



**Mayor and City Council Work Session**  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

## Agenda

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**Mayor and Council:** Jelani Linder – Mayor | Post 3: Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith | Post 1: Council Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos | Post 4: Council Member Kay Nunez | Post 5: Council Member Hub Jordan | Post 6: Council Member Elaine Vaughn

**Staff:** Maggie Dimov - City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames - City Clerk/Human Resources | Angela Couch - City Attorney

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Link to join Webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82303400686>

**Mission Statement:** *The City of Stone Mountain serves our residents, businesses, and visitors by providing an enhanced quality of life and a unique sense of place, guided by trust and integrity.*

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Determination of Quorum**
- III. **30 Second Moment of Silence and Pledge**
- IV. **Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders (3 minutes per comment)**

*Comments from the Public*

*The public comments are reserved exclusively for comments from the public and not for immediate reply. The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice city related requests, concerns or opinions only during the public comment portion of the City Council meeting. I. The Mayor and City Council reserves the right to extend or limit the length of public comments based on: (1) the issue under discussion; (2) the number of items on the agenda; and (3) the extent to which the speaker remains constructive in their comments and questions. II. The public may not directly confront the public speaker but must direct all comments and questions to the Mayor and City Council. III. Public harassment of or confrontation with a public speaker will not be tolerated. Members of the public violating tenets two or three will be asked to sit down or leave the premises.*

*The City appreciates your input and wants to hear from you. If you have a complaint or concerns about a particular person associated with the City, please contact the City Manager's office. Your public comments during a Council meeting may not be directed at or to any particular City representative, including but not limited to the Mayor, City Council members, or a member of City staff. If your presentation includes such comments, the City reserves the right to stop your presentation. During your public comment, if you use obscenities or vulgar or abusive language, yell, or point fingers, the City reserves the right to stop your presentation. During your public comment, if you physically approach any City representative or your presentation rises to the level of disorderly conduct, your public comment will be stopped.*

V. **Review of the Journal (City Clerk)**

VI. **Reading of Communications**

VII. **Adoption of The Agenda of The Day**

VIII. **Committee Discussion Items**

1. Stone Mountain Community Garden
2. Planning Commission
3. Historic Preservation Commission

IX. **Staff Reports**

1. Public Safety- Police Chief- James Westerfield Jr

X. **City Manager's Report**

1. Operations Report - City Manager Maggie Dimov
2. Discussion update on partnership with Dekalb County Visitor Bureau

XI. **Council Policy Discussion Topics**

XII. **Unfinished Business**

1. Consideration of an action on a request on Change Order No. 3 regarding Zachary Court and Ridgemere Court Paving Project, requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov. **Goal - Public Works and Infrastructure**
2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Change Order No. 2 for City Hall Parking Lot Project, Closeout of Parking Lot Project and Approval of Fence Component Removal and Material Reimbursement, requested by City Manager Dimov. **Goal - Public Works and Infrastructure**

XIII. **New Business**

1. Consideration of an action on a request for utilizing the Historic Preservation Fund Grant on a Consultant Contract with WLA Studio, requested by Planning Manager Tamaya Huff. **Goal - Economic Development**

XIV. **New Ordinances and Resolutions**

1. Resolution 2026-05 - 2026 Employee Benefits - City Clerk/HR Shavala Ames. **Goal - Governance**
2. Resolution 2026-06 - City Bank Account Management - City Manager Maggie Dimov. **Goal - Governance**
3. Ordinance 2026-03 - New Urban Camping - Police Chief James Westerfield, Jr. - **Goal - Public Safety and Governance (FIRST READ ONLY)**
4. Ordinance 2026-04 - Loitering Amendment - Police Chief James Westerfield, Jr. - **Goal - Public Safety and Governance (FIRST READ ONLY)**
5. Ordinance 2026-05 - Curfew Regulations - Police Chief James Westerfield, Jr. - **Goal - Public Safety and Governance (FIRST READ ONLY)**

XV. **Remarks of Privilege**

XVI. **Announcements by The Mayor**

XVII. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, Cyber Security and/or Real Estate (if needed)**

1. Litigation

XVIII. **Adjournment**

APRIL 21, 2026, COMMITTEE REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

# STONE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY GARDEN AT VFW PARK



Dekalb County Master Gardeners Workday

## Committee Members:

**COLUMBUS BROWN, CHAIR**  
**CHAKIRA JOHNSON, VICE CHAIR**  
**JULIANA TAYLOR, SECRETARY**  
**JACKIE MARSHALL, MEMBER**  
**TOM ZIMMERMAN, MEMBER**

## OVERVIEW

Stone Mountain Community Garden at VFW Park (SMCG) is an all volunteer effort and has been operating continuously since March 2011, as a partnership between the City of Stone Mountain and the Dekalb County/University of Georgia Extension Service (Extension Service). **“We Grow Community.”** So far, the SMCG has donated over 17,000 pounds of fresh produce to the Stone Mountain Ecumenical Food Pantry (Food Pantry) for distribution to local families with food insufficiencies — providing healthy and nutritious food for over 4,260 families to date. Thus far this year, we have delivered 270 pounds of fresh produce to the Food Pantry. Current crops include: asparagus, basil, beans, beets, black berries, blueberries, bok choy, broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, green beans, green onions, kale, leeks, lettuces, okra, parsley, peppers (sweet and jalapeño), potatoes, rosemary, sage, strawberries, sweet potatoes, thyme, tomatoes and Swiss chard.

The SMCG provides 54 spaces for individuals in the community to grow their choices of vegetables, fruits and flowers throughout the year. We maintain an apiary with three active honey bee hives, a butterfly/pollinator garden, four composting systems, herb garden, children’s garden, grape arbor, two vertical gardens, co-planting demonstration area and a newly operational greenhouse. Pesticides are not used at the SMCG.

Master Gardeners continue to support the Community Garden through the Extension Service. They play an important role in the community by providing gardening and environmental education — through workshops, classes and technical assistance onsite. At least one Master Gardener is on duty every Saturday morning and there is a Community Workday on the second Saturday of each month.

## RECENT SMCG EVENTS

March 24, 2026 All Dekalb County Master Gardeners Workday at SMCG

April 11, 2026 Workday and Mini Talk - “Advanced Container Gardening” by MG Shakera Lawrence

April 14, 2026 Food Well Alliance Workday for Corporate Volunteers from Unüm

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT SMCG

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| April 24, 2026 | Special Workday for Spelman College Students  |
| May 9, 2026    | Workday and Mini Talk (TBD)   |
| June 27, 2026  | Plant Eat and Repeat Workshop at SMCG by Food Well Alliance and Atlanta Botanical Gardens |

# RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Public Works Removed Two Benches (Safety Hazard)
2. Public Works Replenished Compost
3. Public Works Had Trees and Branches Trimmed Along Fence Line
4. All Dekalb County/UGA Master Gardeners Workday (See Cover)
5. Food Well Alliance Donated Plants and Snacks for Workday on April 14 Event

# IMMEDIATE NEEDS FROM CITY

1. Handicap Accessibility to Garden and Bathrooms—Problems Persist
2. Remedy Drainage Problem Along Gordon Street and Entrance to Community Garden
3. Relocate Storage Shed from Georgia Military College Site to Community Garden
4. Resolve Electrical Problems in Storage Building and Bathrooms
5. Replace Third Picnic Bench Under Kiosk
6. Replenish Depleted Compost in Stall and Remove Weed Pile from Stall
7. Replace/Repair Water Faucets for Hoses and Tanks

## MEDIA EVENTS

Atlantic Bee Company, January 19, 2026 - <https://atlanticbeecompany.substack.com/p/healing-land>

Food Well Alliance - What Growers Have to Say June 18, 2025 - <https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=a0e6e9dd6a052a57e2be9f86e&id=9e92df56bd>

Food Well Alliance Summer Campaign, June 18, 2025 <https://mailchi.mp/foodwellalliance/june-2025-newsletter-updates-8346492?e=7cfe561612>

Third Annual Faith and Blue Event at SMCG on City Of Stone Mountain Website  
[https://www.stonemountaincity.org/news\\_detail\\_T3\\_R356.php](https://www.stonemountaincity.org/news_detail_T3_R356.php)

Faith and Blue Event at SMCG on FOX News, October 12, 2024  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/CGsdZKhqoGVzRYtb/?mibextid=K35XfP>

Caston's Blog Dekalb County Extension 2024  
<https://site.extension.uga.edu/dekalb/2024/07/master-gardener-site-spotlight-stone-mountain-community-garden/>

Food Well Alliance April 2024 Instagram  
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C5USbu7uiS0/?igsh=MWJ4d3M1cnV5MHQ1cw==>

Stone Mountain Community Garden - Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/StnMtnCommunityGarden/>

AIB TV 2024 Documentary on SMCG  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeVQI5Q-l34&t=1s>

11 Alive TV 2024 Documentary on SMCG -  
<https://www.11alive.com/video/news/local/gardeners-grow-for-the-hungry-in-stone-mountain/85-2bd50dc4-d5f6-42b0-8af8-14bc12bed901>

FOX 5 ATL 2024 Documentary on SMCG - <https://www.fox5atlanta.com/video/1435657>

Food Well Alliance Just Picked! Blog - <https://www.foodwellalliance.org/blog/columbus-brown-stone-mountain-community-garden>

Georgia Grown 2022 Article, Page 32 -  
<https://editions.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=759283>

Georgia Bulletin Article 2021 Re: SMCG -  
<https://georgiabulletin.org/news/2021/04/corpus-christi-parishioners-join-community-effort-to-garden-with-love/>

Dekalb County Extension How to Build a Raised Bed  
<https://www.facebook.com/UGAExtensionDeKalbCounty/videos/build-a-raised-bed/1117166168664185/>

Georgia Bulletin Article 2016 re SMCG  
<https://georgiabulletin.org/news/2016/12/community-garden-grows-tons-good/>

Georgia Bulletin Article 2013 re SMCG [parishes-find-vitality-in-caring-for-creation](#)

# Planning Commission Status Report



| Agenda Item  | Summary                                   | Date         | Topic   | Notes      |
|--|---|--------------|---|------------|
| <b>COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS (March)</b>                        |   |              |   |            |
| City of Stone Mountain Council Retreat                         | Update                                    | 3/18/2026    | Review of Meeting Outcomes with Planning Commission   |            |
| City of Stone Mountain 2026 Staff Work Plan                    | Workplan items                            | 3/18/2026    | Planning and Zoning: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Blighted Properties, Complete Streets & Connectivity, Overlay Districts/Mapping, Historic Guideline Updates, Regulatory Compliance, Streamline Development Review, Landuse Code Updates, Performance Monitoring |            |
| Town Hall, March 19th  | Notification of Date                      | 3/18/2026    | Comprehensive Plan  |            |
| Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting #1 April 9, 2026 | Notification of Date                      | 3/18/2026    | Comprehensive Plan  |            |
| <b>OLD BUSINESS (March)</b>                                    |   |              |   |            |
| Bylaws Update- Include Remarks of Privilege (10 day Review)    | Update Bylaws                             | 4/20/2026    |   | In Process |
| <b>APRIL/MAY 2026 PLANNING COMMISSION</b>                      |   |              |   |            |
| Website Updates  | Applications, Forms/Work Plan             | 4/20/2026    | Planning to update Commission on website changes - clarifying proceses, forms, and service delivery.  |            |
| Bylaws Update- Include Remarks of Privilege (10 day Review)    | Requested Business by Planning Commission | 4/20/2026    | (Under Development)   | Planned    |
| Responses from Town Hall                                       | Town Hall                                 | 5/18/2026    | Presented for discussion  | Planned    |
| Complete Streets Policy  | Code Update                               | 5/18/2026    | Staff Work Plan (Under Development)   | Planned    |
| Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)          | Code Update                               | 5/18/2026    | Staff Work Plan (Under Development)   | Planned    |
| Comprehensive Plan Map   | Comprehensive Plan                        | 5/18/2026    | Map errors identified in 2024 (May) and timeline for revised map.   | Planned    |
| <b>COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS PENDING CITY MANAGER APPROVAL</b>      |   |              |   |            |
| Street Name Change   | Mackin                                    | TBD          | Resolution  | Pending    |
| Street Name Change Resolution                                  | Therrell                                  | TBD          | Resolution  | Pending    |
| Complete Streets Policy  | Workplan                                  | 5/15/2026    | Code Update   | Pending    |
| CPTED  | Workplan                                  | 5/15/2026    | Code Update   | Pending    |
| Comprehensive Plan Map   | Comprehensive Plan                        | TBD          | Map errors identified in 2024 (May) and timeline for revised map  | Pending    |
| <b>CASES (APRIL)</b>   |   |              |   |            |
| REZONE2026-1803712007  | REZONING                                  | 4/20/2026    | Rezone from R-1 Single Family Residential to GC General Commercial  | Planning   |
| CUP2026-1803712007_1   | CONDITIONAL USE                           | 4/20/2026    | Conditional Use Permit - Nail Salon   | Planning   |
| CUP2026-1803712007_2   | CONDITIONAL USE                           | 4/20/2026    | Conditional Use Permit - Laundromat   | Planning   |
| SUP2026-1808927003   | SPECIAL USE PERMIT                        | 4/20/2026    | Special Use Permit - Microdistillery and Smoke Shop   | Planning   |
| VAR2026-1808926006   | SIGN VARIANCE                             | 4/20/2026    | Sign Variance   | Planning   |
| 6122 E Ponce De Leon   | Combination Plat                          | TBD          | Waiting Plans Submittal   | Planning   |
| 931 4th Street   | Preliminary Plat                          | Under Review | Plans received 4/8. Under Review. May Planning Commission Planned   | Planning   |

