

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DEKALB
CITY OF STONECREST**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA AND APPOINTING THE INITIAL MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Stonecrest was created by Senate Bill 208, passed in the Georgia

General Assembly during the 2016 Session and subsequently confirmed by referendum; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 208 provided a charter for the City of Stonecrest (the “City Charter”); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 21, passed in the Georgia General Assembly during the 2021 Session and subsequently signed into law on April 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.03(b)(42) of the City Charter grants the City the power to exercise and enjoy all other powers, functions and rights necessary or desirable to promote the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Senate Bill 21 amended Section 2.11 to read as follows:
*(c)(1) The city council shall have the power by ordinance or resolution to establish oversight, policy, and standing committees of the council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Stonecrest determined that it was in the best interest of the City and its citizens to establish an advisory board known as the Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Board of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, for the purpose of identifying and improving the City’s parks and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to reconstitute the Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Board will additional duties.

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 CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD AND AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Stonecrest affirms that beautification and improvements to the parks and recreation facilities across the City have become an immediate concern. The continuation of this board 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. To further help accomplish this vision, there is hereby re-established the Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Board of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the “Parks and Recreation Advisory Board”).

SECTION II MISSION AND DUTIES: The mission of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 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 Board 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.
4. To evaluate and make recommendations for the need of additional funding and construction of trails in the city of Stonecrest.
5. To evaluate and make recommendations for the need of additional studies and creation of paths in the city of Stonecrest.

SECTION III MEMBERSHIP: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall be composed of seven (7) members, two (2) of which shall be Councilmembers appointed by the City Council to serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Board. The City Council shall establish qualifications for members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board except that each Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member must be either a resident of the City or an owner or officer of a business domiciled in the City. Each board person shall be nominated and approved by the City Council. Should the board 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 Board meetings in a calendar year. Failure to do so warrants removal from the Board.

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 Board members will serve without compensation. Reasonable expenses for travel may be reimbursed and Board members may be compensated 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 Board 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 Board shall adopt its rules of procedure, which shall be substantially similar to the rules of procedure of the City Council. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall set its own meeting schedule and establish the meeting agendas. The date and time of each meeting as well as agenda items to be considered shall be publicized in the same manner as meetings of the City Council. All meetings shall be open to the public and all records maintained by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall be public records unless expressly exempted by a provision of the Georgia Open Records Act. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 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 Board 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 Board shall select one of its members to be the secretary. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will report either in person or in writing to the Mayor and City Council at the first regular City Council meeting every other month

SECTION VIII INITIAL MEMBERS

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

1. _____ (District 1)
2. _____ (District 2)
3. _____ (District 3)
4. _____ (District 4)
5. _____ (District 5)
6. _____ (At-large)
7. _____ (At-large)
8. Councilman _____ (District 1)
9. Councilman _____ (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 _____ day of _____, 2022.

[SIGNATURES CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGE]

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

George Turner, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

Patricia Wheeler, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney