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H. Morris Anderson
District #9

AGENDA
FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803
180 NORTH IRBY STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008
9:00 A. M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: K. G. RUSTY SMITH, JR., CHAIRMAN

II. INVOCATION: H. MORRIS ANDERSON, SECRETARY/CHAPLAIN

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:
WAYMON MUMFORD, VICE CHAIRMAN

IV. WELCOME: K. G. RUSTY SMITH, JR., CHAIRMAN

V. MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2008 REGULAR MEETING [1]
Council is requested to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2008 regular meeting of County Council.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS: [14]

Council will hold public hearings on the following items to receive public comment:

A. ORDINANCE NO. 35-2007/08
An Ordinance To Adopt A New Housing Element For The Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 36-2007/08

An Ordinance To Ratify FY08 Budget and Grant Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council and Other Matters Related Thereto.

VII. APPEARANCES:

A. RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION [15]
Resolutions of Recognition will be presented to Javae R. McWhite, Courtney A. Law, Taylor L. Timmons, and Kimberly T. Cade for outstanding achievement in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

B. RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION [20]
A Resolution recognizing and expressing appreciation to the Timmonsville Rescue Squad for exhibiting exemplary conduct in serving the citizens.

C. RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION [22]
A Resolution recognizing and expressing appreciation to Glynn Willis for exemplary service to the citizens of Florence County.

D. FRANCIS J. HEATH [24]
Francis J. Heath requests to appear before Council to discuss matters relating to paving Country Lane and drainage ditches.

E. BRYAN AND ANGELIA GARDNER [26]
Bryan and Angelia Gardner request to appear before Council to speak about the re-zoning request being asked for by Sharon and Jerry Taylor.

F. JEFF MCKAY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – NESA [28]
Jeff McKay, Executive Director of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA) requests to appear before Council to give a brief update on NESA.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(Items assigned to the Committees in italics. Revisions by Committee Chair requested.)

Administration & Finance

(Council members K. G. “Rusty” Smith, Jr./Chair, Russell W. Culberson, Waymon Mumford and James T. Schofield)

Public Services & County Planning

(Council members James T. Schofield/Chair, Mitchell Kirby, and Ken Ard)

January 18, 2007

Special Exceptions

County facilities

January 17, 2008

Ordinance No. 18-2007/08 (amend the Zoning Ordinance)

Justice & Public Safety

(Council members Waymon Mumford/Chair, Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr. and Al Bradley)

June 7, 2007

Litter Enforcement

Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare

(Council members H. Morris Anderson/Chair, Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., and Al Bradley)

Agriculture, Forestry, Military Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations

(Council members Russell W. Culberson/Chair, Morris Anderson and Ken Ard)

Ad Hoc Water Study Committee

(Council members Ken Ard/Chair, Mitchell Kirby, Russell W. Culberson, and Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr.)

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

X. ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

A. THIRD READING

1. ORDINANCE NO. 30-2007/08

[30]

An Ordinance To Repeal The Appendices of the 2003 International Building Code, The 2003 International Plumbing Code, The 2003 International Mechanical Code, The 2003 International Fire Code, The 2003 International Energy Conservation Code, The 2002 National Electrical Code, The 2003 International Residential Code, And The 2003 International Fuel Gas Code And To Adopt Chapter I – Administration Of The 2006 International Building Code Of Chapter 7 - Article II, Division 1 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of Florence County.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 31-2007/08** *(Deferral of Third Reading)* [34]
 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement By and Between Florence County, South Carolina, and Project Gateway, with Respect to Certain Economic Development Property, Whereby such Property Will be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Other Matters Related Thereto.

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 32-2007/08** *(Deferral of Third Reading)* [39]
 An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park By And Between Florence County And Williamsburg County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park So As To Include Additional Property In Florence County As Part Of The Joint County Industrial Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 01-2008/09** [42]
 An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008 And Ending June 30, 2009; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; To Establish and Collect a Local Hospitality Tax In Florence County; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

B. SECOND READING

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 33-2007/08** [59]
 An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Pinewood Village Located Off Second Loop Road, Florence From RU-1, Rural Community District To B-3, General Commercial District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90-080, Block 1, Parcel 31 Consisting Of 7.28 Acres.
(Planning Commission approved 8 – 1.) (Council District 8)

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 34-2007/08** [71]
 An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Sharon M. & Jerry D. Taylor Sr. Located At 3465 James Turner Road, Florence From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To R-3, Single-Family Residential District, Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 127, Block 1, Parcel 273 Consisting Of 1.56 Acres.
(Planning Commission denied 8 – 1.) (Council District 5)

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 35-2007/08** [82]
 An Ordinance To Adopt A New Housing Element For The Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510.
(Planning Commission approved 9 – 0.)
4. **ORDINANCE NO. 36-2007/08** [117]
 An Ordinance To Ratify FY08 Budget and Grant Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council and Other Matters Related Thereto.

C. INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2007/08 [122]
 An Ordinance Authorizing And Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not To Exceed \$600,000 General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Volunteer Fire District), Series 2008, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bond; Authorizing The County Administrator To Determine Certain Matters Relating To The Bond; Providing For The Payment Of The Bond And Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

XI. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIST [133]
 A list of current and approaching vacancies for 2008 on Boards and Commissions was previously provided to Council.

XII. REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

A. ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS [134]
(Item for the Record Only)
 Monthly financial reports were provided to Council for fiscal year 2008 through April 30, 2008.

B. FINANCE

FY2008/2009 STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ALLOCATIONS

[139]

Approve the expenditure of \$250,000 in State Accommodations Tax funding allocations as recommended by the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for FY2007/2008.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended.

- Contractual matters relating to economic development projects;
- Contractual matters relating to possible real property transactions;
- Personnel matter relating to the Tax Assessor.

XV. INACTIVE AGENDA:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2007/08

At its regular meeting of January 17, 2008 Council unanimously voted to refer this Ordinance to the Committee on Public Service & County Planning. An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of Florence County Section 2.5-Table III, Section 3.21, Section 5.2-Table VIII, Section 7.6 And Section 7.7 For Setbacks, Text Errors, Accessory Structure Rules And Commercial And Industrial Property Access.

(Planning Commission approved 9 – 0.)

XVI. ADJOURN:

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Council is requested to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2008 regular meeting of County Council.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve minutes as presented.
2. Provide additional directive, should revisions be necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

Copy of proposed Minutes.

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ROOM 803, CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY ST.,
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

K. G. "Rusty" Smith, Jr., Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Vice-Chairman
H. Morris Anderson, Secretary-Chaplain
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member
Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., Council Member
J. Ken Ard, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
William H. Hoge, Planning & Building Department Director
Sheriff Kenney Boone
Barbara Coker, Sheriff's Office
Todd Floyd, Environmental Services Officer
Ray McBride, Library Director
Gene Wilds, Senior Center Director
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer
Mackenzie Taylor, TV13 News Reporter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the May 14, 2008 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. Copies of the agenda were faxed to members of the media and posted in the lobby of the City-County Complex and on the County's website (www.florenceco.org).

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Anderson gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the minutes of the May 1, 2008 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk published the titles and the Chairman opened public hearings for the following Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2007/08

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ORDINANCE NO. 32-2007/08

An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park In Conjunction With Williamsburg County, Such Industrial/Business Park To Be Geographically Located In Florence County And Established Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended; To Provide For A Written Agreement With Williamsburg County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2008/09

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APPEARANCES:

MURRAY JORDAN

Mr. Jordan appeared before Council to discuss matters relating to the reduction of the \$30.00 Road Maintenance Fee to \$15.00.

JIM LYLES ON BEHALF OF THE J. W. PARKER FAMILY

Mr. Lyles, on behalf of the J. W. Parker Family, requested to appear before Council for the purpose of presenting for approval a proposed modification to one of the medians planned for the Pine Needles Road Project. Mr. Lyles was unable to attend and Chairman

Smith recognized Mr. Wilbur Brown as a representative for the family, who requested Mr. Porter Stewart as legal counsel for the family, be allowed to present information to Council.

SHARON M. & JERRY D. TAYLOR, SR.

Sharon M. & Jerry D. Taylor Sr. appeared before Council concerning map amendment #2008-28 to change the zoning district designation for property located at 3465 James Turner Road, Effingham shown on Florence County Tax Map No. 127, Block 1, Parcel 273 from R-1, Single Family Residential District to R-3, Single Family Residential District.

SOUTHSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH GRADE WORLD HISTORY CLASS

Brian S. Harvey, Gifted and Talented Education, requested that the Southside Middle School 7th Grade World History Class appear before Council to discuss Breed Specific Legislation (BSL). Chairman Smith asked the group to come forward, but stated for the record that the Ordinance before Council at this point does not contain Breed Specific Legislation. Mr. Harvey stated he understood there was currently no BSL in place, however the group wanted to block any potential for that type of legislation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Mumford stated the Committee on Justice & Public Safety met earlier that morning and that the Committee was in the process of drafting an ordinance that would place better control on litter enforcement.

EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Anderson requested County Administrator Richard Starks provide an update on the new animal facility. Mr. Starks informed those present that the contractual work was complete and a date would be set very shortly for the groundbreaking ceremony.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2007/08

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 27-2007/08: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Memorandum of Understanding By and Among Project Gateway, Florence County, and Other Signatories Thereto Which Outlines Certain Economic Incentives That Will Be Made Available to Project Gateway Under Certain Situations; and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Inducement and Millage Rate Agreement By and Between Project Gateway and Florence County. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Smith stated Florence County was once again bringing another flagship industry into the County to further enhance economic growth.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2007/08 – THIRD READING

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 20-2007/08: An Ordinance Amending Florence County Code Chapter 6 – Animals And Fowl, In Its Entirety To Clarify Animal Care And Control Regulations. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2007/08 – THIRD READING

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 28-2007/08: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 31-2006/07 To Provide For Compensation Of Members Of The Board Of Fire Control For A Rural Volunteer Fire District And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Smith commended the local volunteers for the amazing impact they have had on the County.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2007/08 – THIRD READING

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 29-2007/08: An Ordinance To Establish The Florence County Cultural Commission; Provide For The Composition And Appointment Of The Commission; Establish The Effective Date For Such Appointments; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The following individual spoke with regard to Ordinance No. 30-2007/08:

- Billy Fowler

There were no signatures on the sign-in sheets for Ordinance No. 31-2007/08 or Ordinance No. 32-2007/08.

The following individuals spoke with regard to Ordinance No. 01-2008/09:

- Tom Marschel, Secretary, Pee Dee Visions Foundation
- Billy Fowler, Citizen
- Townsend Holt, Chairman, Florence Museum Board of Trustees
- Lovith Anderson, Jr., Mayor of the City of Lake City
- Andrew R. Stout, Director of the Florence Museum, former Educator
- Murray Jordan, Citizen

(Councilman Kirby left the room at 9:56 a.m.)

There being no additional signatures on the sign-in sheets, the Chairman closed the public hearings.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2007/08 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 30-2007/08: An Ordinance To Repeal The Appendices Of The 2003 International Building Code, The 2003 International Plumbing Code, The 2003 International Mechanical Code, The 2003 International Fire Code, The 2003 International Energy Conservation Code, The 2002 National Electrical Code, The 2003 International Residential Code, And The 2003 International Fuel Gas Code And To Adopt Chapter I – Administration Of The 2006 International Building Code Of Chapter 7 – Article II, Division 1 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of Florence County. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. (Councilman Kirby was absent for the vote.)

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(Councilman Anderson left the room at 10:09 a.m. and returned at 10:12 a.m.)

Councilman Schofield made the following comments: "I would like to correct the record reading from my verbatim transcript the words were "you seem to have this perverted logic;" logic being the operative word, not nonsense. What I said was that in my opinion that because 14% of the road fee is being allocated by district for rock and repair that somehow the Citizens in Action group thinks that we believe that that money belongs to each Councilman. I would refer to their April 10th public statement where it says 'if these discretionary funds are being held for a specific usage the people have a right to know what it is however this is not the case.' Well we know what the specific usage is; it is for road maintenance. 'The discretionary RSM funds are rolled over year after year without a specific plan. The councilmen seem to have forgotten that this money belongs to the people and not to them.' I can assure you that there isn't a member of this Council that doesn't clearly understand whose money it is and it is the public's money, but the State of South Carolina charges this Council with the responsibility to decide where the money is spent. This constant use of the word 'discretionary funds' is used to inflame the public. There is nothing discretionary other than our mandated obligation to decide where the money is spent and how the budget is to be administered. That is the most solemn duty that we have up here. I know that some of you pride yourself as being very conservative and protective of our constitutional form of government and I'm glad that this group is here today because you will get a lesson in constitutional democracy. And I appreciate your suggestions on animal control because that comes to us ahead of the fact before we are considering the legislation; that's the way I like to get it, not after the fact. We have a republic not a democracy. We don't govern by referendum; it is a representative democracy. We listened to the words of Thomas Jefferson today. Well listen to the words of Mr. Franklin. When asked what kind of government do we have he replied, 'a republic if you can keep it.' Generations have known that you can't run a government and allow taxes, fees, and budgets to be subject to the indiscriminant will of constant referendums. One of the checks and balances put in place was to require that if the public wants to significantly raise or lower its taxes you have to elect people to do it in an orderly fashion. It takes several cycles of election to make that kind of change. Make no mistake; it can be done. I'm one of them that can show you that its been done; it was done to me. However, the change will occur over time and it will be a very deliberative process with all the consequences being given adequate time for the citizens to understand. It was said that some of us change our minds once we get up here. I spoke to the Citizens in Action group before I was ever elected and while I outlined some problems I had with road funds, which I still have but I'm working with members of this Council to change some ways we do it, I clearly expounded my view that allocating my money by district was extremely proper and that it should be done because it allows each district to have some funds to do a project and in fact I have a project coming up at the end of this meeting that without these funds a traffic signal at Bellevue and Second Loop would not be installed in this community. You tell us 'just have the referendum anyway' even though that would violate the intent of State Law. I don't understand that; you tell us we have put you, I have heard this comment, we put you in a bad way taking you to court which will cost your group money to respond. What should we have done, just ignore you and tell you that we think the petitions presented are invalid and then let you take us to court? That would cost you more. You know sometimes criticism is good but constant destructive criticism is not appropriate; constructive criticism is. You know there is a new

day as I see it up here. The free ride of constant criticism laced with half-truths and misrepresentations is over. I for one will not let it go unchallenged. I've been long known for speaking my mind and I always will. If you have constructive criticism, I welcome it. If you find an action to be inappropriate, you put it in writing and bring it up here and see if I won't respond to it. I look at the situation out there that we face at this County Council and we were told that these are fees and they ought to be taxes and we ought to make it millage so we can deduct them on our income taxes. And then I get my water bill the other day from the City, and Billy's still here, I'm sorry for picking on the City, but, I got a garbage fee and a roll-cart fee and a landfill fee and a storm water fee, all of which is \$12.63 a month; \$151 a year. Have I ever seen anybody go to the City and say they ought to change that into millage? No. Have I seen any of you go to the City and question why as County residents we pay for a sewer treatment plant with our water rates and yet have no chance of ever receiving sewer services? Have I seen you complain about a tap fee that has tripled and beyond the ability of working citizens to pay when the well runs dry and are forced to hook on? No, I haven't seen any of that. You tackle this big budget that we are working with right now. You make suggestions where to cut and I will listen, but be specific. Don't tell me in one breath that you support road maintenance and in the other cut half of the funds out of it that is being spent for road maintenance. Don't tell me that you want us to be representative of the public and then tell me that you want us to move who decides what roads are going to be paved to the public works director with no input at all from the public. That doesn't work. You want to have a dialogue with this government I welcome it any time, any place, any where like I always have. Running government is serious business and deserves serious attention by those in and out of government. I would comment, you know I have a petition right here, it's from quite a few residents that don't even live in my district. Country Lane, Timmonsville and they want their road to be paved. We don't have enough money to pave their road. We have very little money as the scheme of things goes to do paving with. Mr. Chairman, that ends my comments on the comments that were made today about the road fee. I would like to make just a few comments on the Museum and the Hospitality Tax. In many counties that have it, Beaufort, that have the hospitality tax, Beaufort, Colleton, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Horry, Jasper, Richland, Spartanburg, and Sumter close to us and I won't even read the list of cities that have it. City of Florence put it in; you're already paying it; any restaurant you go to, Bazen's, any restaurant in the City of Florence you go to you are paying the hospitality tax and you won't pay one dime more whether we put this thing in or not, but what will happen is as this City annexes, it we don't put it in the City of Florence will have control of the whole 2%. If this County Council puts it in any further annexations to this City 1% of those funds will be at the County Council's level to decide not at the City Council's level. I for one think the City put it in ahead of us just so they would get the whole 2%. Why should we do a museum? Why will I support a 2% hospitality tax on prepared food and beverage in Florence County in the unincorporated areas? Because big dreams are realized with small steps and this is an opportunity of a lifetime. We have a Performing Arts Center being built. The Florence Little Theater is soon to open. The Florence County Library. We have a chance to put a museum with right at \$4 million of State funding and probably another \$8 million of match funding to build a world-class museum in Florence, South Carolina. And what will it cost the citizens of Florence County? It will cost them two cents on the

dollar when they go out to eat, when they do it in the unincorporated areas of this County. I would bet you since the local option sales tax about 30% of those pennies come from people that don't live in Florence County. I would be willing to bet you that the percentage of where the hospitality tax money, which will be about a million a year, a percentage of that, would be even higher. Most of its going to come off that interstate from people that don't live here. The Florence County Museum would allow us to collect, preserve, and exhibit items which reflect the rich history of Florence County and the Pee Dee. It will provide passive and formal educational opportunities for its citizens with programs specifically designed to educate children from our region to appreciate, preserve and protect our rich cultural and ethnic history. Spartanburg just built a new museum and cultural center; they got \$4 million from the State of South Carolina also. They had four families donate \$16 million from four families. They built a \$36 million museum. The Florence County Museum is willing to go in with the County to get this done because they know what an opportunity it is. Make no mistake, Florence County is in competition with other counties in this State in attracting new industry and business creating jobs and tax base. In addition tourism is a major factor with the Performing Arts Center and the Little Theater. We want people to stay here, not just drive through here and spend the night. We should invest in our future and our future generations. There is a great educational benefit for our children with a facility built to proper standards we will be able to get exhibits from the Smithsonian, such as the works of William H. Johnson, a Florence native that many of the children in Florence County would never have the opportunity to see. We do not have a facility that the Smithsonian would loan those exhibits to us. We have an opportunity to tie a Museum in the City of Florence with the Bean Museum in Lake City and other important historical sites in our County such as Red Doe Plantation, the Civil War Stockade, and the National Cemetery. The Pee Dee, just for your information, if you think the Pee Dee is not that historic, the Pee Dee has yielded more dinosaur fossils than anywhere else in the whole State of South Carolina. Our area is rich in history from Francis Marion to the gun boat Pee Dee and Sherman's march to the edge of this City, to World War II and the part our railroad center played during the War. Properly developed we can change Florence from a City that tourists travel through to one that stop and stay for a day. We have sometimes ignored and at most times not funded the protection of our cultural and historical assets for too long in this County and City. We need a facility to protect our cultural and historical history. That my friends is a museum. Because of the lack of a proper facility we have lost important artifacts to others, such as the 1031 to the North Carolina State Transportation Museum in Salsbury North Carolina where they took the funds and renovated and put it back into condition. Persons in Florence who have significant collections of art and other historical artifacts refuse to donate or loan them for others to see because we don't have a proper facility. York County has a Museum 30,000 people visit it every year. Anderson County has a Museum of 26,000 square feet. I'm hoping we build a museum of forty to fifty thousand square feet in downtown Florence and that's why I am willing to vote for a 2% hospitality tax in Florence County."

Councilman Bradley stated he fielded a lot of concerns regarding the issue of the hospitality tax. He attended the "Taste of Darlington" recently and many people attending the event commented that more events like that were needed in Florence County. He also talked with a homeless woman who asked why the County was going to raise taxes to

assist with things of a cultural nature but did not provide funding for people who were homeless and really needed help. He stated many citizens who were residents inside the City limits were misinformed and thought their taxes would be increased an additional 2% and he would like for the residents to be better informed.

Councilman Ard stated he had been labeled as a conservative on Council, having voted against budgets in the past, but it was always Council's intent to scrutinize the budget to ensure dollars were being spent where they should be. He stated progress and prosperity come at a cost and for every dollar being spent it was Council's opinion that those monies would be returned, hopefully, 10 to 15 times over. Every dollar that was being spent was well spent and would be for the betterment of the County.

Chairman Smith stated he wanted to correct a term that was being used. There were no discretionary funds in Florence County. Every road that was rocked or allocation made was allocated by a vote of the majority of the County Council. Businesses and property owners in Florence County pay 75% of all taxes. In his opinion, the road maintenance fee was a diversification of the tax base and it was an equitable way to fund the use of the roads and every penny went to road maintenance.

(Councilman Mumford left the room at 10:28 a.m.)

Councilman Anderson stated it was projected that I-73 would be completed in ten years and according to the figures he was given 40% of the tourists that travel I-95 through Florence would no longer travel through here. Florence County needs to do something to attract visitors and further encourage economic development. A museum won't just appear without funding.

Councilman Anderson called for the question. Council unanimously approved second reading of Ordinance No. 01-2008/09. (Councilmen Kirby and Mumford were absent for the vote.)

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 33-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Pinewood Village Located Off Second Loop, Florence From RU-1, Rural Community District To B-3, General Commercial District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90-080, Block 1, Parcel 31.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 34-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Sharon M. & Jerry D. Taylor Sr. Located At 3465 James Turner Road, Florence From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To R-3, Single-Family Residential District, Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 127, Block 1, Parcel 273 Consisting Of 1.56 Acres. Councilman Schofield requested that Planning Department staff be present at the next meeting to present information on this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 35-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Adopt A New Housing Element For The Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 36-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Ratify FY08 Budget And Grant Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

(Councilmen Mumford and Kirby returned to the meeting at 10:31 a.m.)

Chairman Smith stated he was scheduled to meet with County Administrator Richard Starks the first of the following week and would establish a date for County Council to meet to discuss the budget.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Councilman Rodgers appointed Clyde Moore to serve on the new Florence County Board of Zoning Appeals representing Council District 5, with the appropriate expiration date.

FLORENCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Ard appointed Peter Knoller to serve on the new Florence County Planning Commission representing Council District 2, with the appropriate expiration date.

POLICY COMMISSION ON RECREATION

Councilman Kirby appointed Levy Sadler to serve on the Policy Commission on Recreation representing Council District 4, with the appropriate expiration date.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly financial reports were provided to Council for fiscal year 2008 through March 31, 2008 as an item for the record.

SLED LEASE

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve a Lease Renewal Agreement with South Carolina Law Enforcement Division located at 1021 Justice Way, Effingham, SC and authorize the County Administrator to execute. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

STATE-ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council consent to the State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority submitted by Time Warner Entertainment-Advance/Newhouse Partnership and authorize the County Administrator to complete and execute the Notice of Application for State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority. Councilman Ard seconded the motion. Councilman Kirby asked if Council denied the request would it have any affect. County Attorney Jim Rushton responded that it would not under current State law. The motion was approved with a vote of 8 – 1. Voting in the affirmative were Councilmen Culberson, Rodgers, Mumford, Smith, Anderson, Bradley, Schofield, and Ard. Voting in opposition was Councilman Kirby.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

S C EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION GRANT AWARD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council accept the grant from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division for GIS, computer, and security upgrades in the amount of \$42,111 and authorize the designation of appropriate general ledger accounts within the grant fund to appropriately account for the LEMPG08 grant. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION

AWARD BID #22-07/08

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council accept the lowest compliant bid from Henley’s Construction Co., for the Willow Creek Field Backstop in the amount of \$17,975.00; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

GRANT AWARD E. L. & THEO WINDHAM CHARITABLE TRUST

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council accept the grant award from the E. L. & Theo Windham Charitable Trust in the amount of \$500 to partially fund the cost of retaining The Scrap Exchange, a business providing “Events by the Truckload,” (a children’s recycling program) at the Florence County Parks & Recreation Fall Frenzy. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

TRAFFIC SIGNAL – BELLEVUE DRIVE & SECOND LOOP ROAD

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 8 Infrastructure funding allocations in an amount up to \$8,700.00 for engineering costs to provide plans and specifications as to the feasibility of installing a traffic signal and appurtenances at the intersection of Bellevue Drive and Second Loop Road. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion. Councilman Schofield stated he had

been working on this project prior to being elected to County Council and, in his opinion, this project will greatly enhance the public's safety. However, SC DOT will require that a turn lane be installed, and that some driveways across the street be moved and relocated. The City of Florence as well as the Florence County Transportation Commission agreed to assist with the project. The funding being approved today was for the engineering report but an additional request would be forthcoming for the construction of the turn lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

EBENEZER PARK

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 9 Infrastructure funding allocations in an amount up to \$2,500.00 for layout planning work for the recently leased property adjacent to Ebenezer Park, to be designed by Kenneth B. Simmons Landscape Architecture and Planning. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 10:41 a.m. Council reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

GRIEVANCE OF TAX ASSESSOR

Councilman Mumford made a motion that Council hear the Florence County Tax Assessor's grievance. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:07 A.M.

H. MORRIS ANDERSON
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN

CONNIE Y. HASELDEN
CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Council will hold public hearings to receive public comment with regard to the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2007/08

An Ordinance To Adopt A New Housing Element For The Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2007/08

An Ordinance To Ratify FY08 Budget and Grant Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council and Other Matters Related Thereto.

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Appearances
Presentation of Resolutions of Recognition
Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients
Miss Javae R. McWhite
Miss Courtney A. Law
Miss Taylor L. Timmons
Miss Kimberly T. Cade

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Resolutions of Recognition will be presented to Javae R. McWhite, Courtney A. Law, Taylor L. Timmons, and Kimberly T. Cade for outstanding achievement in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

ATTACHMENT:

Copies of the resolutions.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the Florence County Council acknowledges that the soul of our County and its vitality as a place to live and work depends on the relationship of families, friends and neighbors; and,

WHEREAS, the Florence County Council deems it appropriate to recognize outstanding young adults who exercise and demonstrate strong leadership abilities within their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Miss Courtney A. Law has proven her leadership abilities by achieving the highest goal possible in girl scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, Miss Law's efforts to earn this award express a commitment to herself, her community and the future; and

WHEREAS, Miss Law is to be commended for having a vision, setting a goal for herself, and working to accomplish that goal; and

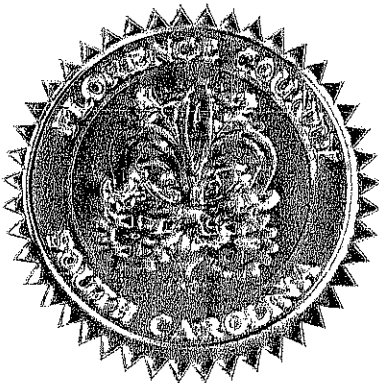
WHEREAS, Miss Law accepted the challenge and brought honor and recognition to her family, school, community, friends and the citizenry of Florence County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of Florence County, South Carolina, the Florence County Council that this **RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION** be presented to **MISS COURTNEY A. LAW** for her outstanding achievement in earning the **GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**.

CONGRATULATIONS COURTNEY!

PRESENTED THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2008.

THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL



K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr.
K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

Ken Ard
Ken Ard, County Council District 2

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the Florence County Council acknowledges that the soul of our County and its vitality as a place to live and work depends on the relationship of families, friends and neighbors; and,

WHEREAS, the Florence County Council deems it appropriate to recognize outstanding young adults who exercise and demonstrate strong leadership abilities within their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Miss Taylor L. Timmons has proven her leadership abilities by achieving the highest goal possible in girl scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, Miss Timmons' efforts to earn this award express a commitment to herself, her community and the future; and

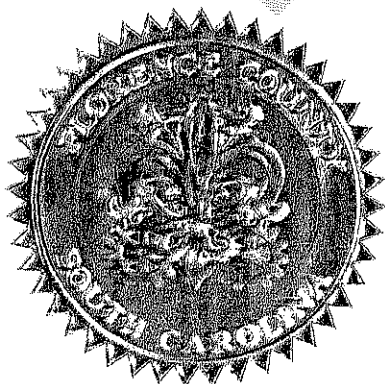
WHEREAS, Miss Timmons is to be commended for having a vision, setting a goal for herself, and working to accomplish that goal; and

WHEREAS, Miss Timmons accepted the challenge and brought honor and recognition to her family, school, community, friends and the citizenry of Florence County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of Florence County, South Carolina, the Florence County Council that this **RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION** be presented to **MISS TAYLOR L. TIMMONS** for her outstanding achievement in earning the **GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**.

CONGRATULATIONS TAYLOR!

PRESENTED THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2008.



THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL


K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman


Ken Ard, County Council District 2

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the Florence County Council acknowledges that the soul of our County and its vitality as a place to live and work depends on the relationship of families, friends and neighbors; and,

WHEREAS, the Florence County Council deems it appropriate to recognize outstanding young adults who exercise and demonstrate strong leadership abilities within their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Miss Kimberly T. Cade has proven her leadership abilities by achieving the highest goal possible in girl scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, Miss Cade's efforts to earn this award express a commitment to herself, her community and the future; and

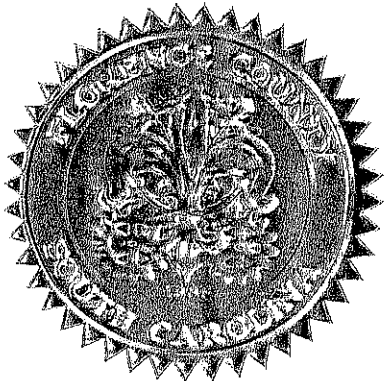
WHEREAS, Miss Cade is to be commended for having a vision, setting a goal for herself, and working to accomplish that goal; and

WHEREAS, Miss Cade accepted the challenge and brought honor and recognition to her family, school, community, friends and the citizenry of Florence County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of Florence County, South Carolina, the Florence County Council that this **RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION** be presented to **MISS KIMBERLY T. CADE** for her outstanding achievement in earning the **GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**.

CONGRATULATIONS KIMBERLY!

PRESENTED THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2008.



THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr.

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

Ken Ard

Ken Ard, County Council District 2

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Appearances
 Presentation of Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation
 Timmonsville Rescue Squad

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution recognizing and expressing appreciation to the Timmonsville Rescue Squad for exhibiting exemplary conduct in serving the citizens.

ATTACHMENTS:

A copy of the resolution.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
AND APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, the Florence County Council acknowledges that a basic function of government is to ensure adequate provisions are made for the safety and protection of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Florence County Council realizes that rural rescue squads provide a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that first responders are, in many instances, the life-savers; and,

WHEREAS, the Timmons ville Rescue Squad has been named the EMS Small System of the Year during the State EMS Symposium on April 19th, and,

WHEREAS, Timmons ville Rescue Squad earned this award through the diligence, loyalty and dedication of a well-trained, competent staff and volunteers; and,

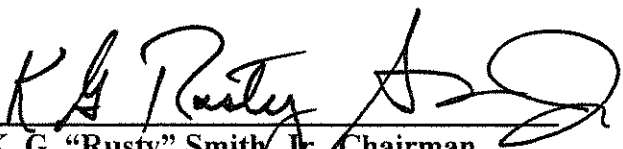
WHEREAS, the Timmons ville Rescue Squad has excelled to a degree of meritorious recognition that brings honor to Florence County Council and the citizens of the County whom the Squad serves.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of Florence County, South Carolina, the Florence County Council, that **TIMMONSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD** has exhibited exemplary conduct in serving the citizens and richly deserves Council's recognition of its commitment to enhance the quality of life of the citizenry.

PRESENTED THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2008.



THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL


K. G. "Rusty" Smith, Jr., Chairman


Mitchell Kirby, Council District 4

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Appearances
Presentation of Resolution of Recognition
Glynn Willis

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution recognizing and expressing appreciation to Glynn Willis for exemplary service to the citizens of Florence County.

ATTACHMENTS:

A copy of the resolution.

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FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Appearances
 Francis J. Heath

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Francis J. Heath requests to appear before Council to discuss matters relating to paving Country Lane and drainage ditches.

ATTACHMENTS:

A copy of the request received from Ms. Heath.

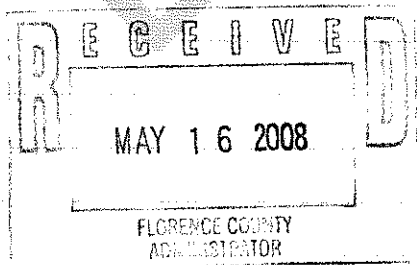
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Request To Address County Council

Subjects: PAVING Country Lane
DRAINAGE Ditches

Francis J. Heath
5702 Country Lane
Timmons ville, S.C. 29161
Phone: 346-2531

Francis J. Heath



FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Appearances
Bryan and Angelia Gardner

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Brian and Angelia Gardner request to appear before Council to speak about the re-zoning request being asked for by Sharon and Jerry Taylor.

ATTACHMENTS:

A copy of the request received from Mr. & Mrs. Gardner.

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Connie Haselden

From: angelialee@bellsouth.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2008 7:26 AM
To: Connie Haselden
Subject: County Council Meeting

Hi Ms. Haselden,
I need to add my name and my husbands to the agenda for the next county council meeting.
Bryan and Angelia Gardner.
We would like to speak about the re-zoning request being asked for by Sharon and Jerry Taylor.
Thank you for your help.
Angie

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FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Appearances
Jeff McKay, Executive Director
North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA)

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Jeff McKay, Executive Director of the NESA requests to appear before Council to give a brief update on NESA.

ATTACHMENTS:

A copy of the request received from NESA.

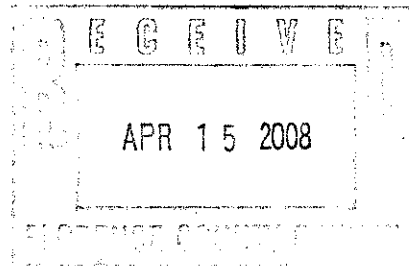
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North Eastern Strategic Alliance
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info@scbusinesscorner.com



April 14, 2008

Connie Y. Haselden
Clerk to Council
Florence County Council
180 N. Irby Street, MSC-G
Florence, SC 29501



Dear Ms. Haselden,

Mr. Jeff McKay, Executive Director of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA), would like to appear before Council on Thursday, June 5, at 9:00am to give a brief (10-15 minute) update on NESA.

Sincerely,

Anna Poston
Investor Relations/Marketing Director
North Eastern Strategic Alliance

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FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Item for Meeting on: Thursday, June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No.30-2007/08
Third Reading

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Building Inspections

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

[An Ordinance To Repeal The Appendixes of the 2003 International Building Code, The 2003 International Plumbing Code, The 2003 International Mechanical Code, The 2003 International Fire Code, The 2003 International Energy Conservation Code, The 2002 National Electrical Code, The 2003 International Residential Code, And The 2003 International Fuel Gas Code And To Adopt Chapter I – Administration Of The 2006 International Building Code Of Chapter 7-Article II, Division 1 Of The Code Of Ordinance Of Florence County.]

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. The International Code Series was developed as a joint project by the Southern Building Code Congress International, the International Conference of Building Officials and the Building Officials and Code Administrators, International (referred to as the model code organizations) and replaced the Standard, National and Uniform Building Code Series.
2. In July of 2003, Act 83 shifted the responsibility of adoption and implementation of the mandatory building codes, from the local jurisdictions, to the South Carolina Building Code Council.
3. Building codes authorized or adopted by the Building Codes Council, and their corresponding implementation dates:
 - 2003 International Building Code Series May 26, 2004 – Jan. 1, 2005
 - 2003 International Residential Code May 26, 2004 - July 1, 2005
 - 2006 International Building Code Series Nov. 28, 2007 - July 1, 2008
 - 2006 International Residential Code Nov. 28, 2007 - July 1, 2008
4. Starting with the 2006 Code adoption cycle, local jurisdictions no longer are allowed to adopt the appendices. However, the local jurisdiction is required to adopt, by ordinance, Chapter 1 of the International Building Code or other administrative procedures.

OPTIONS:

1. *(Recommended)* Approve Ordinance No. 30-2007/08 as recommended.
2. Provide an Alternate Directive

ATTACHMENTS:

Copies of the following are attached:

1. Ordinance No.30-2007/08
2. Attachment A-Major Code Changes
3. Attachment B – Minor Code Changes

Sponsor(s)	: County Council	I, _____,
First Reading/Introduction	: May, 1, 2008	Council Clerk, certify that this
Committee Referral	: N/A	Ordinance was advertised for
Committee Consideration Date	: N/A	Public Hearing on _____.
Committee Recommendation	: N/A	
Public Hearing	: May 15, 2008	
Second Reading	: May 15, 2008	
Third Reading	: June 5, 2008	
Effective Date	: Effective July 1, 2008 or when 2006 IBC Adopted by the State	

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2007/08

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

[An Ordinance To Repeal The Appendixes of the 2003 International Building Code, The 2003 International Plumbing Code, The 2003 International Mechanical Code, The International Fire Code, The 2003 International Energy Conservation Code, The 2002 National Electrical Code, The 2003 International Residential Code, And The 2003 International Fuel Gas Code And To Adopt Chapter I – Administration Of The 2006 International Building Code Of Chapter 7-Article II, Division 1 Of The Code Of Ordinance Of Florence County.]

WHEREAS:

1. It is the desire of Florence County to facilitate proper inspection activities relative and vital to building construction and maintenance for the County and all participating jurisdictions and for the promotion of public safety, health and general welfare.
2. The South Carolina Building Code Council establishes that local jurisdictions are required to adopt by Ordinance, Chapter I – Administration of the International Building Code or other administrative procedures.
3. The implementation dates of the 2006 International Building Code Series are from November 28, 2007 through July 1, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Chapter I – Administration of the 2006 International Building Code is hereby adopted for the enforcement of the standards as set forth herein.
2. Provisions in other Florence County ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Connie Y. Haselden, Council Clerk

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

ABSENT:

Approved as to Form and Content
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney

ATTACHMENT A

Major Code Changes that will affect Florence County:

2006 International Building Code

- Chapter 9, Section 903.2.1.2 requires a Fire Sprinkler system for restaurants and nightclubs with a fire area that exceeds one hundred occupants.
- Chapter 23, Section 2308.12.3. The on-center spacing between braced wall panels have decreased from 35' to 25'.

2006 International Mechanical Code

- Chapter 5, Section 506.3.2.5 requires a more stringent method of testing and inspecting grease hood systems.
- Chapter 5, Section 507.2.1.1 requires that Type I hoods shall be designed to automatically activate whenever cooking operations occur.

2006 International Plumbing Code

- Chapter 3, Section 310.5 now requires sidewalls for urinal spaces.
- Chapter 4, Table 403.1 now requires seasonal areas to be included in the calculations for determining minimum plumbing facility requirements (i.e. outside dining areas).

2006 International Fire Code

- Chapter 9, Section 914. This section gives specific requirements of fire protection systems for covered malls, high rise buildings, underground buildings, special amusement buildings and aircraft-related buildings.

2006 Fuel Gas Code

- No major changes noted.

2006 International Residential Code

- Chapter 3, Section R301.2.1.1. The design parameters for our 100 mph wind zone have increased. The use of the Standard for Hurricane Resistant Residential Construction, commonly called, "SSTD10-99", is an acceptable alternative.
- Chapter 3, Section R303. The required distance between dwellings or the assumed property line without a fire resistant rated wall has increased to 5'. Previously, this distance was only required to be 3'.

ATTACHMENT B

Minor, But Notable Changes That Will Affect Florence County

2006 International Building Code

- The design parameters concerning wind speed have become more stringent. However, it should be less prominent considering the majority of our commercial work is done by licensed design professionals.
- Chapter 3, Table 302.3.2. "Required Separation of Occupancies" which has been a staple in the building codes has now been deleted. A hybrid version of this table has been created and moved to Chapter 5, Table 508.3.3. The parameters have not changed, but due to the change of format and location, it will require some adjusting for those who are accustomed to the old table.

2006 International Mechanical Code

- Chapter 3, Section 306. Appliances in attics, distance from access openings has increased, not to exceed 50 feet.
- Chapter 5, Section 513.4.6. ~~Smoke control systems shall be designed to operate for a minimum of 20 minutes or 1.5 times the calculated egress time.~~

2006 International Plumbing Code

- Chapter 4, Section 421 is now specific on the size of whirlpool motor access doors.

2006 International Fire Code

- Chapter 8 "Interior Finishes" has had a total makeover. This chapter deals with the flame-spread and smoke developed ratings of materials used in buildings. Other than a fresh look and more details of the material covered, there is no significant change.
- Chapter 22, Section 2209 which deals with Hydrogen dispensing has been given some minor changes.

2006 Fuel Gas Code

- Chapter 4, Section 416 has been added to regulate the overpressure protection of fuel burning appliances.

2006 International Residential Code

- Chapter 15, Section 1501.1 clarifies that mechanical exhaust air should not be discharged into the soffit of the home.
- Chapter 38, Section 3802.12 requires that all bedroom outlets be protected by arc-fault circuit interrupters.

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Deferral of Third Reading - Ordinance No. 31-2007/08

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

(An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Project Gateway, With Respect To Certain Economic Development Property, Whereby Such Property Will Be Subject To Certain Payments In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto.)

OPTIONS:

1. ***(Recommended)*** Defer Third Reading of Ordinance No. 31-2007/08.
2. Provide an Alternate Directive

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance No. 31-2007/08.

Sponsor(s) : County Council
 First Reading/Introduction : May 1, 2008
 Committee Referral : N/A
 Committee Consideration Date : N/A
 Committee Recommendation : N/A
 Public Hearing : May 15, 2008
 Second Reading : May 15, 2008
 Third Reading :
 Effective Date : Immediately

I, _____,
 Council Clerk, certify that this
 Ordinance was advertised for
 Public Hearing on _____.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2007/08

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

(An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Project Gateway, With Respect To Certain Economic Development Property, Whereby Such Property Will Be Subject To Certain Payments In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto.)

WHEREAS:

1. Florence County, South Carolina (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "County Council"), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "FILOT Act"), to enter into agreements with any industry or business whereby the industry or business would pay fees-in-lieu-of-taxes with respect to certain properties which constitute "economic development properties" as defined in the Act; through which powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate or remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, products and resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and
2. The County is authorized and empowered to provide special source revenue credits or payments ("Special Source Credits") against fee in lieu of tax payments pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4-1-175 and 4-29-68 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "the SSRC Act"); and
3. The County is authorized and empowered, pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to include property upon which a project is located in a multi-county park, with the appropriate consents and approvals of a partnering county, and by separate ordinance, the County has taken action to place the Project in a multi-county park in cooperation with Williamsburg County; and
4. Pursuant to the Act, and in order to induce certain investment in the County, the County did previously adopt Resolution No. 27-2007/08 dated as of May 15, 2008, authorizing an inducement and millage rate agreement (the "Inducement Agreement") for the benefit of those companies identified as Project Gateway, with respect to the acquisition of certain land,

the construction of certain buildings and improvements thereon, and installation of fixtures, machinery, equipment, and furnishings therein (collectively, the "Project") to constitute a manufacturing facility; and

5. The Project is anticipated to result in a taxable investment of approximately \$105,000,000 and in the creation of approximately 350 new jobs within five years the Project is placed in service, thereby providing significant economic benefits to the County and surrounding areas; and
6. The County has determined on the basis of the information supplied to it by Project Gateway that the Project is a "project" as defined in the Act and is eligible to become "economic development property" as that term is defined in the Act and that the Project would serve the purposes of the Act; and
7. Pursuant to the Inducement Agreement, the County has agreed to enter into a fee in lieu of tax agreement with Project Gateway, whereby the County would provide therein for a payment of fee in lieu of taxes by Project Gateway with respect to the Project pursuant to the FILOT Act, and provide Special Source Credits to Project Gateway with respect to the Project pursuant to the SSRC Act (collectively, the "Fee Agreement"); and
8. Project Gateway has caused to be prepared and presented to this meeting the form of the Fee Agreement which contains the provision for a payment in lieu of taxes and the provision of Special Source Credits which the County proposes to execute and deliver; and
9. It appears that the Fee Agreement, now before this meeting, is in appropriate form and is an appropriate instrument to be approved, executed, and delivered by the County for the purposes intended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared by the County Council as follows:

- (a) The Project constitutes a "project" as defined in the FILOT Act and will constitute "economic development property" as said term is referred to and defined in the FILOT Act, and the County's actions herein will subserve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the FILOT Act;
- (b) The terms and provision of the Inducement Agreement are hereby ratified and approved and incorporated herein and made a part hereof;
- (c) The Project will benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, and other public benefits not otherwise provided locally;

- (d) The Project will rise to no pecuniary liability of the county or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either;
- (e) The inducement of the location of the Project within the County and the State is of paramount importance;
- (f) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, retention of jobs, and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes and the benefits of the Project are greater than the costs; and
- (g) Having evaluated the purposes to be accomplished by the Project as proper governmental and public purposes, the anticipated dollar amount and nature of the investment to be made, and the anticipated costs and benefits to the County, the County has determined that the Project is properly classified as economic development property.

Section 2. The forms, terms and provisions of the Fee Agreement presented to this meeting are hereby approved and all of the terms and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Fee Agreement were set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of the County Council is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Fee Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, and thereupon to cause the Fee Agreement to be delivered to Project Gateway and cause a copy of the Fee Agreement to be delivered to the Florence County Auditor and Assessor. The Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such minor changes therein as shall be approved by the officials of the County executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Fee Agreement now before this meeting.

Section 3. The Chairman of the County Council, the County Administrator, and the Clerk to County Council, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Fee Agreement and the performance of all obligations of the County under and pursuant to the Fee Agreement.

Section 4. The provision of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase or provisions shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereunder.

Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the County Council.

ATTEST:

Connie Y. Haselden, Council Clerk

Approved as to Form and Content
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney

SIGNED:

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

ABSENT:

DRAFT

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Deferral of Third Reading - Ordinance No. 32-2007/08

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

(An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park By And Between Florence County And Williamsburg County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park So As To Include Additional Property In Florence County As Part Of The Joint County Industrial Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.)

OPTIONS:

1. *(Recommended)* Deferral of Third Reading of Ordinance No. 32-2007/08.
2. Provide an Alternate Directive

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance No. 32-2007/08.

Sponsor(s) : County Council
 First Reading : May 1, 2008
 Committee Referral : N/A
 Committee Consideration Date : N/A
 Committee Recommendation : N/A
 Public Hearing : May 15, 2008
 Second Reading : May 15, 2008
 Third Reading :
 Effective Date : Immediately

I, _____,
 Council Clerk, certify that this
 Ordinance was advertised for
 Public Hearing on _____.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2007/08

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

(An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park By And Between Florence County And Williamsburg County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park So As To Include Additional Property In Florence County As Part Of The Joint County Industrial Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.)

WHEREAS:

1. Florence County ("Florence") and Williamsburg County ("Williamsburg"), South Carolina, are authorized under Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution to jointly develop an industrial or business park within the geographical boundaries of one or more of the member Counties; and
2. In order to promote the economic welfare of the citizens of both Williamsburg and Florence, by providing employment and other benefits to the citizens of Williamsburg and Florence, Williamsburg and Florence agreed to develop jointly an industrial and business park (the "Park") as provided in Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and in accordance with Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Act"); and
3. In furtherance of the above, Williamsburg and Florence executed an Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial and Business Park dated as of December 1, 1998, as amended (the "Agreement"); and
4. The Agreement, by it's terms, contemplates the expansion of the Park by inclusion of additional parcels within the Park or the reduction of the Park by the exclusion of parcels that are a part of the Park from time to time; and
5. Williamsburg and Florence desire to amend the Agreement to expand the Park and include an additional parcel that has been designated as an industrial site in Florence County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL:

1. The Agreement is hereby amended to expand the Park premises that are located in Florence County to include within the Park the property described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

2. The Chairman of the Florence County Council is hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of Florence County an Amendment to Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial and Business Park in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Connie Y. Haselden, Council Clerk

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

ABSENT:

Approved as to Form
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney

DRAFT

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Third Reading of Ordinance No. 01-2008/09

DEPARTMENT: Administration
Finance

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008 And Ending June 30, 2009; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; To Establish And Collect A Local Hospitality Tax In Florence County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. Ordinance No. 01-2008/09 is the budget ordinance for next fiscal year.
2. The proposed budget includes no General Fund mill levy increase.
3. The proposed budget includes a 2.75% cost of living increase for all County employees.

FUNDING FACTORS:

None

OPTIONS:

1. *(Recommended)* Approve Third Reading of Ordinance No. 01-2008/09
2. Provide An Alternate Directive

ATTACHMENT:

1. Summary of Included Changes – Third Reading
2. Local Hospitality Tax (2%) Fund (Fund 62) budget
3. Ordinance No. 01-2008/09

**Florence County
FY08/09 Budget
Summary of Included Changes
Third Reading**

Ordinance #01-2008/2009, third reading, includes the following changes:

GENERAL FUND

- Timmonsville Rescue Squad – Additional funding in the amount of \$13,152, primarily for increased fuel costs and increased worker’s compensation costs.
- Public Defender – Additional funding in the amount of \$5,000 for book budget. (This is due to a misinterpretation of the department’s original budget request for this line item.)
- Treasurer – The following budget neutral personnel changes, total budget considered. (Costs include applicable fringe benefit amounts for related FICA and retirement costs.)

Deputy Treasurer within grade increase	\$2,235
Accounting Manager within grade increase	\$2,926
Accountant II within grade increase	\$2,926
<u>Customer Service Rep I – perm. reduction to 30 hrs./wk</u>	<u>(\$5,214)</u>
Total request	\$2,873

- IT Manager change to IT Director effective January 1, 2009 (less than \$2,000 additional, FY09; less than \$4,000 annualized, FY10).
- Veterans Affairs – Reclassify Secretary II to Veterans Affairs Service Representative at a cost of \$1,925, which includes applicable fringe benefit amounts for related FICA and retirement costs.
- Employee Tort Insurance – Updated estimates from State enabled a reduction in amount budgeted by \$24,950 in order to fund changes noted above.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX (3%) FUND

- Civic Center - Funding of up to \$300,000 from fund balance to replace certain sections of retractable seating that is in disrepair. Civic Center has received preliminary proposal for approximately \$570,000. City of Florence would have to commit to an equal level of funding for project to proceed.
- I-95/52 Frontage Road Association – Appropriation of \$5,000 to fund portion of costs of lighting and maintaining frontage road.

[FY09 Draft-Budget-Neutral Alternative COLA/Bonus option if Council directs such amendment: Reduce the 2.75% COLA to 2% and increase the Bonus from \$100 to \$375]

**FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009**

LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX (2%) FUND // FUND 62

SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

REVENUES FROM LICENSES AND PERMITS

337-0500	2% Hospitality Taxes (nine months, commencing 10/1/08) (Unincorporated area, plus 1% inside municipalities **)	\$ 685,125
		<u>685,125</u>

TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 685,125
	<u><u>685,125</u></u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

411-411-000	Administrative costs	\$ 35,125
471-486-630	County Cultural Commission	150,000
471-486-640	Museum - Florence	300,000
471-486-650	Museum - Lake City	200,000
		<u>200,000</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 685,125
	<u><u>685,125</u></u>

NOTE: Ordinance #01-2008/2009, as amended, authorizes the County Administrator to determine and establish pay grades and positions within the County's compensation and classification plan.

**If municipal councils approved the 2nd 1% (total of 2%) by resolution, the additional 1% inside municipalities would generate approximately \$143,000 in additional hospitality tax revenue, which would be returned to the respective municipality in which the tax was collected.

Those returns would vary based on actual collection, and are ESTIMATED at:

Coward	\$	2,000
Johnsonville		22,000
Lake City		88,000
Olanta		2,000
Quinby		2,000
Scranton		13,000
Timmons ville		14,000
Total		<u>\$ 143,000</u>

Sponsor(s) : County Council
 Introduction : May 1, 2008
 Committee Referral : N/A
 Committee Consideration Date : N/A
 Committee Recommendation : N/A
 Public Hearing : May 15, 2008
 Second Reading : May 15, 2008
 Third Reading : June 5, 2008
 Effective Date : July 1, 2008

I, _____,
 Council Clerk, certify that the
 ad for a Public Hearing on this
 Ordinance ran on: _____.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2008/09

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

[An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008 And Ending June 30, 2009; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; To Establish and Collect a Local Hospitality Tax in Florence County; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.]

DIVISION I: ANNUAL BUDGET

WHEREAS:

1. The Florence County Council, pursuant to state statutes, is authorized and required to adopt an annual budget for all departments, offices, and agencies (hereinafter collectively termed offices or departments) of the County Government; and
2. Pursuant to state statutes, total funds appropriated in fiscal year 2008-2009 for the above purposes do not exceed estimated revenues and funds available for expenditure in fiscal year 2008-2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS

a. Procedures Compliance: The fiscal year 2008-2009 County Budget for Florence County, South Carolina is hereby adopted and detailed budget appropriation documentation attached hereto is incorporated herein by reference. The Florence County Council certifies that it has complied with all state laws and regulations regarding readings, notices, and public hearings for mills levied herein, and that it will comply in the case of mill levies which may be adjusted by resolution based on more current information at the time of final issuance of the levies and after the adoption of this ordinance.

b. Levy Process: In all cases, all property shall be taxed unless otherwise exempt from taxation pursuant to the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended. The taxes are due and payable and shall be collected in the manner as provided for collection of taxes the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, and in accordance with procedures established in County enacting ordinances.

(1) **Motor Vehicle Taxes:** Taxes levied on motor vehicles shall be collected pursuant to the schedules and procedures as established by State Statute and nothing herein shall be deemed to extend or defer the time of payment for such motor vehicle taxes.

(2) Motor Vehicle Owner Responsibility for Taxes: No motor vehicle registered in the State of South Carolina and property of a person, a resident of the County, shall be operated on the streets and public ways of the County unless all the motor vehicle taxes and fees duly assessed against such vehicle shall have first been paid. In the event that any person violates the provisions of this Section, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed in Title 46, 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended. Nothing in this section shall preclude the collection of taxes and fees upon such motor vehicle after the prosecution of the offender for failure to pay such tax.

c. Appropriation Management:

(1) Reallocation: Unless otherwise restricted by state law or specific limitation of accounting standards, all of the appropriations hereinafter and those in the budgetary detail incorporated herein by reference are subject to adjustment and reallocation by County Council by voice motion or resolution. Any amount appropriated in this Ordinance may be discontinued at any time by appropriate action of a majority of the County Council. Expenditures from the Council's General Fund contingency shall typically be done by resolution or voice motion.

(2) Duplication: If any of the items, or portions thereof, for which funds are herein appropriated is taken over by the State or Federal government and appropriations therefrom be made by either or paid by either directly to a County Office, or if the same shall become available in any manner, then the amounts for said Office herein appropriated shall be reduced in the amount of said appropriation, direct payment, or other available funds or support, unless otherwise restricted by law.

(3) Direct Assistance: All agencies receiving direct assistance payments from the County shall be funded quarterly in arrears no more than twenty-five (25%) percent of their direct assistance line item or on an alternate schedule at the discretion of the County Administrator in the case of emergencies. The quarterly allotments shall be paid around the 15th of the month following the end of each quarter. The final 4th quarter funding may be withheld by the Finance Director pending the reconciliation of outstanding obligations between the County and the Agency receiving funding or in the case of grant irregularities. Agencies, boards, and commissions, which are partially funded by Florence County Government, must provide annual audited financial statements to include a copy of the management letter and a copy of the A-133 Single Audit report, if applicable. State funded agencies must provide an annual report or a summary of local office-specific funding. Quarterly funding may be withheld pending the County's receipt of an agency's annual audited financial statements.

d. Mill Levy: The following mills are levied to provide the property tax revenues to fund a portion of the appropriated expenditures noted directly below in Section e, which shall be reflected on tax bills:

	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>
Florence County	21.8	21.8
Emergency Management	5.8	5.8
Law Enforcement	31.5	31.5
Senior Citizens Center	0.9	0.9
Library	7.9	7.9
Debt Service	9.0	9.0

However, for operational management and all purposes, all revenues and collections generated from the first five mill levies detailed directly above shall be combined and managed as a single total levy which is hereby appropriated to the General Fund. Additionally, the following mill levies for the operation of the special purpose fire districts and the mill levy for Florence-Darlington Technical College are hereby approved: (Estimated FY09 debt service millages are shown for informational purposes only and is subject to adjustment by the County Auditor.)

	Operating Mills		Estimated	Total
	FY08	FY09	Debt Mills FY09	
Johnsonville Rural Fire District	24.0	24.0	4.1	28.1
Sardis-Timmons ville Rural Fire District	15.0	15.0	0.0	15.0
Howe Springs Fire District	18.4	19.4	3.3	22.7
Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire District	18.0	18.0	8.0	26.0
West Florence Rural Fire District	6.5	8.0	0.0	8.0
Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Fire District	20.5	24.5	1.5	26.0
Florence-Darlington Technical College	4.9	4.9	0.0	4.9

Any millage adopted by this ordinance can be lowered by resolution of County Council prior to August 15, 2008.

The issuance of a general obligation bond in the approximate amount of \$600,000 for the construction of a new fire station for the Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Fire District is hereby authorized, along with the appropriate millage adjustment necessary to fund the annual debt service of said bond.

The issuance of a general obligation bond in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000 for the purchase of capital equipment for the Howe Springs Fire District is hereby authorized, along with the appropriate millage adjustment necessary to fund the annual debt service of said bond.

e. Funds: The following funds are hereby established for the purposes set forth with appropriations/budgeted amounts where applicable. Other funds may be delineated elsewhere:

Fund	Fund Name	Appropriation
10	County General Fund	\$49,113,446
08	Law Library Fund*	\$ 90,000
19	Landfill Fund*	\$ 5,804,000
21	District Utility Allocation Fund*	\$ 1,943,073
26	Economic Development Capital Project Fund	\$ 1,488,000
27	Economic Development Partnership Fund*	\$ 460,000
30	Road Maintenance Fund*	\$ 3,713,571
35	65% State Accommodations Tax (2%) Fund*	\$ 250,000
36	30% State Accommodations Tax (2%) Fund*	\$ 120,000
37	District Infrastructure Allocation Fund*	\$ 1,427,568
48	E-911 System Fund*	\$ 963,999
52	Victim/Witness Fund*	\$ 382,634
62	Hospitality Fund*	\$ 685,125
64	Local Accommodations Tax (3%) Fund*	\$ 2,777,000
65	District Rocking and Paving Fund	\$ 1,683,578
74	Debt Service Fund*	\$ 3,620,803
	OPEB Fund*	\$ 1,000,000

* At the close of the fiscal year, any unexpended budgeted monies within these funds and within all capital project funds shall be carried forward with their respective fund balance for the continued established use of that fund subject to appropriations, unless specifically authorized otherwise by ordinance or directed by State law.

f. County General & Debt Service Funds: The Florence County Auditor is authorized and directed to levy upon all taxable property in Florence County, South Carolina, and the Florence County Treasurer is directed to collect, taxes sufficient to meet all County General Fund appropriations directed by this Ordinance, except as provided for by other revenue sources for the operation of the County Government for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The Florence County Auditor is authorized and directed to levy upon taxable property in Florence County, South Carolina and the Florence County Treasurer is directed to collect taxes sufficient to meet the appropriation of \$3,620,803 for Debt Service provided by this Ordinance.

g. Landfill Fund Balance Appropriations (nonrecurring): The sum of \$500,000 is hereby appropriated from the Landfill Fund Balance and is included in the Landfill Fund appropriation in Item (e) directly above. The purpose of this appropriation is to partially fund in FY09 the cost of the manned convenience centers contract rather than fund the entire amount of this contract from the General Fund. In addition, the sum of \$1,065,140 is hereby appropriated from the Landfill Fund Balance and is included in the Landfill Fund appropriation in item (e) directly above. The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the cost of the budgeted Public Works vehicles and equipment included in the Road Maintenance Fund. In addition, the sum of \$2,000,000 is hereby appropriated from the Landfill Fund Balance and is included in the Landfill Fund appropriation in item (e) directly above. The purpose of this appropriation is to fund future potential land purchases, etc.

h. Major Funds Determination: In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 and other appropriate regulations requiring Government-wide Financial Statements, major funds will be determined annually at the end of the fiscal year during the audit process.

i. Grants Management:

(1) Grant Fund Balances: Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, all unexpended balances from previous appropriations of state and federal grant funds, any State Accommodations Tax Funds not committed to the County General Fund, and capital improvement or special project appropriations outstanding as of June 30th in the calendar year in which this budget ordinance is effective, shall be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year budget appropriations. All grants are to be budgeted and accounted for in a special revenue fund, and authorized local match transfers will be completed by the County Finance Director based on County Council's acceptance of the grant.

(2) County Acceptance: The expenditure of funds for grant programs included in this budget shall not be authorized unless evidence that the respective grants have been approved by the grantor agency is provided to the County Administrator, and the grant has been accepted and funded by proper action of County Council. In all cases, total program expenditures shall be limited to the lesser of the total grant award(s), or the amount(s) designated in the current budget appropriations, as amended, or as approved by County Council Grant Resolutions. The County Finance Director must be listed as a contact on all grant applications and awards; all correspondence must be copied to the County Grants Coordinator.

(3) Budgeting: Grant funds requiring matching County funds not specifically budgeted shall be authorized by passage of Council Resolution approving the grant application and identifying matching expenditure funds from other previously appropriated funds. Grants requiring no new local match appropriation may be budgeted by Resolution of Council. The Finance Director is authorized to create the necessary general ledger accounts; the opening of bank accounts, when necessary, shall be executed by the County Treasurer in coordination with the Finance Director. When grant award payments are received, the Treasurer's Office or County Offices shall provide the Grants Coordinator with copies of all checks received for the reimbursement of grant expenditures and any other related documentation determined by the Finance Director as necessary to ensure audit compliance. All grant revenues shall be credited to the appropriate revenue line item as established by the Finance Director. Grant revenues will not be applied directly to expenditure line items. All grant disbursements shall be authorized only through the Finance Office unless State or Federal law specifically provides otherwise and the County is exempt from financial reporting on those funds at both the State and Federal levels.

(4) Federal Reporting: In accordance with Federal A-133 Audit Requirements related to Federal grants, all County offices and Component Units must report the expenditures and provide copies of grant awards and any other grant related reports to the Grants Coordinator. County offices must present all voucher requests for payments related to grants to the Finance Office before the disbursement of grant related funds. County offices that do not comply with this ordinance and any other published administrative procedures necessary for complete and timely reporting of grants such that the County incurs additional independent audit costs or loses grants funds will have

these costs deducted from the Office or Component Unit's budget appropriations annually until any unfunded expenditures are fully recouped.

SECTION 2. FUND BALANCE MANAGEMENT

a. Compliant Fund Balance Policy: Florence County Council utilizes a compliant fund balance methodology based on the cash-flow needs of the County to maintain sufficient reserves in order to maintain County operations. End of year fund balance estimations and associated cash flow projections for all cash-discrete funds are developed annually in the budget process to maintain a minimum of annualized appropriations in operational funds to ensure routine operations remain uninterrupted and in sinking funds (debt service fund) balances as required to timely service all scheduled debt.

Should any individual fund balance fall below the required minimum balance, inter-fund cash transfers are hereby authorized, provided that the allocation of interest is accounted for appropriately no less than once per fiscal year.

b. Tax Anticipation Note Authority: The County is hereby empowered to borrow in anticipation of tax or other revenues for County purposes any sum not exceeding the amount anticipated to be received from taxes and other revenues during the current or following fiscal year, and not only to pledge the taxes or other revenues anticipated in the current or succeeding fiscal year, but to pledge, also, the full faith and credit of Florence County for the repayment of any sums so borrowed. Such sums shall be borrowed from any banking institution or lending agency and shall be payable at such time, upon such terms, and in such sums as may be negotiated between the County and the lender.

SECTION 3. BUDGET YEAR END

a. Purchase Authority Cutoff: The budget year shall expire on June 30 of this fiscal year. No monies shall be disbursed pursuant to this Ordinance unless such funds have been obligated (i.e. an order has been placed or a contract signed for the delivery of goods or services in accordance with County procurement procedures) prior to the close of the fiscal year, which is June 30. The County Administrator will take action to preclude all purchase order activity except business required for expedient operations and emergencies after June 15 of the fiscal year; no capital purchases other than emergencies will be initiated after May 31 of the fiscal year without the express written approval of the County Administrator. In addition, all items must be received and invoiced June 30th or earlier, or the items will be deducted from the originating office's subsequent fiscal year budget.

b. Purchase Order Liquidation: All offices are responsible for providing documentation regarding outstanding obligations for this fiscal year to the Finance Department on or before June 15th to facilitate the proper accrual of outstanding obligations of the County or the obligation(s) may be deducted from the office's budget for the subsequent fiscal year.

c. No Roll-Forward: Budget line item balances shall under no circumstances roll forward at the end of this fiscal year into the next fiscal year's budget, except for bond funds and grants crossing the fiscal year or as otherwise specified or appropriated within this budget ordinance.

SECTION 4. NATURE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHART OF ACCOUNTS

a. Transfers Prohibited: Unbudgeted transfers are prohibited except as approved herein and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

b. Overspending: Any office which overspends its straight-line spending levels for two consecutive months shall be reviewed by the County Administrator, who may freeze position vacancies, capital expenditures, and funds transfers, and remove sufficient personnel from the County payroll to offset fully the impending budget overrun prior to the close of the fiscal year.

c. Intra-departmental Transfers by Finance Department: In order to process claims for payment submitted to the Finance Department, the Finance Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized to make intra-departmental transfers between line items in any department's budget in order to ensure that no line item is over-spent by the processing of these claims.

SECTION 5. FIXED ASSETS

a. Reporting: The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the useful life of the asset are not capitalized. The threshold for determining if an item is considered to be a fixed or capital asset is the value or the purchase price (whichever is higher) of \$5,000 or greater and the item must have a useful life of more than one year. Appropriate depreciation schedules are maintained on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each asset in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The estimated useful life is determined by guidelines developed by the State of South Carolina Office of Comptroller General, and in some cases, applicable Federal IRS regulations and/or Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 34 implementation guidelines.

b. Inventory Control: Each County Office is responsible for verification of all of its items required to be listed in the Fixed Asset System maintained by County Finance and for providing documentation of the annual inventory review to Finance on or before the third week in June annually. Finance will distribute forms for the inventory verification process and will provide current inventory listings to County Offices for verification of inventory on hand by May 30th annually.

c. Insurance Proceeds: In order to comply with GASB42 regulations, all insurance payments will be processed by the County Finance Office.

SECTION 6. RECEIPT, MANAGEMENT, AND REPORTING OF CASH:

a. Timely deposit: All service charges, fees, fines, reimbursements, grant funds etc. received by County Offices shall be deposited with the County Treasurer or directly to the bank that serves as checking depository as soon as possible after collection. All County Offices that collect funds on a daily basis shall reconcile receipts to funds received and submit funds to the Treasurer's Office by the following business day in the format as prescribed by the County Treasurer. Offices collecting less than \$200 on any single day may delay one business day. This policy does not apply where State law specifically provides authority for other actions to a specific official.

b. Bank Reconciliation: The Treasurer is responsible for reconciling bank accounts maintained in the Treasurer's Office in order to properly record revenues to the books of the County in accordance with the County's chart of accounts and properly allocating interest and all other funds to various funds and bank accounts as required by SC Law.

c. Cash Accounting: The County Treasurer's Office is responsible for annual external audit reporting of revenues to the State Comptroller's Office and for providing the Finance Office and External Auditors with sufficient data to convert revenues from the cash basis of accounting to the modified accrual basis of accounting in order to ensure legal and annual audit compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) regulations, in particular GASB Statement No. 34 which requires revenue reporting on the modified accrual basis of accounting during the fiscal year and year-end conversion to accrual basis to produce Government-Wide Financial Statements.

SECTION 7. ANNUAL FISCAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Boards, Commissions, Agencies, and Institutions: All boards, commissions, agencies, and institutions receiving County funds shall make a full detailed annual fiscal report to the County Council at the end of the fiscal year. Agencies receiving less than \$5,000 annually in direct assistance from the County may submit internally prepared financial statements in lieu of an audited statement. The County governing body, the County Administrator, or the Finance Office may require reports, estimates, and statistics from any County office as may be necessary in the preparation of annual budgets or supplemental appropriations. Prior year audits are required for acceptance of annual budget requests.

SECTION 8. COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND PERSONNEL

a. Solicitor and Public Defender funding supplement commitments: Salary supplements are included for various employees in the Solicitor's and Public Defender's departments' budgets. Disbursement of these supplements is contingent upon available funding received from these offices. Should this funding become unavailable, the supplements shall be removed from the payroll system of Florence County and the salaries reduced accordingly.

b. Planning Department Tier Pay Structure: The County Administrator is authorized hereafter to continue the tier pay structure for certain employees in the Planning Department upon receipt of certain certifications.

c. FY09 Christmas Bonus: A Christmas bonus is hereby included in the budget in the amount of \$100 per employee, to be paid between the first and second pay dates in December 2008. All full-time and regular part-time employees who are in pay status during the first pay period in December are eligible to receive this bonus. In addition, all PRN employees who have worked at least 1,000 hours in each of the last two fiscal years and who are also in pay status during the first pay period in December are eligible to receive this bonus.

d. Public Information Officers: The County Administrator is authorized to appoint up to four employees as public information officers. These employees must then be trained and certified to perform this function. As a result of being assigned these additional duties and therefore being on call, hourly employees assigned to this function will receive a supplement of 3% of their hourly wage and salaried employees will receive a supplement of \$100 per month. Should an employee cease to perform this function, the supplement pay shall cease.

e. Travel: When employees are required to travel on official business, the County pays reasonable amounts for transportation, meals, and lodging in accordance with the County's Personnel Policies, Administrative Directives, and this ordinance. When an office has County Vehicles assigned to it, employees in that particular office should utilize a County Vehicle if this use does not impede County Operations. If the employee's personal vehicle is utilized, the employee shall be reimbursed at the same rate per mile traveled as is paid to state employees. This includes use of an employee's personal vehicle for travel within Florence County as required by their supervisor. Meal expenses will be \$40.00 for a twenty-four hour period and will be \$25.00 for periods less than twenty-four hours. Per diem is not provided for meals related to meetings inside Florence County, unless the meeting is an official, required function. Per diem is provided for in-state, one-day meetings for which an employee leaves the county and returns to the county in the same day. However, if lunch is provided for this meeting, then per diem will not be provided. Travel advances for meals shall not include per diem for the day of departure or the day of return. For a Law Enforcement employee transporting a prisoner, the employee will be reimbursed at per diem rates for his own meal at any food stop mandated by statute on behalf of the prisoner. In all other cases, Law Enforcement employees shall be required to follow the regular requirements for reimbursement of meal expenses provided for other County employees. There is no provision for advance per diems to the individual for Hotel Reservations, Airline Tickets, Conference/Seminar registration costs or all other costs related to travel; all Hotel Reservations, Airline Tickets, Conference/Seminar registration costs or other costs related to travel will normally be paid directly to the vendor providing the service. Original, dated, detailed receipts must accompany all travel reimbursement requests. County Departments and Elected Officials Offices shall have no authority to waive the requirement for

receipt of original, dated, detailed receipts under this section. Under no circumstances shall the County reimburse any persons eligible for travel reimbursement by the County for alcoholic beverages, personal purchases of any kind not specifically authorized in the personnel policy, or any amounts for which appropriated funds are not available or are a violation of the State Ethics Laws and regulations.

f. Credit Cards and Accounts: Credit cards which obligate Florence County directly are not permitted unless specifically authorized by written resolution of County Council. Requests for establishing credit accounts in the name of the County must be forwarded to the County Finance Office which is responsible for establishing credit accounts with vendors upon written approval by the County Administrator or the Finance Director. The County Finance Department is also responsible for the control and monitoring of all credit accounts in the County's name, verification of goods received and reconciling of such credit purchases to invoices received. Accounts not established in accordance with this ordinance are the sole responsibility of the initiating person, and the County shall not be liable or obligated to make payment on behalf of the initiator or the person using the account.

g. Tuition Assistance Program: An amount of \$25,000 has been appropriated in Department 412, Division 900 of the General Fund to assist County employees who wish to further their education in a field of study beneficial to their employment with Florence County. Tuition will be reimbursed for courses only at accredited colleges and for which college credit can be obtained toward a two-year or higher degree. This assistance will be available based on the recommendation of the department head and the approval of the County Administrator. The Human Resources Department is authorized and directed to establish the administrative procedures necessary to operate this program, including whether an annual credit hour or dollar reimbursement cap per employee is necessary. All expenditures under this program will be for tuition and/or book and supply fees and will not include such other charges such as application fees, matriculation fees, or late fees. In addition, all expenditures will be reimbursement-based according to the grade received. Employees will be reimbursed 90% of the costs noted above for a grade of "A", 75% for a grade of "B", 50% for a grade of "C", and nothing for any grade lower. If the employee receives any other funding such as state or federal grant or any other allocation, the reimbursement percentages above apply only to the remaining unpaid portion of tuition. If the funding for this program becomes exhausted, the program will be suspended until it is funded further.

h. Continuation of County employment following TERI (Teachers and Employee Retirement Incentive): County employees enrolled in the TERI program, who wish to extend County employment following the TERI period, may apply for continuation in their current position and pay rate after satisfying the minimum timeframes set by the South Carolina Retirement System. The employee must make a written request to his Department Head and copies of approved requests must be provided to the Human Resources Department at least 30 days prior to the end of the employee's TERI period. The Department Head must recommend the request in writing and the County Administrator must approve the request in writing.

i. Retirees' Health Insurance: The post-retirement health insurance provided to eligible retirees as established by the Florence County personnel Policy Manual is hereby amended to make this benefit subject to annual appropriation by County Council in the annual budget ordinance. In the FY09 budget, certain funds have been segregated into a separate Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Fund, should County Council continue to appropriate these funds annually to offset a portion of related future liability costs.

j. Tax Assessor Department Tier Pay Structure: The County Administrator is authorized to implement a tier pay structure for certain employees in the Tax Assessor Department upon receipt of certain certifications.

k. Local Hospitality Tax Fund: The County Administrator is hereby authorized to determine and establish pay grades and positions for the Local Hospitality Tax Fund within the County's compensation and classification plan.

SECTION 9. INDEPENDENT AUDIT

An independent annual audit of all financial records and transactions of the County shall be made by a Certified Public Accountant or firm of public accountants with no personal interest, direct or indirect in the fiscal affairs of the County government of Florence County or any of its officers. The County Council may, without requiring competitive bids, designate such accountant or firm. Unless included in the annual County audit, an annual audit of each county agency, board, bureau, or commission of Florence County, funded in whole or in part by County funds, shall be made. Copies of the annual County audit shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County and provided for the Florence County Administrator.

The County Administrator is hereby authorized to complete work with the County's existing software programming vendor, Strawn & Neil, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the purpose of completing the modification of the County's accounting chart of accounts to expand the fields in the account structure in order to modernize, simplify, and streamline the budget structure. These modifications will allow the County to more efficiently prepare the year-end financial statements in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 and will also enhance budget analysis.

SECTION 10. FEES AND CHARGES

Disposition of Collections: All taxes, fees, charges, and assessments not otherwise allocated specifically by this ordinance with the supporting detail incorporated herein by reference or by law shall be deposited in the Florence County General Fund with other general fund revenues. All such taxes, fees, charges, and assessments shall be appropriated and allocated by the Florence County Council in the same manner as other general revenues. No such taxes, fees, charges, or assessments shall be paid to or shall accrue to the personal benefit of any officer or employee of Florence County. Use of fees, fines, and charges to reimburse expenditure budget line items through deposit credits is prohibited.

Manned Convenience Centers: Commercial use and non-County residential use of the Florence County manned convenience centers (MCCs) is prohibited, subject to a fine of up to \$500 per incident plus court costs, which is hereby established. Law enforcement officers with appropriate jurisdiction and Florence County environmental services officers are hereby authorized to write tickets and the Florence County Magistrate's Office is hereby authorized to try the case.

Planning and Building Department: In addition to the other fees currently collected by the Planning and Building Department, the Planning Director is hereby authorized to collect a standard fee of \$50 for certificates of occupancy and for zoning compliance and to issue the requested information separately from the County's current Freedom of Information Act procedure. These requests are routine in nature and can be processed internally by this department.

Tax Assessor's Office: In addition to the other fees currently collected by the Tax Assessor's Office, the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to charge a standard fee of \$250 for reports to mortgage companies and to issue the requested information separately from the County's current Freedom of Information Act procedure. These requests are routine in nature and can be processed internally by this department.

Solid Waste Household Fee: In order to partially defray the fuel surcharge increases from the vendor that operates the Florence County manned convenience centers; the solid waste household fee is hereby increased from \$33.02 to \$35.52 effective for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule: Effective July 1, 2008, the fee schedule for emergency medical services will be as follows:

	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>
Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$250	\$325
Advanced Life Support (ALS)	\$300	\$375
Advanced Life Support II (ALS2)	\$300	\$400
Treatment/No Transport	\$150	\$175
Mileage rate per mile	\$ 5	\$ 8

SECTION 11. DEBT COLLECTION

Setoff Debt: Florence County is hereby authorized to participate in the Setoff Debt Program through the South Carolina Association of Counties on an annual basis as approved by the Florence County Administrator, who is authorized to execute all documentation and direct all designations of personnel participating as necessary.

Insurance Processing: For those EMS patients who are both Medicare and Medicaid eligible, Florence County will bill the primary insurance carrier for charges incurred by the patient for use of the County’s EMS services. Any amounts remaining after the payment from the primary insurance carrier has been applied to the patient’s account shall be the responsibility of the patient.

SECTION 12. CONTRACTING AND FUNDS OR OTHER COMMITMENTS

a. Contract Execution: The County Administrator or County Administrator’s designee is the sole authority who can obligate the county in any manner through signature of contracts, purchase orders, or other such agreements or documents as an authorized agent.

b. Check Enforcement Unit: The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute annual agreements between Florence County and the 12th Circuit Solicitor’s Office for the operation of the Solicitor’s check enforcement unit.

c. Title IV-D Contracts: The County Administrator, Clerk of Court, and Sheriff are authorized to enter jointly into agreements with the South Carolina Department of Social Services for receipt of Title IV-D (Child Support Enforcement) Federal Funds.

d. School Resource Officer Contracts: The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute contracts at the request of the Florence County Sheriff with the various school districts in Florence County for School Resource Officers, provided that Florence County’s share of the funding for each of the contracts does not exceed the amount budgeted in the General Fund for the Florence County Sheriff’s Office grant match/contract match line item.

e. Lease Renewals: The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute renewals of any existing leases for real or personal property for the terms and conditions included in the various leases as the existing lease periods expire and the leases therefore come up for renewal and for which funds are available through County Council appropriation in this year’s budget.

f. SCDOC Agreements: The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute annual agreements between Florence County and the South Carolina Department of Corrections for the use of pre-release inmates by the Recreation Department.

g. DSN Resolution: The Chairman of County Council is hereby authorized to execute a resolution designating the Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs Board as an entity in Florence County to provide transportation to persons with disabilities.

h. EMS Medical Control Physician: The County Administrator is hereby authorized to renew the EMS Medical Control Physician contractual arrangement.

i. Litter Control Enforcement: The Environmental Services Department is hereby authorized to resume armed/blue light litter enforcement effective July 1, 2008.

j. Planning and Building Inspection Agreements with Municipalities: The County Administrator is hereby authorized to extend agreements previously authorized by County Council for the provision of planning and building inspection services by the County for various municipalities within Florence County.

SECTION 13. AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENT EXTENSION PROCESS – PRIVATE CITIZENS

A fixed Agricultural Assessment Extension Policy for private citizens is hereby authorized. Any private citizen may apply for agricultural assessment for no more than two tax years prior to the then current tax year. Businesses, including partnerships, corporations, etc., are not eligible to receive consideration under this fixed policy, but must continue to make applications to Council demonstrating to Council's satisfaction that the business had reasonable cause for not filing timely.

SECTION 14. VEHICLES – OFFICIAL COUNTY FLEET

The approval by written resolution of County Council or authorization as provided in annual budget ordinances shall be required to place any additional vehicles in the County fleet. Without such authorization, no vehicle shall be added to the fleet or to the County's insurance policies except where a currently insured vehicle is being removed from same. Vehicles removed from the fleet and the insurance policies must be surplus, through Council resolution, and placed for sale according to County Purchasing Policy.

If the County Administrator deems it in the best financial interests of the County, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to approve the trade-in of certain County-owned surplus vehicles against the cost of replacing said vehicles, rather than holding surplus vehicles for auction.

SECTION 15. DESIGNATION OF AGENCIES FOR SPECIFIC ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDS

Pursuant to the requirements of South Carolina Law with regard to administration of State Accommodations Tax Funds (Fund 36), the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Lake City Chamber of Commerce are hereby designated as the tourism bodies in Florence County. These organizations shall be responsible for administering and reporting expenses for these State Accommodations Tax Funds (Fund 36) to County Finance. Total amount of funds shall be adjusted annually based on actual funds the County receives from the State related to the promotion of tourism. County Council reserves the right to designate alternate agencies by voice motion at its discretion.

DIVISION II: LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX

WHEREAS:

1. Article 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Act"), authorizes local governing bodies by ordinance to impose a Local Hospitality Tax (as defined herein) not to exceed two percent (2%) on the gross proceeds of sales of prepared meals and beverages; and
2. The County finds that a Local Hospitality Tax upon the sales of prepared meals and beverages sold in establishments in the County will result in revenues that will be used for the dedicated purpose of improving services and facilities for tourists and the citizens of the County, which constitutes a public purpose of the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

- a. "County" means Florence County, South Carolina and all of the unincorporated areas and the incorporated municipalities within the geographical boundaries of Florence County, South Carolina.
- b. "Local Hospitality Tax" means a tax on the sales of prepared meals and beverages sold in establishments within the County.
- c. "Obligations" means bonds, certificates of participation, lease or other forms of obligations approved by the County Council of the County payable or secured by the proceeds of the Local Hospitality Tax issued to defray the cost of one or more projects authorized under the Act.
- d. "Prepared meals and beverages" means the products sold ready for consumption either on or off premises in businesses classified as eating and drinking places under the Standard Industrial Code Classification Manual and including but not limited to lunch counters and restaurant stands; restaurants, lunch counters, and drinking places operated as a subordinate facility by other establishments; convenience stores, grocery delicatessens, and bars and restaurants owned by and operated for members of civic, social, and fraternal associations.

SECTION 2. LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX

A Local Hospitality Tax is hereby imposed on the sales of prepared meals and beverages sold in establishments within the County. The Local Hospitality Tax shall be in an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the gross proceeds of sales of prepared meals and beverages sold in establishments located within the unincorporated areas of the County. The Local Hospitality Tax shall be in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the gross proceeds of sales of prepared food and beverages sold in establishments located within the boundaries of any incorporated municipalities within the County which have not imposed a local hospitality tax prior to July 1, 2008 provided, however, the County shall not impose a local hospitality tax on those municipalities that have adopted a two percent (2%) Local Hospitality Tax prior to July 1, 2008; further, provided, however that the cumulative rate of the County and municipal Local Hospitality Taxes imposed for any portion of the County may not exceed two percent (2%).

SECTION 3. PAYMENT OF LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX

- a. Payment of the Local Hospitality Tax established herein shall be the liability of the consumer of the prepared meals and beverages. The Local Hospitality Tax shall be paid at the time of purchase of prepared meals and beverages to which the Local Hospitality Tax applies, and shall be collected by the provider of prepared meals and beverages (also known as the "provider of services" or "service providers"). The County shall promulgate a form of return that shall be utilized by the provider of the services to calculate the amount of the Local Hospitality Tax collected and due the County. This form shall contain a sworn declaration as to the correctness thereof by the provider of the services.
- b. The Local Hospitality Tax provided for in this Ordinance must be remitted to the County on a monthly basis when the estimated amount of average Local Hospitality Tax is more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) a month, on a quarterly basis when the estimated amount of average Local Hospitality Tax is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to fifty dollars (\$50.00) a month, and on an annual basis when the estimated amount of average Local Hospitality Tax is less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) a month. The closing date for monthly payments is the last day of the month; the closing dates for quarterly payments are the last days of the months of March, June, September, and December, and the closing date for annual payments is the last day of December.
- c. The provider of the services shall remit the Local Hospitality Tax collected, when due, to the County by the 20th day of the month following the closing date of the period for which the Local Hospitality Tax payment is to be remitted. A payment is considered to be timely remitted to the County if the return has a U.S. Mail

postmark date on or before the date the report form is due. If the 20th day of the month falls on a Sunday or postal service holiday, then payments postmarked on the next business day will be accepted as timely filed.

SECTION 4. LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

An interest-bearing, segregated and restricted fund to be known as the "Florence County Local Hospitality Tax Special Revenue Fund" (the "Fund") is hereby established. All revenues received from the Local Hospitality Tax shall be deposited into the Fund. The principal and any accrued interest in the Fund shall be expended only as permitted by the Act.

SECTION 5. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

It is the intent of County Council and the County Administrator as their designee to ensure that any and all money expended from the Fund shall be spent for the purposes permitted under the Act.

The amounts of the Fund, including investment earnings accumulated therein, shall be allocated, subject to annual appropriation by the County Council, in the following manner:

- (1) Should Local Hospitality Tax funds be used to defray the cost of Obligations, the amount necessary for debt service shall take precedence over all allocations;
- (2) If any balance remains, then to provide for expenditures related to operational and maintenance costs and for the provisions of additional County services including but not limited to law enforcement, traffic control, emergency management, and emergency medical services which enhance the ability of the County to attract and provide for tourists. The funds must not be used as an additional source of revenue to provide services normally provided by the County, and provided that the amount of accommodations taxes collected annually in the County pursuant to Section 12-36-920 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, is less than nine hundred thousand dollars, then the amount of Local Hospitality Funds used for operation and maintenance as described in this subsection (2) cannot exceed twenty percent (20%) of the Local Hospitality Tax revenue collected in the preceding year; and
- (3) The remaining balance, plus interest earned, shall be allocated to provide for expenditures related to operating and maintenance costs associated with tourism related programs and to defray the cost of capital projects that qualify for such funds under the Act.

SECTION 6. OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Any organization or agency receiving Local Hospitality Tax funds must submit a report of expenditures and the impact on tourism for the preceding calendar year and a plan for the upcoming year to the County Administrator on or before March 1 of each year. Such report shall be on a form provided by the County.

