

**A Resolution in Opposition to HB-302 and SB-172**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Savannah and their elected representatives have set minimum building standards that best protect the safety of our residents and enhance the quality of construction in both the residential and commercial spaces; and

WHEREAS, these decisions were not taken lightly, and in-depth discussion and research occurred prior to adoption of these minimum safety and building standards; and

WHEREAS, HB-302 and SB-172 recently introduced in the Georgia General Assembly would completely remove the City of Savannah’s ability to set its own quality standards of single-family homes, and may jeopardize the safety and lives of our citizens living and working in densely populated areas of our city; and

WHEREAS, cities use design standards to protect property values and block incompatible development. A lack of local design standards would result in diminished property values; and

WHEREAS, the Savannah City Council supports the principle of home rule, and believes such decisions of local impact are more appropriately made at the local level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah respectfully request that the General Assembly oppose HB-302 and SB-172 and any similar bill.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019      SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eddie DeLoach, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_