

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF SAVANNAH'S SUPPORT FOR LOCALLY-ESTABLISHED BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

WHEREAS, locally elected officials work in partnership with citizens to establish “building design standards” in single and double family dwellings, which reflect the character of the community and have a positive impact on economic development efforts and competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, appropriate local design standards and land use policies, established by local citizens in each community, create a diverse, stable, profitable, and sustainable residential development landscape; and

WHEREAS, state legislation eliminating locally-tailored approaches to design standards would harm self-determination of citizens to establish community standards; and

WHEREAS, local community partners support the use of building design standards to protect property values, attract high quality builders, and block incompatible development; and

WHEREAS, building design standards assure residents and business owners that their investments will be protected, and that others who come behind them will be equally committed to quality; and

WHEREAS, local business leaders value the studying, surveying, crafting, and defining of a community vision and development strategies, and recognize design standards as an integral part of those endeavors to attract residents, businesses, and the much-coveted trained workforce; and

WHEREAS, development and redevelopment efforts should reflect the community and its vision while simultaneously creating a sense of place imperative for attracting new economic prospects; and

WHEREAS, local officials are elected to make decisions about the look and feel of their communities, and local business owners recognize the need for their elected officials to be empowered to enforce building design standards to make today’s thriving community areas tomorrow’s historic districts; and

WHEREAS, citizens’ ability to continue to set community values and local elected officials to enforce building design standards in single or double family dwellings, for the purposes of economic growth and the safety and welfare of the citizens of Georgia and in particular of the City of Savannah.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Savannah City Council that this governing body voices its support of Locally-Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to each member of the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate representing Savannah, Georgia, and made available for distribution to the public and the press.

Adopted and approved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah on this 6th day of June, 2019.

Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach

ATTEST:

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council