

RESOLUTION NO. R18-916

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAW FIRMS TO DEFEND CITY AGAINST UNCONSTITUTIONAL DE-ANNEXATION; 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, a number of bills are currently pending before the Georgia General Assembly which would unconstitutionally de-annex vast portions of property from the City of Stockbridge;

WHEREAS, should these illegal bills be enacted into law, the City would be financially devastated;

WHEREAS, the City needs to prepare to fight this legislation in court should it become necessary;

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to appoint several law firms which will litigate on behalf of the City should circumstances require it; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a resolution is necessary and beneficial to its citizens and to the proper use of City funds.

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

Section 1. Appointment of Litigation Law Firms. – The law firms of Wilson Morton & Downs LLC, Balch & Bingham LLP, and Robbins Ross Alloy Belinfante Littlefield LLC are hereby appointed to litigate on behalf of the City to defeat the aforementioned unconstitutional legislation.

Section 2 Approval of Execution - The Mayor 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 **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.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 27th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA



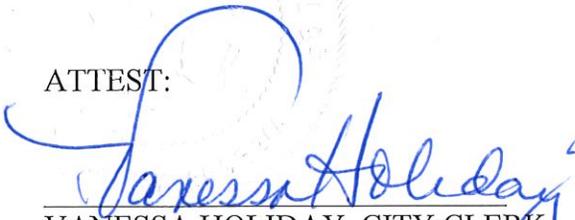
ANTHONY S. FORD, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM



MICHAEL WILLIAMS, CITY ATTORNEY

ATTEST:

VANESSA HOLIDAY, CITY CLERK