

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its Charter and other laws of the State of Georgia, the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia (the “City”), has the power to adopt reasonable ordinances, resolutions and regulations for the protection and preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to create a committee of resident volunteers who are committed to receiving direction from the City Council and providing recommendations back to the City Council regarding the use, operation, management, recreational programming, and capital improvement of the City’s park, recreation and greenspace facilities.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby ordained by the governing authority of the City of Stone Mountain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Code of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, is hereby amended to include the provisions as set out in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, related to the formation of the City’s Parks and Recreation Committee.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** Any prior City parks and recreation committee, whether formally created or not, and any appointments thereto, are hereby abolished and terminated.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with City Charter Sec. 2.34.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance was proposed by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ with a motion to adopt. Thereafter, the motion was seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ Council Members voted in favor of the motion and \_\_\_\_\_ Council Members voted against the motion.

**SO ORDAINED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

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Angela Couch, City Attorney

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shavala Ames, City Clerk

[City Seal]

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## **CITY CHARTER SEC. 2.21 REQUIREMENTS**

- Date of First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**City Charter, Section 2.21. (Ordinance form; procedures),** provides as follows:

- (a) Every proposed ordinance should be introduced in writing and in the form required for final adoption. No ordinance shall contain a subject which is not expressed in its title. The enacting clause shall be "It is hereby ordained by the governing authority of the City of Stone Mountain..." and every ordinance shall so begin. Prior to the submission of any ordinance for consideration by the mayor and city council, the same shall be submitted to the city attorney and be approved by him or her as to form and to ensure such ordinance is not covered by, or in conflict with, any law of general application or other city ordinance.
- (b) An ordinance may be introduced by any member of the city council and be read at a regular meeting, work session, or special meeting of the city council. Ordinances shall be considered and adopted or rejected by the city council in accordance with the rules which it shall establish; provided, however, an ordinance shall not be adopted the same day it is introduced, except for emergency ordinances provided for in Section 2.23 of this charter. Upon introduction of any ordinance, the city clerk shall as soon as possible distribute a copy to the mayor and to each councilmember and shall file a reasonable number of copies in the office of the city clerk and at such other public places as the city council may designate.
- (c) The reading of the preamble to an ordinance shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of a "read" or "reading." By an affirmative vote of a majority of the city council, a reading of the ordinance in its entirety shall be required.

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**CITY CHARTER SEC. 2.34 REQUIREMENTS**

- Date ordinance presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ (within three days after its adoption)
- Date ordinance returned to City Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_ (within four days of receipt from Clerk)

**City Charter, Section 2.34. (Submission of ordinances to the mayor; veto power)** provides as follows:

- (a) Every ordinance adopted by the city council shall be presented by the city clerk to the mayor within three days after its adoption.
- (b) The mayor shall within four days of receipt of an ordinance return it to the city clerk with or without his or her approval or with his or her disapproval. If the ordinance has been approved by the mayor, it shall become law upon its return to the city clerk; if the ordinance is neither approved nor disapproved, it shall become law on the fifteenth day after its adoption; if the ordinance is disapproved, the mayor shall submit to the city council through the city clerk a written statement of the reasons for the veto. The city clerk shall record upon the ordinance the date of its delivery to and receipt from the mayor.
- (c) Ordinances vetoed by the mayor shall be presented by the city clerk to the city council at its next meeting when a quorum shall be present, and should the city council then or at its next general meeting adopt the ordinance by an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum then present, it shall become law.
- (d) The mayor may disapprove or reduce any item or items of appropriation in any ordinance. The approved part or parts of any ordinance making appropriations shall become law, and the part or parts disapproved shall not become law unless subsequently passed by the city council over the mayor's veto as provided in this section. The reduced part or parts shall be presented to the city council as though disapproved and shall not become law unless overridden by the council as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

- Date this ordinance becomes law: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **EXHIBIT A**

[The following text of The Code of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, is to be amended by removing the ~~strike through~~ language and adding the **bold** language.]

