

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DEKALB  
CITY OF STONECREST**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019 - 07-001**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF STONECREST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2038,  
AND TO DECLARE AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stonecrest, Georgia (the "City") was created by Senate Bill 208, passed in the Georgia General Assembly during the 2016 Session (the "City Charter") and subsequently confirmed by referendum;

**WHEREAS**, the City Charter provided for a two-year transition period for the purpose of providing a time period during which an orderly transition of various governmental functions from DeKalb County to the City would occur;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 6.03 (e) of the City Charter, the City relied on DeKalb County's Comprehensive Plan during the transition period;

**WHEREAS**, on August 7, 2017 per Ordinance Number 2017-08-04, the City adopted DeKalb County's Comprehensive Plan 2035, the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Concepts Map, the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map, the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update Appendix with Land Use Parcel Maps, and the 2016 Comprehensive Land Use Maps as the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Stonecrest, Georgia;

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, the City retained the professional planning services of The Collaborative Firm to establish standards and procedures for the city to address immediate needs and opportunities for the city while moving the city toward the realization of its long-term goals for the future. The Firm ensured that the city Comprehensive Plan went beyond the minimum required plan elements, which are: community goals, needs and opportunities, community work program and broadband services element to make the overall plan a good fit for the City for the next twenty years;

**WHEREAS**, the Collaborative Firm ensured that the draft Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan 2038 went beyond the Rules of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) "Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Chapter 110-12-1), as called for by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and was approved by DCA and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) on February 14, 2019 for meeting the minimum standards and procedures;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stonecrest Chief requested a second review by DCA and ARC due to minor revisions made to the draft Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan 2038, prior to adoption;

**WHEREAS**, the Revised Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan 2038 received a letter of conformance from DCA and ARC on June 5, 2019, which met the June 30, 2019 DCA deadline to conform to the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning;

**WHEREAS**, attaining DCA Qualified Local Government status is contingent on local adoption of the Revised Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan 2038, in which once adopted will allow the City to impose development impact fees, make the City eligible to participate in certain DCA Programs, like the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan Guarantee (Section 0108), Local Development Fund, and allow the City to participate in programs administered by other State Departments, like the Georgia Department of Natural Resources;

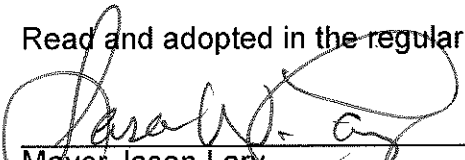
**WHEREAS**, the approved Revised Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan 2038 may move forward for adoption by the City (Refer to Exhibit A: Revised 2019 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Stonecrest) as the City's very first Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the City Charter (Senate Bill 208) and the mandates of DCA, the City of Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan 2038 shall be updated at a minimum of every five (5) years.


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA HEREBY:**

1. Adopt the City of Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan 2038 as prepared by The Collaborative Firm and approved by DCA and ARC to serve as the City's direction for long-range planning for the future of the City.
2. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Read and adopted in the regular meeting of the City Council held on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

  
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Mayor Jason Lary



ATTEST:  
  
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Megan P. Reid, City Clerk