



# COUNCIL COURIER

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

### Town Supports Safe Graduation Celebration

The Town Council has once again approved funding to support Florence High School's annual Graduation Night Celebration, ensuring a safe and memorable event for the Class of 2025. Since 2017, the Town has contributed to this initiative, which provides graduates with an exciting, supervised environment free from the risks associated with traditional graduation night activities. With more than 75% of graduates attending each year, this program has successfully fostered a safe space for students to celebrate their achievements while reducing the risks of impaired driving and substance-related incidents. Council members expressed their appreciation for the school administration's commitment to student safety and the continued success of this program. The Town is proud to continue supporting this event and congratulates the Class of 2025!



## COUNCIL RECAP

### Streamlining Development Reviews

The Town Council approved updates to the Florence Town Code to improve efficiency in the development review process. Key changes include clarifying the role of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and reinstating a streamlined one-step Preliminary Plat review. These updates align with state law, allowing certain site plans, plats, and land divisions to be reviewed administratively, reducing processing times for developers while maintaining oversight.

### Monarch Development Moves Forward

Council approved the Preliminary Plat for the Monarch development, a 513-acre residential project southeast of Felix Road and Arizona Farms Road. The plan includes 2,050 single-family homes, parks, a pool, and pickleball courts, with dedicated land for schools, churches, and public safety facilities. Traffic studies have been conducted, and planned improvements such as road upgrades and traffic signals, aim to mitigate congestion. Vice Mayor Adams added, "it is important to note that this similar plan has been done in several areas and met with very positive responses from the respective communities". The project will be built in phases, ensuring infrastructure and amenities keep pace with the growth of the area.

