STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HENRY
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. – 13-534

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SIXTY-DAY EXTENSION OF THE INITIAL SIXTY-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF SIGN PERMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE WITH CERTAIN EXPLICIT EXCEPTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST SIGNATURES AND AFFIX THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY, AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation located within Henry County, Georgia duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Stockbridge, Georgia are committed to utilizing available resources to promote the preservation and improvement of health, welfare, and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have in the past demonstrated their commitment to protecting the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Stockbridge through the regulation of signs, including preventing driving distractions, visual clutter, and other harmful effects of improperly or poorly regulated signs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to continue to so regulate signs within the City, and to do so in a manner that abides by legal precedent relating to the proper regulation of sign activity; and

WHEREAS, City staff, along with technical assistance provided by the Atlanta Regional Commission, have undertaken an orderly and expeditious review of the City's sign ordinance to ensure that it contains sufficient provisions to adequately protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Stockbridge, and to consider possible amendments to the existing provisions; and

WHEREAS, without a properly enacted moratorium on sign applications, persons wishing to install signs could, prior to the adoption of any such amendments, apply for numerous permits to erect, install, and use signs, thereby compromising and undermining the City's efforts to regulate such activities; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 13, 2013 the City enacted a temporary 60-day moratorium on the issuance of City permits to erect, install, and use signs in the City of Stockbridge in order to provide City staff sufficient time to begin reviewing the current sign ordinance and to consider possible amendments to the City's municipal code provisions regulating such signs; and

WHEREAS, the initial temporary 60-day moratorium on the issuance of City permits to erect, install, and use signs in the City of Stockbridge will expire at the close of business on July 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a 60-day extension to the initial temporary 60-day moratorium on the issuance of City permits to erect, install, and use signs in the City of Stockbridge will provide City staff sufficient time to review the current sign ordinance and consider possible amendments to the City's municipal code provisions regulating such signs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that the moratorium should apply to all signs other than temporary signs and applications for sign permits filed with the City

prior to the effective date of the resolution creating the initial moratorium period, which should be analyzed under the standards of the existing sign ordinance; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons the Mayor and City Council of the City of Stockbridge deem it in the best interest of the citizens and businesses of the City to extend the City's initial 60-day moratorium on sign applications, with certain explicit exceptions, for an additional 60 days, beginning at the time that the initial moratorium period expires.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS;

Section 1. **Approval** - The Mayor and City Council of the City of Stockbridge hereby approve the extension of the City's initial sixty (60) day moratorium on the issuance of sign permits for the erection, installation, and use of signs within the City of Stockbridge for an additional sixty (60) days beginning on July 13, 2013, and no City department, agency, employee, or agent shall issue any sign permit during the extended term of the moratorium except as to temporary signs and as to sign permit applications filed prior to the effective date of the initial moratorium resolution; permits for which will be authorized by the City under the standards of the existing sign ordinance until the extended moratorium expires. The duration of the moratorium will be sixty (60) days immediately beginning upon the expiration of the prior initial moratorium, or until the City enacts a new comprehensive sign ordinance if such ordinance is enacted less than sixty (60) days from the expiration of the prior initial sign moratorium.

Section 2. **Approval of Execution** - The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Section 3. **Documents** – The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 4. **Severability** - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 5. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 6. **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED, this the 8th day of July, 2013.

CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA

Mark A. Alarcon

MARK A. ALARCON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhonda A. Blackmon

RHONDA A. BLACKMON, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. Linkous III

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