

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

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA AND APPOINT 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 City Council of the City of Stonecrest determined that it was in the best interest of the City and its citizens to establish the Parks Advisory Committee of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, for the purpose of identifying and improving the City’s parks and recreational facilities, to 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to reconstitute the Parks Advisory 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 PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 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 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. To further help accomplish this vision, there is hereby - established the Parks Advisory Committee of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia (hereinafter referred toas the "Parks Advisory Committee").

### **SECTION II: MISSION AND DUTIES**

The mission of the Parks Advisory Committee is to address the immediate need of improving City Parks by including the citizens in the City of Stonecrest in an advisory capacity. The purpose of the Parks Advisory Committee is to:

1. 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. Ensure that lists of projects are equitable, appropriately prioritized, and well distributed throughout the City;

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

4. Evaluate and make recommendations for the need of additional funding and construction of trails in the city of Stonecrest.

5. Evaluate and make recommendations for the need of additional studies and creation of paths in the city of Stonecrest.

### **SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP**

The Parks Advisory Committee shall be composed of nine (9) 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 Parks Advisory Committee except that each Parks 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 appoints 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 **for** cause by the City Council.

## **SECTION V: COMPENSATION**

Parks 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 Advisory Committee members establishes a quorum. Any action taken requires a majority of affirmative votes of the quorum present.

## **SECTION VII: GOVERNANCE**

The Parks Advisory Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure, which shall be substantially similar to the rules of procedure of the City Council. The Parks Advisory 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 Parks Advisory Committee shall be public records unless expressly exempted by a provision of the Georgia Open Records Act. The Parks 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 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 serve as the secretary.

### **SECTION VIII: MEMBERS**

The current members of the Parks Advisory Committee are as follows:

1. Karyl Clayton
2. Beverly Cooper
3. Charnessa Grace
4. Jamil Salem
5. Ieisha Fuller
6. Kennard Turner
7. Councilmember Tara Graves
8. Councilmember George Turner

The 2023 members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee are as follows:

1. Councilmember Tara Graves
2. Councilmember Alecia Washington
3. Beverly Cooper
4. Jamil Salem
5. Karyl Clayton
6. Ieisha Fuller
7. Charnessa Grace
8. Kennard Turner

## **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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.**

**CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA**

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**Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**City Attorney**