SECTION 7. INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Ordinance, the County Administrator or other authorized agent of the County is empowered to require annual registration of businesses operating in the County for purposes of determining the applicability of this Ordinance, enter upon the premises of any person subject to this Ordinance and to make inspections and to examine and audit books and records. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to make available the necessary books and records during normal business hours upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice. In the event that an audit reveals that the provider of the services has filed false information, the costs of the audit shall be added to the correct amount of Local Hospitality Tax determined to be due. All operational and administrative costs associated with the billing and collection of the Local Hospitality Tax will be charged to the Fund. The County Administrator or other authorized agent of the County may make systematic inspections of all service providers that are governed by this Ordinance to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. Records of inspection shall not be deemed public records.

SECTION 8. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- a. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance to:
 - 1. fail to collect the Local Hospitality Tax as provided in this Ordinance, or
 - 2. fail to remit to the County the Local Hospitality Tax collected pursuant to this Ordinance, or
 - 3. knowingly provide false information on the form of return submitted to the County, or
 - 4. fail to provide books and records to the County Administrator or other authorized agent of the County for the purpose of an audit upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice.
- b. Any unpaid assessment of Local Hospitality Tax shall be subject to a five percent (5%) penalty, charged on the original amount of the Local Hospitality tax due.
- c. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred and No/100 (\$200.00) or imprisoned for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days.

SECTION 9. OBLIGATIONS

So long as any Obligation is outstanding that the County has designated as being secured by or payable from the Local Hospitality Tax, the Local Hospitality Tax shall continue to be collected by the County.

SECTION 10. COLLECTIONS

The Local Hospitality Tax shall commence being collected by the providers of the services on October 1, 2008, and remittance of the Local Hospitality Tax shall commence in the manner referenced in Section 3 herein.

SECTION 11. CODIFICATION

Effective upon the adoption of this Ordinance, the provisions of this section – Local Hospitality Tax – shall be codified in the Florence County Code of Ordinances. In addition, the provisions of this section shall remain in force until modified or repealed by Ordinance of Florence County Council.

DIVISION III: REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY

SECTION 1. All provisions in other County Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Connie Y. Haselden
Clerk to Council

K.G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman
Florence County Council

Approved as to Form & Content
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:
ABSENT:

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Item For Meeting On: Thursday, June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No.33-2007/08
Second Reading

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Building Inspections

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

[An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Pinewood Village Located Off Second Loop Road, Florence From RU-1, Rural Community District To B-3, General Commercial District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90-080, Block 1, Parcel 31 Consisting Of 7.28 Acres.]

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. The property is located in Council District 8.
2. The property is currently vacant.
3. All of the properties are currently zoned, RU-1, Rural Community District.
4. The applicants wish to rezone the properties to B-3, General Commercial District.
5. The property is surrounded by commercial properties and some residentially-developed properties.
6. This property is designated in a High Intensity Economic Corridor area according to the Comprehensive Plan.
7. This request does comply with the Comprehensive Plan.

OPTIONS:

1. (*Recommended*) Approval of Ordinance No. 33-2007/08 To Rezone Properties Owned By Pinewood Village Located Off Second Loop Road, Florence From RU-1, Rural Community District To B-3, General Commercial District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90-080, Block 1, Parcel 31 Consisting of 7.28 Acres.
(*Planning Commission approved 8-1.*) (*Council District 8*)
2. Provide An Alternative Directive

ATTACHMENTS:

Copies of the following are attached:

1. Ordinance No.33-2007/08
2. Staff report for PC#2008-25
3. Vicinity map
4. Location map
5. Comprehensive Land Use Plan map
6. Zoning map
7. Aerial photograph
8. Comprehensive Plan information
9. Consolidated Zoning Ordinance information

Sponsor(s) : Planning Commission
 Planning Commission Consideration : April 22, 2008
 Planning Commission Public Hearing : April 22, 2008
 Planning Commission Recommendation : April 22, 2008 [Approved 9-0]
 First Reading/Introduction : May 15, 2008
 Committee Referral : N/A
 Second Reading : June 5, 2008
 Third Reading : June 19, 2008
 Effective Date : Immediately

I, _____,
 Council Clerk, certify that this
 Ordinance was advertised for
 Public Hearing on _____.

ORDINANCE NO. 33 -2007/08

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

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WHEREAS:

1. Article 9, Section 9.1 entitled "Intent" of the Consolidated Zoning Ordinance establishes that Florence County Council must be satisfied that applications for amendments to the Zoning Atlas of Florence County are not injurious from a public health, safety, and general welfare outlook and the effect of the change will not negatively impact the immediate environs or the County generally; and
2. Article 9, Section 9.5 entitled "Administrative Procedures, Action" of the Consolidated Zoning Ordinance for Florence County adopted April 1, 1999, provides a procedure for amending the Official Zoning Map of the County of Florence; and
3. The procedure has been followed by the Florence County/Municipal Planning Commission at a public hearing on April 22, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Property located on Second Loop Road bearing Tax Map 90-080, Block 1, Parcel 31 is hereby rezoned to B-3, General Commercial District.
2. Provisions in other Florence County ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

ATTEST:

 Connie Y. Haselden, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

 K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

ABSENT:

 Approved as to Form and Content
 James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney

**STAFF REPORT
TO THE
FLORENCE COUNTY/MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
April 22, 2008
PC#2008-25
ORDINANCE NO. 33-2007/08**

Subject: Rezoning request from RU-1, Rural Community District to B-3, General Commercial District

Location: Property located off Second Loop, Florence County

Tax Map Number: 90080, Block 1, Parcel 31

Council District(s): 8; County Council

Owner of Record: Pinewood Village

Applicant: John Blankenship

Land Area: Approximately 7.28± acres

Existing Land Use and Zoning:

The subject property is currently vacant and zoned RU-1, Rural Community District.

Proposed Land Use and Zoning:

The proposal is to rezone the subject property to B-3, General Commercial District for retail and office use.

Surrounding Land Uses and Zoning

North: Planned Development District / PD/ City of Florence

South: Single-Family Residential /R-3 and B-3/ Florence County

East: Commercial /B-3/ Florence County

West: Commercial/B-3/ City of Florence

Florence County Comprehensive Plan:

The front portion of subject property which fronts Second Loop Road is located in a High Intensity Economic Corridor area and the rear portion of subject property is located in an Industrial Business area according to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map. The applicant's request to rezone property to B-3 does comply with the Comprehensive Plan.

Staff Analysis:

Access and Circulation- Present access to the property is by way of Second Loop Road that is maintained by South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Water and Sewer Availability- These services are provided by the City of Florence Public Works.

Adjacent Waterways/Bodies of Water/Flood Zone- There does not appear to be any waterway/body of water adjacent to the property. The property is not located in a flood zone.

Background- The request is to rezone the subject properties to B-3, General Commercial District.

Traffic Review:

The rezoning of this property would have a minimal effect on traffic flow for the area

Florence County/Municipal Planning Commission Action: April 22, 2008

The nine Planning Commission members present approved the rezoning request with a vote of eight in favor and one recusal at the meeting held on April 22, 2008.

Florence County/Municipal Planning Commission Recommendation:

The Planning Commission recommends approval of this request by Florence County Council due to the rezoning request being in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

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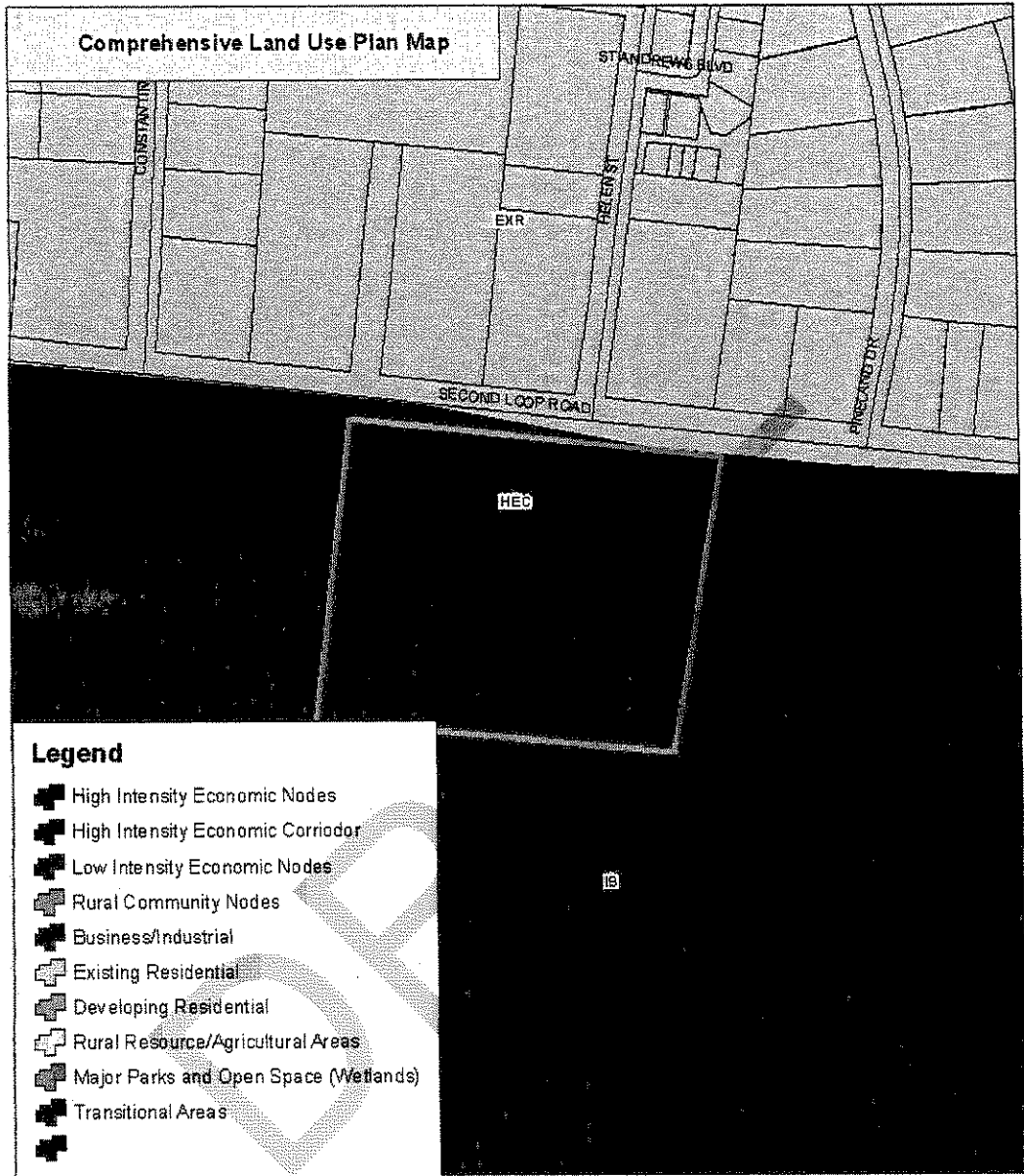


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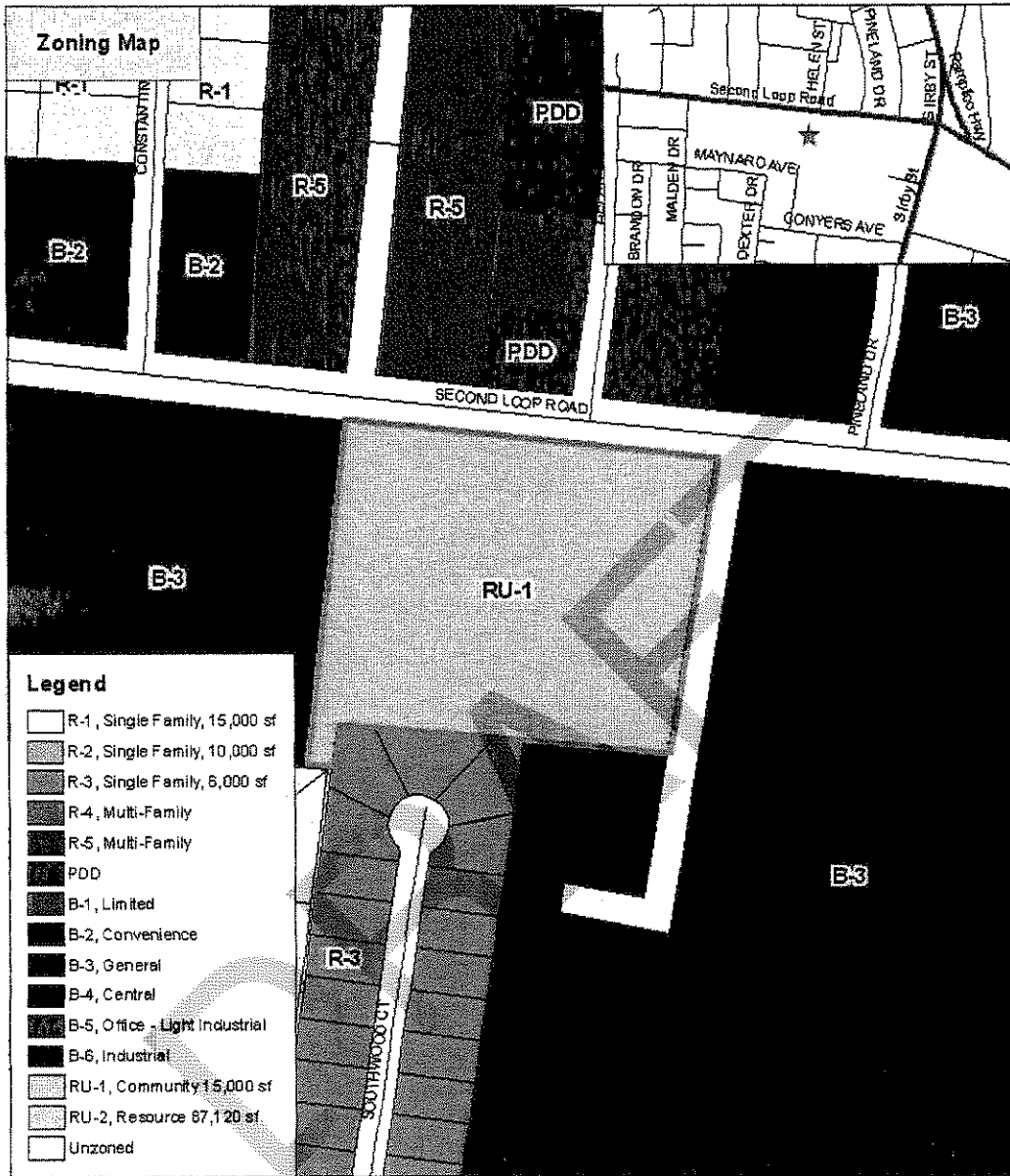
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Legend

[White Box]	R-1, Single Family, 15,000 sf
[Light Gray Box]	R-2, Single Family, 10,000 sf
[Medium Gray Box]	R-3, Single Family, 6,000 sf
[Dark Gray Box]	R-4, Multi-Family
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[White Box]	Unzoned



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COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 8
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Comprehensive Plan Attachment:

Economic Activity Areas Industrial-Business Areas

Objective

The objective of the Industrial-Business designation is twofold, (1) to create industrial and business development opportunities and (2) to protect existing industrial and business interests from incompatible development.

Areas so designated have been determined to be suitable to such development based on soil conditions, access, and infrastructure (existing or planned).

Strategy

- ✓ Identify and map areas with industrial and business potential, and take appropriate action to reserve such areas for future development.
- ✓ Promote the development of industrial and office parks within such areas.
- ✓ Facilitate such areas for industrial and business development.
- ✓ Reduce through zoning, site design, and/or buffer requirements potential conflicts between business/ industrial uses (existing and future) and residential uses.

Plan Compliance Matrix

PLAN MAP OBJECTIVES (Summary)	USE IN ACCORD WITH PLAN MAP OBJECTIVES	USES AT VARIANCE WITH PLAN MAP OBJECTIVES
Create industrial and business development opportunities, and protect industrial and business interests from incompatible development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Industrial and business uses ❖ Institutional uses ❖ Wholesale and warehousing uses ❖ Big box retail ❖ Mixed-use planned development ❖ Existing residential and infill of existing subdivisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ New residential subdivisions

Comprehensive Plan Attachment:

Economic Activity Areas High Intensity Economic Corridors

Objective

The objective of the high intensity development corridor concept is to support continued development and economic strengthening of designated High Intensity Corridors, and to enhance the appearance, improve the safety, and retain the carrying capacity of such corridors.

Strategy

- ✓ Enact regulations to govern the development of these corridors in a manner that:
 1. Minimizes the impact on traffic movement and the carrying capacity of such corridors,
 2. Promotes safety,
 3. Addresses appearance and alignment of buildings,
 4. Makes landscaping an integral part of all future development,
 5. Promotes street tree plantings and the greening of such corridors, and
 6. Addresses signage and the proliferation thereof.

- ✓ Limit high intensity corridor development to areas so designated, and prohibit such high intensity strip development on other streets and roads.

For the purpose of this study, high intensity use corridors are defined by two or more of the following conditions, and illustrated on the Plan Map.

1. High traffic volumes.
2. Continuous line of development, with relatively few unbroken stretches,
3. Frequent curb cuts often accessing small lots,
4. Public sewer availability, existing or planned.

Plan Compliance Matrix

PLAN MAP OBJECTIVES (Summary)	USE IN ACCORD WITH PLAN MAP OBJECTIVES	USES AT VARIANCE WITH PLAN MAP OBJECTIVES
Strengthen the economic vitality, enhance the appearance, and maintain the carrying capacity of such corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ General retail and business uses ❖ Industrial uses ❖ Institutional uses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Residential uses

CONSOLIDATED ZONING ORDINANCE ATTACHMENT

B-3. General Commercial District

The intent of this district is to provide for the development and maintenance of commercial and business uses strategically located to serve the community and the larger region in which it holds a central position.

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FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Item For Meeting On: Thursday, June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No.34-2007/08
Second Reading

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Building Inspections

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

[An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Sharon M. & Jerry D. Taylor Sr. Located At 3465 James Turner Road, Florence From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To R-3, Single-Family Residential District, Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 127, Block 1, Parcel 273 Consisting Of 1.56 Acres.]

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. The property is located in Council District 5.
2. The subject property is currently a pasture for horses.
3. The property is currently zoned, R-1, Single-Family Residential District.
4. The applicants wish to rezone the property to R-3, Single-Family Residential District.
5. The property is surrounded by some vacant property and some residentially-developed property.
6. This property is designated as Rural Resource/Agricultural Area according to the Comprehensive Plan.
7. This request does comply with the Comprehensive Plan.

OPTIONS:

1. ***(Recommended)*** Denial of Ordinance No. 34-2007/08 To Rezone Property Owned By Sharon M. & Jerry D. Taylor Sr. Located At 3465 James Turner Road, Florence From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To R-3, Single-Family Residential District, Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 127, Block 1, Parcel 273 Consisting Of 1.56 Acres.
(Planning Commission denied 8-1.)(Council District5)
2. Provide An Alternative Directive

ATTACHMENTS:

Copies of the following are attached:

1. Ordinance No.34-2007/08
2. Staff report for PC#2008-28
3. Vicinity map
4. Location map
5. Comprehensive Land Use Plan map
6. Zoning map
7. Aerial photograph
8. Comprehensive Plan information
9. Consolidated Zoning Ordinance information

Sponsor(s) : Planning Commission
 Planning Commission Consideration : April 22, 2008
 Planning Commission Public Hearing : April 22, 2008
 Planning Commission Recommendation : April 22, 2008 [Denied 8-1]
 First Reading/Introduction : May 15, 2008
 Committee Referral : N/A
 Second Reading : June 5, 2008
 Third Reading : June 19, 2008
 Effective Date : Immediately

I, _____,
 Council Clerk, certify that this
 Ordinance was advertised for
 Public Hearing on _____.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2007/ 08

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

[An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Sharon M. & Jerry D. Taylor Sr. Located On 3465 James Turner Road, Florence From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To R-3, Single-Family Residential District, Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 127, Block 1, Parcel 273 Consisting Of 1.56 Acres.]

WHEREAS:

1. Article 9, Section 9.1 entitled "Intent" of the Consolidated Zoning Ordinance establishes that Florence County Council must be satisfied that applications for amendments to the Zoning Atlas of Florence County are not injurious from a public health, safety, and general welfare outlook and the effect of the change will not negatively impact the immediate environs or the County generally; and
2. Article 9, Section 9.5 entitled "Administrative Procedures, Action" of the Consolidated Zoning Ordinance for Florence County adopted April 1, 1999, provides a procedure for amending the Official Zoning Map of the County of Florence; and
3. The procedure has been followed by the Florence County/Municipal Planning Commission at a public hearing on April 22, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Property located on 3465 James Turner Road bearing Tax Map 127, Block 1, Parcel 273, is hereby rezoned to R-3, Single-Family Residential District.
2. Provisions in other Florence County ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

 Connie Y. Haselden, Council Clerk

 K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

 Approved as to Form and Content
 James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney

COUNCIL VOTE:
 OPPOSED:
 ABSENT:

**STAFF REPORT
TO THE
FLORENCE COUNTY/MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 22, 2008
PC#2008-28
ORDINANCE NO. 34-2007/08**

Subject: Zoning requests from R-1, Single-Family Residential District to R-3, Single-Family Residential District

Location: Property is located at 3465 James Turner Road, Florence County

Tax Map Number: 127, Block 1, Parcel 273

Council District(s): 5; County Council

Owner of Record: Sharon M. and Jerry D. Taylor Sr.

Applicant: Sharon M. and Jerry D. Taylor Sr.

Land Area: 1.56 acres

Existing Land Use and Zoning:

The subject property is currently a pasture for horses and is zoned R-1.

Proposed Land Use and Zoning:

The applicant has indicated proposed land use site for Mobile home. The applicant is proposing to zone the subject property to R-3, Single-Family Residential District.

Surrounding Land Use and Zoning:

North: Vacant /R-1/ Florence County

South: Single-family residential/ R-1 /Florence County

West: Single-family residential/ R-1 /Florence County

East: Single-family residential/ R-1/ Florence County

Florence County Comprehensive Plan:

The subject property is currently designated as Rural Resource/Agricultural Area as established by the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The request does comply with the Comprehensive Plan.

Staff Analysis:

Access and Circulation- Present access to the property is by way of Alligator Road.

Water and Sewer Availability- These services are currently not provided by City of Florence.

Adjacent Waterways/Bodies of Water/Flood Zone- There does not appear to be a waterway/body of water adjacent to the property. The property is not in flood zone.

Background- The subject property is requesting zoning to R-3, Single-Family Residential District.

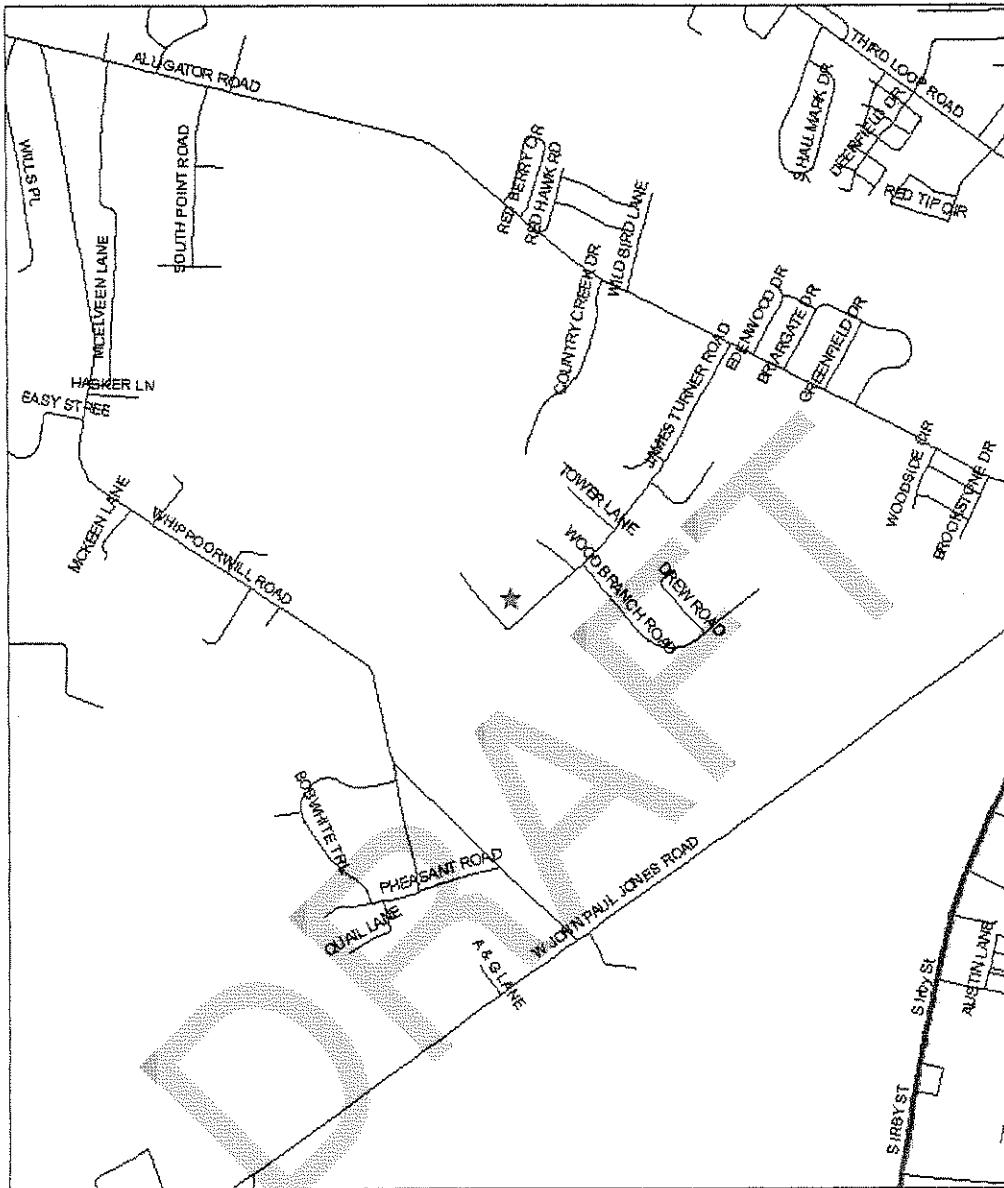
Florence County/Municipal Planning Commission Action April 22, 2008

The nine Planning Commission members present denied the request with a vote of eight in favor to deny and one opposed to denial at the meeting held on April 22, 2008. Though the rezoning request complies with the Comprehensive Plan, the vote of denial was due to the parcel being out of character for the neighborhood and minimum lot size for the R-3 zoning district not compatible for water and sewer.

Florence County/Municipal Planning Commission Recommendation:

The Planning Commission recommends denial of this request by the Florence County Council though the rezoning request complies with the Comprehensive Plan. The vote of denial was due to the parcel being out of character for the neighborhood and minimum lot size for the R-3 zoning district not compatible for water and sewer.

