

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECREATIONAL USE OF THE FORMER COLUMBUS STATE FARMER'S MARKET PROPERTY LOCATED AT 318 10TH AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31901.

WHEREAS, the former site of the Columbus State Farmer's Market located at 318 10th Ave, Columbus, GA 31901 was conveyed by the State of Georgia to the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government ("Columbus") on January 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of the property included a restrictive covenant that the property could only be used for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia interprets recreational use to be violative of the restrictive covenant; and

WHEREAS, for the property to be used for recreational use, the property must be conveyed back to the State of Georgia and subsequently leased back to Columbus for recreational use; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has indicated that is willing to enter into a lease of up to 30 years for a rental fee of \$1,740.00 per year for the proposed recreational use; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Futbol Club, Inc. has proposed to construct, at its own expense, soccer fields at this location with necessary amenities to be used for its league play and practice and for appropriate public use and to enter into a sublease or management agreement with the CCG covering all expenses incurred as a result of the lease with the State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has requested that Columbus cover transactional costs including surveys, title work, and attorney's fees not to exceed \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney shall negotiate such agreement with the State of Georgia for the property to be conveyed to the state and leased back to Columbus for recreational use as well as a sublease or management agreement with Columbus Futbol Club, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of approving the deed acceptance and leaseback described above, the Georgia State Properties Commission requests a resolution of support for recreational use of the property from Columbus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Columbus Council hereby expresses support for deed to the State of Georgia and lease back to Columbus of the property serving as the former site of the Columbus State Farmer's Market located at 318 10th Ave, Columbus, GA 31901 for the recreational use described above and hereby approves expenditures for transaction costs not to exceed \$10,000.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day
of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of
said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor