

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE 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 desires to create a Strategic Economic Development plan to address economic activities vital to the City including workforce development, employment opportunities, business diversity; 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 committee known as the Economic Development Plan Advisory Committee (the “EDPAC”), for the purpose of providing input and insights to City staff to ensure the views of residents, businesses, subject matter experts and other stakeholders are represented; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDPAC would serve as a sounding board to City Staff and will last only through the duration of the completion of the Strategic Economic Development Plan.

**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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZATION**

The City Council of the City of Stonecrest affirms that creating this committee is an opportunity for the City to affect substantive improvements to the City's economy through workforce development, employment opportunities for City residents, increased diversity of businesses, professional offices and services, and a higher quality of life for all residents.

**SECTION II.  
MISSION AND DUTIES**

The mission of the EDPAC is to support efforts towards diverse and sustainable economic vitality within the community. The purpose of the EDPAC is:

1. To provide a forum for exchanging ideas and information to address the needs of residents, the business community, and other stakeholders to better serve the City of Stonecrest residents and visitors;
2. To provide input and feedback to Staff and any appointed consultants relative to the creation of the City's Strategic Economic Development Plan, including ideas for increasing diversity of businesses and services, and a higher quality of life for all residents;

**SECTION III.  
MEMBERSHIP**

The EDPAC shall be composed of twelve (12) members. The City Council shall establish qualifications for members of the EDPAC. Each EDPAC member must be either a resident of the City or a non-resident who represents a business within or a regional partner of the City of Stonecrest. Each committee person shall be approved by the City Council. Members must attend two-thirds (2/3) of the Economic Development Plan Advisory Committee meetings in a calendar year. Failure to do so warrants removal from the Committee. The Committee is an ad hoc

committee and will schedule meetings on an ad hoc basis based on the availability of the Committee members.

#### **SECTION IV. TERMS**

Each member shall serve the for a term of one (1) year or until the purpose of the committee is complete whichever date comes first. 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. The Committee shall dissolve upon the completion of City's Strategic Economic Development Plan.

#### **SECTION V. COMPENSATION**

EDPAC members will serve without compensation. Reasonable expenses for travel may be reimbursed and Committee 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 EDPAC members establishes a quorum. Any action taken requires a majority of affirmative votes of the quorum present.

#### **SECTION VII. GOVERNANCE**

The EDPAC shall adopt its rules of procedure, which shall be substantially similar to the rules of procedure of the City Council. The EDPAC 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 EDPAC shall be public records unless expressly exempted by a provision of the Georgia Open Records Act. The EDPAC 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 EDPAC 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 Committee shall select one of its members to be the secretary. The EDPAC will report either in person or in writing to the Mayor and City Council at a time to be establish by the City Council and the EDPAC.

## **SECTION VIII. INITIAL MEMBERS**

The initial members of the EDPAC shall be as follows:

<b>Number</b>	<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<b>Organization/Interest</b>
1	TBD	Resident
2	TBD	Resident
3	Andrew Wells	Resident
4	Thad Mayfield	Resident
5	Dave Marcus	Resident
6	Dorian DeBarr	Decide Dekalb
7	Christopher Seabrook	Stonecrest Chamber of Commerce
8	Jetha Wagner	Stonecrest Business Alliance
9	Minal Patel	MP Hospitality
10	Sid Barron	Asbury Automotive
11	Shelbia Jackson	Dekalb Film & Entertainment Commission
12	TBD	Piedmont Tech
Staff	Janice Allen Jackson	City Manager
Staff	Jonathan Bartlett	Economic Development Director

**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.**

**CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA**

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**George Turner, Mayor Pro Tempore**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**City Attorney**