# Historic Preservation Commission Status Report



| Topic  | Date      | Status                                      | Notes   |  |
|--|-----------|---|---|--|
| <b>COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  |           |   |   |  |
| Historic Preservation Grant  | 3/18/2026 | Draft Contract Complete                     | Planned for Council April 21, 2026 (Submitted to City Manager and Finance Manager for Review on 3/13/2026)  |  |
| Stone Mountain Council Retreat   | 3/18/2026 | Briefed HPC on Retreat Outcomes             |   |  |
| City Council 2026 Staff Work Plan  | 3/18/2026 | To brief HPC on Work Plan related items     | Planning and Zoning: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Blighted Properties, Complete Streets & Connectivity, Overlay Districts/Mapping, Historic Guideline Updates, Regulatory Compliance, Streamline Development Review, Landuse Code Updates, Performance Monitoring |  |
| Comprehensive Plan Survey Update   | 3/18/2026 | comprehensive plan survey                   | 950 Responses   |  |
| Posting of HPC Agendas/Minutes   | 4/15/2026 |   | Awaiting approval from City Manager on process and workflow to comply with Per 50-18-71(B) .  |  |
| Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Development   | 4/15/2026 | Work Plan Task                              |   |  |
| Online Meeting Agendas ( Process)  | 4/15/2026 |   |   |  |
| Town Hall March 19, 2026   | 3/18/2026 | Comprehensive Plan Town Hall Scheduled 3/19 |   |  |
| <b>ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL REVIEW</b>  |           |   |   |  |
| Revise 5-33(a)   | Pending   | Pending City Manager Approval               | To allow stakeholder members that live outside city   |  |
| <b>NO REVIEW MAINTENANCE</b>   |           |   |   |  |
| COAT2026-180745008 767 4th Street (Tree Removal)                                     |           |   |   |  |
| COA2026-1808902013 1000 Main Street (Exterior Maintenance) Replaced Existing Signage |           |   |   |  |
| <b>CASES REVIEWED MARCH 2026</b>   |           |   | <b>STATUS</b>   |  |
| Case# HPC2026-1808926006 5406 E Mountain Street                                      |           |   | Approved  |  |
| Case# HPC2026-1808915001 5407 E Mountain Street – Thomas Wiley                       |           |   | Approved with Conditions  |  |
| Case# HPC2026-1808919010 5442 E Mountain– Leslie Vioso, Casa Sueno LC                |           |   | Approved with Conditions  |  |
| <b>MEETING OUTCOMES</b>  |           |   | <b>STATUS</b>   |  |
| Vice Chair Election - Elisabeth Richmond   |           | 3/18/2026                                   | Unanimous - Vote  | Adopted  |
| Public Comment Procedures  |           | 3/18/2026                                   | Unanimous - Vote  | Adopted  |
| <b>UPCOMING APRIL 2026</b>   |           |   |   |  |
| Revised Calendar ( June/July Recess)   |           | 4/15/2026                                   | Pending   | Pending  |
| Revised Process Agenda/Minutes Posting To Website (Process)                          |           | 4/15/2026                                   | Pending   | Pending City Manager Approval of Workflow to support Per 50-18-71(B) |

## CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN POLICE ACTIVITY STATISTICS

MARCH 1,2026 – MARCH 31,2026

| ACTIVITY                   | SHIFT-A<br>(DAY) | SHIFT-B<br>(DAY) | SHIFT-<br>C<br>(NIGHT) | SHIFT-<br>D<br>(NIGHT) | TOTALS     |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| CALLS                      | 41               | 46               | 24                     | 29                     | 140        |
| ARREST                     | 4                | 1                | 2                      | 5                      | 12         |
| CITATIONS                  | 36               | 8                | 45                     | 50                     | 139        |
| WARNING<br>CITATIONS       | 19               | 4                | 10                     | 43                     | 76         |
| DUI                        | 1                | 0                | 0                      |                        | 1          |
| VSCSA                      | 0                | 0                | 0                      | 0                      | 0          |
| PARKING<br>CITATIONS       | 13               | 0                | 21                     |                        | 34         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>              | 114              | 59               | 102                    | 127                    | <b>402</b> |
|                            |                  |                  |                        |                        |            |
| INCIDENT<br>REPORTS<br>139 | DOMESTIC<br>26   | ACCIDENTS<br>12  |                        |                        |            |



**CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN  
2026 CRIME STATISTICS**

| 2026                     | VIOLENT CRIME | PROPERTY CRIME | Statistic                                | Stone Mountain | 2026  | 2025  | 2024  | 2023  | 2022  | 2021  | 2020  | 2019 |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|--|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| JAN                      | 3             | 26             | Violent Crime per 1,000 Residents        | 4.27           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| FEB                      | 4             | 6              | Property Crime per 1,000 Residents       | 28.08          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| MAR                      | 0             | 14             | Total Crime per 1,000 Residents          | 32.35          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| APR                      |               |                |  |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| MAY                      |               |                | Total Cases Assigned to CID YTD*         | 92.00          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| JUN                      |               |                | CID Active YTD                           | 51             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| JUL                      |               |                | CID Inactive YTD                         | 0              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| AUG                      |               |                | CID Cleared YTD                          | 13             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| SEP                      |               |                | CID Exceptionally Cleared YTD            | 6              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| OCT                      |               |                | CID Suspended YTD                        | 19             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| NOV                      |               |                | CID Unfounded YTD                        | 3              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| DEC                      |               |                | CID Clearance Rate (Cleared/Total Cases) | 21%            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| TOTALS                   | 7             | 46             |  |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| MO. AVERAGE              | 2.33          | 15.33          |  |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| ANNUALIZED               | 28.00         | 184.00         |  |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| CRIME RATE PER 1,000 POP | 4.27          | 28.08          |  |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
|                          |               |                | Simple Assault                           | 21             | 88    | 72    | 92    | 107   | 123   | 101   | 112   |      |
|                          |               |                | Simple Assault per 1,000 Residents       | 3.13           | 13.13 | 10.74 | 13.73 | 15.96 | 19.44 | 15.96 | 17.70 |      |

\*Cases Assigned to CID include NIBRS Group A and Group B Crimes

**POLICE RECORDS STATS**

**March 2026**

Open Records Requests answered

38

Law Enforcement/Military/Security Clearance Pre-Employment Records Checks 23

Records and Media provided to prosecutors for criminal court cases 19



Item # 1.

# OPERATIONS REPORT

City Manager, Maggie Dimov  
March 18, 2026 - April 21, 2026

The City Manager's Operations Report offers a comprehensive overview of key activities, upcoming projects, and community events that are helping to shape the future of Stone Mountain. The report highlights interdepartmental collaboration, ongoing infrastructure improvements, and strategic initiatives designed to enhance connectivity and strengthen community engagement. The information below reflects current operations and project updates across the City of Stone Mountain.

## The City of Stone Mountain Celebrates Georgia Cities Week

The City of Stone Mountain proudly celebrates Georgia Cities Week 2026, taking place April 20–25, 2026. At the April 7, 2026 City Council Meeting, the City adopted a resolution formally recognizing Georgia Cities Week and encouraging residents, businesses, and community partners to participate in the planned activities throughout the week. Georgia Cities Week is a statewide initiative established by the Georgia Municipal Association to highlight the services cities provide, promote civic engagement, and showcase how local governments enhance quality of life.

Through this observance, the City of Stone Mountain aims to increase community awareness, celebrate local achievements, and foster stronger connections between residents and their municipal government.

# GEORGIA Cities

LOVE  
YOUR  
CITY

APRIL  
20-25,  
2026

Georgia

GEORGIA  
MUNICIPAL  
ASSOCIATION



20  
MONDAY

City Manager, Maggie Dimov  
**DISCOVER STONE MOUNTAIN**  
March 18, 2026 - April 21, 2026  
Eat and shop local. Celebrate the diversity of our community and the village. Tag us in your photos! #StoneMountainGCW2026



21  
TUESDAY

## CONVOS WITH CITY COUNCIL

Come converse with your dedicated City of Stone Elected Officials before the start of our City Council Meeting. 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. City Hall.

STONE MOUNTAIN



23  
THURSDAY

## SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

How much do you really know about the City of Stone Mountain? Join us on Facebook for some fun trivia at 11 AM, and 6 PM.



COSM  
GOES  
BLUE



24  
FRIDAY

## BLUE DAY FOR AUTISM

April is Autism Awareness Month. Wear your bluest blues to show those that we are one Stone Mountain who supports autism. Tag us #StoneMountainGoesBlue #LightItUpBlue

#Hashtag

#LOVESTONEMOUNTAIN #ONESTONEMOUNTAIN  
#WEARESTONEMOUNTAIN #STONEMOUNTAINGA  
#GACITIESWEEK #STONEMOUNTAINGCW2026



## City Clerk

**Department Head: Shavala Ames, City Clerk**

Item # 1.

### Business Licenses

- New licenses issued - 1
- Renewed licenses issued - 17
- Notices Mailed Out - 121

### JustFOIA (Open Records Requests)

- 108 various requests completed for the City of Stone Mountain (March 12, 2026 - April 15, 2026)

### City Clerk Update

- The Office of the City Clerk had the opportunity to attend the annual Georgia Municipal Clerks Association (GMCA) Retreat. City Clerk Shavala Ames joined municipal clerks from across the state in Columbus, Georgia, to collaborate and strategize on new initiatives for the 2026 calendar year. The GMCA Retreat is specifically designed for the Executive Board, District Directors, and Committee Chairs to align priorities and plan for the year ahead.



# City Clerk

Department Head: Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Item # 1.

## Mayor and Council Updates

- March 18-20 - Newly Elected Training Complete
- March 23 - Dekalb Day at the Capitol
- March 25 - City Ambassador Program
- April 3 - Demo Day on Good Friday



**CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN**  
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ENGAGE, EDUCATE & EMPOWER

# CITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

MARCH 26, 2026 @ 6:30 PM  
875 MAIN STREET, STONE MOUNTAIN GA 30083

## DISCUSSION

- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEXT STEPS
- COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

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## Human Resources Update

Item # 1.

The City of Stone Mountain is actively recruiting to staff key roles that will drive progress on the 2026 Workplan. Several critical positions have already been filled or are currently in the hiring process, strengthening our capacity to deliver priority projects and services. We currently have six open positions and are seeking qualified candidates to join our team and help implement the City's goals for 2026. For details and to apply, please visit the City's official careers page.

The Office of the City Clerk and Human Resources for the City of Stone Mountain is growing to meet increasing service needs. We are pleased to welcome new staff members who will assist with Communications, Public Safety, and Code Enforcement.

Their addition enhances our capacity to process documents accurately, improve customer service, and support City departments more effectively. We look forward to the skills and fresh perspectives they bring and to the positive impact their work will have on City operations and the residents we serve.



## Public Works

### Department Head: Mike Helton, Public Works Director

Item # 1.