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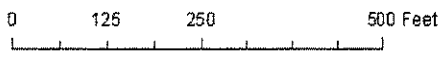
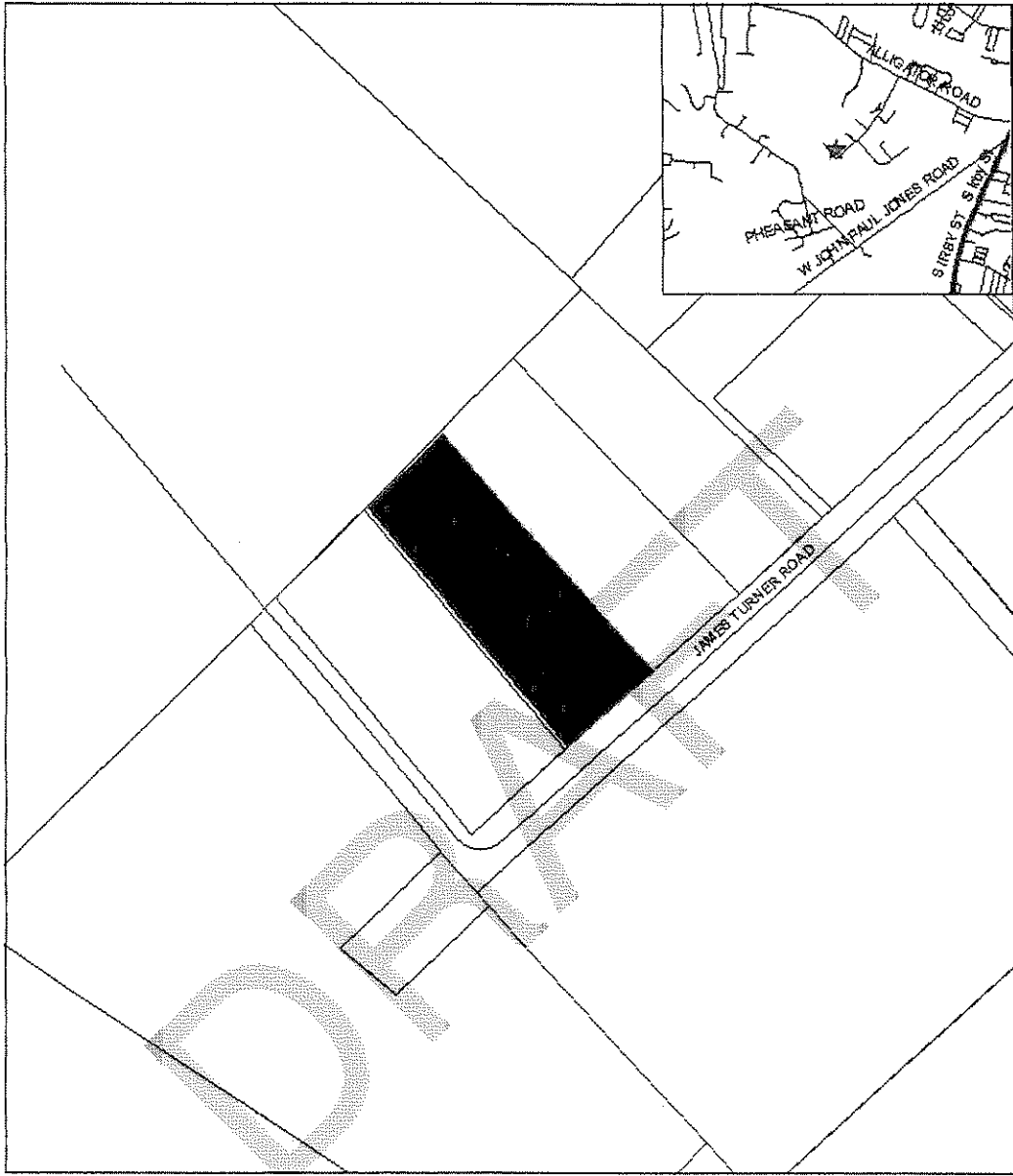


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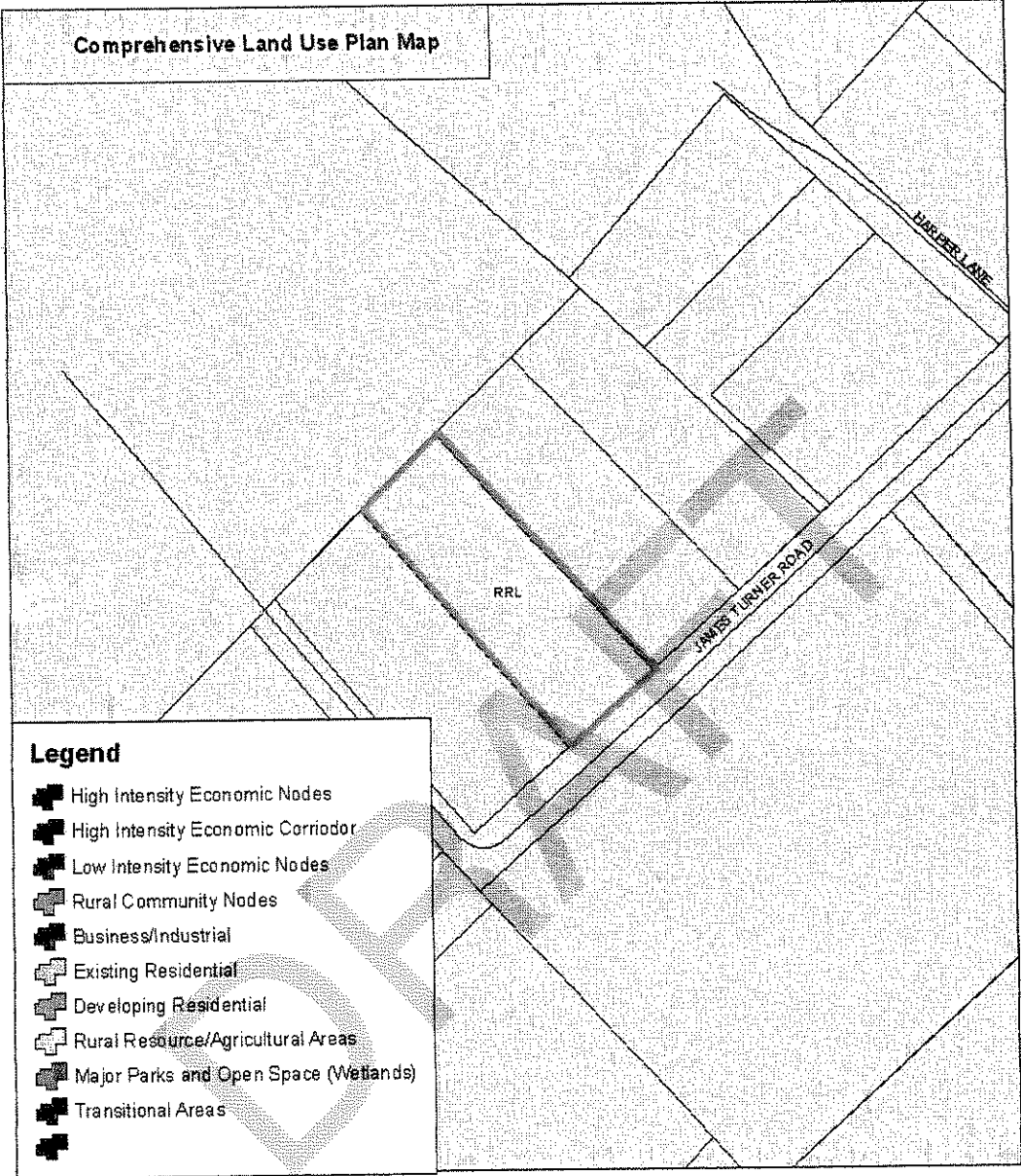


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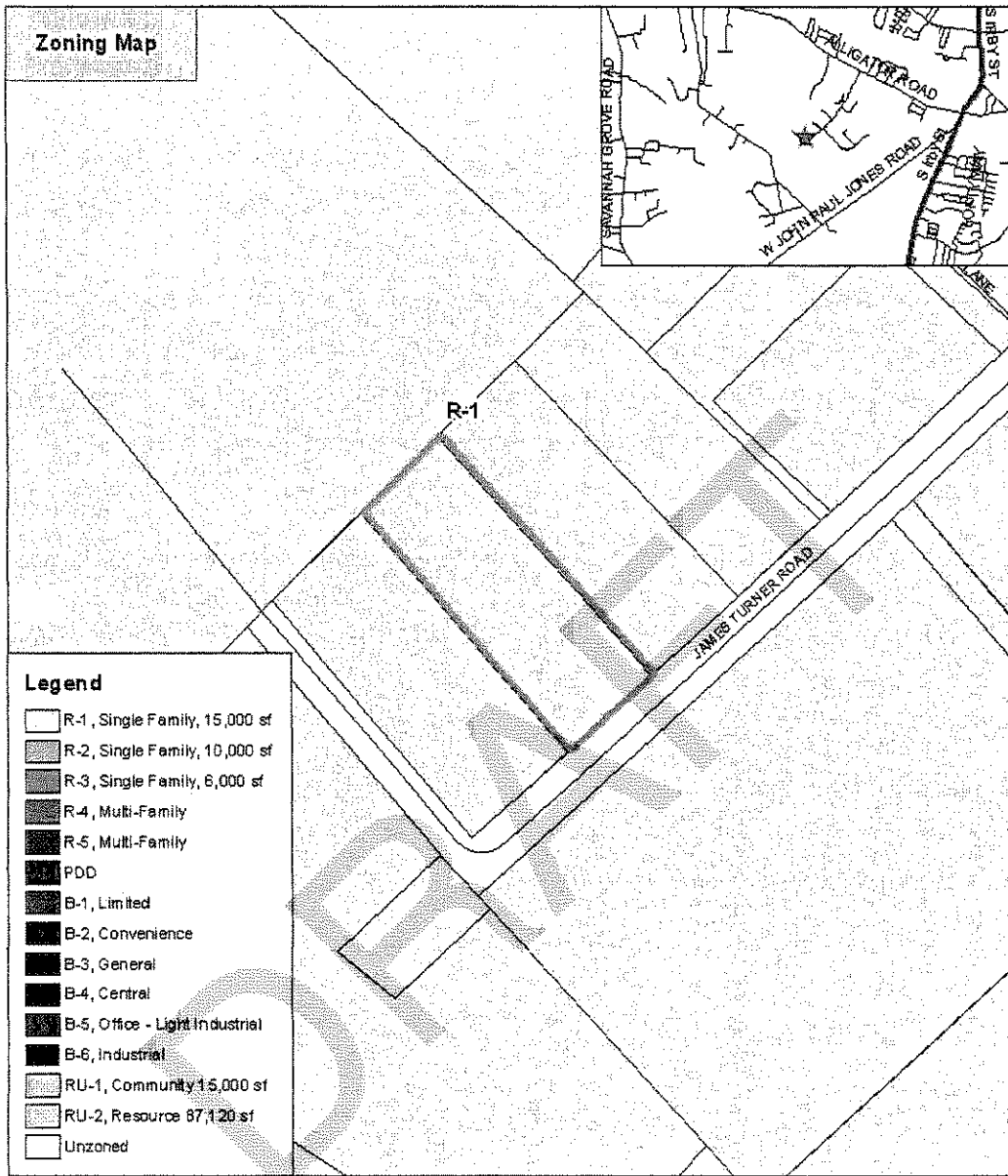
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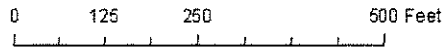
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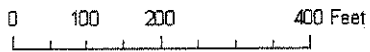
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COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 6
PC#2008-28

Comprehensive Plan Attachment:

Rural Resource / Agricultural Areas

Most areas shown on the Plan Map generally are outside the path of projected development, characteristically rural and predominately undeveloped or in agricultural use at this time. Moreover, few changes to these areas are anticipated during the life of this Plan, provided urban sprawl is kept in check. The retention of open lands, woodlands, and wetlands which make up a large part of this area, are essential for clean air, water, wildlife, many natural cycles, and a balanced environment among other things. Even more essential from an economic perspective are the agricultural lands and farming operations in this area. These areas also provide a **rural environment** preferred by many people over subdivisions and higher density urban or community settings.

Objective

The objective of this classification is to conserve rural characteristics and resources, particularly agricultural, and maintain a balanced rural-urban environment.

Strategy

Strategies designed to implement this objective include:

- ✓ Setting an urban growth boundary which would limit urban intrusions into such areas.
- ✓ Monitoring and mitigating proposed changes which would alter or compromise the rural character of such area.
- ✓ Amending subdivision regulations to encourage cluster development with open space-agricultural land set aside as an alternative to large lot development.
- ✓ Prohibit through zoning high intensity development from the area.

Plan Compliance Matrix

PLAN MAP OBJECTIVES (Summary)	USE IN ACCORD WITH PLAN MAP OBJECTIVES	USES AT VARIANCE WITH PLAN MAP OBJECTIVES
<p>Conserve rural characteristics and resources and maintain a balanced rural-urban environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Single-family site built and manufactured dwellings ❖ Agricultural uses ❖ Small scale retail uses ❖ Agricultural related industrial uses ❖ Institutional uses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ High density residential uses ❖ Big Box retail ❖ Uses generally in conflict with rural values and characteristics

CONSOLIDATED ZONING ORDINANCE ATTACHMENT

R-1, R-2, and R-3 Single-Family Residential Districts

Aside from differences in lot sizes and densities, these districts are intended to foster, sustain, and protect areas in which the principal use of land is for single-family dwellings and related support uses.

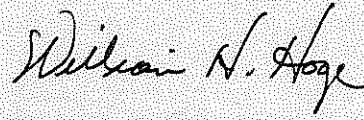
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FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Item for Meeting on: Thursday, June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 35-2007/08
Second Reading/Public Hearing

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Building Inspections



ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

[An Ordinance To Adopt A New Housing Element For The Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510.]

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. Council District(s): All Florence County Council Districts
2. According to state law, a new Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan must be developed every ten years.
3. The original passage date of the Housing Element was February 5, 1998.
4. This Element of the Plan will provide an analysis of existing housing by location, type, age, condition, ownership status and affordability in Florence County. In addition, this element also provides detailed goals for local planning decisions.

OPTIONS:

1. *(Recommended)* Approve Ordinance No. 35-2007/08 as unanimously recommended by the nine Planning Commissioners present at the April 22, 2008 meeting.
2. Provide an Alternative Directive

ATTACHMENTS:

Copies of the following are attached:

1. Ordinance No. 35-2007/08
2. Resolution for PC#2008-24
3. Staff Report for PC#2008-24
4. Proposed Housing Element

Sponsor(s)	: Planning Commission	I, _____,
Planning Commission Consideration	: April 22, 2008 [Approved 9- 0]	Council Clerk, certify that this
Planning Commission Public Hearing	: April 22, 2008	Ordinance was advertised for
Planning Commission Recommendation	: April 22, 2008	Public Hearing on _____.
First Reading/Introduction	: May 15, 2008	
Committee Referral	:	
Second Reading	: June 5, 2008	
County Council Public Hearing	: June 5, 2008	
Third Reading	: June 19, 2008	
Effective Date	: Immediately	

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2007/08

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

[An Ordinance To Adopt A New Housing Element For The Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510.]

WHEREAS:

1. SC 6-29-510 requires a new Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan be developed every ten years; and
2. The original passage date of the Housing Element was February 5, 1998; and
3. Passage of this element will fulfill state law requirements, and provide goals for improving natural resources and meeting the challenges described therein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. The Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan Housing Element attached hereto, is hereby adopted and implemented, and supersedes all other versions of this Element which were adopted previously.
2. Provisions in other Florence County ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Connie Y. Haselden, Council Clerk

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

Approved as to Form and Content
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:
ABSENT:

RESOLUTION FOR PC#2008-24

FLORENCE COUNTY/MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(A Resolution Recommending The Updated Housing Element Of The Comprehensive Plan)

WHEREAS:

1. According to state law, a new Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan must be developed every ten years; and
2. The fourth element to be adopted according to the ten-year schedule is the Housing Element; and
3. The Planning Commission advertised for and held a workshop on March 13, 2008; and
4. Following the passage of this resolution by the majority of the entire membership of the Planning Commission, the Housing Element must be adopted by ordinance after public hearings by the governing bodies of all participating jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY/MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. A Resolution is hereby adopted to recommend that the governing bodies of Florence County, the City of Florence, the City of Johnsonville, the Town of Olanta, the Town of Quinby, the Town of Scranton, and the Town of Timmons ville adopt by ordinance for their respective area of jurisdiction the update to the Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan Housing Element as presented by the Planning Commission.

ATTEST:

Angela Thomas
Angela Thomas, Secretary

SIGNED:

Glynn F. Willis
Glynn Willis, Chairman

COMMISSION VOTE: 9-0

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: D. Floyd

L. Fred

K. Lowery

**STAFF REPORT
TO THE
FLORENCE COUNTY/MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
April 22, 2008
PC#2008-24 (All Participating Jurisdictions)**

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution recommending the updated **Housing Element** of the Comprehensive Plan

Staff Analysis:

According to state law, a new comprehensive plan must be developed every ten years. The seven elements of the current plan were passed by all participating jurisdictions on various dates between December 1997 and April of 1999.

The fourth element to be adopted in accordance with this calendar to meet the ten-year requirement is the Housing Element. The Planning Commission advertised for and held a workshop on March 13, 2008 to discuss this issue.

Element Information:

The Housing Element details an analysis of existing housing by location, type, age, condition, ownership status and affordability in Florence County. In addition, this element also includes projections of future housing needs to accommodate a growing population, which is an essential tool in land use planning.

Following the passage of a resolution by the majority of the entire membership of the Planning Commission, the Housing Element must be adopted by the governing bodies of all participating jurisdictions. The councils of the appropriate jurisdictions must also hold public hearings on this element before adoption and adopt it by ordinance.

Attachments:

Copies of the following are attached:

1. Proposed Housing Element
2. Resolution of Recommendation

HOUSING ELEMENT



FLORENCE COUNTY/MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In order to fully describe the housing in Florence County and develop a vision of direction, this element includes an analysis of existing housing and a projection of future needs. This element considers location, type, age, condition, ownership status and affordability. In addition, this element includes projections of future housing needs that reflect a growing population.

Variations in housing demand and conditions can be affected by changes in both the overall population of the County and the income of that population. While both are related to the economic growth of the area, income levels can influence housing availability in addition to the type and location of housing. As Florence County has become more recognized in its role as the economic, industrial, and urban hub of the Pee Dee region, housing may experience even greater changes.

Moreover, Florence County has nine incorporated municipalities (Coward, City of Florence, Johnsonville, Lake City, Olanta, Pamplico, Quinby, Scranton and Timmonsville) as well as many other communities throughout a large, unincorporated area. The goal of this Element is to identify the housing associated with these communities and identify aspects of the County that may be impacted through planning efforts.

The Housing Element is divided into six sections, including this introduction. The remaining sections are:

- Housing Types
- Housing Location
- Housing Age and Conditions
- Housing Ownership and Utilization
- Housing Cost and Affordability

The information in the Housing Element is a statement of current conditions and an analysis of that information. It will help to show where County growth is projected and the type of housing that will be necessary to satisfy the needs of the future population. This document will be used as the basis for better planning in the future.

SUMMARY OF HOUSING STATUS

The composition and demographics of Florence County households provide information related to community needs and services. Florence County had 51,836 total housing units according to the 2000 Census, 47,147 (91%) of which were occupied. For the same year, South Carolina had 1,753,670 housing units, 87.5% were occupied. The 2000 Census estimates the average number of persons per household in Florence County at 2.6 persons, down from 2.8 in 1990.

The urban areas of Florence County tend to have relatively higher percentages of their housing stock in the form of multi-family attached units. Also, in parts of the County, the multi-family housing units combined with the mobile home housing units make up over thirty six percent (36%) of the total housing units.



Housing ownership is generally higher in the rural areas than in the urban areas.

Counties such as Lee and Clarendon, have a relatively lower percentage of owner-occupied housing units and dominant rural population. This analysis offers possible indication of community stress using available housing data.

In contrast, Florence, Marlboro, Dillon and Sumter counties have predominantly urban populations and have a higher percentage of renter-occupied housing.

The average cost for newly constructed housing in Florence County is between \$150,498 and \$163,134 for a 1,800 square foot home. The fair market rental rate for a two-bedroom apartment in Florence County is \$484.00 per month.

Manufactured homes make up more than 22% of Florence County housing.

Housing needs in Florence County will continue to increase. According to the SC Statistical Abstract, households in the County are anticipated to increase 4.6% to 52,290 from 2005 to 2010 and 21% to 59,690 households by 2030.

Urban areas generally require more housing options than predominately rural areas. While development in parts of Florence County is expanding, other portions remain more agrarian in nature. Housing types in Florence County include single-family detached units, single-family units connected with at least one common wall, a variety of multi-family housing units where more than one family unit is connected, manufactured housing units, and a collective group of other housing arrangements, which may include campers, houseboats, railroad cars and vans. The most dominant housing type in the County is the single-family detached unit, with all municipalities reflecting at least 54% of their housing stock in this form. The 2000 U.S. Census describes these housing categories:

Single-Family Detached Units: This class of housing includes all individual units with open space on all four sides. Manufactured homes that have had one or more permanent rooms added are also included in this category. As specified in the Florence County Municipal Consolidated Zoning Ordinance, single-family, detached housing is permitted in the following zoning categories: R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, B-1, B-2, B-3, RU-1 and RU-2.

Single-Family Attached Housing Units: This class of housing unit consists of one or more walls extending from the ground to the roof that separate the adjoining units. This would include row houses, townhouses, double houses and other one-unit housing structures attached to other structures by a common wall which extends from the ground to the roof. As specified in the Florence County Municipal Consolidated Zoning Ordinance, single-family attached housing is permitted in the following zoning categories: R-4, R-5 and RU-1.

Multi-Family Units: This class of housing includes structures containing two or more dwelling units. Condominiums, apartments, duplexes, triplexes and quadraplexes are examples of this type of unit. As specified in the Florence County Municipal Consolidated Zoning Ordinance, multi-family housing is permitted in the following zoning categories: R-5, B-3 and B-5.

Manufactured Homes: This class of housing includes manufactured homes, which do not have a permanent or site built room added to it. Advantages associated with manufactured homes include their relatively lower construction and financing cost in comparison to site built homes. Disadvantages associated with manufactured homes would be their susceptibility to wind damage and safety hazards during hurricanes and tornadoes. As specified in the Florence County Municipal Consolidated Zoning



Ordinance, individually owned manufactured homes are conditionally permitted in the following zoning categories: R-3, R-5, RU-1, and RU-2. Manufactured Home Parks are conditionally permitted only in the R-5 zoning category.

Each of the above referenced housing types are allowed in a **Planned Development District (PD)**. Any use or combination of uses meeting the objectives of Section 2.6 (PD) of the Florence County Consolidated Zoning Ordinance may be established in a PD upon review and approved amendatory action by the Council with jurisdiction. Once approved, the proposed use(s) and no others shall be permitted. Said uses shall be identified and listed on the basis of classification, i.e. retail, office, wholesale, residential multi-family, residential single-family, detached manufacturing.

As defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, a housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home or trailer, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied (or if vacant, is intended for occupancy). Table 4-1 below shows housing types for South Carolina, Florence County and surrounding counties. Both occupied and vacant housing units are included in the housing unit totals.

Table 4-1 Housing Types for Florence and Adjacent Counties

COUNTY	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS (2000)	SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED UNITS (%)	ATTACHED UNITS				%	MOBILE HOME, TRAILER OR OTHER (%)
			SINGLE-FAMILY	TWO TO FOUR	FIVE TO NINE	TEN OR MORE		
<i>South Carolina</i>	<i>1,753,670</i>	<i>1,078,678 (61.5)</i>	<i>40,185</i>	<i>101,588</i>	<i>77,598</i>	<i>97,566</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>358,055 (20.4)</i>
Florence	51,836	32,226 (62.2)	815	3,038	2,175	1,684	14.9	11,858 (22.9)
Clarendon	15,303	8,301 (54.2)	103	303	245	356	6.6	5,995 (39.2)
Darlington	28,942	17,455 (60.3)	175	1,098	508	491	7.9	9,215 (31.8)
Dillon	12,679	7,273 (57.4)	175	484	246	295	9.5	4,206 (33.2)
Lee	7,670	4,406 (57.4)	86	272	136	40	7.0	2,730 (35.6)
Marion	15,143	9,236 (61.0)	261	843	200	67	9.1	4,536 (30.0)
Marlboro	11,894	7,626 (64.1)	118	795	133	116	11.5	2,906 (24.4)
Sumter	41,751	24,824 (59.5)	1,693	2,326	833	1,091	14.2	10,984 (26.3)
Williamsburg	15,552	8,629 (55.5)	213	387	182	162	6.1	5,979 (38.4)

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000, American FactFinder

Compared to the 1990 Census year, Florence County's total number of housing units in 2000 has increased from 43,209 to 51,836: a 16.7% increase. When compared to adjacent counties for the 2000 Census year, Florence County has the largest number in each housing type category with exception of the single-family attached units. Sumter County has the largest amount in this category and is second to Florence in each of the other housing type categories.

In addition, percentage comparisons of housing types reveal greater information regarding an area's use and composition. Table 4-1 provides housing type percentages for Florence and the adjacent counties. The attached housing units have been grouped into a single category identified as attached multi-family units.

Comparing 1990 and 2000 Census data, Florence County decreased in the single family detached category by 4%, increased in both the attached & multi-family category by 1.4%, and the mobile home or other category by 2.6%. Florence County has the highest percentage of multi-family attached units and the second highest percentage of single-family detached housing units when compared to adjacent counties for the



2000 Census year. However, Florence County has the lowest percentage of mobile home, trailer and other category.

LOCATION

Housing density in Florence County varies from rural to urban landscapes and often takes on characteristics unique to each municipality. As shown in Table 1-6 of the Population Element, Florence and Lake City have higher densities of persons per square mile than the other municipalities and a much higher density than that of the unincorporated areas as expected. Furthermore, the Town of Scranton has the third highest density among the municipalities in the County, but only reflects 3.2% of its housing in the form of multi-family attached units. Conversely, the Town has the highest percentage of units in the mobile home, trailer and other category at 40.7%.

Table 4-2 further examines rural and urban populations.

Table 4-2 2000 Urban and Rural Population Percentages

COUNTY	URBAN %	RURAL %
<i>South Carolina</i>	60.5%	39.5%
Florence	58.0%	42.0%
Clarendon	14.7%	85.3%
Darlington	45.4%	54.6%
Dillon	34.3%	65.7%
Lee	18.7%	81.3%
Marion	39.7%	60.3%
Marlboro	52.8%	47.2%
Sumter	62.1%	37.9%
Williamsburg	15.1%	84.9%

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2000

As shown above, Florence, Marlboro, and Sumter counties all have urban populations greater than 50%. Together with vacancy percentage in line or below the state average (data displayed later in the element) the housing demands in these urban settings are higher than rural settings.

In contrast, counties with the highest rural populations have the highest percentage of housing units in the mobile home, trailer and other category. Clarendon, Lee, and Williamsburg counties all have rural populations greater than 81%. This data could provide valuable information in regards to the use of and market conditions for housing types in the urban and rural areas.

Table 4-3 New Housing Units or Additions by Type Permitted for Florence County

YEAR	SINGLE FAMILY (%)	MULTI-FAMILY (%)	TOTAL	SINGLE FAMILY ADDITIONS
2002	467 (99.4)	3 (0.6)	470	770
2003	526 (86.2)	84 (13.8)	610	646
2004	580 (94.6)	88 (5.4)	668	516
2005	633 (100)	0 (0)	633	368
2006	557 (84.8)	100 (15.2)	657	345

Source: Florence County Building Department



The total number of building permits issued for Florence County from 2002 through 2006 was 2,983. The observed patterns shown above indicate that single-family residential homes comprised the vast majority of building permits issued. Each year at least 84% of the total permits issued were for single-family residential. Until 2004, declining single family home additions outnumbered the new single family homes permitted. The number of multi-family housing unit permits issued is relatively low when compared to the single-family residential permits and fails to display a significant trend.

As most of the homes constructed in the recent past are single-family homes, looking at the income level of Florence County may provide insight. The income level may impact demand for particular type housing units in the County. The median family income levels for Florence County and adjacent counties are shown below in Table 4-4.

Table 4-4 Median Family Income for Florence and Adjacent Counties

COUNTY	MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME (1989)	MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME (1999)	% CHANGE 1989-1999	STATE RANKING (1999)
<i>South Carolina</i>	<i>\$ 30,797</i>	<i>\$ 44,227</i>	<i>+43.6</i>	<i>14*</i>
Florence	\$ 28,718	\$ 41,274	+44.8	19
Sumter	\$ 25,683	\$ 38,970	+48.6	24
Darlington	\$ 26,754	\$ 37,662	+37.3	31
Clarendon	\$ 21,207	\$ 33,951	+53.8	39
Lee	\$ 22,201	\$ 34,209	+48.1	40
Dillon	\$ 22,144	\$ 32,690	+45.0	41
Marlboro	\$ 22,231	\$ 32,019	+47.2	42
Marion	\$ 21,873	\$ 32,932	+48.8	43
Williamsburg	\$ 21,985	\$ 30,379	+31.5	44

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2005

* figurative State rank among county incomes

As discussed in the Population Element, Florence County has the highest median family income in the Pee Dee region and ranks 19th out of the 46 South Carolina counties showing a 44.8% increase in the median family income reported by the South Carolina Statistical Abstract from 1989 to 1999. However, the County falls five ranks behind the State average. Concomitant to the relation to the state average, construction numbers reflecting a high number of single-family homes is not unexpected and reviewing home ownership rates in the next section may support this finding.

While there has been steady construction of new housing units (Table 4-3), there has been a decrease in the number of manufactured homes registered each year. As shown in Table 4-5 below, the most recent data shows an overall decreasing trend with the greatest decrease of 20.4% between 2005 to 2006 values.

Table 4-5 Newly Registered Manufactured Homes in Florence County

YEAR	NUMBER OF MANUFACTURED HOMES	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
2002	1,421	----
2003	1,240	-12.7%
2004	1,075	-13.3%
2005	1,005	-6.5%
2006	800	-20.4%

Source: Florence County Tax Assessor's Office



The registration level of these units in the County for the years 2002 through 2006 indicates an average manufactured homes' volume of about 1,108 per year over this period. However, this only accounts for new registrations. Moving permits are also issued for mobile homes each year with some relocating in other parts of the County by current owners or sold and relocated. In addition, some mobile homes will be relocated outside of the County and the totals in table 4-7 do not include these homes. Overall, the Florence County Tax Assessor's Office estimates that there was approximately 11,492 manufactured home units registered in the County as of the end of the 2006 calendar year. This is a decrease of 285 from the 1996 calendar year.

However, when looking at manufactured housing as a percentage of total housing (Table 4-6), the figures show that over one fifth of the homes in Florence County according to the South Carolina Statistical Abstract are manufactured or mobile homes (2000). The table also shows the number of manufactured homes in the State and its lower percentage of manufactured homes compared to Florence County.

