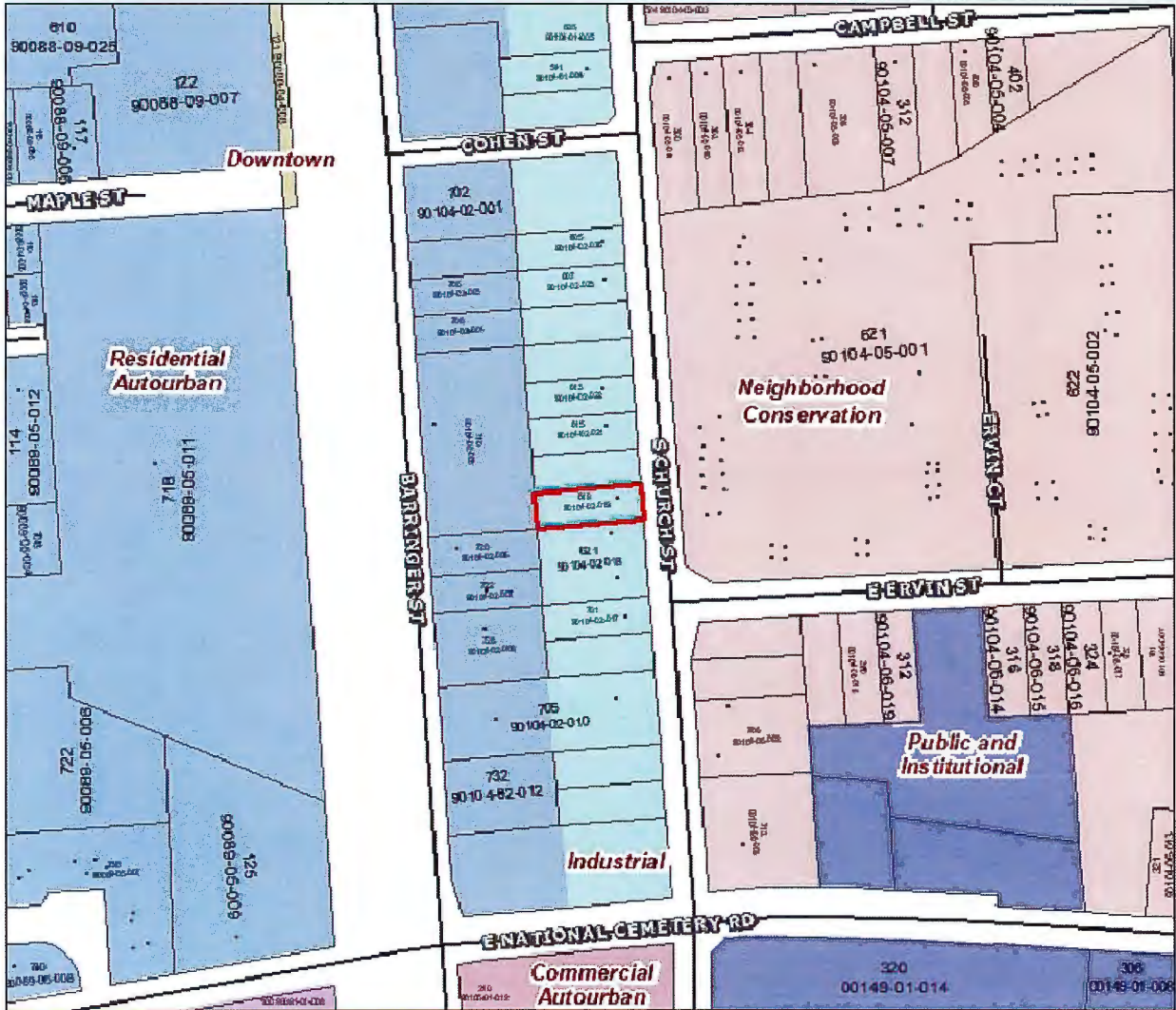
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Date: 9/1/2023



Future Land Use



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2023
AGENDA ITEM: Resolution to Transfer ARPA Funds
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

For City Council consideration is to authorize the City Manager to transfer \$1,000,000 from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

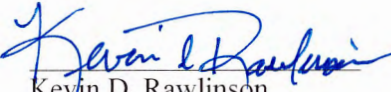
The City of Florence has received a total of \$7,943,151 in funds from the federal government's American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in two payments.

