

**REGULAR MEETING
OF
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**



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

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 10, 2025
1:00 P.M.**



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 – 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

October 13, 2025 – Regular Meeting

IV. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

Robert Holland – 30 years – Fire Department

Conchetta Burroughs – 10 years – Police Department

V. FALL 2025 YOUTH CITY UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

VI. APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

a. Gina Gilliard

To speak on to Council regarding drainage issues on her property.

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).

VII. ORDINANCES IN POSITION

a. Bill No. 2025-40 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone RG-3 the third phase of Smith's Field subdivision, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 00100-01-384 to 00100-01-443 and 00100-01-093.

b. Bill No. 2025-41 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-6.2 the parcel located at 922 West Sumter Street, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 90060-09-037.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. Bill No. 2025-42 – First Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-6.3 South Irby Street, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00152-01-029.

IX. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution No. 2025-41

A Resolution of Recognition for sculptor Alex Palkovich and his contributions to the City of Florence.

b. Resolution No. 2025-42

A Resolution of Recognition for the Wilson High School Marching Band for being named the 2025 SCBDA High-Stepping Band State Champions.

c. Resolution No. 2025-43

A Resolution to proclaim December 5, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Florence.

d. Resolution No. 2025-44

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to reappropriate funds to local food banks in response to the federal government shutdown and the ending of SNAP benefits.

e. Resolution No. 2025-45

A Resolution approving downtown redevelopment grants for 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2026.

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

X. REPORT TO COUNCIL

a. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

b. Report on the Towing Ordinance

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

XII. MAYORAL REPORT

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Business Development Committee

b. Community Development Committee

c. Finance, Audit and Budget Committee

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. For a discussion regarding an Economic Development project as indicated in Resolution No. 2025-45 [30-4-70(a)(5)].**
- b. For a discussion regarding appointments to city Boards and Commissions [30-4-70(a)(1)].**
- c. For a discussion on a contractual matter regarding Ultra Processed Foods [30-4-70(a)(2)].**
- d. To receive an update on a pending legal matter [30-4-70(a)(2)].**
- e. For a discussion on a contractual matter regarding the Palmetto Housing Corporation [30-4-70(a)(2)].**
- f. To receive legal advice on the current curfew ordinance [30-4-70(a)(2)].**
- g. Personnel Matter [30-4-70(a)(1)].**

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

XV. ADJOURN



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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Lethonia Barnes, Mayor Pro Tempore George Jebaily, Councilman Chaez T. McCall, Councilman Bryan A. Braddock, Councilwoman LaShonda NeSmith-Jackson, Councilman J. Lawrence Smith, II and Councilman Zach McKay

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager; Mr. Ronald Scott, City Attorney; Mr. Luke Carter, City Attorney; Mrs. Casey Moore, Municipal Clerk; Ms. Patrice Rankin, Assistant City Clerk; Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development; Deputy Fire Chief Alex McGovern, Florence Fire Department; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Captain Stephen Starling, Florence Police Department; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utility Planning and Economic Development; Mr. Jerry Dudley, Director of Planning; Mr. Adam Swindler, Director of Public Works; Mrs. Jennifer Krawiec, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services and Mr. Joshua Whittington, Director of Utilities

MEDIA PRESENT

Deirdre Weaver-Currin with the Post and Courier and Sydney Ryan with WMBF News 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 Barnes called the October 13, 2025 Regular meeting of Florence City Council to order at 1:01pm.

INVOCATION

Pastor Chris Handley gave the invocation for the meeting. The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting and Councilman McKay seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously (6-0) adopted, with Councilman McCall having not yet arrived.

[Councilman McCall arrived at 1:08pm.]



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Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson inquired about the total number of lots in the subdivision. Mr. Dudley estimated that each phase includes around 60 lots, so the total number would be between 180 and 200 lots.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2025-40 was passed on first reading.

Bill No. 2025-41 – First Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-6.2 the parcel located at 922 West Sumter Street, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 90060-09-037.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to pass Bill No. 2025-41 on first reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Jerry Dudley, Director of Planning, reported that the property on Sumter Street is an infill lot currently vacant with a small rear accessory structure and will be annexed into the city as an existing nonconformity. The property owner intends to develop the site under city standards, with a recommended zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2).

Pro tem Jebaily referenced nearby properties that remain outside the city limits and inquired whether city water and sewer services are available to those lots. Mr. Dudley confirmed that city water and sewer are available to the subject parcel but noted he would need to review the maps to verify service availability for the surrounding properties. However, he added that water and sewer service is generally available in this area. Pro tem Jebaily discussed the presence of various “doughnut holes” throughout the city and expressed interest in whether access to city water and sewer services could encourage property owners to annex into the city limits. Mr. Dudley responded that most properties within the city’s infill areas do have access to water and sewer services.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2025-41 was passed on first reading.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2025-30

A Resolution to adopt the City of Florence Sewer Collection System Master Plan.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-30 and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

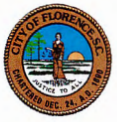
Mayor Barnes said Resolution No. 2025-30 was on the agenda last month. Although Council proceeded to vote on the Resolution, no formal motion or second was made; therefore, under parliamentary procedure, the Resolution did not pass.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2025-30 was passed.

Resolution No. 2025-34

A Resolution recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-34 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.



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Mayor Barnes presented the Resolution to Ellen Hamilton, Executive Director of Pee Dee Coalition. Ms. Hamilton thanked Council for the recognition and presented the City of Florence with framed pictures of the Pee Dee Coalition's various facilities.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2025-34 was passed.

Resolution No. 2025-35

A Resolution of Recognition for Reverend Dr. Ralph W. Canty, Sr., honoring his dedicated service as one of the longest-serving pastors in the Florence area.

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-35 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Mayor Barnes presented the Resolution to Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Canty, Sr. Rev. Dr. Canty thanked Council for the recognition.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2025-35 was passed.

Resolution No. 2025-36

A Resolution pledging to practice and promote civility in the City of Florence.

Councilman McKay made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-36 and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, said the City of Florence pledges to practice and promote civility within the governing body. The elected officials of the City Council enact this civility pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints and finding solutions for the betterment of the City of Florence. This pledge ensures all communication, both spoken and written, to be open, honest and transparent as this is vital for cultivating trust and relationships. This pledge ensures mutual respect to achieve municipal goals, recognizing that patience, tolerance and civility are imperative to success. This pledge ensures opportunities for finding common ground and engaging in civil discussions to seek solutions while actively listening and thoughtfully participating. Mr. Davis noted that this Resolution will be signed by all members of Council.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2025-36 was passed.

Resolution No. 2025-37

A Resolution certifying buildings as an abandoned building site pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act Section 12-67-100 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, regarding the property located at 262 West Cheves Street, Florence County Tax Map Number 90087-01-015.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-37 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development, explained that when a developer is using abandoned building tax credits for redevelopment, one of the required steps is for the local municipality or government to pass a Resolution confirming that the building has been vacant for at least five years. Mr. Moore noted that this particular property has been vacant for several years.



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Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2025-37 was passed.

Resolution No. 2025-38

A Resolution to approve a Conditional Grant and Development Agreement located within the Downtown Redevelopment District for a development located at 262 West Cheves Street.

Mayor Barnes said this item may be discussed in Executive Session. Without objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

Resolution No. 2025-39

A Resolution and Conditional Grant and Development Agreement to provide an incentive for the development of new housing within East Florence as part of the ongoing Neighborhood Redevelopment Project.

Mayor Barnes said this item may be discussed in Executive Session. Without objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

Resolution No. 2025-40

A Resolution authorizing Staff and the City Attorney to utilize the eminent domain process to the extent necessary to acquire ownership of the property described on Exhibit “A” hereto for the public purpose of the expansion of the existing fueling facility.

Mayor Barnes said this item may be discussed in Executive Session. Without objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Barnes said this item may be discussed in Executive Session. Without objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

Appointment to the PDRTA Board of Directors

Mayor Barnes made a motion to reappoint Pro tem Jebaily to the PDRTA Board of Directors and the motion carried unanimously. Pro tem Jebaily was reappointed to the PDRTA Board of Directors for a term to begin September 2025 and expire August 2028.

Appropriation of Accommodations Tax funds for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

Mr. Tim Norwood, Chairman of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, presented on behalf of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and provided the recommendation of the Committee for distribution of Accommodations Tax funds for FY 2025-26. The committee received proposals from 24 organizations, with funding requests totaling \$1.4 million. The committee was able to fund \$880,750 of the requests between 22 organizations, and is distributed among initiatives related to sports tourism, art, culture, convention and quality of life festivals. The appropriations report is attached to and made a part of the minutes.



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Pro tem Jebailly made a motion to accept the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee's recommendation of the FY 2025-26 distribution of Accommodations Tax funds and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, recognized Mr. Allen Heidler, Police Chief, for 42 years of distinguished service as he retires from the Florence Police Department.

Sheriff TJ Joye, Florence County Sheriff's Office, and Mrs. Allison Carraway, widow of Sergeant Terrence Carraway both recognized Chief Heidler for his dedicated service and wished him the best in his retirement.

Chief Heidler thanked city staff, Council and everyone for the recognition and reflected on his career with the Florence Police Department.