Table 4-6 2000 Census Reported Manufactured Home Numbers

	TOTAL HOUSING (2000)	NUMBER OF MANUFACTURED HOMES (%)
Florence County	51,836	11,843 (22.8)
South Carolina	1,753,670	355,499 (20.3)

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2000

Manufactured homes are not included in the permitted housing count because they are not site-built units and do not require a building permit. Florence County has regulations that address the set-up, lot size, density, and other requirements in the placement of manufactured homes in manufactured home parks and on individual lots. In addition, all homes must be installed in accordance with the installation requirements of the South Carolina Manufactured Housing Board and the Florence County/Municipal Consolidated Zoning Ordinance.

While looking at housing types is vital at a county level, it is also important to identify where various housing types are located throughout the county. The Land Use Element of this Comprehensive Plan focuses further on geographic distribution of various housing opportunities.

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Table 4-7 gives the total and percentage of housing types found in Florence County, within the municipalities, in unincorporated Florence County and South Carolina. In addition, the values and percentages across these types may be compared.

Table 4-7 Housing Types for Florence County

LOCATION	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS (2000)	SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED UNITS (%)	ATTACHED UNITS				MOBILE HOME, TRAILER OR OTHER	
			SINGLE FAMILY	TWO TO FOUR	FIVE TO NINE	TEN OR MORE		%
South Carolina	1,753,670	1,078,678 (61.5)	40,185	101,588	77,598	97,566	18.1	358,055 (20.4)
Florence County	51,836	32,266 (62.2)	815	3,038	2,175	1,684	14.9	11,858 (22.9)
Unincorporated Florence	32,745	18,803 (57.4)	279	1,114	1,148	743	10.0	10,658 (32.5)
Coward	246	134 (54.5)	0	11	2	0	5.3	99 (40.2)
(City of) Florence	13,075	9,159 (70.0)	327	1,438	942	923	27.8	286 (2.2)
Johnsonville	608	472 (77.6)	10	22	19	1	8.6	84 (13.8)
Lake City	2,769	1,999 (72.2)	156	319	25	11	18.5	259 (9.4)
Oianta	223	191 (85.7)	3	3	0	0	2.7	26 (11.7)
Pamplico	454	343 (75.6)	5	37	6	2	11.0	61 (13.4)
Quinby	372	352 (94.6)	2	4	4	0	2.7	10 (2.7)
Scranton	344	193 (56.1)	3	5	3	0	3.2	140 (40.7)
Timmonsville	1,000	620 (62.0)	30	85	26	4	14.5	235 (23.5)

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000, American FactFinder

A variety of housing types are available to meet the specific needs of individual households and incomes with the majority of all areas represented having at least one form of each of the housing types. Notably, Florence County has the highest number of each housing type, whereas the Town of Oianta has the fewest number of multi-family attached units. Furthermore, Quinby has the fewest number of housing units in the mobile homes, trailer and other (including boat, RV and van) category.

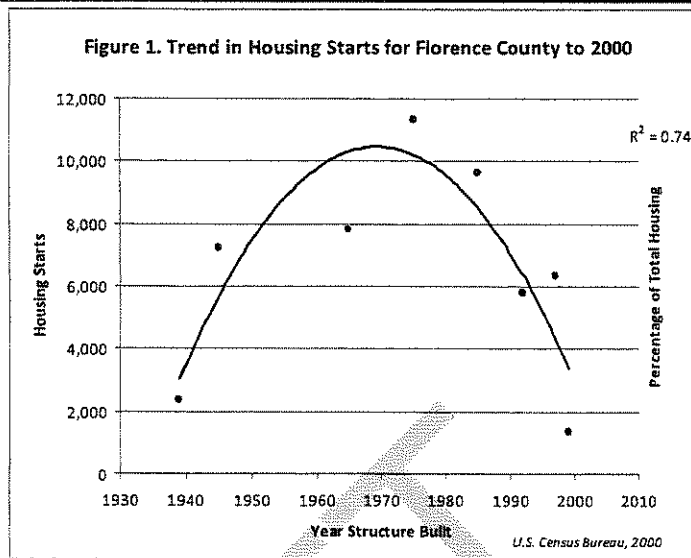
The information in Table 4-7 shows single-family detached housing to be the most predominant among all of the municipalities in the County, each above 50%. However, the multi-family attached units and the manufactured homes appear to be popular housing options in many parts of the County with only the City of Johnsonville, and Towns of Oianta and Quinby containing less than 20% of these housing types. This observation may represent segments of the County's population with needs or conditions that make manufactured homes and apartments more practical or realistic housing options.

HOUSING AGE AND CONDITONS

The condition and age of the County's housing units are crucial factors in analyzing baseline housing issues. We assume the standard life of a housing unit to be approximately 50 years with standard maintenance on the structure. However, demolition permits make up less than 1% of the total housing stock in a worse case scenario, so for the purpose of this Element, a 1% loss rate per year is assumed to occur. A better understanding of housing longevity will increase with time, but with a lack of historic values in the decrease of existing housing the previous assumptions will be used as the baseline.



Trends in housing starts or new home construction has been documented, however, through the 2000 Census and depicted in Figure 1. The trendline analysis shows housing starts peak during the 1970's and have gradually decreased up to March of 2000, the end period of these data. The R² value of 0.745 shows that the line significantly fits with the data points on the graph. Although the trendline is not a perfect fit (see note on this page), the general increase into the 1970's and subsequent decline relates well to the data points.



Housing age for South Carolina, Florence County and adjacent counties are presented below in Table 4-8.

Note to the reader: The R² value shown in the figure above indicates how well the trendline fits with the data points on the graph. An R value of 1 translates to a perfect fit and a value of 0 means the line has no relation to the data.

Table 4-8 Housing Age for Florence and Adjacent Counties

LOCATION	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	TOTAL BUILT 1990 TO MARCH, 2000 (%)	TOTAL BUILT 1940 TO 1989 (%)	TOTAL BUILT 1939 OR EARLIER (%)
<i>South Carolina</i>	1,753,670	453,731 (26.9)	1,192,800 (68)	107,139 (6.1)
Florence	51,836	13,457 (26.0)	35,998 (69.4)	2,381 (4.6)
Clarendon	15,303	4,574 (30)	10,303 (66)	699 (4.6)
Darlington	28,942	7,000 (24)	19,920 (69)	2,022 (7.0)
Dillon	12,679	2,878 (23)	8,794 (69)	1,007 (7.9)
Lee	7,670	1,929 (25)	5,020 (65)	721 (9.4)
Marion	15,143	3,330 (22)	10,676 (71)	1,137 (7.5)
Marlboro	11,894	2,273 (19)	8,440 (71)	1,181 (9.9)
Sumter	41,751	9,874 (24)	29,802 (71)	2,075 (5.0)
Williamsburg	15,552	3,494 (22)	11,044 (71)	1,014 (6.5)

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2000 and US Census Bureau, 2000, American FactFinder

The majority of the housing units for Florence County, adjacent counties and the State were built between 1940 and 1989. Table 4-8 shows that approximately 69% of the housing units were built during this time period for Florence County, and comparably between 65% and 71% for the adjacent counties and for the State of South Carolina. Marlboro County has the highest percentage of 9.9% of housing units built in 1939 or earlier with Lee County at 9.4%.



In addition to housing age, it is also important to note the extent of facilities within the current housing stock. Specifically, Table 4-9 shows this information comparing Florence County and South Carolina.

Table 4-9 Pee Dee Region Housing Equipment Characteristics as of 2000

LOCATION	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	LACKING COMPLETE PLUMBING (%)	LACKING COMPLETE KITCHEN FACILITIES (%)	LACKING COMPLETE TELEPHONE SERVICE (%)
<i>South Carolina</i>	<i>1,753,670</i>	<i>9,521 (0.6)</i>	<i>8,398 (0.5)</i>	<i>63,775 (4.2)</i>
Florence	51,836	263 (0.6)	276 (0.6)	2,255 (4.8)
Clarendon	15,303	165 (1.4)	97 (0.8)	969 (8.2)
Darlington	28,942	202 (0.8)	179 (0.7)	1,651 (6.4)
Dillon	12,679	209 (1.9)	107 (1.0)	1,119(10.0)
Lee	7,670	94 (1.4)	68 (1.0)	720 (10.5)
Marion	15,143	170 (1.3)	147 (1.1)	1,199 (9.0)
Marlboro	11,894	137 (1.3)	84 (0.8)	1,106 (10.6)
Sumter	41,751	241 (0.6)	282 (0.7)	1,744 (4.6)
Williamsburg	15,552	210 (1.5)	169 (1.2)	1,303 (9.5)

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2000 and US Census Bureau, 2000, American FactFinder

Florence County and the State of South Carolina both have a relatively low percentage of homes lacking plumbing and kitchen facilities. Except for Sumter County, surrounding counties have percentages of housing without plumbing and kitchens facilities higher than Florence County and the State average. The category concerning telephone service is high relative to other facilities but is considered a less crucial service. Again, the percent of housing lacking this service for Florence and Sumter counties are similar to the State average with other surrounding counties significantly higher in percentage. Residents may choose to use cellular phones as their only phone. As of June 2007, more than 243 million cellular phone subscriptions were active in the United States (CTIA 2007). This amount of subscriptions potentially would allow more than half of the U.S. population one cellular phone.

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Table 4-10 gives a detailed chart of housing age and conditions found within Florence County and among municipalities.

Table 4-10 Housing Age for Florence County and Included Municipalities

MUNICIPALITY	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	TOTAL BUILT 1990 TO MARCH, 2000 (%)	TOTAL BUILT 1940 TO 1989 (%)	TOTAL BUILT 1939 OR EARLIER (%)
<i>South Carolina</i>	1,753,670	453,731 (25.8)	1,192,800 (68.0)	107,139 (6.1)
Florence	51,836	13,457 (25.9)	35,998 (69.4)	2,381 (4.6)
Coward	246	60 (24.3)	172 (69.9)	14 (5.6)
(City of) Florence	13,075	1,877 (14.3)	10,351 (79.1)	847 (6.4)
Johnsonville	608	129 (21.2)	459 (75.4)	20 (3.2)
Lake City	2,769	299 (10.7)	2,243 (81.0)	227 (8.1)
Olanta	223	17 (7.6)	165 (73.9)	41 (18.4)
Pamplico	454	57 (12.5)	362 (79.7)	35 (7.7)
Quinby	372	30 (8.0)	342 (91.9)	0 (0)
Scranton	344	72 (20.9)	253 (73.5)	19 (5.5)
Timmons ville	1,000	144 (14.4)	781 (78.1)	75 (7.5)

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2000 and US Census Bureau, 2000, American FactFinder

Within Florence County, at least 68% of the housing units among municipalities were built from 1940 to 1989. The highest percentage of housing units built in the 1939 or earlier category is Olanta with 18.4%.

Table 4-11 shows the facilities included in housing for each municipality in Florence County.

Table 4-11 Housing Equipment Characteristics for Florence County and Municipalities in 2000

MUNICIPALITY	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	LACKING COMPLETE PLUMBING (%)	LACKING COMPLETE KITCHEN FACILITIES (%)	LACKING COMPLETE TELEPHONE SERVICE (%)
<i>South Carolina</i>	1,753,670	9,521 (0.6)	8,298 (0.5)	63,775 (4.2)
Florence County	51,836	263 (0.6)	276 (0.6)	2,255 (4.8)
Coward	246	0 (0)	0 (0)	24 (10.1)
(City of) Florence	13,075	46 (0.4)	79 (0.7)	518 (4.3)
Johnsonville	608	2 (0.4)	2 (0.4)	28 (5.2)
Lake City	2,769	64 (2.6)	49 (2.0)	237 (9.7)
Olanta	223	3 (1.4)	0 (0)	24 (11.4)
Pamplico	454	10 (2.4)	12 (2.9)	30 (7.3)
Quinby	372	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	4 (1.2)
Scranton	344	2 (0.6)	2 (0.6)	15 (4.8)
Timmons ville	1,000	22 (2.6)	22 (2.0)	17 (11.8)

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2000 and US Census Bureau, 2000, American FactFinder

The cities of Florence and Johnsonville have the lowest percentage of housing units lacking plumbing. Lake City, Pamplico and Timmons ville have 2% or more of their housing units lacking complete plumbing and kitchen facilities.



Households without telephone service are relatively high compared to other facilities. With the continual increased reliance on cellular phones, this service, as discussed under the county comparison, is a factor less associated with fully-functioning housing.

Most houses in the County have the necessities for proper function and support of a household. While there are homes still considered less than adequate existing in Florence County, focus should be dedicated to addressing housing units in the County that may lack necessary equipment and functions required for safe and decent living conditions.

OWNERSHIP AND UTILIZATION

Florence County ranks first among the nine neighboring counties in the Pee Dee region in owner-occupied housing units. The rural areas show a greater tendency to have higher owner-occupied housing units. When comparing the Pee Dee Region as shown in Table 4-12 below, at least 69% of housing is owner-occupied units.

Home ownership is often considered an important factor in maintaining stable communities and improving the quality of life of an area. Home ownership may be encouraged as a governmental policy based on the assumption that home owners, in comparison to renters, represent better housing managers. They appear to make more contributions to the community, contribute more taxes, and generally have a greater stake in the future of the community. Another factor that may influence investment decisions in an area and the quality of life in an area is the degree to which housing units are occupied. Both home ownership and the number of occupied housing in the County are examined in this section.

Table 4-12 Owner Versus Renter Occupancy for Florence and Adjacent Counties

COUNTY	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	# OF OCCUPIED UNITS (%)	OWNER OCCUPIED (%)	RENTER OCCUPIED (%)
<i>South Carolina</i>	1,753,670	1,533,854 (87.5)	1,107,617 (72.2)	426,237 (27.8)
Florence	51,836	47,147 (91.0)	34,415 (73.0)	12,732 (27.0)
Clarendon	15,303	11,812 (77.2)	9,348 (79.1)	2,464 (20.9)
Darlington	28,942	25,793 (89.1)	19,854 (77.0)	5,939 (23.0)
Dillon	12,679	11,199 (88.3)	8,064 (72.0)	3,135 (28.0)
Lee	7,670	6,886 (89.8)	5,467 (79.4)	1,419 (20.6)
Marion	15,143	13,301 (87.8)	9,771 (73.5)	3,530 (26.5)
Marlboro	11,894	10,478 (88.1)	7,419 (70.8)	3,059 (29.2)
Sumter	41,751	37,728 (90.4)	26,217 (69.5)	11,511 (30.5)
Williamsburg	15,552	13,714 (88.2)	11,041 (80.5)	2,673 (19.5)

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2005

Table 4-12 shows that all of the Pee Dee region counties have higher occupancy percentages than the State average. Florence County has the highest overall occupancy rate (91%) with 73% of its total occupied housing units owned or co-owned by the people living in those units. Florence County ranks sixth among the adjacent counties in terms of owner-occupied housing units. All the counties reported, except for Sumter, have higher percentages of owner occupied housing than the State average. There appears to be a tendency for the counties with higher urban populations to have relatively lower percentages of owner-occupied housing units. As shown previously in Table 4-2, Florence, Marlboro and Sumter have over 50% of their population in urban areas and Table 4-1 shows these counties to have the highest percentage in multi-family units. However, this observation may be only one factor distinguishing urban and rural housing differences.



There may be other factors operating within an area that also may affect the level of owner-occupied housing units.

The percentage of renter-occupied housing units makes up for the remaining housing units. The owner-occupied percentage of 73.0% in Florence County, as shown in Table 4-14, leaves 27.0% in the renter-occupied category. Typically, renters maintain their tenure for a shorter time period compared to those units occupied by owners. The national median tenure for a renter is 2.1 years compared to 8.2 years for owner occupied units (Hansen 1998). Furthermore, the duration of residence for renters increases with the age of the renter (Hansen 1998).

Table 4-13 gives a 2005 comparison of occupied housing units along with the homeowner and rental vacancy rate among Florence County and the adjacent counties in the region. Florence County ranks among the four counties with the highest percentage of occupied housing units along with Darlington, Lee and Sumter counties. Florence County and the adjacent counties appear to have relatively high overall percentages of occupied housing units. Only Clarendon County's occupation rate falls below 80%.

Among the adjacent counties, Marlboro County reflects the highest homeowner vacancy rate of 2.3%. Florence County's vacancy rate of 1.4% is second only to Williamsburg County, the lowest at 1.1%. Florence and all of the adjacent counties have closely comparable percentages in the rental vacancy rate category.

Table 4-13 Percentage of Occupied and Vacant Housing for Florence and Adjacent Counties

COUNTY	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS (%)	HOMEOWNER VACANCY RATE	RENTAL VACANCY RATE
<i>South Carolina</i>	<i>1,753,670</i>	<i>1,533,854 (87.5)</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>12.0%</i>
Florence	51,836	47,147 (91.0)	1.4%	10.0%
Clarendon	15,303	11,812 (77.2)	2.1%	8.0 %
Darlington	28,942	25,793 (89.1)	1.6%	11.2%
Dillon	12,679	11,199 (88.3)	2.0%	11.3%
Lee	7,670	6,886 (89.8)	1.5%	9.3 %
Marion	15,143	13,301 (87.8)	2.0%	10.3%
Marlboro	11,894	10,478 (88.1)	2.3%	12.6%
Sumter	41,751	37,728 (90.4)	1.9%	10.3%
Williamsburg	15,552	13,714 (88.2)	1.1%	7.0%

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2005

Three of the counties with the highest renter-occupied units have comparatively higher urban populations (Florence, Sumter and Marlboro counties) as shown previously in Table 4-2. Darlington and Dillon Counties also have a high number of renter-occupied units and concomitantly, these counties have a higher rural population as shown in Table 4-2. There may be other circumstances accounting for this situation.

Compared to the State average, the Pee Dee region shows a high rate of occupied housing. Furthermore, the change in the percentage of occupied housing may be a result of a variety of reasons:

- 1) the existing housing options may not adequately match the desires to those in the buyers or renters market;
- 2) housing developers may have overbuilt or exceeded the housing demand in the local area;



- 3) the low percentage of occupied housing may be reflective of social and demographic changes; or
- 4) changes in industrial opportunities in the area may have affected the number of residents seeking local housing.

Table 4-14 below shows the percentage of occupied housing units in comparison to owner occupied housing units for Florence County, including municipalities, and unincorporated areas of the County.

Table 4-14 Percentage of Occupied and Owner-Occupied Housing Within Florence County

MUNICIPALITY	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS (%)	TOTAL OWNER OCCUPIED UNITS (%)
<i>South Carolina</i>	1,753,670	1,533,854 (87.5)	783,909 (51.1)
Florence County	51,836	47,147 (91.0)	34,415 (73.0)
Unincorporated Areas	32,745	29,852 (91.2)	14,007 (46.9)
Coward	246	237 (96.3)	98 (41.4)
(City of) Florence	13,075	11,946 (91.4)	6,759 (56.6)
Johnsonville	608	539 (88.7)	324 (60.1)
Lake City	2,769	2,451 (88.5)	1,488 (60.7)
Olanta	223	210 (94.2)	130 (61.9)
Pamplico	454	412 (90.7)	240 (58.3)
Quinby	372	340 (91.4)	251 (73.8)
Scranton	344	313 (90.5)	155 (49.5)
Timmonsville	1,000	847 (86.7)	400 (47.2)

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2005

The percentage of occupied housing units for Florence County, municipalities and the unincorporated areas are at least 86%, with Timmonsville at 86.7%. However, Coward is shown to have the lowest percentage in the owner-occupied category. The Town of Quinby most closely reflects Florence County's percentage of total owner-occupied units and has the highest percentage among municipalities with 73.8%.

The relatively lower percentage of owner-occupied housing units may reflect demographic differences between specific areas. These differences include the distribution of the student population, varying economic status, the presence of recent graduates beginning their professional careers, and other factors which influence the need for leased or rental housing units.

HOUSING COSTS AND AFFORDABILITY

Housing costs in Florence County cover a wide range in both the single-family owner-occupied units and the rental units. Affordable housing is an important issue for many residents in the Florence County area.

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Table 4-15 compares the number of houses sold and median sales price for the 2007 calendar year for Florence County and the adjacent counties.

Table 4-15 Median Sales Prices and Total for Florence County and Adjacent Counties

COUNTY	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS IN 2000	TOTAL HOUSES SOLD 2007 (% of 2000 UNITS)	MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING
Florence	51,836	1,502 (2.9)	\$ 130,575
Darlington	28,942	456 (1.6)	\$ 92,000
Dillon	12,679	111 (0.9)	\$ 60,000
Marion	15,143	146 (1.0)	\$ 79,750
Marlboro	11,894	90 (0.8)	\$ 57,000
Williamsburg	15,552	25 (0.2)	\$ 34,000

Source: Florence County Board of Realtors, 2007

According to the figures made available from the Florence County Board of Realtors Association shown in Table 4-165 above, Florence County is shown to have the greatest amount of houses sold and the largest median sale price in comparison to adjacent counties for 2007. In addition, when compared to the number of housing units existing in 2000, Florence County had the highest percentage of home sales.

Income levels as well as housing costs have increased in Florence County since the 2000 Census data was released. Table 4-16 gives current estimates of median family income, the average cost for the construction of a new home and the fair market apartment rental rate in the County. For many families in the County, housing costs may take up a larger percentage of the family income level.

Table 4-16 2006 Average Housing Costs and Median Family Income for Florence County

COUNTY	ESTIMATED MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME	MEDIAN VALUE OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING	FAIR MARKET RENT (FMR) FOR TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT
<i>South Carolina</i>	<i>\$ 52,900</i>	<i>\$ 83,100</i>	<i>\$ 500*</i>
Florence	48,000	71,900	504
Clarendon	41,000	59,700	524
Darlington	45,100	59,800	451
Dillon	39,400	50,000	429
Lee	40,900	47,600	493
Marion	39,500	55,600	455
Marlboro	38,300	49,000	421
Sumter	46,600	67,000	518
Williamsburg	36,500	49,100	524

Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2007, American Housing Survey; SC Statistical Abstract, 2005

* State Minimum FY 2007 FMR

The fair market rental (FMR) amount for Florence County is higher than the state minimum and is higher than the unadjusted FMR of five surrounding counties (2006 SC Statistical Abstract).



A major local apartment complex owner indicated a very low vacancy rate of 10% or less year round. Vacancy rates reduce to near zero during summer months and when students return to school (Multi-Family Complexes 2007).

The new housing units being constructed in the County are not likely to be in the lower income affordability range, except for new units participating in the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program. As the older, lower cost housing units are phased out or become unusable, the need for affordable housing units for the many residents with lower incomes will become more acute.

The housing affordability issue in Florence County becomes clearer when viewed from the low income perspective. Table 4-17 gives the low-income limits as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Table 4-17 Low-Income Housing Limits for the Florence Area

1 PERSON	2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS	5 PERSONS	6 PERSONS	7 PERSONS	8+ PERSONS
\$27,450	\$31,350	\$35,300	\$39,200	\$42,350	\$45,450	\$48,600	\$51,750

Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2005 HUD Home Program Limits

The definition or actual dollar range of low-income families varies across regions in the State and County. The figures in Table 4-17 apply specifically to HUD housing programs in Florence County, but even the low-income level within Florence County depends on the year's fiscal condition and size of the family. The data in Table 4-17 shows that a person earning the 2006 median family income amount of \$48,000 may be eligible for low income housing if the family size includes 7 or more members, but would otherwise be included in the largest pool of households for the County as shown in Table 4-18.

Table 4-18 2030 Projection of Florence County Household Income

HOUSEHOLD INCOME RANGE	PROJECTED NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS
Less than \$10,000	4,210
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,680
\$20,000 to \$29,999	4,440
\$30,000 to \$44,999	6,930
\$45,000 to \$59,999	11,120
\$60,000 to \$74,999	10,680
\$75,000 to \$99,999	8,970
\$100,000 to \$124,999	3,810
\$150,000 to \$149,999	1,500
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,430
\$200,000 or more	1,920

Source: Woods & Poole Economics, 2006

The table above projects 13,330 households in Florence County in 2030 with incomes less than \$30,000; this value is near the eligible income range for low-income housing for a single person household. This number of households represents over 22% of the County households projected near or below this "low income" level.



Table 4-19 gives the mortgage payment amounts for selected housing values for site built homes as indicated by some Florence County local leading banks including BB&T, Bank of America and Wachovia (Florence County Banks 2007). This rate reflects only principal and interest without consideration to escrow amounts that may include annual insurance premiums and property tax. The percentage comparisons of 6.25 and 6.75 are the normal minimum and maximum rate as determined by individual credit scores. The 15- and 30- year periods are the two terms most utilized. Some banks will go as long as a 40 year term at a 7.125 percentage rate. However, the mortgage market is in turmoil at the time this Element is being compiled; the availability of innovative financing products to the homeowner may be limited.

Table 4-19 Monthly Mortgage Payment for Site-Built Homes (Principal and Interest)

SITE BUILT HOUSE VALUE	15-YEAR MORTGAGE		30-YEAR MORTGAGE	
	MONTHLY PAYMENT AT 6.25%	MONTHLY PAYMENT AT 6.75%	MONTHLY PAYMENT AT 6.25%	MONTHLY PAYMENT AT 6.75%
\$ 100,000	\$ 857.42	\$ 884.91	\$ 615.72	\$ 648.60
\$ 125,000	\$ 1,071.78	\$ 1,106.41	\$ 769.65	\$ 810.75
\$ 150,000	\$ 1,286.13	\$ 1,327.36	\$ 923.58	\$ 972.90
\$ 175,000	\$ 1,500.49	\$ 1,548.59	\$ 1,077.51	\$ 1,135.05
\$ 200,000	\$ 1,714.85	\$ 1,769.82	\$ 1,231.43	\$ 1,297.20
\$ 225,000	\$ 1,929.20	\$ 1,991.05	\$ 1,385.36	\$ 1,459.35
\$ 250,000	\$ 2,143.56	\$ 2,212.27	\$ 1,539.29	\$ 1,621.50
\$ 275,000	\$ 2,357.91	\$ 2,433.50	\$ 1,693.22	\$ 1,783.64
\$ 300,000	\$ 2,572.27	\$ 2,654.73	\$ 1,847.15	\$ 1,945.79

Source: Florence County Banks 2007

Table 4-20 gives the mortgage payment amounts for selected manufactured housing values using in-house loan rates. This rate reflects only principal and interest and does not include yearly insurance or taxes. In-house loan rates are used for manufactured homes. Local banks have a 10-year maximum term for manufactured homes (Florence County Banks 2007). The percentage rate comparison of 10.75 and 13.5 are the minimum and maximum rate as determined by individual credit scores. Manufactured home dealerships can offer up to a 30 year term through their financial lending groups (Manufactured Home Dealerships 2007). These lending groups offer lower interest rates on manufactured homes than local banks. The percentage rate comparison of 8.5 and 12.5 are the minimum and maximum rate through lending groups as determined by individual credit scores (Manufactured Home Dealership 2007).

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Table 4-20 Monthly Payments for Manufactured Homes (Principal and Interest)

MANUFACTURED HOME VALUE	10-YEAR MORTGAGE		30-YEAR MORTGAGE	
	MONTHLY PAYMENT AT 10.75%	MONTHLY PAYMENT AT 13.5%	MONTHLY PAYMENT AT 8.5%	MONTHLY PAYMENT AT 12.5%
\$ 20,000	\$ 272.68	\$ 304.55	N/A	N/A
\$ 30,000	\$ 409.02	\$ 456.82	\$ 230.67	\$ 320.18
\$ 40,000	\$ 545.35	\$ 609.10	\$ 307.57	\$ 426.90
\$ 50,000	\$ 681.69	\$ 761.37	\$ 384.46	\$ 533.63
\$ 60,000	\$ 818.03	\$ 913.65	\$ 461.35	\$ 640.35
\$ 75,000	\$ 954.37	\$ 1,065.92	\$ 538.24	\$ 747.08
\$ 80,000	\$ 1,090.71	\$ 1,218.19	\$ 615.13	\$ 853.82
\$ 90,000	\$ 1,227.05	\$ 1,370.47	\$ 692.02	\$ 960.53
\$100,000	\$ 1,363.39	\$ 1,522.74	\$ 768.91	\$ 1,067.26

Source: Florence County Banks

Comparing Table 4-19 with Table 4-20, the average cost of a newly constructed site built house in the County may be beyond the range for many lower income residents. A popular alternative to site-built housing is manufactured housing units.

MANUFACTURED HOMES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Manufactured homes have served as a means of affordable housing for many in Florence County. Leased mobile home lots in Florence County may range from \$152.00 for singlewides to approximately \$182.00 for doublewides per month. Combined with a monthly payment as shown above for a 30-year term, the total monthly cost is significantly higher than \$484.00 per month for rental units. This result may be an indication why apartment complexes have low vacancy rates.

While manufactured homes appear to meet the affordable housing needs of some residents in the County, financing and insuring these units may not be the same as for conventional site built homes. Locally, many Florence County banks finance manufactured homes as an in-house loan versus a mortgage loan for site built homes. This type loan results in a mortgage with a substantially higher interest rate and shorter term than found with site-built homes. Ten years is the maximum term for manufactured homes through local banks.