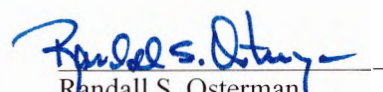
III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

The City Council of the City of Florence set aside \$1,000,000 of the ARPA funds to participate as needed with Florence County to expand broadband access. Following an analysis, it was determined that 98% of the City had broadband coverage, and this funding was no longer needed for broadband access. Therefore, the City Manager wishes to transfer \$1,000,000 of these funds to the General Fund to purchase 12 police vehicles (\$600,000), 1 sanitation truck (\$300,000), and \$100,000 to increase contingency.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the City Manager to transfer the funds.


Kevin D. Rawlinson
Chief Financial Officer


Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$1,000,000 FROM ARPA FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF 12 POLICE VEHICLES AND 1 SANITATION TRUCK.

WHEREAS, the City of Florence received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in two payments totaling \$7,943,151; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA funds were received using the Lost Revenue section of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence set aside \$1,000,000 to participate as needed with Florence County with broadband expansion; however, following an analysis, it was determined that 98% of the City had broadband coverage and this funding was no longer needed for broadband access.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Florence authorizes the City Manager to transfer \$1,000,000 to the General Fund from the ARPA Fund to allot \$600,000 to purchase of 12 police vehicles, \$300,000 to purchase 1 sanitation truck, and \$100,000 to increase contingency.

RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Approved as to form:

Benjamin T. Zeigler
City Attorney

Teresa Myers Ervin
Mayor

Attest:

Casey C. Moore
Municipal Clerk

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2023
AGENDA ITEM: Resolution
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council
Sponsored by Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

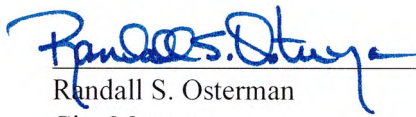
A Resolution to recognize October 12, 2023 as Pee Dee Hearing Center Day.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. The Pee Dee Hearing Center is a non-profit organization with the mission to empower lives through better hearing by providing the highest possible level of professional care to all regardless of their ability to pay.
2. Pee Dee Hearing Center was founded in 1968 by a grassroots committee of concerned citizens and has received community support for nearly six decades, serving multiple generations of South Carolinians totaling more than 300,000 people.
3. Pee Dee Hearing Center provides service to newborns and children, special needs children and adults, various government agencies including SCDHEC, SC Vocational Rehabilitation, SC Vocational Rehabilitation Disabilities, First Sound and the general public.

III. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution


Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-40

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OCTOBER 12, 2023 AS PEE DEE HEARING CENTER DAY.

WHEREAS, recognizing a need in the community, Pee Dee Hearing Center was founded in 1968 by a grassroots committee of concerned citizens including business men and women, physicians, educators and homemakers; and

WHEREAS, Pee Dee Hearing Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a United Way Community Partner with the mission to empower lives through better hearing by providing the highest possible level of professional care to all regardless of their ability to pay and includes particular service to newborns and children, special needs children and adults, various government agencies including DHEC, SC Vocational Rehabilitation, SC Vocational Rehabilitation Disabilities, First Sound, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, with the help of many volunteers, Pee Dee Hearing Center has served over 300,000 individuals over the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, having received generous support from the community, Pee Dee Hearing Center has recently undergone a renaissance as they have been turning their eye toward Florence's growing diverse population and are positioning themselves to continue serving the Pee Dee region with improved, cutting-edge testing and diagnostic equipment and audiological best practices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Florence, does hereby recognize October 12, 2023 as Pee Dee Hearing Center Day in the City of Florence and acknowledge the vital role Pee Dee Hearing Center plays to help the community prosper.

