

**A RESOLUTION  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING EXTENDING THE CONSENT DECREE  
ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
CONTINENTAL CARBON, INC., A CHINA SYNTHETIC RUBBER CORPORATION.**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus, Georgia and other citizens sued Continental Carbon, Inc., a China Synthetic Rubber Corporation and in 2006, after a ten (10) day trial, a jury returned a verdict in favor of Columbus, Georgia and other property owners awarding compensatory damages totaling \$20,709,000 in compensatory damages, punitive damages, and attorney's fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the jury verdict was affirmed by the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals on March 21, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America later filed suit against Continental Carbon, Inc. claiming that the Continental Carbon, Inc. failed to comply with Sections 113(B) and 167 of the Clean Air Act 42 USC 7413 (B) and 7477; and following the suit, Continental Carbon, Inc. entered into a Consent Order with United States of America paying a \$600,000 fine and agreeing to comply with the Clean Air Act by December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Continental Carbon, Inc. and the United States of America agreed to amend the Consent Decree and extend the time within which they would comply with the Clean Air Act to December 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Continental Carbon, Inc. has now asked for an additional extension because they have continued to violate the Clean Air Act and have not added the equipment needed to comply with the Clean Air Act; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that citizens of Columbus still have black carbon residue coming onto their property and into the air they breathe; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been over 16 years since a jury found that Continental Carbon, Inc. was polluting air, damaging property, and violating the Clean Air Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That this Council hereby expresses its opposition to any extension of the Consent Decree between Continental Carbon, Inc. and the United States of America previously agreed to by Continental Carbon, Inc. The Clerk of Council shall forward a copy of this resolution to the appropriate government and court officials having jurisdiction over this matter.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 25th\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2022, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of Council.

Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis  
Clerk of Council

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BH "Skip" Henderson, III  
Mayor