**AN ORDINANCE**

**To Be Entitled**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER

OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR HOME RULE

CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SPECIFY MORE

PARTICULARIZED CODE OF ETHICS VIOLATIONS

AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR

EFFECTIVE DATES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING

PROVISIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That the Code of Ethics Ordinance for City of Savannah Elected Officials be amended by adding a new section 2-106-6.1:

2-106-6.1. *Conflicts of Interest; Prohibitions; City Contracts.* It shall be construed as a conflict of interest if an elected official of the City of Savannah accepts campaign contributions in an amount in excess of $250 from any entity or person that is a party to a current contract with the City of Savannah where such contract’s value exceeds $25,000.

SECTION 2: That the Code of Ethics Ordinance for City of Savannah Elected Officials be amended by deleting Section 2-106-6\*(d) and inserting in lieu thereof:

(d) Subject to Section 2-106-6.1, campaign contributions made and reported in accordance with Georgia law.

SECTION 3: That the Code of Ethics Ordinance for City of Savannah Elected Officials be amended by deleting Section 2-106-8 and inserting in lieu thereof a new section 2-106-8 as follows:

2-106-8. *Restrictions on Contracts with Former Elected Officials of the City of Savannah*. The City shall not enter into any contract with any person or business represented by such person who has served as an elected official of the City of Savannah for a period of two years following the last day of the former elected official’s last term in office.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall become effective when signed by the Mayor or as provided by operation of law.

SECTION 6: All parts, portions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance are each hereby declared to be severable and if any such part, portion, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any remaining parts, portions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases thereof and the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah, Georgia hereby declare that had they known that any such provision was or would be invalid, they would not have adopted that portion or part of the ordinance but would have nevertheless adopted the remaining portions thereof.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Van R. Johnson II, Mayor

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council