#### **Public Works Updates / March 2026 Monthly Update**

During March, the Public Works Department continued to focus on maintaining City facilities, addressing infrastructure needs, and advancing key projects across the community. Crews remained active throughout the City, balancing routine services with ongoing capital improvements and resident concerns, particularly related to stormwater and roadway conditions.

A significant portion of staff time was dedicated to seasonal maintenance efforts, including mowing, debris removal, and upkeep of parks and public spaces. In addition, crews responded to a variety of service requests, conducted field inspections, and coordinated with DeKalb County and other partners on infrastructure and traffic-related matters.

At the same time, progress continued on priority projects such as the Fitness Court installation and the completion of improvements at McCurdy Park. Staff also engaged with residents and stakeholders to address ongoing concerns, particularly those involving drainage and stormwater infrastructure.

Key highlights from March include:

- Continued routine maintenance of City facilities, parks, and restrooms, including graffiti removal and citywide debris cleanup
- Launch of seasonal mowing and vegetation management across public areas
- Ongoing stormwater coordination, including site visits with residents on Ridge, Sheppard Way, Sheppard Cove, and local businesses
- Drainage maintenance and clearing on multiple streets, including Gordon, Cloud, JBR, and Sheppard Road
- Progress on the Fitness Court project, with installation now scheduled for the last week of April
- Substantial completion efforts at McCurdy Park in coordination with the contractor
- Coordination with DeKalb County on traffic engineering, signage, and utility-related matters
- Continued work toward installation of traffic cameras at Main Street and West Mountain
- Initiation of procurement processes for various projects, including curb painting, tree removal, and facility repairs
- Repairs and improvements to city infrastructure, including potholes, signage, stop signs, and park amenities
- Ongoing facility maintenance, including carpet cleaning, structural repairs, and pest control coordination at the Depot
- Engagement in broader planning efforts, including the Lawn on Main project, museum initiatives, and facility space planning
- Staff recruitment efforts, including interviews for open Public Works positions

Additional notes:

- Staff identified discrepancies in mapping systems related to Eva Mamie Lane and is act working with DeKalb County GIS to correct records
- Eight service requests were received during the month, with several completed and others in progress, primarily related to drainage, lighting, and right-of-way concerns

## Capital Projects:

- **New City Hall Parking Lot / Fence and Gate around the PD parking lot** Item # 1.

The City has completed construction of the New City Hall parking lot and is now moving toward final project closeout. The remaining work originally included installation of fencing and a gate around the Police Department parking lot, with the contractor previously anticipating commencement of this work in late March. Fence materials had been ordered and were expected to arrive within 3 to 4 weeks, with gate materials anticipated within 5 to 6 weeks.

During recent internal review and coordination with the Finance Department, concerns were raised that the fence component may be classified by auditors as a separate project and therefore may not qualify for SPLOST funding under the current structure.

To ensure proper compliance with funding requirements and to facilitate timely project closeout, the City Engineer has been directed to process a change order removing the fence and gate scope from the current parking lot project. This allows the parking lot project to proceed to final closeout without delay.

The City acknowledges that R&B Developer has already procured fence materials in the amount of approximately \$19,000 under the original project scope and recognizes its obligation to reimburse these costs. The City will reimburse the developer accordingly and intends to repurpose the materials for use in a future project.

- **Street Paving**

Council is asked to consider approval of a proposed change order for the Zachary Court and Ridgemere Court paving project. During construction, additional work was identified due to underlying street conditions, resulting in increased project costs beyond the original base bid.

- **Fitness Equipment Maintenance / Outdoor Gym Repair**

Due to the rainy Spring weather conditions, the start of the project is postponed till May 2026.

- **JBR/Memorial at Forest Avenue**

Quotes are now being received for several upcoming stormwater projects planned for 2026. One of the priority projects involves the collapsed stormwater pipe located beneath JBR/Memorial Drive at Forest Avenue.

Initial quotes have been received, and the remaining two proposals are expected within the next few days. Once all quotes are in, staff and the City Engineer will evaluate and provide Council with recommendation for approval.

- Update the Tree Ordinance. Due 4/20/2026. Applicable goal in work plan: Governance (Zoning and Development, Public Engagement, Historic Preservation).
- Develop the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Due Date 5/15/2026. Applicable goal in work plan: Public Safety. Zoning, Property Compliance, and Land use). Development of Policy.
- Complete Street Policy. Due Date 5/15/2026. Applicable goal in work plan: Public Works Initiative. Complete Streets.
- Steering Committee #2. Due Date 7/9/2026. The Second Stakeholder Committee Meeting. Public Input to be accepted at Open House. Applicable goal in work plan: Governance.
- Open House. Due Date 6/25/2026. 875 Main Street – City Council Chambers @ 6:30PM (Results/Comments to be presented from Town Hall) work plan: Governance
- Website Updates. Historic Preservation, Planning Commission, and Planning & Zoning Department website updates completed.
- Historic Preservation Fund Grant/Contract. Due Date 4/21/2026 Planned for Council Approval (April 21). List of qualified Historic Preservation Contractors on Historic Preservation Website (Applicable goal in work plan: Economic Development. Historic Preservation).
- Streamlining Process to Planning Department Website. Due Date 4/20/2026. Applicable goal in work plan: Posting process, workflow, for tree permits, signage, plats, zoning reviews.



# Court Services Monthly Report

Department Head: Kristie Tucker

Court Report for the Month of March 2026

Item # 1.

\*No Code Calendar was held in March

\*Arraignment calendar- March 19, 2026, at 9 am

- Judge T. Moran presided
- 80 defendants were scheduled with 114 total citations
- 7 defendants failed to appear and notice was sent, 1 of those had failed to appear prior so a warrant was issued

\*Trial/Compliance calendar- March 19, 2026, at 1 pm

- Judge W. Hoffman presided
- 18 defendants were scheduled with 29 citations
- All cases reached resolution with 0 trials held
- 5 defendants failed to appear and notice was sent, 4 of those had failed to appear prior so a warrant was issued
  - Probation held 20 revocation hearings

Amnesty ran for the month of March. 12 citations were paid and closed out and driving privileges were immediately restored; 37 are scheduled for court on April 30, 2026, at 9 am.

