

1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PARKS AND  
2 RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA  
3 AND APPOINTING THE INITIAL MEMBERS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING  
4 RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE  
5 DATE AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

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7 **WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to  
8 adopt ordinances and resolutions relating to its property, affairs, and local government; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council for the City of Stonecrest is the governing authority of  
10 the City; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mayor and City Council are authorized by the City Charter, as amended by  
12 Senate Bill 21, adopted April 1, 2021, to adopt ordinances and resolutions for the administration  
13 of the City and to create and appoint members to Committees, commissions, and committees  
14 concerning the affairs of the City; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the City Charter grants the City the power to exercise and enjoy all other  
16 powers, functions and rights necessary or desirable to promote the general welfare of the City and  
17 its inhabitants; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the city council shall have the power by ordinance or resolution to establish  
19 oversight, policy, and standing committees of the council; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City has determined that it is in the best interest  
21 of the City and its citizens to establish an advisory committee known as the Parks and Recreation  
22 Advisory Committee of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia; and

23 **WHEREAS**, it is the governing authority's desire that the Parks and Recreation Advisory  
24 Committee provide a forum for discussing best practices and to advise the Parks and Recreation

25 Director regarding best practices with respect to strategies for sustainable development,  
26 environmental conservation, planning, and community longevity as it relates to the City’s parks  
27 and recreational facilities.

28 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR**  
29 **AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA,** as follows:

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**SECTION I**

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY**

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**COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZATION**

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In response to the City of Stonecrest’s community values and changing needs of the City’s population, Mayor and Council hereby create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to advise and engage with the City’s Parks and Recreation Department for such duration as Mayor and Council may desire (hereinafter referred to as the “Parks Advisory Committee”). Creating this Committee is an opportunity for the City to affect substantive improvements to the City’s recreation facilities and to transform our City into one defined by the collective pursuit of a high quality of life for all residents.

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**SECTION II**

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**MISSION AND DUTIES**

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The mission of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is to include the citizens of the City of Stonecrest to address the immediate need of improving City Parks. The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is to ensure:

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1. To provide as necessary and appropriate advice, reviews, reports and recommendations to the public, City Manager, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and

49 City Council on park and recreation facility conditions and areas of immediate  
50 concern;

51 2. That lists of projects are equitable, appropriately prioritized, and well distributed  
52 throughout the City;

53 3. That each district of the City is represented and has the opportunity to advocate for  
54 cleaner and improved facilities.

55 **SECTION III**

56 MEMBERSHIP

57 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members,  
58 two (2) of which shall be Councilmembers appointed by the City. The City Council shall  
59 establish qualifications for members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee except  
60 that each Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee member must be either a resident of the  
61 City or an owner or officer of a business domiciled in the City. Each Committee person shall  
62 be nominated and approved by the City Council. Should the Committee member move out of  
63 the City or no longer be an owner or an officer of a business domiciled in the City, he/she may  
64 remain active until the City Council appoint his/her replacement. Members must attend two-  
65 thirds (2/3) of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meetings in a calendar year.  
66 Failure to do so warrants removal from the Committee.

67 **SECTION IV**

68 TERMS

69 Each member shall serve for a term of one (1) year. Members filling vacancies shall  
70 serve the remainder of the term to which they were appointed. A consecutive appointment is  
71 permissible. Members whose terms expire shall continue to serve until a replacement is

72 appointed or a consecutive appointment is made. Any member may be removed with or without  
73 cause by the City Council.

74 **SECTION V**

75 COMPENSATION

76 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members will serve without compensation.  
77 Reasonable expenses for travel and Committee related expenses may be reimbursed pursuant  
78 to a policy to be established by the City Manager and approved by the City Council.

79 **SECTION VI**

80 QUORUM

81 A majority of the actual number of Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members  
82 establishes a quorum. Any action taken requires a majority of affirmative votes of the quorum  
83 present.

84 **SECTION VII**

85 GOVERNANCE

86 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee may adopt bylaws for the governance  
87 of the Committee. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall set its own meeting  
88 schedule and establish the meeting agendas. Meetings shall be governed in accordance with the  
89 Open Meetings Act found within the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The Parks and  
90 Recreation Advisory Committee shall meet at least four times annually, having one meeting in  
91 each quarter of a calendar year.

92 All meetings shall be open to the public and all records maintained by the Parks and  
93 Recreation Advisory Committee shall be public records unless expressly exempted by a  
94 provision of the Georgia Open Records Act. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee  
95 shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question,

96 and shall maintain records of its examinations and other official actions all of which shall be  
97 filed in the office of the City Clerk. Copies of the minutes shall be sent to the Mayor and each  
98 member of the City Council. At each meeting, the public shall be granted time for public  
99 comment.

100 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall elect a chairman to conduct  
101 meetings and a vice chairman to conduct meetings in the absence of the chairman. Elections  
102 shall be held at the first regular meeting of the calendar year. The chairman shall serve for one  
103 (1) year or until re-elected or a successor is elected. The vice chairman shall serve for one (1)  
104 year or until re-elected or a successor is elected. The Committee shall select one of its members  
105 to be the secretary.

106 **SECTION VIII**

107 INITIAL MEMBERS

108 The initial members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

- 109 1. Lori Brown (District 1)  
110 2. Linda Lee (District 2)  
111 3. Karyl Clayton (District 3)  
112 4. Vivian Pollard (District 4)  
113 5. Charnessa Grace (District 5)  
114 6. Virginia Hinton (At-large)  
115 7. Arabia Mountain National (At-large)  
116 Heritage Area (“AMNHA”)  
117 Executive Director (Ex-officio)  
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119 8. Councilman J. Clanton (District 1)  
120 9. Councilman G. Turner (District 4)

121 **SECTION IX**

122 ENFORCEMENT AND SEVERABILITY

123 (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections,  
124 paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are or were, upon their enactment,  
125 believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

126 (b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest  
127 extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
128 Resolution is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
129 Resolution. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to  
130 the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
131 Resolution is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase  
132 of this Resolution.

133 (c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Resolution  
134 shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise  
135 unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the  
136 express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or  
137 unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional  
138 or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or  
139 sections of the Resolution and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases,  
140 clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Resolution shall remain valid, constitutional,  
141 enforceable, and of full force and effect.

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143 **SECTION X**

144 REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

145 All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

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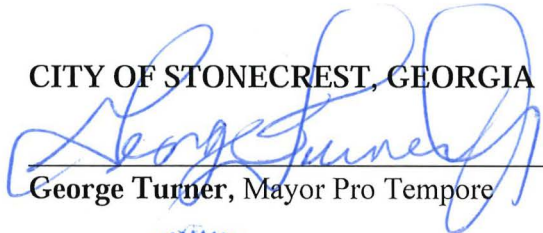
SECTION XI

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION

This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of approval and execution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this 28 day of June, 2021.

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

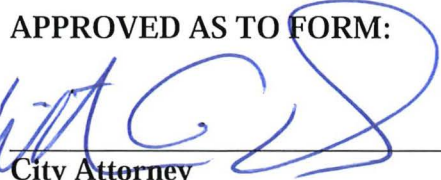
  
George Turner, Mayor Pro Tempore



ATTEST:

  
Sonya Isom, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney