

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Alabama Act 89-824, codified at §§ 22-27-40 through 49, Code of Alabama, the City of Florence, Alabama hereby issues public notification of its intent to consider the siting of a new solid waste transfer station in Florence, Alabama, which facility and location are further described below.

To review a copy of both the local solid waste management plan and the application, please visit the location referenced below during normal business hours (from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.):

Solid Waste, Street, and Recycle Department
50 Country Club Drive
Florence, Alabama 35633

The City of Florence solicits public comments and invites all interested citizens to attend a public hearing, on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Auditorium, 110 West College Street, Florence, Alabama where the following application will be addressed:

-Permit Application for a Solid Waste Transfer Station. The Transfer Station will be located at the end of Starkey Drive, which is currently undeveloped. The proposed permit would allow construction of a solid waste transfer station that will accept household and municipal solid waste. The transfer station is being considered to accommodate continued growth and industrial expansion, providing adequate disposal services to all areas of the county. The property is within the City of Florence. The application for this permit is consistent with the City of Florence Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

The City of Florence shall make a discretionary decision to approve or disapprove the permit application. In determining whether to approve the siting of the new transfer station, the City of Florence shall consider the following criteria, outlined by § 22-27-48(c), Code of Alabama:

- (1) The consistency of the proposal with solid waste management needs as identified in the solid waste management plan.
- (2) The relationship of the proposal to local planned or existing development or the absence thereof, to major transportation arteries and to existing state primary and secondary roads.
- (3) The location of a proposed facility in relationship to existing industries in the state that generate large volumes of solid waste, or the relationship to the areas projected for development of industries that will generate solid waste.
- (4) Costs and availability of public services, facilities and improvements required to support a proposed facility and protect public health, safety, and the environment.
- (5) The impact of a proposed facility on public safety and provisions made to minimize the impact on public health and safety.
- (6) The social and economic impacts on the affected community, including changes in property values, and social or community perception.

The approval process as established in § 22-27-48.1, Code of Alabama, will be as follows:
January 6, 2026 – City of Florence formally received application, approved Public Comment Period, Public Hearing and Public Awareness Meeting advertisements. Within ten (10) days, notice shall be

provided to adjacent property owners via certified mail and general public via, newspaper, public service announcements, and on the City of Florence's website, www.florenceal.org.

February 10, 2026 @ 1:30 p.m. - Public Awareness Session, City Council Auditorium, 110 West College Street, Florence, Alabama, during which the applicant shall provide general information on the proposal and address questions and concerns of the affected community. Members of the public may submit written questions or comments germane to the proposal.

March 19, 2026 @ 2:00 p.m. - Public Hearing and Public Comment Review. The public may submit written comments at any time up to the conclusion of the hearing. The City of Florence shall have thirty (30) days following the Public Hearing to make its decision to approve or disapprove the proposal.

If the City of Florence grants approval of the application, applicant shall petition the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County, Alabama for a determination pursuant to § 22-27-48.1(i), Code of Alabama, of whether the proper requirements and time frames were complied with, whether such approval is consistent with the solid waste management plan, and whether the proper criteria was considered.

All interested persons seeking to obtain additional information, to review a copy of the local solid waste management plan and the application are asked to please contact:

Mr. David Koonce, Manager
Solid Waste, Street, and Recycle Department
Telephone (256) 760-6495
Email: dkoonce@florenceal.org

Interested persons can obtain or can review copies of both the local solid waste management plan and the application, and the time frame for public hearings and involvement can do so at the following address:

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The public may submit written comments to the governing body via email or regular mail to the following:

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