STAFF REPORT
TO THE
FLORENCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
July 26, 2011
PC#20011-13

SUBJECT: Request for text amendment to the Florence County Code, Chapter 30. Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-210. Relocation of Billboards Due to Governmental Land Acquisition.

APPLICANT: Florence County Planning Department

Staff Analysis:

SCDOT has been and is in the process of road widening projects through the Florence County Road Project funded by the State Infrastructure Bank and the temporary one-cent capital improvement sales tax approved by voters.

Within the scope of the project, signs within the designated areas will need to be relocated by SCDOT.

As a result of the project, The Florence County Road Project will acquire additional costs.

Planning staff is requesting an amendment to the text of Sec. 30-210 in an effort to alleviate additional costs that would occur as indicated above.

Amendment to the text would allow SCDOT and other governmental agencies that may, in the future be involved with projects on behalf of the County, to proceed with removal and replacement of signs in accordance with that respective governmental agency's procedures and standards for relocations.

Text Amendment Request:

The amendment to the text of Chapter 30-Zoning Ordinance-Sec.30-210 of the Florence County Code shall read as follows:

Sec. 30-210. Relocation of billboard due to governmental land acquisition.

Outdoor advertising structures located on property, acquired by a governmental agency for public use, may be relocated on the original parcel of property that was not acquired. The structure ~~must~~ **may** be rebuilt in **the style in which it currently exists or** in a ~~accordance with the~~ single steel pole structural design and the sign face square footage must remain the same.

Previous Action by Florence County Council:
On December 9, 2010, County Council approved a waiver of Sec. 30-210 relocation of billboards due to governmental Land Acquisition to allow SCDOT to proceed with removal and replacement of signs in accordance with existing SCDOT procedures and standards for relocation.

Staff Recommendation:
The Planning staff recommends approval of the text amendment to Planning Commission as presented.

Florence County Planning Commission Action-July 26, 2011:

Florence County Council Meeting:
Tentatively scheduled for Introduction on the agenda of Florence County Council at the meeting scheduled for August 18, 2011 at 9:00am, County Council Chambers-Room 803, City-County Complex, 180 North Irby Street.