STAFF REPORT
TO THE
FLORENCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
May 24, 2016
PC#2016-09

SUBJECT: **[Request For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 7, BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II. – STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY, Sec. 7-11. – Building Code Administration, To Comply With the International Building Code Adopted].**

APPLICANT: Florence County Planning and Building Department

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Approve as submitted

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 Existing 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 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 2015 International Building Code® series, the 2014 edition of the National Electrical Code® and the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code® with an effective date of July 2016.

Therefore, Compliance with the SC Code of Laws requires The Florence County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7 – BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II – STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, DIVISION 1 – GENERALLY, Sec. 7-11 – Building code administration, be amended to read as follows:

Chapter 7 – BUILDING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE II. – STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 7-11. – Building code administration.

Administration of the International Building Code~~;reg;~~® and the National Electrical Code~~;reg;~~® shall be as set forth in the following referenced standards:

The ~~2012~~ 2015 International Building Code~~;reg;~~®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration

The ~~2012~~ 2015 International Residential Code~~;reg;~~®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration

The ~~2012~~ 2015 International Plumbing Code~~;reg;~~®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration

The ~~2012~~ 2015 International Mechanical Code~~;reg;~~®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration

The ~~2012~~ 2015 International Fuel Gas Code~~;reg;~~®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration

The ~~2012~~ 2015 International Fire Code~~;reg;~~®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration

The 2015 International Existing Building Code®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration

The ~~2012~~ 2009 International Energy Conservation Code~~;reg;~~®, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration

The ~~2011~~ 2014 National Electric Code~~;reg;~~®, Article 90, Introduction

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:
This item is tentatively scheduled to appear on the agenda on Thursday, June 16, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. in room 803 of the County Complex, 180 North Irby Street, Florence.