RESOLVED THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

Approved as to form:

BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER
CITY ATTORNEY

TERESA MYERS ERVIN
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CASEY C. MOORE
MUNICIPAL CLERK

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2023
AGENDA ITEM: Resolution
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

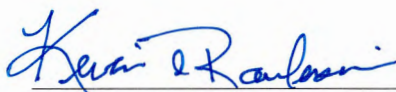
A Resolution authorizing staff to negotiate a grant agreement with the organizations in the amounts as shown in "Exhibit A" in compliance with the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. South Carolina is one of the many states receiving payments from the nationwide \$26 billion settlement agreement with opioid manufacturers, distributors and retailers for actions contributing to the current opioid epidemic.
2. As a result, the SC Legislature has created the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board ("SCORF Board") to administer and distribute of the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Funds.
3. The City of Florence currently has \$291,208.71 in funds in the Guaranteed Political Subdivision Fund to be spent in accordance with the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act.
4. The City solicited and received five applications for funding:
 - a. Regeneration Center - \$847,875
 - b. Resurrection Restoration Center for the Homeless - \$150,000
 - c. Tenacious Grace/Fire Sparrows - \$246,000
 - d. Circle Park (Clinical Counselor position) - \$69,825
 - e. Circle Park (Peer Support Specialist position) - \$55,860

III. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution



Kevin D. Rawlinson
Chief Financial Officer



Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AMOUNTS AS SHOWN IN "EXHIBIT A" IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA OPIOID RECOVERY ACT.

Incident to adoption of this Resolution, City Council of the City of Florence (the "Council") makes the following findings of fact:

1. South Carolina is one of the many states receiving payments from the nationwide \$26 billion settlement agreement with opioid manufacturers, distributors and retailers for actions contributing to the current opioid epidemic.
2. The South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board (the "SCORF Board") administers the distribution of the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Funds, including funds from the Guaranteed Political Subdivision Fund as set forth in Section 11-58-50 of the South Carolina Code, which must be used for approved abatement strategies.
3. Projects to be funded from the Guaranteed Political Subdivision Fund must be submitted to the SCORF Board for approval by a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina.
4. The City of Florence (the "City") currently has \$291,208.71 available in funds in the Guaranteed Political Subdivision Fund to be spent in accordance with the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act.
5. The City of Florence solicited and received five applications for funding for projects from agencies that provide or will provide services that are approved uses of funds from the Guaranteed Political Subdivision Fund:
 - a. Regeneration Center - \$847,875
 - b. Resurrection Restoration Center for the Homeless - \$150,000
 - c. Tenacious Grace/Fire Sparrows - \$246,000
 - d. Circle Park (Clinical Counselor position) - \$69,825
 - e. Circle Park (Peer Support Specialist position) - \$55,860
6. Council finds that each of the projects complies with the application requirements set out by the SCORF Board and is for an approved abatement strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED UPON THE FINDINGS OF FACT REFERENCED AND SET OUT ABOVE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA AS FOLLOWS:

- a. City Council hereby authorizes staff to negotiate a grant agreement for monies from the Guaranteed Political Subdivision Fund with the organizations and in the amounts shown in "Exhibit A" attached to this resolution.
- b. Upon execution of each such grant agreement, staff is authorized to take all such actions as may be required for consideration and approval of funding from the SCORF Board, and to take all other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes, determinations, and directions of this resolution.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER
City Attorney

TERESA MYERS ERVIN
Mayor

ATTEST:

CASEY C. MOORE
Municipal Clerk

**City of Florence, SC
Avaible Opioid Funds
FY 2024**

Agency	Requested	Approved
Ressurrection Restoration Center for the Homeless	150,000.00	
Regeneration Center	847,875.00	
Tenacious Grace/Five Sparrows	246,000.00	
Circle Park (Clinical Counselor)	69,825.00	
Circle Park (Peer Support Specialist)	55,860.00	

Total Available: \$291,208.71

VIII. a.
Reports to Council
Board Appointments

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2023
AGENDA ITEM: Report to Council
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Council will consider nominations for City Boards and/or Commissions.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

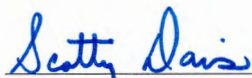
1. There are five (5) Boards or Commissions that have either a vacancy and/or expired term.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

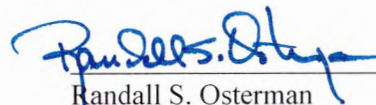
1. Each member of a City of Florence Board or Commission shall be either a resident of the city, a representative of a business or other organization located or operating within the city, or a non-resident having professional qualifications which are required for a position, and, in the council's opinion, there are no acceptable and qualified residents to fill the vacancy.
2. Members of the boards and commissions shall be appointed in consideration of their professional expertise, knowledge of the community, and concern for the future welfare of the total community and its citizens.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Spreadsheet of Council Nominations to Boards and Commissions.
2. Nomination Packet.



