

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT #1 TO THE
SAVANNAH GARDENS URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah is given its urban redevelopment powers through O.C.C.G. Title 36, Chapter 61 of the Code of Georgia, as amended, known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, which provides local governments with broad authority to plan and implement improvements to blighted areas within their jurisdiction in the interest of the public health, safety, morals or welfare of their residents; and

WHEREAS, the Savannah Gardens Urban Redevelopment Plan was adopted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah on March 26, 2009 with the primary focus of redeveloping the roughly 44-acre dilapidated and vacant Strathmore Estates Apartments and two adjoining parking lots between Strathmore Estates Apartments and Gwinnett Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment (Amendment #1) expands the boundary of the Savannah Gardens Urban Redevelopment Area by approximately 1.71 acres to include the abandoned, dilapidated grocery store owned by CHSA on the south side of East Gwinnett Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Long Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #1 modifies the Savannah Gardens Master Plan to reflect the proposed land uses for the undeveloped portion of the Urban Redevelopment Area, including a mixed use land use classification for the former grocery store site and vacant parking lots along Gwinnett Street; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #1 establishes a sunset date for the Savannah Gardens Urban Redevelopment Plan of December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, public input remains important to the Savannah Gardens redevelopment initiative and was sought and received at informational meetings held at Savannah Gardens on March 2, March 9, and April 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah held a public hearing to receive citizens' comments on Amendment #1 to the Savannah Gardens Urban Redevelopment Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia approve the adoption of Amendment #1 to the Savannah Gardens Urban Redevelopment Plan.

Adopted this 26th day of April, 2018

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Luciana Spracher, Acting Clerk of Council