RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY DWELLINGS FOR PERSONS DISPLACED FROM PERMANENT HOUSING AT 65 DUNDEE STREET DURING COVID-19

- WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah recognize the growing number of persons displaced from permanent housing due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and the need to provide a location for the placement of temporary emergency dwellings for these individuals; and
- WHEREAS, federal, state, and local emergency health declarations were issued due to COVID-19, which served to disrupt business operations and employment opportunities across our community; and
- WHEREAS, the impact of COVID-19 for nearly ten months has inflicted financial harm and distress on the citizens of our community, in large part comprised of dis- or lesser-advantaged Savannah residents; and
- WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah wish to continue adopting measures to aid individuals of our community impacted financially by COVID-19 by providing temporary emergency dwellings, while requiring responsible conduct that, at a minimum, complies with the Center for Disease Control standards to include social distancing and other measures intended to inhibit the spread of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, The Mayor and Aldermen approved the issuance of a Request for Proposals to designate 65 Dundee Street (PIN 20034 30011), which is owned by The Mayor and Aldermen, for community use by a non-profit organization; and
- WHEREAS, since the approval, the City of Savannah has partnered with Georgia Power, Collins Engineers, Terracon, the Coleman Company, CHA Civil Engineering, and Gunn, Meyerhoff, and Shay Architects to conduct a survey as well as undertake civil design, geotechnical, and structural design services, and to date, security cameras and fencing have been installed; and
- WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen acknowledge that the Code of Ordinances for the City of Savannah, Georgia provides for the establishment of certain uses and structures through the issuance of a temporary use permit where standards shall govern;
- WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen recommend issuing a temporary use permit for 65 Dundee Street to provide temporary emergency dwellings for a period of 12-months commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021; and
- WHEREAS, the City Manager shall require a site plan and public safety plan for the temporary use permit and shall provide a monthly assessment of the site and surrounding area to The Mayor and Aldermen;

- WHEREAS, any violation of the spirit and/or intent of this Resolution may result in the revocation of the temporary use permit upon a written finding of the City Manager, which shall be provided to The Mayor and Aldermen.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah support the issuance of a temporary use permit for the establishment of temporary emergency dwellings for those citizens displaced from permanent housing due to COVID-19.

Adopted this the 22^{nd} day of December 2020.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

By: ______ Van R. Johnson II, Mayor

Attest:

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council