

RESOLUTION NO. R18-1011

RESOLUTION REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation located within Henry County, Georgia duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, the area of Stockbridge was settled in 1829;

WHEREAS, the City was formally incorporated in 1895 and officially became a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia in 1920;

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that there be established geographic districts within the corporate city limits of Stockbridge from which members of the City Council are to be elected;

WHEREAS, a number of residential subdivisions have either submitted applications for annexation or expressed interest in being annexed into the City of Stockbridge;

WHEREAS, in 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct the 2020 census as required under the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge has previously requested the assistance of the Georgia General Assembly in establishing more logical and easily discernable corporate city limits for the City of Stockbridge;

WHEREAS, there continues to exist a substantial level of confusion among residents living within both the incorporated areas of Stockbridge and unincorporated areas of Henry County with respect to whether such residents live inside or outside the City of Stockbridge;

WHEREAS, such confusion manifested itself during the recent referendum pertaining to the proposed City of Eagle's Landing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge does not desire to add to any such confusion by establishing council districts until (a) such time as any additional annexation applications are considered thereby further clarifying the corporate limits of the City of Stockbridge and (b) the 2020 Census is concluded so that accurate data can be utilized to assess the impact of establishing council districts in the City of Stockbridge;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS;

Section 1. **Expression of Intent of Council.** – The City Council of the City of Stockbridge hereby declares its intent not to consider the establishment of council districts until (a) such time as any additional annexation applications are considered thereby further clarifying the corporate limits of the City of Stockbridge and (b) the 2020 Census is concluded so that accurate data can be utilized to assess the impact of establishing council districts in the City of Stockbridge.

Section 2. **Approval of Execution** - The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem is hereby authorized to sign all documents and to perform all other acts necessary to effectuate this Resolution on behalf of the City of Stockbridge. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any document which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. **Severability** - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 4. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

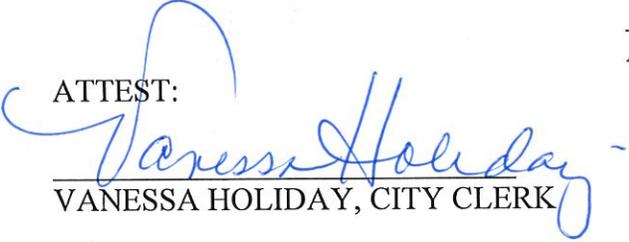
SO RESOLVED, this the 17th day of December, 2018.

CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA



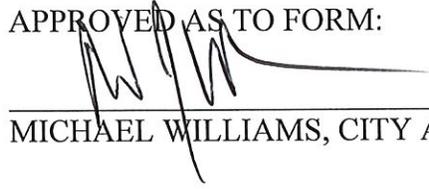
ANTHONY S. FORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA HOLIDAY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MICHAEL WILLIAMS, CITY ATTORNEY