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**Stonecrest City Council Approves Marijuana Ordinance**

*The City's ordinance changes the penalties for low-level marijuana offenses.*

**Stonecrest, GA** – The Stonecrest City Council approved ordinance 2022-07-01, which reduces the penalty for possession of one ounce of marijuana or less to a maximum fine of \$100. Council approved the ordinance at its August 22 meeting. Possessions of any quantity of marijuana is still illegal under State law and penalties may include jail time.

“The City of Stonecrest remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of all residents and visitors,” said Mayor Jazzmin Cobble. “This ordinance does not legalize the possession of marijuana in Stonecrest. It eliminates jail time as the only option of penalty and reduces the fines for individuals found guilty of possessing one ounce or less of marijuana.”

The City will partner with local law enforcement agencies to train officers on the ordinance and review a list of options available to them when an offense occurs within the City of Stonecrest.

The ordinance is designed to minimize administrative costs by reducing the amount of time police officers spend in connection with the arrest, processing, and transportation of an individual accused of simple marijuana possession.

“In order to maintain public safety in Stonecrest, we must prioritize the best use of police resources and continue to build partnerships with residents within the community,” said Mayor Cobble. “Under this new ordinance, the penalty provisions will reduce the number of people who enter into the criminal justice system on low-level offenses and allow our officers to focus on more severe violations.”

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**About the City of Stonecrest**

The City of Stonecrest is located in DeKalb County, Georgia. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The City is minutes from downtown Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Stonecrest offers residents a live-work-play community. The City is known for shopping and restaurants in The Mall at Stonecrest area. Residents and visitors can explore nature or hiking trails and cycling opportunities in the area. For more information, visit: [www.stonecrestga.gov](http://www.stonecrestga.gov).