Mr. Davis also recognized Councilman McCall, Councilman McKay and Councilman Smith for being named among the 2025 Best and Brightest 35 and Under by the Pee Dee Business Magazine. This recognition highlights young leaders across South Carolina who are making a meaningful impact early in their careers.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Barnes acknowledged that the Pee Dee Ice Cats hosted their inaugural game on October 10th. She also recognized the event held on October 9th to honor Dr. Iola Jones, which was presented in partnership with Francis Marion University and the Housing Authority of Florence. Mayor Barnes noted that the Community Empowerment Walk, originally scheduled for October 11th, was canceled due to inclement weather. However, she commended the dedication of community members who still showed up despite the rain.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Development Committee, Chaired by Pro tem Jebailly

Pro tem Jebailly reported that the committee received a presentation from Andrew and Nicole Agha regarding the site work at the location of the old Gamble Hotel, where the new Urban Square apartments will be developed. Several artifacts discovered during the work will be donated to the City and Florence County Museum, with some potentially displayed inside the new apartment building. The committee also received an update on Urban Square, noting that the contractor has turned on the lights at the adjacent warehouse building.

Community Development Committee, Chaired by Mayor Barnes

Mayor Barnes said that the rescheduled date for the Community Empowerment Walk is Saturday, November 8th at 11:00am.



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Finance, Audit and Budget Committee, Chaired by Councilman McCall

Councilman McCall reported that the committee received a presentation from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee on their recommendations for Fiscal Year 2025/26. The committee also received a presentation from First Tryon Advisors about the city's plans for the bonds it will receive between now and November 2025. Additionally, there was a discussion regarding the airport and its potential expansion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Barnes said Council will be entering into Executive Session to receive legal advice on the unauthorized camping ordinance, Bill No. 2025-39, for a discussion of an economic development project as referenced in Resolution No. 2025-38, for a discussion of an economic development project as referenced in Resolution No. 2025-39, to receive legal advice on the eminent domain process relation to Resolution No. 2025-40, for a discussion regarding appointments to city Boards and Commissions, to receive information on an economic development project for property located in a downtown overlay district, to receive legal advice regarding a potential lawsuit, to receive an update on an ongoing economic development project and for a personnel matter.

Councilman McKay 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 2:06pm.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to resume open session and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Council resumed open session at 3:43pm and took action on the following items:

Bill No. 2025-39 – First Reading

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 17 of the City Code of the City of Florence to add Article IV and provisions related to regulating improper use of public place and urban camping and other matters related thereto.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2025-39 on first reading and Councilman McKay seconded the motion.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development, informed Council that similar ordinances have been enacted in other municipalities, including Columbia and North Myrtle Beach. He explained that the proposed ordinance would allow the City of Florence to manage the overuse or obstruction of public rights-of-way and public spaces. In cases where items or personal belongings are found to be encumbering these areas, the City would be able to connect individuals with appropriate services, while also ensuring that such spaces remain accessible for general public use. The ordinance will apply to all public rights-of-way, downtown plazas, and city parks.

Councilman Braddock inquired whether the ordinance would apply to all public spaces. Mr. Moore confirmed that it would.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to amend the motion to provide that the City Manager shall meet with No One Unsheltered and that the City Manager conduct a study that shall address education, service needs and enforcement matters as it pertains to the homeless population, along with the inclusion of homeless court as an option to address potential infractions under the ordinance and further move that following



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this review the ordinance will then be placed on the December 8th Council meeting agenda for consideration of second reading and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.

The motion to amend carried unanimously (7-0).

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion, as amended. Bill No. 2025-39 was passed on first reading, as amended.

Resolution No. 2025-38

A Resolution to approve a Conditional Grant and Development Agreement located within the Downtown Redevelopment District for a development located at 262 West Cheves Street.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-38 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2025-38 was passed.

Resolution No. 2025-39

A Resolution and Conditional Grant and Development Agreement to provide an incentive for the development of new housing within East Florence as part of the ongoing Neighborhood Redevelopment Project.

Councilman Smith made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-39 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2025-39 was passed.

Resolution No. 2025-40

A Resolution authorizing Staff and the City Attorney to utilize the eminent domain process to the extent necessary to acquire ownership of the property described on Exhibit “A” hereto for the public purpose of the expansion of the existing fueling facility.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-40 and Councilman McKay seconded the motion.

Mayor Barnes inquired whether the property could only be used to expand the fueling facility or if it could also be used for greenspace. She pointed out that having fueling pumps visible from the road might not be aesthetically pleasing. She then asked if this issue needed to be addressed before approving the Resolution or if it could be handled afterward. Mr. Ron Scott, City Attorney, clarified that Council could certainly amend the language to allow for fueling facilities or other related components. Mayor Barnes reiterated her concern about the visibility of fuel pumps from the road. Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, responded that while there are buffer requirements for the property, any use of the land through eminent domain must also serve a public purpose.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2025-40 was passed.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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



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Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

Pro tem Jebaily deferred his nomination to the Board.

Councilman McKay made a motion to appoint Jennifer Hunt to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and the motion carried unanimously. Jennifer Hunt was appointed to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2028.

