

1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PARKS AND  
2 RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA  
3 AND APPOINTING THE INITIAL MEMBERS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING  
4 RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE  
5 DATE AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

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7 **WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to  
8 adopt ordinances and resolutions relating to its property, affairs, and local government; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council for the City of Stonecrest is the governing authority of  
10 the City; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mayor and City Council are authorized by the City Charter, as amended by  
12 Senate Bill 21, adopted April 1, 2021, to adopt ordinances and resolutions for the administration  
13 of the City and to create and appoint members to Committees, commissions, and committees  
14 concerning the affairs of the City; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the City Charter grants the City the power to exercise and enjoy all other  
16 powers, functions and rights necessary or desirable to promote the general welfare of the City and  
17 its inhabitants; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the city council shall have the power by ordinance or resolution to establish  
19 oversight, policy, and standing committees of the council; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City has determined that it is in the best interest  
21 of the City and its citizens to establish an advisory committee known as the Parks and Recreation  
22 Advisory Committee of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia; and

23 **WHEREAS**, it is the governing authority's desire that the Parks and Recreation Advisory  
24 Committee provide a forum for discussing best practices and to advise the Parks and Recreation

Director regarding best practices with respect to strategies for sustainable development, environmental conservation, planning, and community longevity as it relates to the City's parks and recreational facilities.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA, as follows:**

**SECTION I**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZATION**

In response to the City of Stonecrest's community values and changing needs of the City's population, Mayor and Council hereby create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to advise and engage with the City's Parks and Recreation Department for such duration as Mayor and Council may desire (hereinafter referred to as the "Parks Advisory Committee"). Creating this Committee is an opportunity for the City to affect substantive improvements to the City's recreation facilities and to transform our City into one defined by the collective pursuit of a high quality of life for all residents.

**SECTION II**

**MISSION AND DUTIES**

The mission of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is to include the citizens of the City of Stonecrest to address the immediate need of improving City Parks. The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is to ensure:

1. To provide as necessary and appropriate advice, reviews, reports and recommendations to the public, City Manager, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and

City Council on park and recreation facility conditions and areas of immediate concern;

2. That lists of projects are equitable, appropriately prioritized, and well distributed throughout the City;

3. That each district of the City is represented and has the opportunity to advocate for cleaner and improved facilities.

### **SECTION III**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members, two (2) of which shall be Councilmembers appointed by the City. The City Council shall establish qualifications for members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee except that each Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee member must be either a resident of the City or an owner or officer of a business domiciled in the City. Each Committee person shall be nominated and approved by the City Council. Should the Committee member move out of the City or no longer be an owner or an officer of a business domiciled in the City, he/she may remain active until the City Council appoint his/her replacement. Members must attend two-thirds (2/3) of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meetings in a calendar year. Failure to do so warrants removal from the Committee.

### **SECTION IV**

#### **TERMS**

Each member shall serve for a term of one (1) year. Members filling vacancies shall serve the remainder of the term to which they were appointed. A consecutive appointment is permissible. Members whose terms expire shall continue to serve until a replacement is

appointed or a consecutive appointment is made. Any member may be removed with or without cause by the City Council.

#### **SECTION V**

##### **COMPENSATION**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members will serve without compensation. Reasonable expenses for travel and Committee related expenses may be reimbursed pursuant to a policy to be established by the City Manager and approved by the City Council.

#### **SECTION VI**

##### **QUORUM**

A majority of the actual number of Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members establishes a quorum. Any action taken requires a majority of affirmative votes of the quorum present.

#### **SECTION VII**

##### **GOVERNANCE**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee may adopt bylaws for the governance of the Committee. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall set its own meeting schedule and establish the meeting agendas. Meetings shall be governed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act found within the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall meet at least four times annually, having one meeting in each quarter of a calendar year.

All meetings shall be open to the public and all records maintained by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be public records unless expressly exempted by a provision of the Georgia Open Records Act. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question,

and shall maintain records of its examinations and other official actions all of which shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Copies of the minutes shall be sent to the Mayor and each member of the City Council. At each meeting, the public shall be granted time for public comment.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall elect a chairman to conduct meetings and a vice chairman to conduct meetings in the absence of the chairman. Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting of the calendar year. The chairman shall serve for one (1) year or until re-elected or a successor is elected. The vice chairman shall serve for one (1) year or until re-elected or a successor is elected. The Committee shall select one of its members to be the secretary.

#### **SECTION VIII**

##### **INITIAL MEMBERS**

The initial members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

1. Lori Brown (District 1)
2. Linda Lee (District 2)
3. Karyl Clayton (District 3)
4. Vivian Pollard (District 4)
5. Charnessa Grace (District 5)
6. Virginia Hinton (At-large)
7. Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area ("AMNHA") Executive Director (Ex-officio) (At-large)
8. Councilman J. Clanton (District 1)
9. Councilman G. Turner (District 4)

#### **SECTION IX**

ENFORCEMENT AND SEVERABILITY

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Resolution shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Resolution and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Resolution shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

**SECTION X**

REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION XI

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION

This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of approval and execution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this 28 day of June, 2021.

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

  
George Turner, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

  
Sonya Isom, Acting City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney