

1 **STATE OF GEORGIA**  
2 **COUNTY OF DEKALB**  
3 **CITY OF STONECREST**  
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5 **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

6 **A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
7 **STONECREST, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE CITY OF**  
8 **STONECREST CHARTER COMMISSION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL**  
9 **ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.**

10 **WHEREAS**, the City of Stonecrest ("City") was created by Senate Bill 208, passed in the  
11 Georgia General Assembly during the 2016 Session and subsequently confirmed by referendum;  
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13 **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 208 provided a charter for the City of Stonecrest (the "City  
14 Charter"); and

15 **WHEREAS**, the City Charter was amended by SB 21 on April 1, 2021 and,

16 **WHEREAS**, Section 6.05 of the City Charter requires the mayor and the city council no  
17 later than five years after the inception of the City to call for a City of Stonecrest Charter  
18 Commission ("Charter Commission") to review the city's experience and recommend to the  
19 General Assembly any changes to the City's Charter; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Charter Commission shall complete recommendations to the General  
21 Assembly within a time frame required by the city council.

22 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of**  
23 **Stonecrest, Georgia, as follows:** There is hereby established a City of Stonecrest Charter  
24 Commission.

25 **ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORIZATION OF A**  
26 **CITY OF STONECREST CHARTER COMMISSION**

- 27 1. There is hereby established a City of Stonecrest Charter Commission (the "Charter  
28 Commission").  
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## **DUTIES**

- 32 1. The City of Stonecrest Charter Commission shall review the City's experience and  
33 recommend to the Georgia General Assembly any changes to the City Charter.  
34 Recommendations by the Charter Commission shall complete the within a time frame  
35 required by the city council.

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

- 37 1. Members of the Charter Commission shall be appointed as follows:  
38 a. one by the mayor;  
39 b. one by each member of the city council;  
40 c. one member appointed by a vote of the members of the Georgia House of  
41 Representatives; and  
42 d. one member voted by the members of the Georgia Senate whose districts lie wholly  
43 or partially within the corporate boundaries of the City of Stonecrest.  
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45 2. Neither the city council not the mayor shall appoint themselves to serve as members of  
46 the commission.  
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48 3. The city attorney may serve as ex officio member of the Charter Commission with  
49 approval by the city council.  
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51 4. All members of the Charter Commission shall reside in the City of Stonecrest except  
52 those representing the Georgia House of Representative and the Georgia Senate.  
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54 5. Members must attend two-thirds of the Charter Commission meetings in a calendar  
55 year. Failure to do so warrants removal from the Charter Commission.

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## **TERMS**

- 57 1. Each Charter Commission member shall serve until the Recommendations of the City of  
58 Stonecrest Charter Report is complete.  
59 2. Members filling vacancies shall serve the remainder of the term to which they were  
60 appointed.  
61 3. Any member may be removed with or without cause by the City Council.

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## **COMPENSATION**

63 Charter Commission members will serve without compensation.

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## **QUORUM**

65 A majority of the actual number of Charter Commission members shall establish a quorum at the  
66 initial meeting. The number of members to establish a quorum may thereafter be specified by that

Commission's rules of procedure. Any action taken requires a majority of affirmative votes of the quorum present.

## GOVERNANCE

1. The Charter Commission shall adopt its rules of procedure, which shall be substantially similar to the rules of procedure of the City Council and determine its time of meeting. 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 Mayor and Council.
2. All meetings at which official action is taken shall be open to the public and all records maintained by the Charter Commission shall be public records unless expressly exempted by a provision of the State's Open Records Act. The Charter Commission shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, and 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. The minutes of the proceedings shall be a public record. This section shall not be construed as prohibiting closed sessions when permitted by the State Open Meetings and Open Records Acts.
3. Expenditures of the Charter Commission, if any, shall be within the amounts appropriated for the purposes intended by the Mayor and City Council during the annual budgeting process.

## INITIAL MEMBERS

The initial members of the Charter Commission shall be as follows:

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Ex-officio – City Attorney

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval.

**SO RESOLVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.**

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**CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA**

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**George Turner, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**City Attorney**