Design Review Board

Councilman McCall deferred his nomination to the Board.

Construction and Maintenance Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Mayor Barnes deferred remaining nominations to the Board.

Parks and Beautification Commission

Councilman McKay made a motion to appoint Ross McMillan to the Parks and Beautification Commission and the motion carried unanimously. Ross McMillan was appointed to the Parks and Beautification Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2030.

Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Councilman Smith deferred his nomination to the Board.

Public Safety Citizen's Review Board

Councilman McKay deferred his nomination to the Board.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the October 13, 2025 Regular meeting of City Council was adjourned at 3:50pm.

Dated this 10th day of November 2025.

Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk

Lethonia Barnes, Mayor

**CITY OF FLORENCE, SC
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX REQUESTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

	ORGANIZATION	Appropriated 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026	Committee Recommended ¹	Appropriated 2025-2026
A. 30% Funds for Tourism Promotion					
1.	Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau	<u>\$355,000</u>	<u>\$406,500</u>	<u>\$406,500</u>	
B. 65% Funds					
1.	Florence Regional Arts Alliance & Pee Dee Arts	\$5,300	\$14,000	\$3,750	
2.	The Masterworks Choir, Inc.	\$1,400	\$2,500	\$700	
3.	Florence Little Theatre	\$7,400	\$12,500	\$5,250	
4.	Florence Symphony Orchestra	\$3,660	\$8,000	\$2,200	
5.	Arts International Festival	\$11,200	\$25,000	\$6,450	
6.	Kickin' Chicken Wing and Chili Cookoff	\$3,960	\$10,000	\$3,550	
7.	Florence Museum	\$38,000	\$80,000	\$31,250	
8.	Carolina Classic Basketball Tournament - Boys & Girls Clut	\$12,400	\$25,000	\$8,400	
9.	Freedom Florence, FTC, Soccer Complex & Gym	\$137,000	\$175,000	\$153,350	
10.	Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$250,600	\$400,000	\$255,300	
11.	Florence Tennis Association	\$22,200	\$23,000	\$20,950	
12.	South Carolina Pecan Festival	\$41,000	\$75,000	\$44,900	
13.	Florence Center	\$144,000	\$175,000	\$152,350	
14.	Florence International Basketball Tournament	\$14,200	\$30,000	\$8,050	
15.	Florence Area Sports Council	\$24,000	\$35,000	\$29,700	
16.	Pee Dee Tourism Commission	\$11,600	\$0	\$0	
17.	Hwy 52 Frontage Road Beautification	\$20,000	\$67,000	\$0	
18.	Wilson High Alumni Assn Homecoming Event	\$59,600	\$100,000	\$76,200	
19.	Eastern South Carolina Mustang Club	\$1,580	\$2,000	\$0	
20.	Florence County Parks & Recreation	\$12,800	\$25,000	\$20,950	
21.	Nickelson Media	\$8,100	\$20,000	\$4,250	
22.	South Carolina Ballet	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,250	
23.	Florence Wine & Food Festival	\$0	\$75,000	\$46,500	
24.	Florence Athletic Hall of Fame	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,450	
Total - 65% Funds		<u>\$830,000</u>	<u>\$1,399,000</u>	<u>\$880,750</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Note 1: Including carryover funds from FY 2024-25, it is anticipated that the amount available for distribution to the requesting agencies of "65% funds" will be approximately \$880,750. The "30% funds" for tourism promotion is estimated to be approximately \$406,500.

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

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 13, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance to Annex and Zone Phase III of Smith's Field, TMNs 00100-01-384 through -443, and TMN 00100-01-093.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A request to annex Tax Map Numbers 00100-01-384 through 00100-01-443 as well as 00100-01-093 into the City of Florence and assign them the zoning designation of RG-3 (Residential General-3). The request is being made by the property owner.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On September 9, 2025, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the annexation of these lots and voted unanimously, 6-0, to recommend the zoning designation of RG-3.

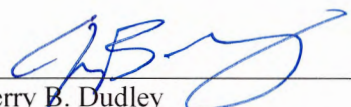
III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

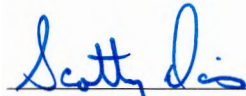
- (1) This request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) The property is being developed as a single family residential subdivision.
- (3) Phase I was annexed on May 8, 2023.
- (4) Phase II was annexed on September 9, 2024.
- (5) This is Phase III of three total phases.
- (6) This includes the retention pond that serves the subdivision.
- (7) City water and sewer services are being installed by the developer.
- (8) The development agreement approved by City Council in April, 2023, establishes that the properties are to be zoned RG-3 at the time of annexation.

IV. PERSONAL NOTES:

V. ATTACHMENTS:

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


Jerry B. Dudley
Planning Director


Scotty Davis
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE RG-3 PHASE III OF SMITH'S FIELD, TMNs 00100-01-384 THROUGH -443 AND 00100-01-093.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in Council Chambers on September 9, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission, and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, application by Highgate LLC, owner of TMNs 00100-01-384 through -443 and 00100-01-093, was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the indicated properties 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 **RG-3**.

The properties requesting annexation are shown more specifically below:

TMN	Street Address	Area (Acre)
00100-01- 093	retention pond	3.5
00100-01- 384	3069 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 385	3065 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 386	3061 Fincher Dr.	0.17
00100-01- 387	3057 Fincher Dr.	0.32
00100-01- 388	3053 Fincher Dr.	0.17
00100-01- 389	3049 Fincher Dr.	0.17
00100-01- 390	3045 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 391	3041 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 392	3037 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 393	3033 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 394	3029 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 395	3025 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 396	3021 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 397	3017 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 398	3013 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 399	3009 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 400	3005 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 401	3001 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 402	2963 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 403	2959 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 404	2955 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 405	2951 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 406	2947 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 407	2943 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 408	2939 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 409	2935 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 410	2931 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 411	2927 Fincher Dr.	0.18

EXECUTED ON TWO (2) ADDITIONAL PAGES

TIN	Street Address	Area (Acre)
00100-01- 412	2923 Fincher Dr.	0.18
00100-01- 413	2919 Fincher Dr.	0.18
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Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the properties listed above are included in the annexation.

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

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1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid properties and amending the Zoning Atlas to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
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 _____, 2025

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Lethonia Barnes,
Mayor

Attest:




Casey C. Moore
Municipal Clerk

PC 2025-33

Vicinity Map - Smith's Field Phase 3



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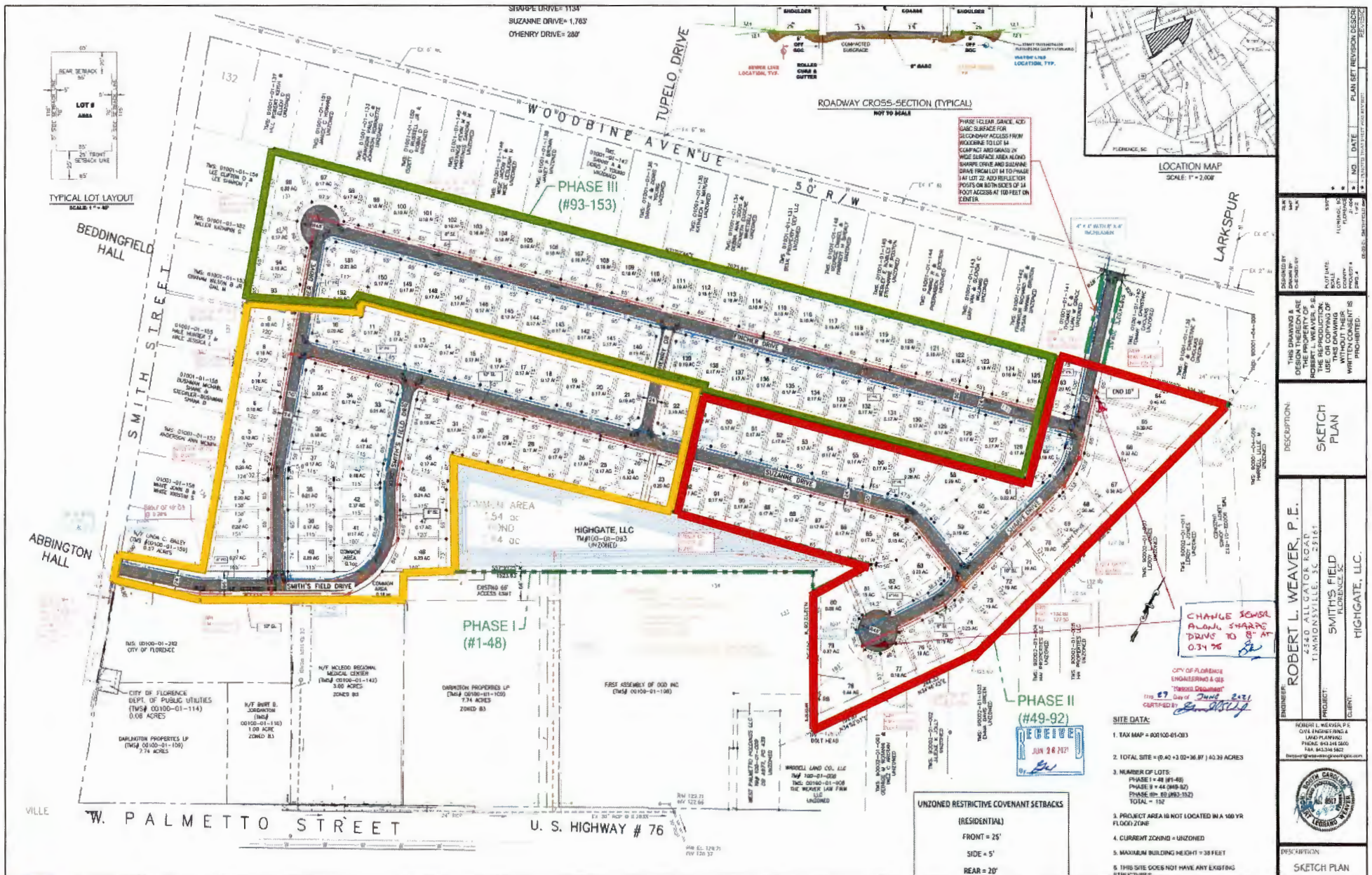
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Date: 8/19/2025