In the Florence County area, interest rates for conventional site-built homes range from approximately 6.25% to 6.75% for a 30-year period. The interest rates for manufactured homes vary by type and dependent on if land is involved. The interest rate for a singlewide, excluding land, ranges from approximately 12.25% to 13.5%. A singlewide, including land, ranges from approximately 10.75% to 12%. Land is normally required with a doublewide and must be set up on a slab and brick underpinnings. The interest rate for this type loan ranges from 10.5% to 11.74%. If the doublewide is new, some local banks will offer a 15-year term.

Manufactured home dealerships utilize financial lending groups primarily to finance the manufactured homes they sell. These financial groups are able to offer customers up to a 30-year term with an interest rate ranging from 8.5% to 12.5%. This 30-year term would further decrease monthly payments (Manufactured Home Dealerships 2007).



Many local insurance agencies insure manufactured homes exactly the same as a site built home, basing the rates on the value of the home (Insurance Agencies 2007). However, they do require the manufactured home be underpinned and include steps with handrails at each door.

In Florence County, manufactured homes are not reassessed for changes in value annually. Once an initial assessment is done on a manufactured home unit, the same value is used until the County completes the next periodic assessment. Currently, Florence County uses the 2004 standard to establish manufactured home values. Assessments are scheduled every five years with the next scheduled countywide assessment in 2009.

HOUSING COSTS AND FAIR HOUSING ISSUES

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act) as amended, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex: familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18) and handicap (disability). This and the following information is cited from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development website:

The generally accepted definition of affordability is for a household to pay no more than 30 percent of its annual income on housing. Families who pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing are considered cost burdened and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care.
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Economic means have a vital role in a resident's ability to participate in the housing market of Florence County. The Population Element shows the percentage of the population in poverty in Florence County to be about 16.4% (Population Element, Table 1-16). Over 75% of the County's population may have difficulty in acquiring and maintaining housing due to financial conditions. Due to recent turmoil in the mortgage market, this figure may be larger.

Being economically disadvantaged can have an impact on housing options in Florence County. This issue may be manifested in the credit and loan application process. Many residents who may be considered as economically disadvantaged do not have the credit status desired by lending institutions.

The analysis of the economically disadvantaged in the County shows by race that housing options are greatly impacted. Table 4-21 gives the ethnic composition of poverty status for Florence County.

Table 4-21 Florence County Poverty Levels by Ethnic Groups

ETHNIC GROUP	TOTAL BELOW POVERTY	PERCENTAGE BELOW POVERTY
White	5,802	8.1%
Black	13,721	28.7%
Hispanic	369	33.3%
Other Races	540	19.5%

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2005

An examination of the impact that poverty has on County residents along lines of ethnic identification reveals that 28.7% of Black residents and 33.3% of the Hispanic component of the County's population are



categorized as being below the poverty level. If economic factors were the only impediments to fair housing in the County, a combined solution of educational advancement and training, job preparation, and a short-term housing voucher system to supplement the incomes of lower-income families for the purpose of increasing housing options would significantly improve the outlook of fair housing compliance in the County.

Basic data for identifying obstacles to fair housing and establishing a plan for fair housing may include the following:

- an analysis of public policies, practices and procedures involving housing and housing-related activities in the County;
- analyze the application of zoning and other land use controls, including tax assessment and tax abatement practices;
- examine the nature and extent of fair housing complaints, lawsuits and other data which might provide evidence of the County's application of fair housing practices;
- examine demographic patterns of the County;
- examine Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data; and
- analyze patterns of occupancy in Section 8, public housing and Assisted Housing, and private rental housing.

Fair housing issues may be grounded in factors other than socio-economic status or the lack of the financial ability to participate in the general housing market. Housing discrimination and land use decisions that operate in a discriminatory fashion ensure that segments of the County's population will consistently have fewer housing options. The overall general welfare of all county residents is linked to the well being of every component of the County's population. Efforts to promote fair housing policies and practices in the County will be an overall benefit to improving conditions.

Table 4-22 Household Growth and Percentages for Florence and Adjacent Counties

COUNTY	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		PERCENT CHANGE	AVERAGE PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD		PERCENT CHANGE
	1990	2000		1990	2000	
South Carolina	1,258,044	1,533,854	+21.9	2.4	2.5	+4.2
Florence	40,217	47,147	+17.2	2.8	2.6	-7.1
Clarendon	9,544	11,812	+23.8	3.0	2.6	-13.3
Darlington	21,999	25,793	+17.2	2.8	2.6	-7.1
Dillon	9,887	11,199	+13.3	2.9	2.7	-6.9
Lee	6,054	6,866	+13.7	3.0	2.7	-10
Marion	11,766	13,301	+13.0	2.9	2.6	-10.3
Marlboro	10,163	10,478	+3.1	2.8	2.6	-7.1
Sumter	32,723	37,728	+15.3	2.9	2.7	-6.9
Williamsburg	12,108	13,714	+13.3	3.0	2.7	-10

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2005

According to the respective Census information, the average number of persons per household in Florence County fell from 2.8 to 2.6 from 1990 to 2000. In 1980, the average person per household was 3.1. We are seeing a gradual decrease in household size with each decade. The composition and demographics of Florence County households provides information related to community needs and



services. This information may be crucial in anticipating future demand for specific housing types in Florence County.

HOUSEHOLD TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

A household is defined by the U. S. Census Bureau as all persons occupying a housing unit as their usual place of residence.

As shown in The Population Element, the population of Florence County is expected to increase by 3.4% from 2005 to 2010 and then increase at a rate of approximately 3.0% every five years through 2030. Both population and industrial growth factors will impact future housing demand in Florence County. The County is expected to experience nearly a 4.6% growth in households between 2005 and 2010. By the year 2030, Florence County is expected to experience an increase of 21.0% in household or occupied housing units, above the 2000 Census reported level of 47,147 households. Current planning efforts for housing should include the factors mentioned as well as projections of households for the area.

Table 4-23 gives the household projections for Florence County in five year intervals.

Table 4-23 Household Growth and Percentages for Florence and Adjacent Counties

COUNTY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS							% CHANGE 2000 TO 2030
	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	
Florence	47,147	49,910	52,290	54,480	56,420	58,150	59,690	21.0%

Source: SC Statistical Abstract, 2005

The expected growth of the number of households in the County in the near future will have an impact upon nearly every aspect of public service and the local economy. From the utilities and transportation infrastructure, to the school districts and local merchants, the demands of these households will require greater availability of resources. Household growth in Florence County should be preceded by overall planning to ensure that new and existing residential areas have access to community services.

LOCAL HOUSING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

There are a number of local agencies and organizations in Florence County that have initiated efforts to address particular aspects of housing in the County. The activities of these entities offer housing options and improvements to many residents in the County including volunteer groups, businesses, civic organizations, churches and individuals.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FLORENCE

The Housing Authority of Florence manages housing units and administers housing assistance voucher programs to make housing options available to many lower-income County residents. The Housing Authority of Florence's service area consists of all of Florence County north of Lynches River. There are 810 public housing units under the administration of the Housing Authority of Florence, and an additional 491 (approximately) Section 8 units, providing supplemental payments for lower-income families.



The Housing Authority provides valuable housing options for some residents who are unable to participate in the conventional housing market for various reasons. Table 4-24 gives the names, locations and number of units of the housing complexes under the administration of the Housing Authority of Florence.

Table 4-24 Housing Complexes of the Housing Authority of Florence

NAME	MUNICIPALITY	LOCATION	NUMBER OF UNITS
Royal Gardens	City of Florence	Royal Street	50
Church Hill	City of Florence	June Lane	166
Clyde Court	City of Florence	Clyde/Pine Street	50
Oakland Place	City of Florence	Oakland Avenue	64
Pine Park	City of Florence	Pine Street	44
Waverly Acres	City of Florence	Waverly Avenue	20
Bridgeland Village	Town of Timmonsville	Green Street	50
Park View Plaza	City of Florence	Clements Street	60
Creekside Village	City of Florence	Palmetto Street	100
Pine Acres	Town of Pamplico	First Avenue	40
Lakota Place	City of Florence	Conyers Avenue	8
Single-Family Dwellings	City of Florence	Scattered	159

Source: Housing Authority of Florence, June 2007

LAKE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Lake City Housing Authority manages housing units and administers housing assistance voucher programs to make housing options available to many lower-income County residents. The Lake City Housing Authority administers to the lower geographic area of Florence County, (south of Lynches River), with housing units in Lake City and just outside of Johnsonville. As of 2007 the Lake City Housing Authority owned 399 housing units within its service area. In addition, there are 200 subsidized units.

Table 4-25 Housing Complexes of the Lake City Housing Authority

MUNICIPALITY	LOCATION	NUMBER OF UNITS
Lake City	Matthews Road & Opal Street	22
Lake City	Brown Street	8
Lake City	Elm St., DuRant Drive & Spruce St.	70
Lake City	N. Matthews Road	52
Lake City	S. Ron McNair Blvd.	60
Lake City	Morning Glory Drive	50
Lake City	Sherwood St., Ranchwood St. & Augustine St.	52
Johnsonville	Liberty Street	54
Olanta	N. Jones Road	17
Lake City	Scattered	14

Source: Lake City Housing Authority, October 2007



CITY OF FLORENCE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The City of Florence created the Department of Community Services in 2000, which includes the City's community housing functions. The City's two housing programs are the Affordable Housing Program and the Emergency Rehabilitation Program. Program participants consist of senior citizens and low to moderate income residents.

The Affordable Housing Program is designed to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to eligible applicants towards the purchase of a new or existing home. Eligible applicants must be first-time homebuyers and meet the income guidelines established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Over the last ten years, the City has provided approximately 120 eligible applicants with over \$1 million dollars in down payment and closing cost assistance to purchase housing that is collectively valued at over \$8.5 million. The City is currently developing two affordable housing subdivisions, North Pointe and a subdivision in East Florence. The North Pointe subdivision is a 27-unit single-family subdivision located off of Williams Boulevard that is complete with rolled curb and gutter, underground utilities, sidewalks, and a decorative entranceway. The homes are approximately 1200-1400 square feet and start at approximately \$110,000. Currently, the City is providing eligible clients with over \$10,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance. The East Florence subdivision is under construction. While the infrastructure will be similar to that of North Pointe, the focal point of the subdivision will be a passive waterway feature. It is anticipated that homes in the 25-30 unit subdivision will start at \$130,000. There is a total of \$569,000 in grant funds that are earmarked for affordable housing.

The Emergency Rehabilitation Program renovates owner-occupied housing units of eligible clients. The program addresses housing issues that are an imminent threat to health and safety. Generally, the major housing systems – flooring, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, roof – are repaired or replaced. As stated, the program participants consist of senior citizens and low to moderate income residents. There is \$180,000 in CDBG funding earmarked for emergency rehabilitation and grants awarded in July of each year.

The Community Services department also gives financial and technical support to area emergency facilities for the homeless and other human service agencies.

THE GREATER FLORENCE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity requests the assistance of volunteers to make home ownership possible for approved applicants in its program.

This is a Christian organization that endeavors to establish partnership with volunteers, businesses and local leaders in order to provide decent housing to qualifying residents and promote decent communities within the Florence County service area.

The Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity's Florence County service area consists of the urban area of the City of Florence and the Lake City area. As of June 2007, they have constructed a total of 32 houses. The organization promotes a number of housing issues that are deemed important to healthy communities. These include the elimination of substandard housing, home ownership, affordable housing and fair housing practices.

A unique aspect of the Habitat for Humanity housing program is the requirement of "sweat equity" by those applicants who are approved for one of the house construction projects. A minimum of 300 hours of labor or "sweat equity" towards the completion of the home is required by the approved applicant or



by volunteers in the name of the applicant. Also the homes are sold to residents at no profit and are financed with affordable, no-interest loans (Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity).

Some possible ways that the efforts of the Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity may be facilitated are through volunteer efforts, and tax-free donations of needed building materials and supplies.

TELAMON CORPORATION HOUSING DIVISION

Telamon Corporation Housing Division seeks to join with other housing agencies to improve housing conditions for residents in Florence County and the Pee Dee.

The Telamon Corporation Housing Division is a non-profit organization operating in Florence County, as well as the larger Pee Dee region. They endeavor to work with state and local agencies to improve housing conditions for low-income individuals. The organization offers housing assistance and rehabilitation for approved applicants. Housing units selected for participation in the Telamon programs must be owner-occupied units.

Telamon also assists low-income individuals (primarily youth) in developing valuable skills and trades. The organization has supervised training crews working with many of its rehabilitation projects. Telamon also seeks to promote home safety including fire hazards (Telamon Corporation, 1997).

Since its initial work in the area in 1985, Telamon has completed approximately 200 housing rehabilitation projects in the Pee Dee, with 45 to 50 projects in Florence County. Telamon seeks to establish partnerships with other housing agencies in the area to secure funding options to improvement of housing conditions in the region (Telamon Corporation, 1997).

REBUILDING TOGETHER

Rebuilding Together, formerly Christmas in April, operates in the Greater Florence area and orchestrates its major housing rehabilitation efforts during a one-day period blitz on the last Saturday in the month of April of each year.

Rebuilding Together is a volunteer organization operating to rehabilitate housing for low income homeowners in the Greater Florence area. The organizations major rehabilitation efforts take place during the month of April, when all of the planning, recruiting, donations or materials and volunteer efforts culminate into a one-day blitz of rehabilitation activities. Rebuilding Together began efforts in the Florence area in 1997, with a total of ten rehabilitation projects completed. Rehabilitation projects range from minor to major repairs to existing homes, including roofing, floor repairs, plumbing and other needed repairs.

The mission of the Rebuilding Together organization includes focusing on the housing needs of the low income population, the elderly and disabled, with the objective of maintaining living conditions for them that are warm safe and allow continued independence.

In the coming years, the organization seeks to expand the number of rehabilitation teams and thus increase the number of projects completed during its activities in April. In 2008, the group's goal is to complete a total of 25 rehabilitation projects. (www.rebuildtogether.org)



GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

GOAL 1

Establish guidelines for the use of incentives to promote more affordable housing development by the private sector. Increase the supply of housing that is affordable for low-income households.

Implementation Strategy: Seek sponsors and funds to support development of rental and owner-occupied homes affordable for households with incomes between 60% and 80% of the local median household income. Support local public agencies or non-profit agencies to develop low-income housing.

Time Frame: Short Term

GOAL 2

Determine the presence of barriers to the development of affordable housing and, if so determined, attempt to remove and prevent those practices.

Implementation Strategy: The appropriate County agencies will review land use and zoning policies as well as public feedback and propose solutions to barriers on an annual basis, taking into consideration the following tasks:

- analyze public policies, practices and procedures involving housing and housing-related activities in the County;
- analyze the application of zoning and other land use controls, including tax assessment and tax abatement practices;
- examine the nature and extent of fair housing complaints, lawsuits and other data which might provide evidence of the County's application of fair housing practices;
- examine demographic patterns of the County;
- examine Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data; and
- analyze patterns of occupancy in Section 8, public housing and Assisted Housing, and private rental housing.

Timeframe: Continuous

GOAL 3

Encourage the development of higher density, affordable housing types near major employment nodes to promote jobs-housing balance.

Implementation Strategy: Coordinate with Florence County Economic Development to discuss what type of industry Florence County is seeking to maintain, expand and attract and where would new businesses likely locate. Work closely with existing businesses to assess plans for expansion and with local Economic Development organizations to ensure that efforts to create more jobs are also linked to efforts to create more housing opportunities.

Time Frame: Continuous

GOAL 4

Promote mixed-use development, combining residential and retail components in urban portions of the County near major transportation nodes as a means of reducing traffic congestion and fostering neighborhood identity.

Implementation Strategy: Coordinate with municipal downtown development organizations about new projects that foster a wide range of housing options focusing on future needs. Educate the public about air quality and potential threats to health.

Time Frame: Continuous



GOAL 5

Promote the development of housing and provide a range of housing choices that meet the needs of persons of all income levels, of all age groups, and persons with special needs.

Implementation Strategy: Inventory appropriate available land for residential development through the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Direct high-density housing options to urban centers while maintaining the rural lifestyle of unincorporated areas.

Time Frame: Continuous

GOAL 6

Provide guidelines for the use of incentives to promote the development of special housing, such as small lot-single family homes, that accommodate the needs of the county's growing older adult population resulting in one person households and those households including persons with disabilities.

Implementation Strategy: Review existing development controls to see if any changes are warranted to encourage developers to create additional housing for seniors. Talk with local hospital administration and other local organizations to seek sponsors and developers for additional senior housing options.

Time Frame: Continuous

GOAL 7

Conduct a comprehensive study on the nature, location, and ownership status of the County's inventory of deteriorated housing.

Implementation Strategy: Work with the State Housing Finance and Local Development Authority to determine possible sources of housing rehabilitation funds. Adopt and implement a municipal housing code to encourage homeowners to provide basic maintenance. Apply to the State for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to establish a local home repair loan program. Check with regional agencies to see if there is an existing program that the County can join.

Time Frame: Medium Term

GOAL 8

Require new planned unit developments to provide adequate ingress and egress, as well as establish transit, bicycle, and pedestrian linkages.

Implementation Strategy: Work with architects, developers and engineers to visualize adequate and safe ingress and egress options and to include roads within developments adequate to promote bicyclist and pedestrian usage. Assist Pee Dee Transportation Authority in reaching its goal to broaden transit within the City of Florence.

Time Frame: Long Term

GOAL 9

Explore green building initiatives such as LEED certified building procedures.

Implementation Strategy: Seek information and invite representatives of various green building initiatives to community meetings to disseminate information about the short- and long-term benefits.

Timeframe: Long Term

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GOAL 10

Protect and enhance existing historically significant housing.

Implementation Strategy: Coordinate with the State Historic Preservation Office on the preservation and enhancement of historic resources. Support local governments as a Certified Local Government by the National Park Service in order to participate in Federal – State – Local partnerships. Investigate the feasibility of adopting historic preservation ordinances. Educate the public on the importance of historic references to present day activities.

Timeframe: Continuous

GOAL 11

Explore the feasibility of a Capital Improvement Program.

Implementation Strategy: Gather information and examples of successful Capital Improvement Programs that may be useful in developing a Florence County program. Survey potential County needs that would be addressed by this program.

Timeframe: Medium Term

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APPENDIX

Element Adoption Dates

Florence County June 19, 2008

City of Johnsonville July 1, 2008

Town of Olanta July 1, 2008

Town of Quinby August 5, 2008

Town of Scranton July 7, 2008

Town of Timmonsville July 1, 2008

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FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 36-2007/08

DEPARTMENT: Finance

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

An Ordinance to ratify FY08 budget and grant resolutions previously authorized by Council and other matters related thereto.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. There have been grants received during the year that need to be formally appropriated by Council.
2. The Sheriff's Office has established a new sex offender program at a cost of \$7,000, which was not previously included in the budget. The cost of this program is covered by registration fees of those required by the State of South Carolina to be a participation in the program.
3. The Sheriff's Office has two camps – the Explorer Camp and the BLAST Camp – that were previously not included in the budget, but now are being accounted for as part of the Sheriff's Office budget. The total cost of these two camps is estimated at \$12,000 and is covered by registration fees paid by participants.
4. Due to fuel, utility, and food price increases, the Sheriff's Office does not have sufficient funds in its FY08 budget to cover these costs. These costs are estimated to exceed budgeted amounts by approximately \$339,000. However, the Sheriff's Office has received revenue from the sale of seized vehicles that was unbudgeted and inmate revenue is estimated to be greater than was originally budgeted; therefore these revenue amounts are anticipated to exceed budgeted amounts by approximately \$150,000. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is anticipated to realize salary savings in the amount of \$189,000 as a result of leaving various positions vacant in an attempt to control costs.
5. The revenue and expenditures related to the January 2008 presidential preference primary, which was funded by the State, and which were previously unbudgeted, in the amount of \$74,734, need to be recognized formally in the budget.
6. The revenue and expenditures related to the hiring of interns to assist with the GIS division addressing project, which was funded by a transfer of salary savings from the Planning and Building Inspection Department, in the amount of \$5,000, need to be recognized formally in the budget.

FUNDING FACTORS:

1. County Council has previously accepted the various grant agreements. This Ordinance approves the formal appropriation for the related grant expenditures.
2. The fees collected by the Sheriff's Office for the sex offender registry program and the two camps will offset the expenditures for these programs.
3. The increased costs of the Sheriff's Office for fuel, utilities and food is estimated to be approximately \$339,000 above what was budgeted. This increase will be funded from inmate and surplus sale revenue estimated to be \$150,000 above what was budgeted and salary savings estimated to be approximately \$189,000.
4. The January 2008 presidential preference primary was funded by the State of South Carolina.
5. The interns for the GIS division addressing project were funded by a transfer from the Planning and Building Inspection Department.

OPTIONS:

1. *(Recommended)* Approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 36-2007/08.
2. Provide An Alternate Directive

ATTACHMENT:

1. Ordinance No. 36-2007/08

Sponsor(s) : County Council
 Introduction : May 15, 2008
 Committee Referral : N/A
 Committee Consideration Date : N/A
 Committee Recommendation : N/A
 Public Hearing : June 5, 2008
 Second Reading : June 5, 2008
 Third Reading : June 19, 2008
 Effective Date : June 19, 2008

I, _____,
 Council Clerk, certify that the
 ad for a Public Hearing on this
 Ordinance ran on: _____.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2007/2008

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

[An Ordinance To Ratify FY08 Budget And Grant Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.]

WHEREAS:

- 1) The previous adoption of various resolutions by County Council requires supplemental appropriations for unanticipated revenues received after the adoption of the budget; and
- 2) As a result of these resolutions, it is necessary for County Council to adopt a final budget amendment ordinance to provide for budget resolutions authorized by Council during the fiscal year, as well as grants, any other supplemental appropriation actions, and other non-recurring allocations in accordance with the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1) The Florence County Council hereby amends the FY08 budgetary appropriations and directs the allocation of the receipt of nonrecurring revenue as detailed hereinafter, and authorizes and directs the Florence County Administrator to make the following changes to the FY08 appropriated budgets:

GENERAL FUND (FUND #10)

Based on the establishment of the Sheriff's Office sex offender registry program, Florence County Council hereby directs that budgeted revenue and expenditures be reduced accordingly as follows:

Revenue	10-347-0610	\$ 7,000
Expenditures	10-435-6400	\$ 7,000

Based on the Sheriff's office updated procedure of accounting for various camps as a part of the department's operating budget hereby directs the appropriation of the following expenditures and the use of fund balance for their funding:

Revenue	10-344-0700	\$ 12,000
Expenditures	10-714-0502	\$ 4,000
	10-714-0503	\$ 8,000

In order to fund anticipated shortfalls in various line items in the Sheriff's Office as a result of increased fuel, utility, and food costs, to be covered by estimated inmate revenue and surplus sale revenue in excess of budget, as well as salary savings from positions being held vacant in the Sheriff's Office in order to control costs, Florence County Council hereby recognizes the increase in the General Fund budgeted revenues and directs the appropriation of the following expenditures:

Revenue	10-325-0022	\$ 20,000
	10-342-9001	\$ 90,000
	10-344-0500	\$ 20,000
	10-347-0601	\$ 10,000
	10-347-0651	\$ 10,000
Expenditures	10-435-0100	(\$ 70,000)
	10-435-3000	\$ 106,000
	10-711-0100	(\$ 119,000)
	10-711-0200	\$ 5,000
	10-711-5500	\$ 97,000
	10-711-5520	\$ 10,000
	10-711-6100	\$ 36,000
	10-711-6170	\$ 22,000
	10-711-6300	\$ 33,000
	10-711-6472	\$ 22,000
	10-716-3000	\$ 8,000

In order to recognize the revenue and expenditure for the January 2008 presidential preference primary funded by the State, that was unbudgeted, Florence County Council hereby recognizes the increase in the General Fund budgeted revenues and directs the appropriation of the following expenditures:

Revenue	10-312-0850	\$ 74,734
Expenditures	10-443-8952	\$ 74,734

GRANT FUND (FUND #42)

The FY08 Budget is hereby amended to increase revenue and expenditures for various grants awarded during the fiscal year. The grants, grant numbers, and amounts are as follows:

Solicitor's Arbitrator	4399	\$ 86,128
Solicitor's Salary Supplement	4400	\$ 266,087
Solicitor's Pre-trial Intervention	4401	\$ 192,922
Juvenile Drug Court	4402	\$ 57,645
Library Gifts/Donations	4406	\$ 948
School Dist #1 SRO	4447	\$ 40,276
School Dist #3 SRO	4448	\$ 46,958
Family Court DSS	4451	\$ 356,760
Sheriff DSS	4452	\$ 57,014
Library	4200	\$ 500
SRO Sneed	4202	\$ 62,185

Tourism	4204	\$ 240,000
School Dist#3 SRO	4205	\$ 37,318
School Dist #1 Roving SRO	4216	\$ 62,036
SLED – EOC	4219	\$ 64,540
Used Oil contract	4222	\$ 8,784
Used Oil Grant	4238	\$ 6,225
JAG Grant – CDV Investigator	4239	\$ 68,422
JAG Grant – Juvenile Crime Investigator	4241	\$ 69,615
School Dist #1 SRO	4242	\$ 108,586
School Dist #5 SRO	4243	\$ 35,841
Pictometry	4244	\$ 59,095
DUI Grant in Aid	4245	\$ 1,280
EMS Grant in Aid	4246	\$ 31,403
Road Paving	4247	\$ 362,545
Public Defender	4248	\$ 67,495
JAG Grant	4249	\$ 61,862
Commerce Grant – Poole Project	4250	\$ 100,000
Circle Park	4251	\$ 17,900
Road Paving	4252	\$ 310,000
DUI Prosecutor	4253	\$ 67,495
Victim Witness – Solicitor	4254	\$ 19,167
Bullet Proof Vests	4255	\$ 8,955
Homeland Security	4256	\$ 87,500
Library – Ingram Trust	4257	\$ 10,000
Johnsonville Tennis Courts	4258	\$ 5,000
Road Paving	4259	\$ 70,000
Homeland Security	4260	\$ 6,000
Pee Dee Commerce Center	4261	\$ 474,052
Sheriff – Dog supplies	4262	\$ 4,550
Probate Court	4265	\$ 849
Johnsonville Library	4266	\$ 550,000
Fiber Optics	4267	\$ 12,841
Homeland Security	4268	\$ 42,111
Library – Windham Trust	4270	\$ 500
Lynches River County Park	4296	\$ 120,129
LEMPG Grant	4233	\$ 24,250

E911 FUND (FUND #48)

In order to continue the addressing project undertaken by the GIS division, interns were hired to assist with this project. The cost of these interns was funded by a transfer from salary savings in the Planning and Building Inspection Department budget. Therefore, in order to recognize the revenue and expenditure for these addressing interns, Florence County Council hereby recognizes the increase in the E911 Fund budgeted revenues and directs the appropriation of the following expenditures:

Revenue	48-399-0051	\$ 5,000
Expenditures	48-708-0100	\$ 5,000

- 2) This Ordinance includes the ratification of all grant and budget related resolutions as previously approved by Florence County Council for the fiscal year ending 06/30/08.
- 3) All provisions in other County Ordinances or Resolutions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
- 4) If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Connie Y. Haselden
Clerk to Council

K.G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman
Florence County Council

Approved as to Form & Content
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney

COUNCIL VOTE:
OPPOSED:
ABSENT:

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FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Introduction of Ordinance No. 37-2007/08

DEPARTMENT: Finance

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

An Ordinance Authorizing And Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not To Exceed \$600,000 General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Volunteer Fire District), Series 2008, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bond; Authorizing The County Administrator To Determine Certain Matters Relating To The Bond; Providing For The Payment Of The Bond And Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. The Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Volunteer Fire District was created by County Council pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 31-2006/07 adopted on April 5, 2007.
2. The Fire District has entered into an agreement with the Town of Olanta to provide fire service inside the municipal boundaries of the Town.
3. In order to provide these fire services and house vehicles and equipment, it has become necessary for the Fire District to construct a new fire station. The cost of the station is estimated not to exceed \$600,000.
4. Annual debt service on a \$600,000 bond amortized over 20 years at a rate of 5% will be approximately \$48,150.

FUNDING FACTORS:

1. The annual debt service of the bond will be funded an approximate 1.5 mill tax levy, which is included in the FY2008/2009 Florence County budget ordinance – Ordinance No. 01-2008/09.
2. This additional millage will only be levied within the boundaries of the Fire District.

OPTIONS:

1. *(Recommended)* Introduce Ordinance No. 37-2007/08.
2. Provide An Alternate Directive

ATTACHMENT:

1. Ordinance No. 37-2007/08

Sponsor(s) : County Council
 First Reading : June 5, 2008
 Committee Referral : N/A
 Committee Consideration Date : N/A
 Committee Recommendation : N/A
 Public Hearing : June 19, 2008
 Second Reading : June 19, 1008
 Third Reading : July 17, 2008
 Effective Date : Immediately

I, _____,
 Council Clerk, certify that this
 Ordinance was advertised for
 Public Hearing on _____.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2007/08

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

(Authorizing And Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not To Exceed \$600,000 General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Volunteer Fire District), Series 2008, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bond; Authorizing The County Administrator To Determine Certain Matters Relating To The Bond; Providing For The Payment Of The Bond And Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.)