Scotty Davis
Deputy City Manager



Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2023

	District 1	District 2	District 3	At-Large 1	At-Large 2	At-Large-3	Mayor
	Jackson	Smith	Braddock	Jebaily	Barnes	McCall	Ervin
City of Florence Planning Commission	X						
City of Florence Board of Zoning Appeals			X				
City of Florence Design Review Board	X						
Parks and Beautification Commission						X	
Public Safety Citizen's Review Board							X

CITY OF FLORENCE PLANNING COMMISSION

I. NOMINATIONS:

There is one (1) vacancy on Planning Commission.

*Robby Hill has indicated that he would not like to be reconsidered for reappointment.

II. APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS

Each member shall be either a resident of the city, a representative of a business or other organization located or operating within the city, or a non-resident having professional qualifications which are required for a position, and, in the council's opinion, there are no acceptable and qualified residents to fill the vacancy.

III. COUNCILMEMBER(S) TO MAKE NOMINATION:

- Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson

IV. APPLICANT(S):

- Michael Abbott
- Deona Adams
- Shelanda Deas
- Eric Douglas
- Merrette Dowdell
- Angela Foster
- Tabitha Hanna
- Wesley Snow

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- Letters of interest from current members
- Applications received



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SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

TEL: (843) 665-3113

FAX: (843) 665-3110

May 12, 2023

Mr. Robby Hill
125 N. Dargan Street, Unit 3C
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Mr. Hill,

Our records indicate that your term on the City of Florence Planning Commission will expire on June 30, 2023. City Council will begin reviewing the vacancies on the Boards and Commissions at their July meeting.

If you wish to be considered for reappointment to the Planning Commission or if you would like to discontinue serving, please indicate your choice by marking the appropriate blank below. Please sign and return this letter to our office **no later than June 26, 2023**.

The City of Florence appreciates your past service on this Board. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

I would like to be considered for reappointment to the Planning Commission.

I do not want to be considered for reappointment to the Planning Commission.

confirmed via email

Signature

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:
City of Florence Planning Commission

Council District **County**
District 1 Florence

Your Name
Abbott, Michael, Charles

Email Address
cabbott@carolinabank.net

Residential Address
2304 Windsor Forest Drive, Florence, South
Carolina 29501

Mailing Address
2304 Windsor Forest Drive, Florence, South
Carolina 29501

Your Occupation - Title
Vice President - Business Development Officer

Business Phone **Residence Phone**
 (843) 992-7469

Employer Name **Employer Address**
Carolina Bank 185 W. Evans Street

City **State**
Florence South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?
Yes

If so, how Long?
5

Why would you like to serve?
I grew up in Florence and I am now raising my family here, so I would like to do my part in helping make sure Florence continues to prosper and grow for generations to come. I believe our growth and prosperity will come by adhering to the planning program to make sure that all projects presented are in the best interest of our constituents.

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? Yes/No
No

If so, list the position and date:

Are you involved in any Community Activities?
Yes

If so, please list:
Central UMC Council
Member; Rotarian;
McLeod Health
Foundation; Lighthouse
Ministries Good Neighbor
Club

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

My goal is to quickly get up to speed on the innerworkings of the Planning Commission by learning from the existing staff and members so that I can have a positive impact on our continuous efforts of making the City of Florence a great place to live and work. I grew up here and moved away after high school and college. I decided to come back here to start my family because I love this city and everything it has to offer. I want to do whatever I can to make sure my children and our future generations feel the same way when they grow up and are deciding where they want to live and work.

I certify that the information above is true and correct.

Today's Date
7/6/2023

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Information on this form will be considered public.

Today's Date
7/6/2023

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City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:
City of Florence Planning Commission

Council District **County**
District 1 Florence

Your Name
Deona

Email Address
deona@adams-coop.com

✓ **Residential Address**
2230 Oakwood Lane Unit A, Florence, South
Carolina 29501

Mailing Address
2230 Oakwood Lane Unit A, Florence, South
Carolina 29501

Your Occupation - Title
Realtor

Business Phone
(843) 230-0302

Residence Phone
(843) 230-0302

Employer Name
Carolina Coast and
Country, LLC

Employer Address
817-C Second Loop Rd

City
Florence

State
South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?
Yes

If so, how Long?
5

Why would you like to serve?
I would like to serve the community by
bringing a fresh perspective to the
development of the community.

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? Yes/No
No

If so, list the position and date: Are you involved in any Community Activities? If so, please list:
No

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

I would like to positively impact the discussion by inserting a new perspective and bringing in ideas from the community. I aim to promote a future Florence that is socially and economically better for the citizens of this area.

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:
City of Florence Planning Commission

Council District **County**
District 1 Florence

Your Name
Shelanda Deas

Email Address
Shelanda.Deas@yahoo.com

Residential Address
405 Lawson Street, Florence, South Carolina 29501

Mailing Address
405 Lawson Street, Florence, South Carolina 29501

Your Occupation - Title
Director of FDTC

Business Phone

Residence Phone
(843) 536-7642

Employer Name
FDTC

Employer Address
2715 W. Lucas Street

City
Florence

State
South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?
Yes

If so, how Long?
15

Why would you like to serve?
I like to continue to enhance the quality of life here in my community in Florence.

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State?
Yes

If so, please list:
Florence Aesthetic Advisory Committee

Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State?
Yes

If so, please list:
Civic Center, Board of Zoning and 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? **Yes/No**
Yes

If so, list the position and date:
Organizer of the Park Canvas Project

Are you involved in any Community Activities?
Yes

If so, please list:
North West Neighborhood Association

Junior League of Florence

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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

Being a native of the area, I would love to be part of helping Florence move forward.

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:
City of Florence Planning Commission

Council District **County**
District 1 Florence

Your Name
Eric Douglas

Email Address
equeteam5@aol.com

Residential Address
✓ 3448 Ross Morgan Dr, Florence, South Carolina
29501

Mailing Address
3448 Ross Morgan Dr, Florence, South Carolina
29501

Your Occupation - Title
Area Manager

Business Phone
(843) 676-2600

Residence Phone
(919) 800-7606

Employer Name
Harbor Freight Tools
Distribution

Employer Address
224 Harbor Freight Rd

City
Dillon

State
South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?
Yes

If so, how Long?
4

Why would you like to serve?
I lived here for most of my adolescent years and moved back here 4 years ago. I have been on planning teams throughout my years in Corporate America and would like to contribute to my hometown growth.

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? Yes/No
No

If so, list the position and date: Are you involved in any Community Activities? If so, please list:
No

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

My goal is to contribute and give positive input to the board as we continue to make Florence a top destination in SC. The number one objective for me would be to see our growth with companies, residents, and tourism grow year over year for the foreseeable future. Being a part of the City University Program has really help me move in this direction.

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:
City of Florence Planning Commission

Council District District 1
County Florence

Your Name
Merrette Lane Dowdell

Email Address
dowdellm@musc.edu

Residential Address
700 Greenway Drive, Florence, South Carolina
29501

Mailing Address
700 Greenway Drive, Florence, South Carolina
29501

Your Occupation - Title
MUSC Health Pee Dee Division External Affairs and
Strategic Engagement

Business Phone
Residence Phone
(843) 992-8539

Employer Name MUSC Health
Employer Address 805 Pamplico Highway

City Florence
State South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?
Yes

If so, how Long?
6

Why would you like to serve?
I grew up in Florence and returned after starting a family of my own. I believe Florence is a wonderful place to live due to its affordability, ecological diversity, access to larger cities, and workforce opportunities. I would like to be part a support structure that creates a viable economy for new employers, industry leaders, healthcare, and attractable entertainment. I do not believe in progress over perfection but I believe having invested community members serving on boards, like the planning commission, then together we can strike a balance that supports Florence's legacy of hospitality and growth.

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? Yes/No
No

If so, list the position and date: Are you involved in any Community Activities?
Yes

If so, please list:
a. Boys and Girls Club Board Member (2023)
b. Deacon at First Presbyterian Church (2022)
c. Florence Wine and Food Planning Committee (2021-2022)

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

My goal is to support sustainable practices that inevitably advance growth in accordance to the strategic plan of the City of Florence. My objective would be to review policies and aid in planning that promotes better quality of life that accurately depicts the demographics and health needs of our residents.

