

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
FOR CALLING AND CONDUCTING
PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ZONING DECISIONS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah desire to adopt policies and procedures for calling and conducting public hearings on zoning decisions as provided in O.C.G.A. §36-66-1 et seq.;

WHEREAS, having noticed and published the public hearing before the Mayor and Aldermen as required by O.C.G.A. § 36-66-1 et seq. on June 4, 2019 for the adoption of policies and procedures for calling and conducting public hearings on zoning decisions; and

WHEREAS, the public welfare demanding, this resolution shall be effective and enforceable beginning on the date of its adoption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AND IT HEREBY IS ORDAINED, by virtue of the authority vested in the Mayor and Aldermen through O.C.G.A. §36-66-1 et seq., to adopt the following policies and procedures for calling and conducting public hearings on zoning decisions:

A copy of the adopted policies and procedures for calling and conducting public hearings on zoning decisions shall be made available to the public on request;

All persons in attendance who wish to speak on the proposed zoning decision are requested to fill out a speaker card prior to the start of the City Council meeting;

Any party interested with respect to any petition may submit written, illustrated or other material in support of their position to the Clerk of Council during or before the public hearing;

The Mayor and Aldermen call to order the zoning hearing and allow proponents and opponents who submitted speaker cards to speak on the petition during the zoning hearing;

The proponents and opponents to the zoning decision shall be allowed equal time to present their data, evidence and opinions except that each side shall not have more than ten (10) minutes unless the Mayor and Aldermen by majority vote agree to an extended time that is equal for both sides. Each side's time period may be divided among multiple speakers in whatever manner desired;

In the event a public hearing is conducted and final zoning decision is deferred by the Mayor and Aldermen, a second public hearing (conducted under the same rules as set forth above) shall be allowed when the petition is again considered by the Mayor and Aldermen following the deferral. No petition shall be the subject of more than two public hearings before the Mayor and Aldermen, regardless of the number of times the final zoning decision is deferred by the Mayor and Aldermen, unless four or more members of the Mayor and Aldermen vote to conduct such additional public hearing(s);

Adopted and approved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, on this the 20th day of June, 2019.

CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Eddie W. DeLoach
Mayor of Savannah

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council