

PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 6, 2026, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the City of Florence received an application for a New Solid Waste Transfer Station from the City of Florence Solid Waste Department. The process to approve or deny the Application shall include, but not be limited to the following events: application to the City of Florence, payment of an application fee to the City of Florence, notice to each owner whose property is adjacent to the proposed site sent by certified mail, publication of Notice of Application in the Times Daily by the City of Florence, broadcasting public service announcements on local radio by the City of Florence, publishing notice on the City of Florence website, public awareness sessions conducted by the Applicant, the City of Florence Solid Waste Department, notice of Public Awareness Sessions published in the Times Daily by the City of Florence Solid Waste Department, the review of the Application and recommendation of the City of Florence, the conducting of a Public Hearing by the City of Florence, notice of the Public Hearing published in the Times Daily by the City of Florence, a public vote at a public held meeting of the City of Florence either approving or denying the Application and review of said process by the Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit in a Declaratory Judgement Action filed by the City of Florence Solid Waste Department. In determining whether to approve or deny the Application, the City of Florence shall consider the following criteria: the consistency of the proposal with the City of Florence's solid waste management need as identified in its Solid Waste Management Plan; the relationship of the proposed location to local planned or existing development or the absence thereof, to major transportation arteries and to existing state primary or secondary roads; the location of the 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; the costs and availability of public services, facilities and improvements required to support the proposed facility and protect public health, safety, and the environment; the impact of the proposed facility on public safety and provisions made to minimize the impact on public health and safety; and the social and economic impacts of the proposed facility on the affected community, including changes in property values, and social or community perception. Interested persons may contact – Mr. David Koonce, Manager, City of Florence Solid Waste Department at (256) 760-6495 with questions regarding the Application or visit the offices of the City of Florence Solid Waste, Street, and Recycle Department, 50 Country Club Drive, Florence, Alabama 35633 to review a copy of the local Solid Waste Management Plan and the Application submitted by the City of Florence Solid Waste Department. The approval process outlined above will be conducted from January 6, 2026 until April 7, 2026 at which time the City of Florence has tentatively set a date to approve or deny the Application. Members of the Public may submit written comments in person at the City of Florence Solid Waste, Street, and Recycle Department, 50 Country Club Drive, Florence, Alabama 35633 or by United States Mail postage prepaid at the same address.