- Phase I: Lots #1 to 48
- Phase II: Lots #49 to 92
- Phase III: Lots #93 to 152

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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:

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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 TBD Race TBD
Total 18 and Over TBD Total Registered to Vote TBD

APPLICANT (S) (Please print or type):

Name(s): High Gate LLC (John C. Curl, Member)

Address: PO Box 4815 Florence, SC 29502

Telephone Numbers: 843 669 2305 [work] 843 687 1313 [home] Mobi-

Email Address: curlbuilt@Outlook.com

Signature [Signature] Date 8/5/2025

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:

FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

Date 8/5/25

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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 13, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: An Ordinance to annex and zone Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2) the parcel located at 922 West Sumter Street, TMN 90060-09-037.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex the parcel located at 922 West Sumter Street, with Tax Map Number 90060-09-037, into the City of Florence and assign it the zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2). The request is being made by the property owner.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On September 9, 2025, the City of Florence Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter, and voted unanimously, 6-0, to recommend the zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2).

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) City water and sewer services are currently available, with no cost to extend utilities.
- (2) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the September 9, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.
- (3) City staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the request to zone the property Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2).

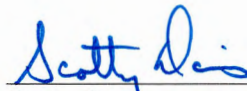
IV. PERSONAL NOTES:

V. ATTACHMENTS:

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



Jerry B. Dudley
Planning Director



Scotty Davis
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION-6.2 (NC-6.2)
THE LOT AT 922 WEST SUMTER STREET, TMN 90060-09-037.**

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on September 9, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission, and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, application by Shelley Rhodes, owner of TMN 90060-09-037, 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-6.2:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90060, block 09, parcel 037 (0.260397 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.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

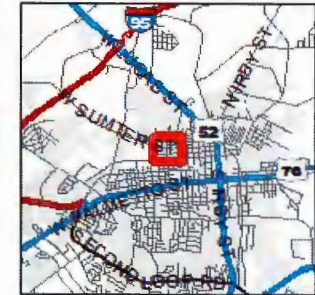
Lethonia Barnes,
Mayor

Attest:

Casey C. Moore,
Municipal Clerk

PC 2025-34

Vicinity Map - 922 West Sumter Street



Legend

-  City Limits
-  Parcels
-  Proposed Parcel

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map

90060-09-037

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:
To integrate the property into the city for lawful residential use, including a small accessory dwelling unit, while contributing to the community and maintaining compliance with city standards and services
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 _____
Race _____
Total 18 and Over _____
Total Registered to Vote _____

Date 8/11/2025

[Signature]
Petitioner

Date _____

Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date 8/8/25

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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: November 10, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: An Ordinance to annex and zone Neighborhood Conservation-6.3 (NC-6.3) the parcel located at 3648 South Irby Street, TMN 00152-01-029.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex the parcel located at 3648 South Irby Street, with Tax Map Number 00152-01-029, into the City of Florence and assign it the zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation-6.3 (NC-6.3). The request is being made by the property owner.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On October 14, 2025, the City of Florence Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter, and voted unanimously, 6-0, to recommend the zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation-6.3 (NC-6.3).

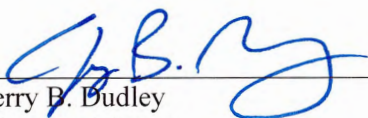
III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

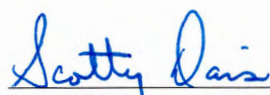
- (1) City water service is currently available.
- (2) The developer is responsible for providing a private lift station and easement through adjacent properties to accommodate sewer.
- (3) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the October 14, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.
- (4) City staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the request to zone the property Neighborhood Conservation-6.3 (NC-6.3).

IV. PERSONAL NOTES:

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Vicinity Map
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Jerry B. Budley
Planning Director


Scotty Davis
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION-6.3 (NC-6.3)
THE LOT AT 3648 SOUTH IRBY STREET, TMN 00152-01-029.**

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on October 14, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission, and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, application by South Florence Developers LLC, owner of TMN 00152-01-029, 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-6.3:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 00152, block 01, parcel 029 (0.870392 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.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

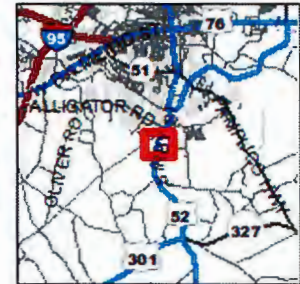
Lethonia Barnes,
Mayor

Attest:



Casey C. Moore,
Municipal Clerk

PC 2025-35

Vicinity Map - Point South Townhomes



Legend

-  Parcels
-  Proposed Parcel
-  City Limits

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map

00152-01-029

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:

City zoning, services, governance

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
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Total Registered to Vote

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Date 9-9-25

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Petitioner South Florence Dr, LLC

Date _____

Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date 9/9/25

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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: November 10, 2025
AGENDA ITEM: Resolution
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council
Sponsored by Mayor Pro tem George Jebaily

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

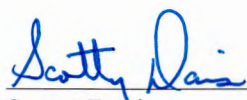
A Resolution of Recognition for sculptor Alex Palkovich and his contributions to the City of Florence.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. Alex Palkovich is an internationally recognized sculptor and Fellow of the National Sculpture Society whose artistry has significantly enriched Florence's cultural landscape.
2. His notable works at Florence Veterans Park include Home Safe, Alone with Memories, Eagle Monument, and the WWII Statue, all honoring U.S. service members.
3. Additional public sculptures, including William H. Johnson and Dr. R.N. Beck, are prominently displayed in downtown Florence.

III. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution



Scotty Davis
City Manager

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-41

A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR SCULPTOR ALEX PALKOVICH AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE.

WHEREAS, Mr. Alex Palkovich is the retired Global Operations Officer for MRI for General Electric Co., which brought him to Florence, and an internationally acclaimed sculptor whose artistry and vision have brought lasting beauty and cultural significance to the City of Florence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palkovich has worked tirelessly with community members helping them realize their full artistic potential, and generously shared his incredible talent with the Florence community through the sculpting of numerous bronze statues, most notably his works displayed at the Florence Veterans Park; and

WHEREAS, among these works are the Home Safe Monument, Alone with Memories Monument, Eagle Monument, WWII Statute, and numerous other distinguished pieces that stand in solemn tribute to the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, beyond Veterans Park, Mr. Palkovich has further enriched the cultural and civic landscape of Florence through additional public sculptures including representations of many notable Florentine's, including William H. Johnson, Dr. R.N. Beck, Senator Hugh Leatherman, and Beverly Hazelwood & Star Ward, prominently displayed in downtown Florence; and

WHEREAS, through his dedication and craftsmanship, Mr. Palkovich has contributed immeasurably to the City of Florence, sharing his artistic talents, energy, and endless enthusiasm in creating enduring works of art that inspire community pride, reflection, and unity for residents and visitors alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Florence, South Carolina, does hereby recognize and honor Alex Palkovich for his remarkable artistic achievements and his invaluable contributions to the Florence Veterans Park and the community at large.

RESOLVED THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.

Approved as to form:

HAYNSWORTH SINKLER BOYD, P.A.
CITY ATTORNEY

LETHONIA BARNES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CASEY C. MOORE
MUNICIPAL CLERK

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: November 10, 2025
AGENDA ITEM: Resolution
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council
Sponsored by Councilman Chaquez McCall

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

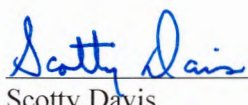
A Resolution of Recognition for the Wilson High School Marching Band for being named the 2025 SCBDA High-Stepping Band State Champions.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. The Wilson High School Marching band earned the title of 2025 SCBDA High-Stepping Band State Champions, marking a historic achievement for both the school and the district.
2. Under the leadership of Band Director Jarrod Deas, the band demonstrated outstanding musicianship, discipline, and teamwork throughout the 2025 marching season.
3. The students' dedication and performance is a source of pride for Wilson High School, Florence One Schools, and the City of Florence.

III. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution



Scotty Davis
City Manager

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-42

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WILSON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING TIGER PRIDE BAND AS THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION HIGH-STEPPING BAND STATE CHAMPIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Florence desires to recognize and honor outstanding achievements by local students and organizations that bring pride and distinction to our community; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson High School Marching Tiger Pride Band has demonstrated exceptional musicianship, leadership, and teamwork throughout the 2025 marching season; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Band Director Jarrod Deas and the dedicated band staff, the Marching Tiger Pride Band competed in the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) State Marching Band Championship and earned the prestigious title of 2025 High-Stepping Band State Champions; and

WHEREAS, this historic achievement marks the first state championship title earned by any band from Wilson High School or Florence School District One in the SCBDA High-Stepping division; and

WHEREAS, this success is the result of countless hours of rehearsal, discipline, and commitment from the students, Director Deas, and the band staff who have devoted themselves to musical excellence; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Marching Tiger Pride Band have brought great honor to Wilson High School, Florence School District One, and the entire City of Florence through their outstanding performance and representation of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, does hereby recognize and congratulate the Wilson High School Marching Tiger Pride Band for being named the 2025 SCBDA High-Stepping Band State Champions.

