**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 SO 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 add 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 participates in discussion during the meeting(s) at which a vote is to occur or votes upon the award of any contract to a person or entity that has donated more than $250 to the Council member’s election campaign. This prohibition shall only apply to contracts with a value in excess of $25,000.

SECTION 2: That the Code of Ethics Ordinance for City of Savannah Elected Officials Section 2-106-6\*(d) be deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall become effective when signed by the Mayor or as provided by operation of law.

SECTION 5: 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