

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE 90-DAY PILOT OPEN CONTAINER ZONE IN A SPECIFIC AREA OF THE VICTORIAN NEIGHBORHOOD

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen recognize the Victorian Neighborhood Association and their request to expand the Open Container Zone in a specific area within the Victorian District; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen acknowledge that in March 2019 the Victorian Neighborhood Association agreed to move forward in exploring the extension of the Open Container Zone and, in April 2019 conducted an online survey of its members which indicated more than 80% of the respondents favored extending the Open Container Zone into the Victorian District; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen accepts the petition submitted in September 2019 by the Victorian Neighborhood Association with 280 signatures from street addresses of residents and businesses within the Victorian Neighborhood confirming their support to expand the Open Container Zone to the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen recognize and appreciate the Victorian Neighborhood Association's concerns pertaining to infrastructure and public safety and propose a 90-day pilot program to extend the Open Container Zone from the centerline of Park Avenue between the centerline of Whitaker Street to the centerline of Drayton Street and along Bull Street from the centerline of Park Avenue to the centerline of Anderson Lane;

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen approved a 90-day pilot program commencing on January 1, 2020 and terminating on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, shortly before termination of the initial 90-day pilot program, federal, state, and local emergency health declarations were issued due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, which served to disrupt government operations, including necessitating that meetings of the City Council be conducted remotely; and

WHEREAS, the 90-day pilot program expired; however, additional study is needed and the Mayor and Aldermen have been provided with information demonstrating continued support for the program within the specified area; and

WHEREAS, with the advent of COVID-19 and the need to practice social distancing, the existing Pilot Open Container Zone will be expanded to incorporate the centerline of Hall Street between Drayton Street and Whitaker Street to the centerline of Park Avenue and within Forsyth Park to include the northern portion of the Fort at Forsyth Park;

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen will evaluate the extended pilot Open Container Zone expansion upon its completion and provide a formal recommendation regarding a possible amendment to Code of Ordinances, Part 6, Article H, Division 3, Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance, Sec. 6-1214 including this area in the Open Container Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah that the 90-day pilot Open Container Zone expansion in specific areas of the Victorian Neighborhood be re-adopted and extended. This shall commence on June 11, 2020 and extend through September 11, 2020.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

By: _____
Van R. Johnson II, Mayor

Attest: _____
Mark Massey, Clerk of Council