

**STAFF REPORT  
TO THE  
FLORENCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
Tuesday, March 26, 2013  
PC#2013-03**

**SUBJECT:** Request for text amendment to the Florence County Code, Chapter 7 - Building Regulations, Article II. - Standards for Construction, Installations and Maintenance, Division 1. - Generally, Sec. 7-11. - International Building Code.

**APPLICANT:** Florence County Planning & Building Department

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

Periodically, the State of South Carolina adopts, by reference and amendment, the latest editions of the following nationally recognized codes, and the standards referenced in those codes, for regulation of construction within this State: International Building Code®, International Residential Code®, International Plumbing Code®, International Mechanical Code®, International Fuel Gas Code®, International Fire Code®, International Energy Conservation Code®, and the National Electric Code®. The International Codes are promulgated, published, or made available by the International Code Council, Inc. and the National Electrical Code® is published by the National Fire Protection Association. These codes are referenced in the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 6, Chapter 9, Section 6-9-50.

The South Carolina Code of Laws directs that all municipalities and counties in this State shall enforce the latest editions of the Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Fire, Energy Conservation, and Electric codes relating to the construction, livability, sanitation, erection, energy efficiency, installation of equipment, alteration, repair, occupancy, classification, or removal of structures located within their jurisdictions and promulgate regulations to implement their enforcement. The municipality or county shall enforce only the national building and safety codes provided in the South Carolina Code of Laws.

The State of South Carolina, consistent with the aforementioned requirements, adopted the 2012 edition of the International Building Code® and the 2011 edition of the National Electrical Code® in August 2012 with an effective date of July 2013.

Compliance with the SC Code of Laws requires The Florence County Code, Chapter 7 - Building Regulations, Article II - Standards for Construction, Installations and Maintenance, Division 1 - Generally, Sec. 7-11 - International Building Code adopted be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 7-11. - ~~International Building Code adopted~~ Administration.**

~~Chapter I—Administration of the 2006 International Building Code is hereby adopted for the enforcement of the standards as set forth herein~~Administration of the International Building Code® and the National Electrical Code® shall be as set forth in the following referenced standards:

[The 2012 International Building Code®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration](#)

[The 2012 International Residential Code®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration](#)

[The 2012 International Plumbing Code®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration](#)

[The 2012 International Mechanical Code®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration](#)

[The 2012 International Fuel Gas Code®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration](#)

[The 2012 International Fire Code®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration](#)

[The 2012 International Energy Conservation Code®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration](#)

[The 2011 National Electric Code®, Article 90, Introduction](#)

**FLORENCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION-TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013:**

The March 26, 2013 meeting of the Planning Commission was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. There were only five members present. The item will be rescheduled to appear on the agenda for the Planning Commission meeting to be held April 23, 2013.

**STAFF RECOMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval by Florence County Planning Commission of the amendment request as presented.

**FLORENCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION-TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013:**

**FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

This item is tentatively scheduled to appear for Introduction Thursday, May 16, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m. in room 803 of the City-County Complex, 180 North Irby St., Florence.