

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF
LAND LOCATED AT 514 WEST VICTORY DRIVE, LOT 56, MYERS WARD, CITY
OF SAVANNAH, CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO REMEDY BLIGHT WITHIN
THE CITY LIMITS OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia possess the power of eminent domain as provided in O.C.G.A. § 22-1-1 *et seq.* and have determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to acquire real estate to remedy blight within the City of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, in order to remedy blight within the city limits of Savannah, it is necessary that certain interests in real property within the city limits of Savannah to be acquired; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia (hereinafter “City”) hereby declare that the property located in Land Lot 56, Myers Ward, City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, as described in the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, more commonly known as **514 West Victory Drive (PIN 20073 42013)**, is to be acquired for a specific public purpose or use, which in this case is the acquisition of certain real property in fee simple necessary to remedy blight; and

WHEREAS, the property to be acquired is owned by Guardians Management Group, LLC; however, there may be other parties, known or unknown, including but not limited to the Estate of Brenda Freeman Stewart and Vivian Rakestraw, who may have an interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to institute condemnation proceedings in Chatham County Superior Court to acquire the property described in Exhibit “A” since written notice of the City’s offer of payment has been provided to the owner to acquire such property for fair market appraised value and the owner has not accepted the offer made and/or cannot provide clear and marketable title; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia as follows:

1. that the public necessity for immediately acquiring all of the property described in Exhibit “A” for the above stated purposes is hereby declared; and
2. further, a finding is hereby made that the circumstances are such that it is necessary to proceed with condemnation proceedings to remedy blight by use of a method of condemnation, as authorized by O.C.G.A. §§ 22-1-1 *et seq.* and use of that method is hereby authorized for the acquisition of property described in Exhibit “A”;
3. that the City Attorney is authorized and directed by this Resolution to institute, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 22-1-15, a petition in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah with the Superior Court of Chatham County for a judgment in rem against the

property described in Exhibit “A” to seek a determination that such property is blighted, and if deemed blighted by the Superior Court of Chatham County, then pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 22-1-15(i), the City Attorney is authorized and directed by this Resolution to institute condemnation proceedings in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah for the quick and effective condemnation of the property described in Exhibit “A” and of every interest therein, to remedy blight, as provided by the Constitution of Georgia, and pursuant to the condemnation method described in O.C.G.A. §§ 22-2-130 *et seq.*; and,

4. that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to expend all necessary and proper payments for the expenses incurred in carrying out the acquisition and condemnation of this property upon receipt of a requisition therefore from the City Attorney and to make all necessary and proper payments in connection with such acquisition, including but not limited to, title searches, appraisals, surveys, specialty reports, expert fees, closings and/or any other costs associated with any condemnation actions authorized by this Resolution.

ADOPTED this ____ day of March 2026.

Van R. Johnson, II
Mayor

Mark Massey
Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT "A"
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

ALL that tract or parcel of land lying and being in MYERS (Meyers) WARD, in the city of Savannah, Chatham County, and State of Georgia, known and designated as LOT NUMBR FIFTY SIX (56) upon a certain map of subdivision prepared by J. W. Howard, C.E., April 28, 1902, of record in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia, in Record Book 8 N, Folio 52. Said lot hereby conveyed having a frontage of thirty (30) feet on the north side of West Victory Drive (Formerly 43rd Street) between West Broad and Burroughs Street, with a rectangular depth of one hundred five (105) feet northwardly to a line, and being bounded as follows: On the North by said lane; on the East by Lot 57, said subdivision and ward; on the South by West Victory Drive, and on the West by Lot Fifty Five (55), said subdivision and ward.