I certify that the information above is true and correct.

Today's Date
7/10/2023

Information on this form will be considered public.

Today's Date
7/10/2023

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:
City of Florence Planning Commission

Council District **County**
District 1 Florence

Your Name
Angela Foster

Email Address
Queenangie642@gmail.com

✓ **Residential Address**
3217 Strada Angelo, Florence, South Carolina
29501

Mailing Address
3217 Strada Angelo, Florenxe, South Carolina
29501

Your Occupation - Title
Fiscal Technician

Business Phone
(843) 868-2176

Residence Phone
(843) 496-5153

Employer Name **Employer Address**
Department of Health & Human Service 2701 Alex Lee Blvd

City **State**
Florence South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?
Yes

If so, how Long?

Why would you like to serve?

I want to be involved in my community to serve and make my community a better place

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? **Yes/No**
No

If so, list the position and date: **Are you involved in any Community Activities?** **If so, please list:**
No

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

My goals are to become more involved with Florence County. I love to serve and make things better for people. I Wouk's love to see more from my county. I want to be involved in the decisions of my community

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:
City of Florence Planning Commission

Council District **County**
District 1 Florence

Your Name
Tabitha Hanna

Email Address
hannaflr@aol.com

✓ **Residential Address**
964 Veranda Way, Florence, SC 29501, Florence,
South Carolina 29501

Mailing Address
964 Veranda Way, Florence, SC 29501, Florence,
South Carolina 29501

Your Occupation - Title
Planning and Zoning Director Clarendon County
Planning Commission

Business Phone **Residence Phone**
 (843) 250-7047

Employer Name
Clarendon County

Employer Address
411 Sunset Dr

City
Manning

State
South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?
Yes

If so, how Long?
18

Why would you like to serve?
I would like to have the opportunity to
incorporate my knowledge and skills in
serving the citizens of the City of Florence

**Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/
County/ State?**
No

If so, please list:
Clarendon County

**Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the
City/ County/ State?**
No

If so, please list:

**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?** **Yes/No**
 No

If so, list the position and date:

**Are you involved in any Community
Activities?**
No

If so, please list:

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

I would like to have the opportunity to have a voice in decision-making, apply my knowledge, skills and abilities in serving the community,

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:

City of Florence Planning Commission

Council District County

District 3

Florence

Your Name

Wesley Snow

Email Address

Swsnow@peedeelawyers.com

✓ Residential Address

861 Park Ave., Florence, South Carolina 29501

Mailing Address

861 Park Ave., Florence, South Carolina 29501

Your Occupation - Title

Attorney

Business Phone

(843) 669-6481

Residence Phone

(843) 229-1104

Employer Name

Snow & Bailey Law Firm,

PA

Employer Address

900 W. Evans St.

City

Florence

State

South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?

Yes

If so, how Long?

34

Why would you like to serve?

I want to serve by assisting with the planning for the physical, social, and economic growth, development, and redevelopment of my community.

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? Yes/No

No

If so, list the position and date: Are you involved in any Community Activities? If so, please list:

No

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

I want to lend insight as a lifelong Florentine and city resident. Promoting the growth and development of Florence.

CITY OF FLORENCE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

I. NOMINATIONS:

There is one (1) expired term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

II. APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS

Each member shall be either a resident of the city, a representative of a business or other organization located or operating within the city, or a non-resident having professional qualifications which are required for a position, and, in the council's opinion, there are no acceptable and qualified residents to fill the vacancy.

III. COUNCILMEMBER(S) TO MAKE NOMINATION:

- Councilman Braddock

IV. SEEKING REAPPOINTMENT

- Ruben Chico
- Miriam James-Singley

V. NEW APPLICANT(S):

There are currently no applicants on file.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

- Letters of interest from current serving members



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FAX: (843) 665-3110

May 12, 2023

Mr. Ruben Chico
412 S. McQueen St.
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Mr. Chico,

Our records indicate that your term on the City of Florence Board of Zoning Appeals will expire on June 30, 2023. City Council will begin reviewing the vacancies on the Boards and Commissions at their July meeting.

