A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN TO ADOPT A 90-DAY PILOT OPEN CONTAINER ZONE IN A SPECIFIC AREA OF THE VICTORIAN NEIGHBORHOOD

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen recognize the Victorian Neighborhood Association and their request to expand the Open Container Zone in a specific area within the Victorian District; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen acknowledge that in March 2019 the Victorian Neighborhood Association agreed to move forward in exploring the extension of the Open Container Zone and, in April 2019 conducted an online survey of its members which indicated more than 80% of the respondents favored extending the Open Container Zone into the Victorian District; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen accepts the petition submitted in September 2019 by the Victorian Neighborhood Association with 280 signatures from street addresses of residents and businesses within the Victorian Neighborhood confirming their support to expand the Open Container Zone to the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen recognize and appreciate the Victorian Neighborhood Association’s concerns pertaining to infrastructure and public safety and propose a 90-day pilot program to extend the Open Container Zone from the centerline of Park Avenue between the centerline of Whitaker Street to the centerline of Drayton Street and along Bull Street from the centerline of Park Avenue to the centerline of Anderson Lane;

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen approve the 90-day pilot program commencing on January 1, 2020 and terminating on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, during the 90-day pilot program, The Mayor and Aldermen shall require that City staff assess the impact of open containers in the area with the City continuing to provide services in the area while the Victorian Neighborhood Association commit to daily removal and disposal of additional litter generated from open containers in the public right-of-way of the impacted area; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen support the Victorian Neighborhood Association’s request to establish a Keep Savannah Beautiful “Adopt-a-Spot” in the impacted area prior to the start of the 90-day pilot program; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen will evaluate the 90-day pilot Open Container Zone expansion upon its completion and provide a formal recommendation regarding a possible amendment to Code of Ordinances, Part 6, Article H, Division 3, Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance, Sec. 6-1214 including this area in the Open Container Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah adopt the 90-day pilot Open Container Zone expansion in specific areas of the Victorian Neighborhood commencing on January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020.
Adopted this __________ day of ___________________, 2019

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

By: ___________________________________________ Date: ___________________
Eddie DeLoach, Mayor

Attest: ___________________________________________ Date: ___________________
Clerk of Council