MISSION COMPLETE



**STONE MOUNTAIN  
MUNICIPAL COURT  
AMNESTY PROGRAM**

**OPEN SATURDAY  
MARCH 21, 2026  
10 AM – 4 PM**

- ✓ Reduced Penalties
- ✓ No Questions Asked
- ✓ Clear Your Record

875 MAIN STREET  
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30083

The poster features a background image of a courtroom with an American flag and a gavel. A circular seal for the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, is visible in the bottom right corner of the poster.

## Communications

### Communications Specialist: Brionna Smith

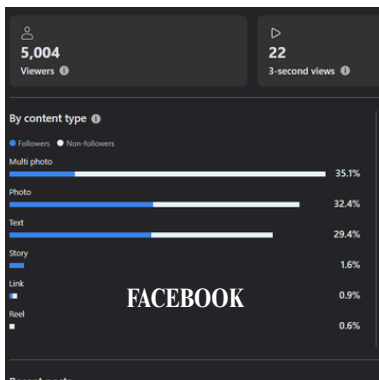
Communications Report for the Month of April

Item # 1.

Since the hiring of the new Communications Specialist, the City of Stone Mountain's social media presence has been reactivated and is being strengthened.

#### Key Highlights:

- Social media accounts are now active and consistently managed.
- Continued and expanded the work previously established on the Facebook platform.
- Instagram engagement has increased by 31% within the past week.
- Created a Linktree for easy access to important information.
- Created a YouTube, and X account for another way to reach more people in the community targeting both the youth and and older adults.
- Positive community response to the weekly event schedule graphic, helping keep residents informed about local government activities.
- Increased visibility and communication between the City and its residents.



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## DeKalb Municipal Association

Item # 1.

The City of Stone Mountain was proud to host this month's DeKalb Municipal Association meeting, bringing together Mayors and City Managers from across DeKalb County.

We were honored to welcome guest speakers Randy Mason, Vice President of Economic Development with Decide DeKalb, who shared valuable insights on countywide economic development initiatives, small business incentives, and strategic priorities.

Jim Jaquish, External Affairs Liaison with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), also joined us to discuss the importance of regional partnerships and ongoing efforts to address affordable housing.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to a productive and collaborative discussion for the future of our communities.





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|                      |   | <b>City Council Meeting Date:</b> | April 21, 2026 |
|                      |   | <b>Department:</b>                | City Manager   |
| <b>Goal:</b>         | Economic Development - Tourism  | <b>Presenter:</b>                 | Maggie Dimov   |
| <b>Agenda Title:</b> | <b>Discussion update on partnership with Dekalb County Visitor Bureau</b> |                                   |                |

**Workplan Goal Details:**

Economic Development - Supports the City of Stone Mountain’s Economic Development workplan by strengthening tourism promotion through regional collaboration. By coordinating with the Visitor Bureau, the City can expand its marketing reach, highlight local attractions and events, and attract new visitors to the downtown and surrounding areas. Increased visitor traffic drives spending at local businesses, supports hospitality growth, and enhances the City’s visibility as a destination. This partnership aligns with the City’s tourism-focused economic development goals by leveraging shared resources, improving destination branding, and creating opportunities for sustainable economic activity.

**Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):**

The City of Stone Mountain previously maintained a contractual partnership with the DeKalb County Visitor Bureau to collaborate on social media outreach and targeted marketing initiatives designed to promote the City as a tourism destination. Through this relationship, the organizations worked to highlight local attractions, events, and businesses to a broader regional audience. Both the City and the Visitor Bureau expressed interest in reestablishing and expanding this partnership to support future tourism promotion efforts, strengthen destination branding, and increase visitor activity that contributes to local economic development.

**Staff Recommendations (Motion):**

Staff recommends the following: **No action at this time. Discussion only.**

**List Attachments:**

- None

**Financial Information (MUST BE COMPLETE & PRE-APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER)**

| Budgeted Yes/No | Fund Name & Code | Current Balance | Requested Allocation | City Manager’s Initials |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| N/A             | N/A              | N/A             | N/A                  | N/A                     |



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|                      |   | <b>City Council Meeting Date:</b> | April 21, 2026               |
| <b>Goal:</b>         | Public Works & Infrastructure – Capital Project   | <b>Department:</b>                | City Manager<br>Maggie Dimov |
| <b>Agenda Title:</b> | <b>Consideration of an action on a request on Change Order No. 3 regarding Zachary Court and Ridgemere Court Paving Project</b> |                                   |                              |

**Workplan Goal Details:**

Public Works & Infrastructure - Implementing the paving project to improve roadway safety and long-term infrastructure reliability.

**Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):**

Council is asked to consider approval of a proposed change order for the Zachary Court and Ridgemere Court paving project. During construction, additional work was identified due to underlying street conditions, resulting in increased project costs beyond the original base bid. Stone Mountain 2025 SPLOST Paving Change Order #3, in the amount of \$39,277.30

**Staff Recommendations (Motion):**

Staff recommends the following:

**Option 1: Approve the change order and increase the project budget to complete all planned paving work;**

**Option 2: Maintain the original base bid amount and reduce the project scope by paving fewer streets; or**

**Option 3: Proceed with paving one street at a time, allowing for phased construction and minimizing the need for multiple change orders as conditions are assessed.**

|                                    |            |    |
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| <b>Mayor’s Signature Required:</b> | <b>YES</b> | NO |
|------------------------------------|------------|----|

**List Attachments:**

1. Change Order #3 Document and 2025 SPLOST Summary

| Budgeted Yes/No | Fund Name & Code | City Manager’s Initials |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Yes             | SPLOST II        | MD                      |



**STORM DRAIN - ASPHALT - CONCRETE**

**Change Order 3**

Stone Mountain 2025 SPLOST paving

2/12/2026

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Base Contract           | \$ 753,247.50       |
| C.O.1                   | \$676,939.50        |
| C.O.2                   | \$122,844.25        |
| C.O.3                   | TBD                 |
| Current Contract        | \$1,553,031.65      |
| Earned through Payapp 3 | \$1,126,038.45      |
| Funds Remaining         | <b>\$426,993.20</b> |

|              |              |                     |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Ridgemere    | \$24,189.75  | Base                |
|              | \$226,891.75 | Subsurface          |
|              |              | <b>\$251,081.50</b> |
| Zachary      | \$113,000.00 | Base                |
|              | \$102,189.00 | Subsurface          |
|              |              | <b>\$215,189.00</b> |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>\$466,270.50</b> |