### **PART II – CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION ARTICLE \_\_\_\_ . PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Sec. 2-\_\_\_\_. Purpose.**

The City of Stone Mountain, Georgia (referred to in this article as the “City”) owns and manages multiple park, recreational and greenspace facilities throughout the City. This article is created by the City Council of Stone Mountain (hereinafter in this article referred to as the “City Council”) to provide an organizational structure for a committee of appointed volunteers who are committed to receiving direction from the City Council and providing recommendations to the City Council regarding the public use, recreational programming, and capital improvement of the City’s park, recreation and greenspace facilities.

#### **Sec. 2-\_\_\_\_. Creation, appointment and compensation.**

A standing committee is hereby created called the “City of Stone Mountain Parks and Recreation Committee” (hereinafter in this article referred to as the “Committee”).

- (1) *Membership, qualifications and terms of office.* The Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members but no more than five (5) members, each of whom shall be appointed by the City Council as provided below. To be eligible for appointment to the Committee, individuals must be residents of the City for at least one (1) year prior to taking office. Appointees shall serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive two-year terms, except as otherwise provided herein. A period of two (2) years shall elapse before any member serving the maximum three (3) consecutive terms shall be eligible to serve again on the Committee.
- (2) *Nomination, appointment and vacancies.*
  - a. Nominations for appointment to the Committee may be made by the Mayor and City Council members in their discretion. The Mayor or any member of the City Council may move for the appointment of a qualified individual to fill an open position on the Committee. Upon majority vote of the City Council, such nominated individual shall be appointed to fill the open position to serve in accordance herewith.
  - b. If requested by the City Council, when appointing Committee members, the City Clerk shall take action as may reasonably be required to inform City residents that an opening exists on the Committee, including the publication of a notice on the City’s website and in the City’s legal organ for a period no less than three (3) days

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or more than ten (10) days. The City Clerk shall accept applications from interested individuals. The City Council shall review the applications and may appoint one or more individuals to fill open positions on the Committee membership.

- c. If an appointed member is unable to complete a term of office, then an appointment to fill the unexpired term shall be made in the same manner as making an initial appointment. A member appointed to serve the remainder of an unexpired term shall be eligible for reappointment for a maximum of two (2) consecutive two-year terms.
  - d. The term of the initial appointments to the Committee shall expire on January 31, 2026.
- (3) Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses as approved, in advance, by the City Council.
- (4) Members shall serve at the will of the City Council and may be removed from the Committee at any time with or without cause.

**Sec. 2-\_\_\_\_\_. Duties of the Committee.**

The Committee shall:

- (1) Upon receipt of any specific direction from the City Council, provide recommendations and/or deliverables back to the City Council within a reasonable timeframe.
- (2) Periodically, but at a minimum, annually, review the City's Parks and Recreation Facility Rules and, if appropriate, propose amendments to the City Council for its consideration.
- (3) Propose recommended recreational programming opportunities to the City Council for its consideration.
- (4) Propose recommended capital improvements to the City's park, recreation and/or greenspace facilities to the City Council for its consideration.
- (5) Report to the City Council at least quarterly throughout the calendar year, in person at an open City Council meeting or by written submission to the City Council, regarding the activities of and business conducted by the Committee over the previous quarter and what is anticipated for the next quarter following the date of such report.

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**Sec. 2-\_\_\_\_. Assistance by the City.**

The City administration shall provide technical and clerical assistance as the Committee may require and shall maintain permanent and complete records of the activities of the Committee.

**Sec. 2-\_\_\_\_. Bylaws, officers and quorum.**

- (a) The Committee shall adopt rules and procedures, such as bylaws for the transaction of its business. The Committee shall have the prerogative to adopt reasonable rules and bylaws consistent with this article and without the necessity of a further vote of the City Council. The Committee shall provide for the time and place of regular meetings and a method for the calling of special meetings. The Committee shall meet in January and at least quarterly throughout the calendar year. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., as amended.
- (b) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members.
- (c) The Committee shall elect a chair and such other officers as it deems appropriate from among its members. Officers shall serve one-year terms and shall be eligible for reelection. The Committee shall elect its officers at its January meeting.