RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02-21

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING WITHIN THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA, A MORATORIUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) DAYS (UNLESS SOONER TERMINATED) UPON APPLICATIONS FOR AND ISSUANCE OF REZONINGS AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS IN THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSIDERATION, REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO SAID PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Sandy Springs is charged with preserving the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandy Springs has an adopted Zoning Ordinance that provides process for, among others, obtaining rezoning of land, including a change in conditions that constitutes a zoning decision of the Mayor and City Council, and obtaining a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for such uses as require it in the established zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently undertaking the process of rewriting provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, including provisions for rezoning and SLUPs which would potentially include different substantive and procedural provisions for acquisitions of same; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council, in order to provide for a uniform process for future rezoning and SLUP acquisitions, desire to review potential changes and revise same in accordance with the Future Development Map, Comprehensive Plan and various area Master Plan, prior to their implementation and adoption as anticipated; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable amount of time is necessary in order to accomplish the aforesaid actions; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the uniform administration of the City’s zoning laws, the Mayor and City Council find it is necessary to place a moratorium on applications for and issuance of rezoning and SLUPs until the Mayor and Council can review and adopt the revised provisions; and

WHEREAS, the failure to allow for such review and orderly adoption would create confusion between the currently existing process and the proposed revised process depending on when such application is submitted into the process; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that a one hundred fifty (150) day period of time to conduct review of said provisions and adoption of the necessary revisions is a reasonable period of time.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia as follows:

1. The aforesaid recitals are not mere recitals, but are material portions of this Resolution; and

2. During the period of the within moratorium the Mayor and Council shall consider the proposed revisions to the City of Sandy Springs Zoning Ordinance, including the rezoning and SLUP provisions, and adopt the final rewrite of same; and

3. During the period of the within moratorium no applications for a rezoning or SLUP shall be submitted or accepted by the City and no such applications for rezoning or SLUP that were
not already filed at the time of this Resolution’s adoption shall be reviewed, discussed or adopted by the Mayor and City Council; and

4. During the period of the within moratorium, the Mayor and Council shall adopt the revisions to the City of Sandy Springs Zoning Ordinance; and

5. This Moratorium covers any application for rezoning, change in zoning conditions and SLUPs sought to be filed at any time after enactment and adoption of this Resolution; and

6. The within moratorium shall begin upon adoption of this Resolution by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs and shall end upon one hundred fifty (150) days’ expiration therefrom, unless sooner terminated by resolution of the Mayor and Council; and

7. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained in this Resolution or Moratorium shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this resolution or moratorium but this resolution and moratorium shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision has never been contained herein.

8. The within resolution and moratorium shall become effective upon its adoption.

RESOLVED this the 7th day of February, 2017.

Approved:

[Signature]
Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:

[Signature]
Michael D. Casey, City Clerk

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