

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER
TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A
SAVANNAH-SPECIFIC INCLUSIONARY ZONING ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, following the municipal elections of 2019, Savannah's elected officials indicated that development of an inclusionary zoning ordinance aligns with the priorities of this Council; and

WHEREAS, following extensive study of eligible geographic areas and preparation of an economic model to test various components of a proposed mandatory inclusionary zoning policy, the City of Atlanta adopted such an ordinance on January 29, 2018, the first of its kind in the state of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2021, the City of Atlanta revised its inclusionary zoning program to expand its scope and geographical reach; and

WHEREAS, inclusionary zoning ordinances are designed to promote affordable housing, an area of critical need in the City of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Alderwomen regard the implementation of ordinances, programs, and policies pertaining to creating affordable housing opportunities within the City of Savannah are among the highest priorities of this Council given the clear need for reasonably priced housing for Savannah's lower income and financially disadvantaged residents; and

WHEREAS, City Council expressly recognizes that development of an inclusionary zoning ordinance tailored to the needs of the citizens of Savannah requires a comprehensive review of potentially eligible geographic zones and extensive study of economic models by an industry expert is necessary to ensure its affordable housing opportunity objectives are achieved to the greatest extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, during their regularly scheduled meeting of December 9, 2021, the Mayor and Aldermen informally requested the City Manager to provide a draft ordinance for their review and consideration, a directive they hereby wish to formalize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager shall forthwith initiate the process of developing a mandatory inclusionary zoning ordinance for the City of Savannah, utilizing all resources he deems appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager shall provide substantive status updates to the Mayor and Aldermen at their regularly scheduled second meeting of each month, with the understanding that it is the will of this City Council to implement a Savannah-specific mandatory inclusionary zoning ordinance before the end of 2022.

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Van R. Johnson II
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Massey
Clerk of Council