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Projected to complete | \$466,270.50       |
| Funds Remaining       | \$426,993.20       |
| Change Order 3        | <b>\$39,277.30</b> |

\*This does not include any unforeseen conditions/circumstances encountered in the field

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### STORM DRAIN - ASPHALT - CONCRETE

2/12/26

#### Change Order 3

Re: City of Stone Mountain  
2025 SPLOST Resurfacing Project

#### Ridgemere Court

75 x 75

648 x 23.5

2,317 sy

|             |                    |             |              |   |                     |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|---|---------------------|
| Base Bid    | Asphalt 9.5mm      | 125.50 tons | @130.00      | = | \$16,315.00         |
|             | Milling 1.5"       | 1,211.50 sy | @ 6.50       | = | <u>\$ 7,874.75</u>  |
|             |                    |             | <b>Total</b> |   | <b>\$24,189.75</b>  |
| Additional: | Fabric             | 2,317.00 sy | @\$15.00     | = | \$ 34,755.00        |
|             | Asphalt 19mm 2"    | 254.87 tons | @125.00      | = | \$31,858.75         |
|             | Milling Additional |             |              |   |                     |
|             | up to 9"           | 2317.00 sy  | @39.00       | = | \$90,363.00         |
|             | GAB 6"             | 579.15 cy   | @100.00      | = | \$57,915.00         |
|             | Traffic Control    | 1.00 ls     | @12,000.00   | = | <u>\$12,000.00</u>  |
|             |                    |             | <b>Total</b> |   | <b>\$226,891.75</b> |

**Grand Total for Ridgemere Ct. \$251,081.50**

\*This does not include any unforeseen conditions/circumstances encountered in the field\*

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STORM DRAIN - ASPHALT - CONCRETE

Change Order 3

2/12/26

Re: City of Stone Mountain  
2025 SPLOST Resurfacing Project

Zachary Court

|                     |                       |           |                   |   |                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| Base Bid Alternate: |                       |           |                   |   | <u>\$113,000.00</u> |
|                     |                       |           | <b>Total Base</b> |   | <b>\$113,000.00</b> |
| Additional:         | Fabric                | 959.50 Sy | @15.00            | = | \$14,392.50         |
|                     | Unclassified Excav 8" | 213.00 cy | @232.00           | = | \$49,416.00         |
|                     | GAB 8"                | 255.87 cy | @150.00           | = | \$38,380.50         |
|                     |                       |           | <b>Total</b>      |   | <b>\$102,189.00</b> |

Grand Total for Zachary Ct. **\$215,189.00**

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**Stone Mountain 2025 SPLOST paving**

1/16/2026 updated

|         |                          |           |                     |                                      |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
|         | Base contract            | \$        | 753,247.50          |                                      |
|         | C.O. 1                   | \$        | 676,939.90          |                                      |
|         | C.O. 2                   | \$        | 122,844.25          |                                      |
| pending | C.O. 3                   | \$        | -                   | TBD                                  |
|         | <b>Current contract</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,553,031.65</b> |                                      |
|         | earned through Pay app 3 | \$        | 1,126,038.45        | <b>\$ 426,993.20 funds remaining</b> |
| <hr/>   |                          |           |                     |                                      |
|         | projected to complete    | \$        | 466,270.50          | <b>\$ 39,277.30 C.O. 3 needed</b>    |

Remaining Two Streets

|                              |           |                   |                      |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Ridgemere</b>             | \$        | 24,189.75         | base                 |
|                              | \$        | 226,891.75        | sub surface          |
|                              |           |                   | <b>\$ 251,081.50</b> |
| <hr/>                        |           |                   |                      |
| <b>Zachary</b>               | \$        | 113,000.00        | base                 |
|                              | \$        | 102,189.00        | sub surface          |
|                              |           |                   | <b>\$ 215,189.00</b> |
|                              |           |                   | \$ 466,270.50        |
| <b>projected to complete</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>466,270.50</b> |                      |
|                              | \$        | 39,277.30         |                      |

|                        |        |                         |    |                                   |   |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|---|
| Change order expansion | C.O. 1 | North Rockborough       | \$ | 84,124.50                         | adverse subsurface conditions - unforeseen circumstances      |
|                        | C.O. 1 | San Pablo               | \$ | 391,402.75                        | extreme adverse subsurface - exposed earth at 1.5" of milling |
|                        | C.O. 1 | East Rockborough        | \$ | 109,252.65                        | adverse subsurface conditions - unforeseen circumstances      |
|                        | C.O. 1 | <b>West Rockborough</b> | \$ | 92,150.00                         | (estimated from initial exposure)                             |
|                        |        |                         |    | <b>\$ 676,929.90 Total C.O. 1</b> |   |
|                        | C.O. 2 | <b>West Rockborough</b> | \$ | 122,844.25                        | (in addition to C.O.1 for actual completed)                   |
|                        |        |                         |    | <b>\$ 122,844.25 Total C.O. 2</b> |   |



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|                      |  | <b>City Council Meeting Date:</b> | April 21, 2026               |
| <b>Goal:</b>         | Public Works & Infrastructure – Capital Project  | <b>Department:</b>                | City Manager<br>Maggie Dimov |
| <b>Agenda Title:</b> | <b>Consideration of an action on a request on the closeout of the Parking Lot Project and Approval of Fence Component Removal and Material Reimbursement</b> |                                   |                              |

**Workplan Goal Details:**

Public Works & Infrastructure - Advancing the parking lot project to improve accessibility, enhance traffic flow, and support downtown economic activity through safe, efficient, and well-maintained public parking

**Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):**

The City has completed construction of the parking lot project and is moving toward project closeout. During recent internal discussions regarding the associated fence component, the Finance Department raised concerns that the fence scope may be classified by auditors as a separate project, which may not be eligible for SPLOST funding.

The City understands that R&B Developer has already procured fence materials in the amount of \$19,000 under the original project scope. The City acknowledges its obligation to reimburse these costs. To ensure compliance with funding requirements and facilitate project closeout, the City Engineer has been directed to prepare a change order removing the fence component from the current parking lot project. The parking lot project will then proceed to final closeout.

