

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HENRY  
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. R13-558

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE (“CITY”) TO REQUEST THAT ITS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION INTRODUCE LOCAL LEGISLATION IN THE NEXT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SO AS TO CREATE A TECHNOLOGY FEE IMPOSED IN THE STOCKBRIDGE MUNICIPAL COURT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS OF THE COURT; AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVERTISE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LEGISLATION; 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 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, Article II, Section V, Paragraph VIII of the 1983 Constitution of the State of Georgia states that the General Assembly may provide by law for the procedure for the provision of local legislation; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section V, Paragraph IX of the 1983 Constitution of the State of Georgia states that the General Assembly shall provide for the advertisement of notice of intention to introduce local legislation; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 28-1-14 sets forth the requirement that no local bill shall become law unless notice of the intention to introduce such bill shall have been properly advertised, and sets forth the procedure for such advertisement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge currently operates a Municipal Court in which certain criminal and Code offenses are heard and determined; and

WHEREAS, the City has made and plans to make numerous upgrades to the technology that serves its Municipal Court in order to make the Court more efficient and cost effective, and in order to make its operations smoother; and

WHEREAS, the City currently needs additional revenue from those utilizing the Municipal Court in order to continue to fund technology upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the City currently does not have the authority under Section 5.13 of the City Charter to impose a technology fee so as to defray the costs of additional technology upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that under Georgia law, the General Assembly has the power to enact local legislation giving the City the authority to impose a technology fee in its Municipal Court so as to defray the costs of additional technology upgrades; and

WHEREAS, to the extent that O.C.G.A. § 28-1-14 requires the publication of a notice of intent to introduce such local legislation, the City requests that the General Assembly publish such notice pursuant to its normal procedure; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to formally request that the Georgia General Assembly enact local legislation substantially similar to H.B. 583 relating to the City of Griffin, granting its Municipal Court the authority to impose a technology fee in order to defray the cost of additional technology upgrades to the Court.

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

Section 1. **Approval** - The City Council of the City of Stockbridge hereby approves and authorizes the City to formally request that the Georgia General Assembly enact local legislation substantially similar to 2013 H.B. 583, relating to the City of Griffin, granting its Municipal Court the authority to impose a technology fee in order to defray the cost of additional technology upgrades to its Court.

Further, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 28-1-14, the Mayor and City Council approve the publication of notice of intent to introduce local legislation in a form substantially similar to the notice attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".

Section 2. **Approval of Execution** - The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents and to perform all other acts necessary to effectuate this Resolution on behalf of the City of Stockbridge. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any document which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. **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 4. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. **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 9th day of December, 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  
WILLIAM J. LINKOUS, III, CITY ATTORNEY  
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