WHEREAS:

The Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Volunteer Fire District has requested the issuance of a general obligation bond not to exceed \$600,000 for the acquisition of necessary equipment and facilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Findings and Determinations. The County Council (the "Council") of Florence County, South Carolina (the "County"), hereby finds and determines:

- (a) Pursuant to Section 4-9-10, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the Council-Administrator form of government was adopted and the Council constitutes the governing body of the County.
- (b) Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended (the "Constitution"), provides that each county shall have the power to incur bonded indebtedness in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the General Assembly shall prescribe by general law within the limitations set forth in Section 14 and Section 12 of Article X.
- (c) Article X, Section 12 of the Constitution provides that no law shall be enacted permitting the incurring of bonded indebtedness by any county for fire protection service benefiting only a particular geographical section of the county unless a special assessment, tax or service charge in an amount designed to provide debt service on bonded indebtedness incurred for such purpose shall be imposed upon the area or persons receiving the benefit therefrom.
- (d) Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution further provides that general obligation debt may be incurred only for a purpose which is a public purpose and which is a corporate purpose

of the County. The power to incur general obligation debt shall include general obligation debt incurred by the County within the limitations prescribed by Article X, Section 12 of the Constitution.

- (e) In determining the debt limitations imposed by the provisions of Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution, bonded indebtedness incurred pursuant to Article X, Section 12 shall not be considered.
- (f) Pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 19 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Act"), the Council has, among other powers, the power: (1) to designate the areas of the County where fire protection service may be furnished by the County under the Act; and (2) to levy and collect ad valorem taxes without limit as to rate or amount upon all taxable property in the service area where fire protection services are furnished to effect the payment of principal and interest on all bonds issued pursuant to the Act or required for the maintenance and operation of the fire protection system.
- (g) In accordance with the provisions of Section 4-19-20 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 31-2006/07 enacted on April 5, 2007, the County established a special taxing district for the purpose of providing rural fire protection in the County, which includes 106 square miles in the northeastern most corner of the County and a portion of the southwestern most corner of the County, such special taxing district being hereinafter referred to as the "Fire District."
- (h) Pursuant to Section 4-19-50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the governing body of the County is empowered to issue general obligation bonds of the County, without the necessity of holding an election, for the purpose of purchasing firefighting equipment and to construct, acquire, and build the necessary fire stations and acquire sites for the stations, to provide fire protection in the Fire District.
- (i) Pursuant to this Ordinance, the Council is providing for the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem tax within the Fire District which will be sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on the Bond (hereinafter described).
- (j) In order to continue to provide fire protection services in the Fire District, the County is undertaking the constructing and equipping of a new fire station (the "Project").
- (k) It is necessary and in the best interest of the County for the Council to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$600,000 general obligation bond of the County pursuant to the aforesaid provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, the proceeds of which will be used: (a) to defray the cost of the Project; (b) to pay costs of issuance of the Bond; and (c) for such other lawful corporate and public purposes as the Council shall determine.

Section 2. Authorizations and Details of Bond. Pursuant to the aforesaid provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, there is hereby authorized to be issued a general obligation bond of the County in the amount of not exceeding \$600,000 to obtain funds for the purposes mentioned in Section 1(k) above. The bond shall be designated "\$600,000 (or such lesser amount as may be issued) General Obligation Bond (Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Volunteer Fire District), Series 2008, of Florence County, South Carolina (the "Bond")."

The Bond shall be issued as a fully-registered bond; shall be dated the date of its delivery; shall be in the denomination of the amount issued; shall be numbered R-1; shall bear interest at such times as hereafter designated by the Administrator at such rate or rates as may be determined at the time of the sale thereof; and shall mature serially in successive annual principal installments as determined by the Administrator.

Both the principal of and interest on the Bond shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is, at the time of payment, legal tender for public and private debts. The County Treasurer shall serve as the registrar and paying agent (the "Registrar/Paying Agent") for the Bond.

Section 3. Delegation of Authority to Determine Certain Matters Relating to the Bond. The Council hereby delegates to the Administrator the authority to determine (a) the maturity dates of the Bond and the respective principal amounts maturing on such dates; (b) the interest payment dates of the Bond; (c) redemption provisions, if any, for the Bond; (d) the date and time of sale of the Bond.

The Council hereby further delegates to the Administrator the authority, if necessary, to receive bids on behalf of the Council and the authority to award the sale of the Bond to the lowest bidder therefor in accordance with the terms of the Notice of Sale for the Bond, provided the true interest cost of the Bond does not exceed six percent (6%) per annum. After the sale of the Bond, the Administrator shall submit a written report to the Council setting forth the results of the sale of the Bond.

Section 4. Registration, Transfer and Exchange of the Bond. The County shall cause books (herein referred to as the "registry books") to be kept at the offices of the County Treasurer for the registration and transfer of the Bond.

Section 5. Record Date. The County hereby establishes a record date for the payment of interest or for the giving of notice of any proposed redemption of the Bond, and such record date shall be the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) preceding an interest payment date on the Bond or, in the case of any proposed redemption of the Bond, such record date shall be the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) prior to the mailing of notice of redemption of the Bond.

Section 6. Execution of Bond. The Bond shall be executed in the name of the County with the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairman of the Council attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk of the Council under a facsimile of the seal of the County which shall be impressed, imprinted or reproduced thereon.

Section 7. Form of Bond. The Bond shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 8. Security for the Bond. For the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bond, as they respectively mature, the full faith, credit and taxing power of Florence County, South Carolina, are hereby irrevocably pledged, and pursuant to Section 4-19-140 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended and Section 12 of Article X of the Constitution, there shall be levied annually by the Auditor of the County and collected by the Treasurer of the County, in the same manner as other county taxes are levied and collected, an ad valorem tax, without limit, on all

taxable property in the Fire District, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Bond as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor. Bonds issued by the County for the Fire District are the primary obligation of the Fire District and only in the event ad valorem taxes levied and collected in the Fire District are insufficient to pay the debt service on the Bond shall the County be required to levy and collect a tax on all taxable property within the County sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Bond as they mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary.

The Council shall give the Auditor and Treasurer of the County written notice of the delivery of and payment for the Bond and they are hereby directed to levy and collect annually, on all taxable property in the Fire District, an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the Bond as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

Section 9. Notice of Public Hearing. The Council hereby ratifies and approves the publication of a notice of public hearing regarding the Bond and this Ordinance, such notice having been published in the *Morning News* on May 30, 2008.

Section 10. Initiative and Referendum Provisions. The Council hereby delegates to the Administrator the authority to determine whether the Notice prescribed under the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 27 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 as amended, relating to the initiative and referendum provisions contained in Title 4, Chapter 9, Article 13 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 as amended, shall be given with respect to this Ordinance. If said Notice is given, the Administrator is authorized to have published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County the notice in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Section 11. Defeasance. The obligations of the County under this Ordinance and the pledges, covenants and agreements of the County herein made or provided for, shall be fully discharged and satisfied as to any portion of the Bond, and the Bond shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding hereunder when:

- (a) such Bond shall have been purchased by the County and surrendered to the County for cancellation or otherwise surrendered to the County or the Paying Agent and is canceled or subject to cancellation by the County or the Paying Agent; or
- (b) payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond either (i) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof, or (ii) shall have been provided for by irrevocably depositing with the Paying Agent in trust and irrevocably set aside exclusively for such payment (1) moneys sufficient to make such payment or (2) Government Obligations (hereinafter defined) maturing as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will ensure the availability of sufficient moneys to make such payment and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the Paying Agent. At such time as the Bond shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding hereunder, such Bond shall cease to draw interest from the due date thereof and, except for the purposes of any such payment from such moneys or Government Obligations as set forth in (ii) above, shall no longer be secured by or entitled to the benefits of this Ordinance.

“Government Obligations” shall mean any of the following:

- (a) direct obligations of the United States of America or agencies thereof or obligations, the payment of principal or interest on which, in the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States, is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America; and
- (b) non-callable, U. S. Treasury Securities - State and Local Government Series (“SLGS”);

Section 12. Exemption from State Taxes. Both the principal of and interest on the Bond shall be exempt, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-2-50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, from all State, county, municipal, school district and all other taxes or assessments, except estate or other transfer taxes, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise.

Section 13. Sale of Bond; Form of Notice of Sale. The Bond shall be offered for public sale on the date and at the time designated by the Administrator. A Notice of Sale shall be distributed to prospective bidders and a summary of such Notice of Sale shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County not less than ten (10) days prior to the date set for such sale.

Section 14. Filings with Central Repository. In compliance with Section 11-1-85, South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, the County covenants that it will file or cause to be filed with a central repository for availability in the secondary bond market when requested: (a) a copy of an annual independent audit of the County within thirty (30) days of the County's receipt thereof; and (b) within thirty (30) days of the occurrence thereof, event specific information of an event which adversely affects more than five (5%) percent of the tax revenues of the County or of the County's tax base.

Section 15. Deposit and Use of Proceeds. The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the County in a special fund to the credit of the County, separate and distinct from all other funds, and shall be expended from time to time and made use of by the Council as follows:

- (a) Any premium shall be placed in the sinking fund established pursuant to Section 4-15-150 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and
- (b) The balance of the proceeds shall be applied for the purposes set forth in this Ordinance including defraying the costs and expenses of issuing the Bonds.

Section 16. Tax Covenants. The County hereby covenants and agrees with the holders of the Bond that no use of the proceeds of the Bond shall be made which, if such use had been reasonably expected on the date of issue of the Bond would have caused the Bond to be “arbitrage bonds,” as defined in Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”), and to that end the County hereby shall:

- (a) comply with the applicable provisions of Section 103 and Sections 141 through 150 of the Code and any regulations promulgated thereunder so long as the Series 2008 Bond are outstanding;

- (b) establish such funds, make such calculations and pay such amounts, in the manner and at the times required in order to comply with the requirements of the Code relating to required rebates of certain amounts to the United States;
- (c) make such reports of such information at the time and places required by the Code; and
- (d) not take any action which will, or fail to take any action which failure will, cause interest on the Bond to become includable in the gross income of the bondholders for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Code and regulations promulgated thereunder in effect on the date of original issuance of the Bond.

Section 17. Miscellaneous. The Council hereby authorizes the Administrator and the Clerk to Council to execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to effect the issuance of the Bond. The Council hereby retains the law firm of McNair Law Firm, P.A., as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bond.

All rules, regulations, resolutions and parts thereof, procedural or otherwise, in conflict herewith or the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bond are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its enactment.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

 Connie Y. Haselden, Council Clerk

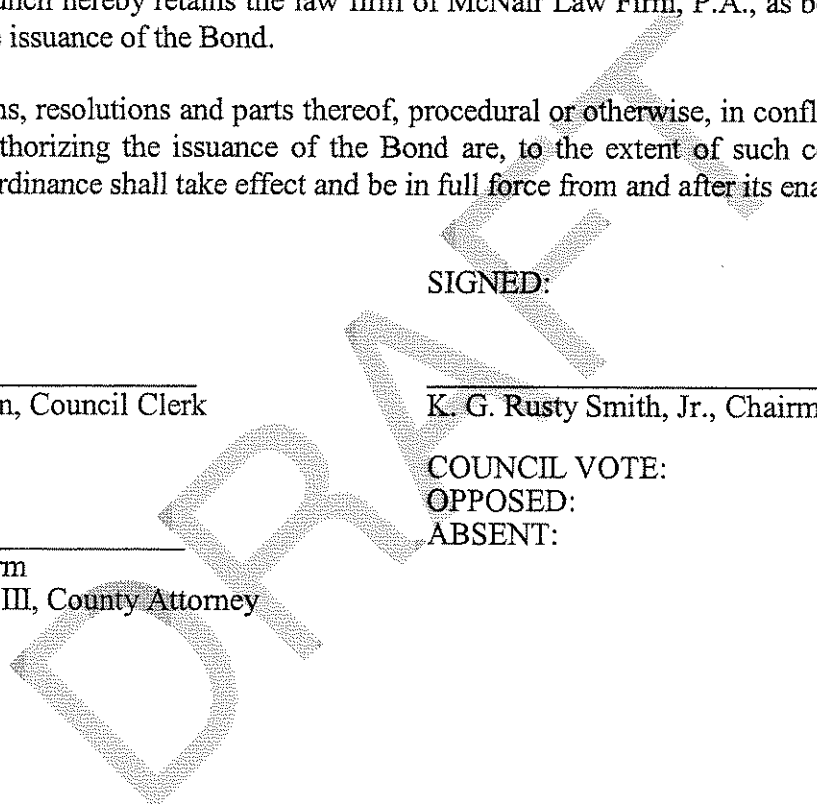
 K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

ABSENT:

 Approved as to Form
 James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney



(FORM OF BOND)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE COUNTY
((WINDY HILL/OLANTA RURAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT)
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2008

R-1

\$ _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Florence County, South Carolina (the "County"), is justly indebted and, for value received, hereby promises to _____ in _____, South Carolina, its successors or registered assigns, the principal sum of _____ (\$ _____) with interest thereon at the rate of _____% per annum. This Bond is payable in _____ installments of principal and interest, commencing _____ and _____ thereafter until this Bond is paid.

Both the principal of and interest on this Bond are payable at the principal office of _____ in _____, South Carolina, in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is, at the time of payment, legal tender for public and private debts.

For the payment hereof, both principal and interest, as they respectively mature; and for the creation of a sinking fund to aid in the retirement and payment thereof the full faith, credit and taxing power of the County are irrevocably pledged, and there shall be levied and collected, annually upon all taxable property in the Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Volunteer Fire District (the "Fire District") an ad valorem tax, without limitation as to rate or amount, sufficient for such purposes.

This Bond is issued pursuant to and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, including Article X, Sections 12 and 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended; Title 4, Chapter 19 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; Ordinance No. 31-2006/07 duly enacted by the Florence County Council (the "County Council") on April 5, 2007, and Ordinance No. _____ duly enacted by the County Council on _____, 2008.

The County shall have the option to prepay this Bond in whole or in part at any time prior to its maturity without penalty.

Under the laws of the State of South Carolina, this Bond and the interest hereon are exempt from all State, county, municipal, school district and all other taxes or assessments, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise, except inheritance, estate or transfer taxes.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due time, form and manner as required by law; that the amount of this Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the County does not exceed the applicable limitation of indebtedness under the laws of the State of South Carolina; and that provision has been made for the levy and collection annually upon all taxable property in the Fire District, without limitation as to rate or amount, sufficient to pay the principal and interest on this

Bond as the same shall respectively mature and to create a sinking fund to aid in the retirement and payment thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, has caused this Bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairman of the County Council and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk to County Council under the seal of the County impressed, imprinted or reproduced hereon and this Bond to be dated the _____ day of _____, 2008.

FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Chairman, County Council

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Clerk to County Council

DRAFT

REGISTRATION

This Bond has been registered in the name of _____ in _____, South Carolina, on the registration books kept by the County Treasurer, Florence County, South Carolina.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2008.

County Treasurer, Florence County, South Carolina

DRAFT

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council (the "County Council") of Florence County, South Carolina (the "County"), on _____, 2008, enacted an ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. _____ AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (WINDY HILL/OLANTA RURAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT), SERIES 2008, OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE SERIES DESIGNATION; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BOND; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO" (the "Ordinance"). The Ordinance authorizes the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$600,000 General Obligation Bond, Series 2008, or such other appropriate series designation (the "Bond") of the County.

The proceeds of the Bond will be used to construct and equip a new fire station, to pay costs of issuance of the Bond, and for such other lawful corporate and public purposes as the County Council shall determine.

Pursuant to Section 11-27-40(8) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, unless a notice, signed by not less than five (5) qualified electors of the County, of the intention to seek a referendum is filed both in the office of the Clerk of Court of the County and with the Clerk of the County Council, the initiative and referendum provisions of South Carolina law, Sections 4-9-1210 to 4-9-1230, South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, shall not be applicable to the Ordinance. The notice of intention to seek a referendum must be filed within twenty (20) days following the publication of this notice of the adoption of the aforesaid Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in Florence County.

FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Boards & Commissions

DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Filling vacancies on Boards and Commissions.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. Citizen involvement on boards, commissions and committees of Florence County is extremely important.
2. Many boards/commissions/committees currently have vacancies or have approaching vacancies.

OPTIONS:

1. Make appropriate appointments.
2. Take no action.

(A copy of the list of current and approaching vacancies for 2008 was previously provided to Council. Additional copies are available upon request.)

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Reports to Council
Monthly Financial Reports

DEPARTMENT: Administration

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Monthly financial reports are provided to Council for fiscal year 2008 through April 30, 2008 as an item for the record.

ATTACHMENTS:

Copies of the monthly financial reports.

COPY

**FLORENCE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
GENERAL FUND
REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT FY08
7/1/07 TO 4/30/08**

	YEAR-TO-DATE			
	BUDGETED REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE	REMAINING BALANCE	PCT
REVENUES				
Taxes	29,325,427	29,246,992	78,435	0.27%
Licenses & Permits	1,582,628	1,530,394	52,234	3.30%
Fines & Fees	4,183,773	3,098,820	1,084,953	25.93%
Intergovernmental	8,516,663	6,354,623	2,162,040	25.39%
Sales and Other Functional	3,971,691	3,662,843	308,848	7.78%
Miscellaneous	579,000	210,596	368,404	63.63%
Operating Transfers	(2,742,904)	(14,510)	(2,728,394)	99.47%
Addition to Fund Balance	(500,000)	-	(500,000)	100.00%
TOTAL	44,916,278	44,089,757	826,521	1.84%

	YEAR-TO-DATE				
	BUDGETED EXPENDITURE	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	REMAINING BALANCE	PCT	
EXPENDITURES					
401	County Library	3,457,189	2,872,738	584,451	16.91%
402	County Council	319,921	199,435	120,486	37.66%
403	Legal Services	85,000	60,519	24,482	28.80%
404	Administrator	608,366	463,555	144,811	23.80%
405	Finance	694,915	532,795	162,120	23.33%
406	Treasurer	799,392	642,424	156,968	19.64%
407	Information Technology	1,254,302	1,012,808	241,494	19.25%
408	Auditor	465,975	356,768	109,207	23.44%
409	Tax Assessor	1,161,366	901,473	259,893	22.38%
410	County Associations	23,200	23,154	46	0.20%
412	Procurement & Facilities	213,194	170,588	42,606	19.98%
414	Clerk of Court	929,104	755,837	173,267	18.65%
415	General Sessions Court	171,042	139,598	31,444	18.38%
416	Solicitor	904,990	762,959	142,031	15.69%
418	Human Resources	228,924	175,190	53,734	23.47%
420	Family Court	649,049	499,918	149,131	22.98%
421	Judge of Probate	496,938	387,406	109,532	22.04%
422	Public Defender	613,884	502,227	111,657	18.19%
423	Master in Equity	48,608	40,480	8,128	16.72%
425	Magistrates	2,066,856	1,669,863	396,993	19.21%
432	County Radio System	291,142	269,419	21,723	7.46%
433	Central Dispatch	1,738,809	1,335,250	403,559	23.21%
434	Coroner	273,219	215,928	57,291	20.97%
435	Sheriff's Department	7,154,253	5,989,746	1,164,507	16.28%
436	Building Department	1,781,460	1,392,205	389,255	21.85%
437	GIS	200,863	161,131	39,732	19.78%
438	Central Maintenance	1,014,935	759,975	254,960	25.12%
441	Health Department	86,000	67,363	18,637	21.67%
442	Environmental Services	584,288	444,894	139,394	23.86%
443	Voter Registration	375,495	238,362	137,133	36.52%

**FLORENCE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
GENERAL FUND
REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT FY08
7/1/07 TO 4/30/08**

444	Elections	105,000	74,734	30,266	28.82%
445	EMS	4,064,289	3,307,559	756,730	18.62%
446	Rescue Squads	383,052	306,149	76,903	20.08%
447	Emergency Preparedness	244,684	192,029	52,655	21.52%
448	MIAP Administration	445,139	422,038	23,101	5.19%
450	Veteran's Affairs	139,967	107,982	31,985	22.85%
451	Recreation	988,018	797,938	190,080	19.24%
452	Florence Senior Center	175,493	135,548	39,945	22.76%
453	DSS	51,780	34,013	17,767	34.31%
454	Stadium Commission	3,500	2,625	875	25.00%
456	Pee Dee CAA	10,000	5,000	5,000	50.00%
457	Pee Dee COG	75,457	75,457	0	0.00%
459	Soil & Water Conservation	3,817	1,909	1,909	50.00%
462	Airport Commission	75,457	37,729	37,729	50.00%
464	Lynches River Park	314,580	241,296	73,284	23.30%
465	Non-Department Fringe	1,044,225	692,910	351,315	33.64%
467	Contingency Fund	260,000	186,092	73,908	28.43%
468	PDRTA	5,000	-	5,000	100.00%
469	Employee Tort Insurance	283,928	240,602	43,326	15.26%
470	Humane Society	5,000	-	5,000	100.00%
471	County Agent	5,000	3,750	1,250	25.00%
472	Buildings and Grounds	938,142	734,455	203,687	21.71%
473	Complex	1,180,855	891,904	288,951	24.47%
474	General Phone System	13,000	7,454	5,546	42.66%
475	County Audit	75,000	59,908	15,092	20.12%
478	Mental Health Association	3,000	1,500	1,500	50.00%
479	PD Coalition	10,000	5,000	5,000	50.00%
480	Pauper's Funerals	7,000	6,200	800	11.43%
481	Legislative Delegation Office	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
482	Rural Fire Departments	15,000	5,574	9,426	62.84%
483	PD Speech and Hearing	3,000	-	3,000	100.00%
484	DSN Board	4,950	1,238	3,713	75.00%
485	Literacy Council	4,950	3,713	1,238	25.00%
486	Lake City Senior Center	160,000	73,516	86,484	54.05%
487	Senior Citizens' Association	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%
489	PD Mental Health Center	4,950	2,475	2,475	50.00%
490	Museum Commission	10,000	5,000	5,000	50.00%
491	Employee Blanket Bond	850	824	26	3.10%
711	County Jail	5,918,300	4,825,693	1,092,607	18.46%
714	Sheriff's Special Projects	32,000	39,661	(7,661)	-23.94%
715	Special Enforcement Unit	381,972	312,212	69,760	18.26%
716	DEA	57,374	-	57,374	100.00%
717	Delinquent Tax	370,370	292,990	77,380	20.89%

TOTAL 46,581,778 37,193,683 9,388,095 20.15%

Ideal Remaining % = 16.67%

FLORENCE COUNTY
BUDGET REPORT - OTHER FUNDS
CURRENT PERIOD: 7/1/2007 TO 4/30/2008

	BUDGETED EXPENDITURE	YEAR TO DATE CURRENT	REMAINING BALANCE	PCT	BUDGETED REVENUE	YEAR TO DATE CURRENT	REMAINING BALANCE	PCT
8 Law Library Fund	90,000	31,736	58,264	64.74%	90,000	38,320	51,680	57.42%
19 Landfill Fund	3,813,100	2,837,300	975,800	25.59%	3,813,100	1,345,992	2,467,108	64.70%
21 Utility System Fund	3,105,610	323,058	2,782,552	89.60%	3,105,610	68,048	3,037,562	97.81%
27 Economic Development Partnership Fund	460,000	369,581	90,419	19.66%	460,000	47,030	412,970	89.78%
30 Road System Maintenance Fee Fund	3,625,869	3,069,996	555,873	15.33%	3,625,869	3,895,514	(269,645)	-7.44%
37 Capital Improvement Fund	1,450,000	422,597	1,027,403	70.86%	1,450,000	-	1,450,000	100.00%
48 E911 System Fund	650,003	387,105	262,898	40.45%	650,003	323,569	326,434	50.22%
52 Victim/Witness Assistance Fund	497,384	384,241	113,143	22.75%	497,384	254,838	242,546	48.76%
64 Local Accommodations Tax Fund	2,686,661	2,584,151	102,510	3.89%	2,686,661	947,568	1,739,093	64.73%
74 County Debt Service Fund	3,902,000	3,854,273	47,727	1.22%	3,902,000	3,655,608	246,392	6.31%
TOTALS:	20,280,627	14,264,038	6,016,589	29.67%	20,280,627	10,576,488	9,704,139	47.85%

IDEAL REMAINING PERCENT: 16.67%

**Florence County Council
Allocation Balances by District
April 30, 2008**

Council District #	Type of Allocation	Beginning Budget FY08	Commitments & Current Year Expenditures	Current Available Balances
1	Infrastructure	228,947.00	58,058.00	170,889.00
	Paving	72,551.00	66,163.00	6,388.00
	Utility	301,127.00	45,332.00	255,795.00
	In-Kind	19,800.00	11,432.00	8,368.00
2	Infrastructure	104,099.00	65,252.00	38,847.00
	Paving	98,805.00	7,810.00	90,995.00
	Utility	88,943.00	41,148.00	47,795.00
	In-Kind	19,800.00	1,008.00	18,792.00
3	Infrastructure	58,678.00	32,197.00	26,481.00
	Paving	395,179.00	-	395,179.00
	Utility	247,949.00	62,303.00	185,646.00
	In-Kind	19,800.00	4,717.00	15,083.00
4	Infrastructure	249,200.00	56,645.00	192,555.00
	Paving	266,044.00	154,306.00	111,738.00
	Utility	289,127.00	216,745.00	72,382.00
	In-Kind	19,800.00	900.00	18,900.00
5	Infrastructure	79,678.00	13,172.00	66,506.00
	Paving	46,667.00	11,580.00	35,087.00
	Utility	185,551.00	43,811.00	141,740.00
	In-Kind	19,800.00	1,466.00	18,334.00
6	Infrastructure	216,739.00	29,300.00	187,439.00
	Paving	134,782.00	-	134,782.00
	Utility	316,127.00	118,111.00	198,016.00
	In-Kind	19,800.00	14,339.00	5,461.00
7	Infrastructure	97,318.00	19,952.00	77,366.00
	Paving	293,903.00	-	293,903.00
	Utility	316,127.00	37,024.00	279,103.00
	In-Kind	19,800.00	1,231.00	18,569.00
8	Infrastructure	50,301.00	1,800.00	48,501.00
	Paving	47,336.00	-	47,336.00
	Utility	314,728.00	247,804.00	66,924.00
	In-Kind	19,800.00	900.00	18,900.00
9	Infrastructure	140,899.00	71,618.00	69,281.00
	Paving	100,419.00	-	100,419.00
	Utility	316,127.00	2,451.00	313,676.00
	In-Kind	19,800.00	2,706.00	17,094.00

Infrastructure funds to be used for capital projects or equipment purchases. See guidelines adopted by Council.
Paving funds to be used for paving or rocking roads. See guidelines in County code.
Utility funds to be used for water and sewer projects.
In-Kind funds to be used for projects completed by the Public Works Department.

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Reports
FY2008/2009 State Accommodations Tax Allocations Recommended

DEPARTMENT: Finance

ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Approval of FY2008/2009 State Accommodations Tax allocations to be distributed to the various recipients.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. The Florence County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on May 22, 2008 and received applications for the FY2008/2009 State Accommodations Tax funds.
2. The Committee deliberated allocation of the available funding.
3. Attached is their recommendation to County Council regarding the allocation of the funds.

FUNDING FACTORS:

1. \$250,000 = Total one-time costs for FY2008/2009
2. \$250,000 is funded from State Accommodations Tax funds budgeted in Fund 35. (See p. 176 in FY08/09 budget book)

OPTIONS:

1. (*Recommended*) Approve the expenditure of \$250,000 in State accommodations tax funding allocations as recommended by the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for FY2007/2008.
2. Refer all or some of the allocation recommendations to an Accommodations Tax Reconciliation Committee.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Spreadsheet listing the recommendation of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

Florence County Accommodations Tax Funding Recommendations for FYR 2008-2009

Organization / Event/Project Name	FY08/09 Request	Recommendations
Florence Regional Arts Alliance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
The Frontage Road Association	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Freedom Florence (City of Florence)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Francis Marion University - Art's Alive Festival	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Florence Tennis Association	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Pee Dee - CC Basketball Tournament	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Florence City-County Civic Center	\$ 102,536.00	\$ 50,000.00
Masterworks Choir	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Florence Little Theatre	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Florence Museum of Art, Science and History	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
The Florence CVB	\$ 127,253.50	\$ 100,500.00
Pee Dee Tourism	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Florence Symphony Orchestra	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Florence Downtown Development Corp.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Southeastern Bluegrass Association of SC	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Olanta Gator Festival	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Woods Bay State Natural Area Interpretive	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
SC Dance Theatre	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Timmonsville Young Farmers	\$ 6,170.00	\$ 5,000.00
	\$ 409,959.50	\$ 250,000.00