If you wish to be considered for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals or if you would like to discontinue serving, please indicate your choice by marking the appropriate blank below. Please sign and return this letter to our office **no later than June 26, 2023**.

The City of Florence appreciates your past service on this Board. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

I would like to be considered for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

I do not want to be considered for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Confirmed via phone @u
Signature



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May 12, 2023

Ms. Miriam James-Singley
1400 Reed Court
Florence, SC 29506

Dear Ms. James-Singley,

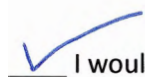
Our records indicate that your term on the City of Florence Board of Zoning Appeals will expire on June 30, 2023. City Council will begin reviewing the vacancies on the Boards and Commissions at their July meeting.

If you wish to be considered for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals or if you would like to discontinue serving, please indicate your choice by marking the appropriate blank below. Please sign and return this letter to our office **no later than June 26, 2023**.

The City of Florence appreciates your past service on this Board. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Randall S. Osterman
City Manager



I would like to be considered for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.



I do not want to be considered for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Signature

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

I. NOMINATIONS:

There is one (1) expired term on the Design Review Board.

II. APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Each member shall be either a resident of the city, a representative of a business or other organization located or operating within the city, or a non-resident having professional qualifications which are required for a position, and, in the council's opinion, there are no acceptable and qualified residents to fill the vacancy.

- Applicable membership requirements:
 - Commercial general contractor licensed by the State of South Carolina

III. COUNCILMEMBER(S) TO MAKE NOMINATION:

- Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson

IV. SEEKING REAPPOINTMENT:

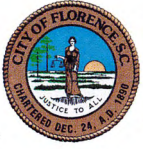
- Kyle Gunter – Commercial General Contractor

V. NEW APPLICANT(S):

There are currently no qualified applicants on file

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

- Letters of interest from current board members



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May 12, 2023

Mr. Kyle Gunter
3301 Tennyson Drive
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Mr. Gunter,

Our records indicate that your term on the City of Florence Design Review Board will expire on June 30, 2023. City Council will begin reviewing the vacancies on the Boards and Commissions at their July meeting.

If you wish to be considered for reappointment to the Design Review Board or if you would like to discontinue serving, please indicate your choice by marking the appropriate blank below. Please sign and return this letter to our office **no later than June 26, 2023**.

The City of Florence appreciates your past service on this Board. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

I would like to be considered for reappointment to the Design Review Board.

I do not want to be considered for reappointment to the Design Review Board.

Signature

PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

I. NOMINATIONS:

There is one (1) expired term on the Parks and Beautification Commission.

II. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All commission members are required to be residents of the city.

III. COUNCILMEMBER(S) TO MAKE NOMINATION:

- Councilman McCall

IV. SEEKING REAPPOINTMENT:

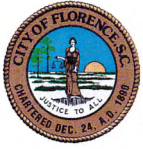
- Simon Lee

V. NEW APPLICANT(S):

- Christopher Filyaw
- Paula Lintz
- Hughes Page

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

- Letters of interest from current board members
- Applications received



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May 12, 2023

Mr. Simon Lee
405 Charles Street
Florence, SC 29506

Dear Mr. Lee,

Our records indicate that your term on the City of Florence Parks and Beautification Commission will expire on June 30, 2023. City Council will begin reviewing the vacancies on the Boards and Commissions at their July meeting.

If you wish to be considered for reappointment to the Parks and Beautification Commission or if you would like to discontinue serving, please indicate your choice by marking the appropriate blank below. Please sign and return this letter to our office **no later than June 26, 2023**.

The City of Florence appreciates your past service on this Board. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

I would like to be considered for reappointment to the Parks and Beautification Commission.

I do not want to be considered for reappointment to the Parks and Beautification Commission.

Signature Simon Lee

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:
Parks and Beautification Commission

Council District **County**
District 1 Florence

Your Name
Christopher Filyaw

Email Address
chrisrf1973@gmail.com

Residential Address
✓ 1840 E Sandhurst Dr, Florence, South Carolina
29505

Mailing Address
1840 E Sandhurst Dr, Florence, South Carolina
29505

Your Occupation - Title

Business Phone
(843) 601-4003

Residence Phone
(843) 601-4003

Employer Name

Employer Address
1840 E Sandhurst Dr

City
Florence

State
South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?
Yes

If so, how Long?
47

Why would you like to serve?
I would like to serve to make the Florence SC community a better place for future generations. I want to put my education to work, and gain experience.

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? **Yes/No**
No

If so, list the position and date: **Are you involved in any Community Activities?** **If so, please list:**
No

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

If appointed, I will urge the city to "green the downtown area" I would like to submit the evidence-based research that shows that roof gardens, (green roofs) are healthy for the environment, and the people, and help to protect and restore pollinators that would otherwise become extinct (Example- honey bees.) I would also be interested in other areas of improvement with my science education and experience. I hold a BSc in Environmental Science. Focus: Conservation of Natural Resources. I also have a very good understanding of physics and also social psychology. (guide people to move in a certain direction.) I have ideas for the area that would greatly improve the livability and enjoyment of residents and visitors alike.

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:

Parks and Beautification Commission

Council District County

District 1

Florence

Your Name

Paula Joan Lintz

Email Address

Lintzpj@gmail.com

Residential Address

✓ 1129 Took Place, Florence, South Carolina 29505

Mailing Address

1129 Took Place, Florence, South Carolina 29505

Your Occupation - Title

Retired

Business Phone

Residence Phone

(614) 207-9708

Employer Name

Employer Address

City

State

South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?

Yes

If so, how Long?

16

Why would you like to serve?

Parks and our trail system are an important part of what attracts new people and retirees to live in Florence. I would like very much to be a part of this process.

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? Yes/No

No

If so, list the position and date: Are you involved in any Community Activities? If so, please list:

No

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

Selfishly, I want to increase the paved rail trail system. Our running community is huge. We need to give them their space like we have the baseball, soccer and tennis communities. And paved walking/running paths are a great draw for all people.

I also want to work and learn more about our parks. This seems like a great opportunity.

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:

Parks and Beautification Commission

Council District **County**

District 1

Florence

Your Name

Page, William 'Hughes'

Email Address

hpage@peedeelandtrust.org

Residential Address

✓ 906 Scriven Drive, Florence, South Carolina 29501

Mailing Address

906 Scriven Drive, Florence, South Carolina 29501

Your Occupation - Title

Land Conservation Associate

Business Phone

(843) 667-3229

Residence Phone

(843) 601-1795

Employer Name

Pee Dee Land Trust

Employer Address

448 West Cheves Street

City

Florence

State

South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?

Yes

If so, how Long?

20

Why would you like to serve?

To contribute when needed in order to enhance our future within the Pee Dee.

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? Yes/No

No

If so, list the position and date: Are you involved in any Community Activities? If so, please list:

No

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

To learn what will benefit our community and to contribute when needed.

PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN'S REVIEW BOARD

I. NOMINATIONS:

There is one (1) vacancy* on the Public Safety Citizen's Review Board.

* Marion McDowell has indicated that he would not like to be considered for reappointment.

II. APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a city resident
- At least 21 years of age

III. COUNCILMEMBER(S) TO MAKE NOMINATION:

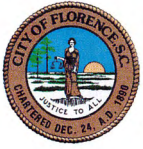
- Mayor Ervin

IV. NEW APPLICANT(S):

There are currently no qualified applicants on file

V. ATTACHMENTS

- Letters of interest from current serving members
- Applications received



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FAX: (843) 665-3110

May 12, 2023

Mr. Marion McDowell
1120 N. Elmgrove Av.
Florence, SC 29506

Dear Mr. McDowell,

Our records indicate that your term on the City of Florence Public Safety Citizen's Review Board will expire on June 30, 2023. City Council will begin reviewing the vacancies on the Boards and Commissions at their July meeting.

If you wish to be considered for reappointment to the Public Safety Citizen's Review Board or if you would like to discontinue serving, please indicate your choice by marking the appropriate blank below. Please sign and return this letter to our office **no later than June 26, 2023**.

The City of Florence appreciates your past service on this Board. If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Randall S. Osterman
City Manager

I would like to be considered for reappointment to the Public Safety Citizen's Review Board.

I do not want to be considered for reappointment to the Public Safety Citizen's Review Board.

Signature