

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

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - _____

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE SPLOST
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA AND
APPOINT THE INITIAL MEMBERS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Stonecrest (“City”) 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 citizens of DeKalb County voted on November 7, 2017, to impose a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to be spent on capital improvements for the use and benefit of DeKalb County and qualified municipalities within DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Stonecrest have determined that it was in the best interest of the City and its citizens to establish an oversight committee known as the SPLOST Oversight Committee of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, for the purpose of providing

transparency and accountability to the citizens of the City of Stonecrest concerning the use of SPLOST funds; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to reconstitute the SPLOST Oversight Committee for 2023.
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

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPLOST ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZATION

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Stonecrest affirm that the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax is the City's opportunity to affect substantive improvements that connect our citizens and starts to form 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 established the SPLOST Oversight Committee of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "SPLOST Committee").

SECTION II: MISSION AND DUTIES

The mission of the SPLOST Committee is to provide transparency and accountability to the citizens of the City of Stonecrest from the 2017 SPLOST. The purpose of the SPLOST Committee is to: provide as necessary and appropriate advice, reviews, reports, and recommendations to City Council on SPLOST projects. Members must attend two-thirds of the SPLOST Committee meetings in a calendar year. Failure to do so warrants removal from the SPLOST Committee.

SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP

The SPLOST Committee shall be composed of ten (10) members, two (2) of which shall be Councilmembers appointed by the City Council to serve as members of the Committee. The City

Council shall establish qualifications for members of the SPLOST Committee except that each SPLOST Committee member must be either a resident of the City or a member of the City Council. Each committee person shall be nominated and approved by the City Council. Should the committee member move out of the City, he/she may remain active until the City Council appoints his/her replacement. Members must attend two-thirds (2/3) of the SPLOST 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

SPLOST Committee members will serve without compensation.

SECTION VI: QUORUM

A majority of the actual number of SPLOST Committee members establishes a quorum. Any action taken requires a majority of affirmative votes of the quorum present.

SECTION VII: GOVERNANCE

The SPLOST Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure, which shall be substantially similar to the rules of procedure of the City Council. The SPLOST Committee 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 SPLOST Committee shall

be public records unless expressly exempted by a provision of the Georgia Open Records Act. The SPLOST 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 SPLOST 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 serve as the secretary.

SECTION VIII: MEMBERS

The current members of the SPLOST Committee are as follows:

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| 1. Elijah Ajayi | Vice Chair | District ____ |
| 2. Donna Priest Brown | Member | District ____ |
| 3. Jessica Fields | Member | District ____ |
| 4. Lemuel Hawkins | Member | District ____ |
| 5. Jeff Martin | Member | District ____ |
| 6. Verna Richelieu | | |
| 7. Stephanie Shine | | |
| 8. Darrell Taylor | | |
| 9. Councilmember Tammy Grimes | Chair Person | |
| 10. Councilmember Rob Turner | Council | |

The 2023 members of the SPLOST Committee are as follows:

1. Councilmember Rob Turner
2. Councilmember Tammy Grimes
3. Darrell Taylor Member
4. Ehjah Ajayi Member
5. Stephanie Shine Member
6. Avema Louie Member
7. Donna Priest Brown Member
8. Jeff Martin Member
9. JW Eady Member
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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 _____, _____.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney