## A RESOLUTION No.

## A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY AND JUNE 2023 AS AMNESTY MONTHS FOR INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON DEMOLITION LIENS.

**WHEREAS,** a demolition lien is placed on a property in accordance with Columbus Code Section 8-85 when the city goes through legal procedures to remove or board up a dilapidated structure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the accrued interest and penalty can accumulate so that the lien exceeds the property value; and,

**WHEREAS,** an Amnesty Month is a limited time opportunity for Columbus citizens and heirs to the property to pay past due demolition liens; and,

**WHEREAS,** Paragraph (5) of Columbus Code Section 8-85 gives the Columbus Council authority to waive demolition liens.

## NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

That May and June 2023 is designated as Amnesty Months and interest and penalties on demolition liens imposed pursuant to Columbus Code Section 8-5 will be forgiven and removed from the Demolition Lien Book upon satisfaction of the following conditions:

1) the principal amount of the demolition lien must be paid in full between May 1-June 30, 2023; and.

2) the Revenue Division of the Finance Department will confirm that all other City liens including those for property taxes have been satisfied. Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of , 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of members of said Council. Councilor Allen voting Councilor Barnes voting Councilor Cogle voting Councilor Crabb voting Councilor Davis voting Councilor Garrett voting Councilor House voting Councilor Huff voting Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_ Councilor Tucker voting

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