RESOLVED THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.

Approved as to form:

HAYNSWORTH SINKLER BOYD, P.A.
CITY ATTORNEY

LETHONIA BARNES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CASEY C. MOORE
MUNICIPAL CLERK

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: November 10, 2025
AGENDA ITEM: Resolution
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution to proclaim Friday, December 5, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Florence.

II. PREVIOUS ACTION:

The City of Florence began its Tree City USA program in 1980 and the Growth Award program in 2005. City Council has previously designated the first Friday in the month of December each year as Arbor Day in the City of Florence.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. In order for the City to be eligible for the Tree City USA award, the National Arbor Day Foundation requires that the City sponsor an Arbor Day celebration.
2. The Tree City USA® program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of cities.
3. The City of Florence has been recognized by the national Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for 45 consecutive years.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution



Victoria Nash
Parks, Recreation and Sports
Tourism Director



Scotty Davis
City Manager

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-43

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE.

WHEREAS, in 1872 the first Arbor Day was observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed through the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce erosion, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Florence has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, hereby declares December 5, 2025 as

ARBOR DAY

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

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED, this 10th day of November 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

HAYNSWORTH SINKLER BOYD P.A.
CITY ATTORNEY

LETHONIA BARNES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CASEY C. MOORE
MUNICIPAL CLERK

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

IX. d.
Resolution No.
2025-44

DATE: November 10, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to reappropriate funds to local food banks in response to the federal government shutdown and the ending of SNAP benefits, provided that such funds are supported by reimbursements from supported organizations.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

For City Council consideration is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to reappropriate funds to local food banks within the City of Florence in response to the federal government shutdown and the temporary suspension of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. The resolution ensures that distributions are supported by reimbursement requests from the recipient organizations and that all recipient organizations are recommended and approved by City Council.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

No previous action has been taken on this ordinance.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER

1. The resolution authorizes the City Manager to reallocate up to \$60,000 in existing budgeted funds to provide temporary food assistance to residents affected by the shutdown and loss of SNAP benefits.
2. All fund distributions must be recommended and approved by City Council prior to disbursement.
3. Any disbursement of funds under this Resolution shall be made on a reimbursement basis, with recipients required to submit documentation verifying the use of funds.
4. All funds must be used solely for the purchase, distribution, or coordination of food and essential nutritional items for Florence residents.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve and adopt the proposed ordinance.

V. ATTACHMENTS

A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached.



Glenn Bodenheimer
Interim Finance Director



Scotty Davis
City Manager

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REAPPROPRIATE FUNDS TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS IN RESPONSE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AND THE ENDING OF SNAP BENEFITS, PROVIDED THAT SUCH FUNDS ARE SUPPORTED BY REIMBURSEMENTS FROM SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Florence recognizes that the ongoing federal government shutdown and the suspension or reduction of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits have created an immediate and severe hardship for many Florence residents; and

WHEREAS, local food banks and community organizations are experiencing increased demand for food assistance as a direct result of these federal program interruptions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence seeks to ensure that residents continue to have access to essential food resources while maintaining the fiscal stability of city operations; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to authorize a limited, reallocation of funds to support food security efforts without reducing or impairing current municipal services;

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

- a. The City Manager is hereby authorized to reappropriate up to Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) from existing budgeted funds, provided such reappropriation shall not directly impact or reduce any current city services, programs, or personnel for the citizens of Florence.
- b. The funds may be distributed to one or more local food banks or nonprofit organizations within the City of Florence that provide direct food assistance to residents affected by the federal government shutdown or the lapse of SNAP benefits. All such distributions shall be recommended and approved by City Council prior to disbursement.
- c. All disbursements of funds under this Resolution shall be made strictly on a reimbursable basis. Recipient organizations must submit itemized documentation and receipts evidencing eligible expenditures before reimbursement is issued. Reimbursements shall be limited to actual costs incurred for the purchase, distribution, or coordination of food and essential nutritional items, ensuring proper accountability and verification of all funds expended.
- d. All funds provided pursuant to this Resolution shall be used exclusively for the purchase, distribution, or coordination of food and essential nutritional items for Florence residents in need.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval by City Council.

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AND IT IS SO RESOLVED THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RONALD T. SCOTT
City Attorney

LETHONIA BARNES
Mayor

ATTEST:

CASEY C. MOORE
Municipal Clerk