

**COMMITTEE OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL ON  
PUBLIC SERVICES & COUNTY PLANNING, THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 29, 2024 AT 3:30 P. M., IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 804, OF THE COUNTY COMPLEX,  
180 N. IRBY STREET, FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**PRESENT:**

Councilman Kent C. Caudle, Committee Chair  
Councilman Alphonso Bradley, Committee Member (arrived 3:45 P.M)  
Councilman Jason Springs, Committee Member  
Kevin Yokim, County Administrator  
D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney  
Hope M. Jones, Clerk to Council

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Toney C. Moore, Council Member  
C. Williams Schofield, Council Member  
Shawn Brashear, Planning & Enforcement Code Director  
Reed Huggins, Florence County Citizen  
Tyler Fedor, Post & Courier Editor  
Jordyn Brotherton, WPDE Reporter

The notice of the meeting and copies of the agenda were posted in the lobby of the County Complex, provided for posting at the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library, all branch libraries, on the County's website ([www.florenceco.org](http://www.florenceco.org)), and provided to the media and citizens requesting copies in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act requirements for notice of meetings.

Chairman Caudle called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Councilman Poston provided the invocation and Councilman Springs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**MINUTES – APRIL 4, 2017**

The first item on the agenda was approval of minutes from the April 4, 2017, Committee meeting. Councilman Springs made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Chairman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**DISCUSSION – ORDINANCE NO. 26-2023/24 (Sand Mining)**

Chairman Caudle stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Ordinance No. 26-2023/24: An Ordinance For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 30, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE III- CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS, Sec. 30-111(6)(d) Mining And Extraction Operations; And Chapter 30- ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE II.- ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Sec. 30-29- Table II: Schedule Of Permitted And Conditional Uses And Off-Street Parking Requirements For Business & Rural Districts; Sec. 30-117-30-120. Reserved, And Other Matters Related Thereto. County Administrator Kevin Yokim provided the current form of the ordinance as it was for second reading, proposed amendments to the Ordinance, and a summary of the proposed changes recommended by Council and others were included in the Agenda

packet provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting. Mr. Yokim referenced the document titled "Summary of a proposed amendment to Ordinance 26-2023/24 PC#2024-15" (the document is attached and incorporated). The mines are broken into three categories: mines greater than 40 acres, mines 40 acres or less but more than 5 acres, and mines 5 acres or less. The application fee is different under each category. Under mines regardless of size, the following items were addressed: hours of operation, time of use of explosives, and site access. Mr. Yokim stated that 38' is the standard height restriction in zoning standards, not just regarding mines. A section for exemptions and penalties is included.

Chairman Caudle inquired about the application fee. Mr. Brashear stated that the larger operations that make the most impact on the county, being the most intrusive, should require higher fees, more regulations, more enforcement activities, and watch over the sites as we move forward. Mr. Brashear added one question. Could we regulate the depth of the mines? Mr. Brashear does not believe it is feasible because this is something DHEC strictly regulates.

Mr. Yokim stated Mr. Brashear and the Planning Department are trying to determine how many mines are throughout the County that are currently operating, and the County does not know if they are DHEC-approved. Mr. Brashear stated that the listing of mine permits is on the DHEC website, but not sure of how frequently it is updated.

Mr. Yokim stated the Florence County mine is approaching the end of its useful life. Whatever the Council adopts, the County has to comply with it as well.

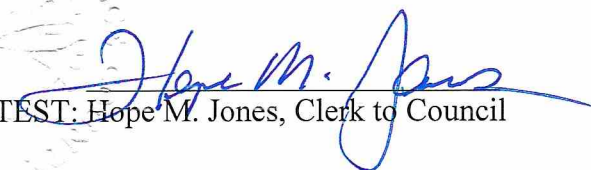
Councilman Springs suggested a correction on page 13 (e)(iii) to change the word "lockable" to "locked".

After some discussion, Councilman Springs made a motion that the Committee vote out Ordinance No. 26-2023/24 to County Council pending a final review by the County Attorney. Councilman Bradley seconded which was approved unanimously.

There being no further business before the Committee, Councilman Springs made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:35 P. M.**

Approved by the Committee at its meeting on April 17, 2025.

  
ATTEST: Hope M. Jones, Clerk to Council