The City will reimburse R&B Developer for the \$19,000 in materials and intends to repurpose these materials for a future project.

**Staff Recommendations (Motion):**

Staff recommends the following:

1. Approve removal of the fence component from the parking lot project via change order;
2. Authorize project closeout of the parking lot improvements; and
3. Approve reimbursement to R&B Developer in the amount of \$19,000 for fence materials already purchased.

|                                    |            |    |
|------------------------------------|------------|----|
| <b>Mayor’s Signature Required:</b> | <b>YES</b> | NO |
|------------------------------------|------------|----|

**List Attachments:**

1. Change Order: City Hall Parking Lot Project

| Budgeted Yes/No | Fund Name & Code | City Manager’s Initials |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Yes             | SPLOST II        | MD                      |

| Stone Mountain parking                 |                      | 4/15/2026               | CHANGE ORDER NO. 2                     |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Original contract                      | \$ 513,184.00        |                         |  |
| Change Order 1                         | \$ 7,015.70          |                         |  |
| <b>Total contract w/ C.O.1</b>         | <b>\$ 520,199.70</b> |                         |  |
| Change Order 2 proposed                |                      | \$ (64,322.50)          | reduction of fencing related items     |
|  | \$ 19,000.00         |                         | addition of fencing material purchased |
|  |                      | \$ 5,326.19             | unit items final adjustments           |
| <b>Total C.O.2 contract adjustment</b> |                      | <b>\$ (39,996.31)</b>   | net reduction                          |
| <b>Total contract w/ C.O.2</b>         | <b>\$ 480,203.39</b> |                         |  |
| Earned thru Pay Application 4          | \$ 461,203.39        | Final earned            |  |
| Cost to purchase fence                 | \$ 19,000.00         | *obligated per contract |  |
|  |                      | <b>\$ 480,203.39</b>    | <b>Total due w/ C.O. 2 included</b>    |

**\$ 39,996.31 less than contract w C.O.1**



|                      |  |                                   |                  |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>         | April 14, 2026   | <b>City Council Meeting Date:</b> | April 21, 2026   |
| <b>From:</b>         | Tamaya Huff  | <b>Department:</b>                | Planning Manager |
| <b>Goal:</b>         | Economic Development   | <b>Presenter:</b>                 | Tamaya Huff      |
| <b>Agenda Title:</b> | <b>Consideration of an action on a request for utilizing the Historic Preservation Fund Grant on a Consultant Contract with WLA Studio</b> |                                   |                  |

**Workplan Goal Details:**

Economic Development- Supporting strategic growth that strengthens the tax base, attracts quality businesses, and enhances long term sustainability while preserving Stone Mountain’s character

**Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):**

This project aims to deliver valuable information that will help us refine the boundaries of the historic preservation district and facilitate funding for enhancements to historic properties. Required to maintain certified local government status, which is granted by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to cities and towns, and counties that meet specific historic preservation requirements and are currently Qualified Local Governments.

**Staff Recommendations (Motion):**

Staff recommends the following: **Approval to Finalize Contract with WILLIAMSON LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE dba WLA Studio**

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Department Head Approval:</b> | Tamaya Huff   |
| <b>City Manager Approval:</b>    | Miglana Dimov |

|                                    |            |    |
|------------------------------------|------------|----|
| <b>Mayor’s Signature Required:</b> | <b>YES</b> | NO |
|------------------------------------|------------|----|

**List Attachments:**

- Budget Request Form Draft
- Contract for Professional Services (Dates to be updated)

**Financial Information (MUST BE COMPLETE & PRE-APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER)**

| Budgeted Yes/No | Fund Name & Code                     | Requested Allocation | City Manager’s Initials |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Yes             | 01.5032.52.1200 Professional Servies | \$12,000             | MD                      |

## Budget Request Form

| DATE  | 11/13/2025                     | GRANT       |             | Planning and Development  |   |                 | REQUESTOR | Tamaya Huff           |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| LINE #  | BUDGET LINE                    | MATCH       | AWARD       | CONTRACT AMOUNT REQUESTED | TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT |                 |           |                       |
|   |                                |             |             |                           | FUND                                    | ORGANIZATION    | ACCOUNT   | PROGRAM               |
| 1   | SURVEY                         | \$12,000.00 | \$18,000.00 | \$30,000.00               | 01                                      | 5032            | 52.1200   | Professional Services |
|   | 25% SURVEY                     |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
|   | 75% SURVEY                     |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
|   | First Draft Survey Report City |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
|   | First Draft Survey Report DCA  |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
|   | Second Draft Survey City       |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
|   | Second Draft Survey DCA        |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
|   | Final Draft City               |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
|   | Final Drive DCA                |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
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| 32  |                                |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
| 33  |                                |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>   |                                | \$12,000.00 | \$18,000.00 | \$30,000.00               |   |                 |           |                       |
| Explanation of Request  |                                |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
| <p>The City of Stone Mountain, Georgia (the "City") identified the need for additional funding to maintain its Certified Local Government ("CLG") status by updating its 2009 Stone Mountain Historic Resources Survey through the solicitation of consultant services for the assessment of two hundred fifty-five (255) documented properties</p> |                                |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
| Financial Department Use Only   |                                |             |             |                           |   |                 |           |                       |
| Approved/<br>Denied   |                                |             |             |                           | Line Item                               | 01.5032.52.1200 |           |                       |

# DRAFT CONTRACT

# CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This CONTRACT, made and dated this 12th day of March in the year 2026:

**BY AND BETWEEN** WILLIAMSON LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE dba WLA STUDIO, with offices located at 675 Pulaski Street, Suite 1000, Athens, GA 30601, hereafter referred to as "CONSULTANT" and City of Stone Mountain with offices located at 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, hereafter referred to as "CLIENT":

**WHEREAS** CLIENT intends to: Conduct a Historic Resources Survey for the City of Stone Mountain: (see Attachment A: Historic Resource Survey Area Map)

and:

**WHEREAS** CLIENT is desirous of engaging CONSULTANT to perform services for the project as described in *Article I, Scope of Work*:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the CLIENT and CONSULTANT agree to the terms presented below.

## **ARTICLE I: SCOPE OF WORK**

Scope of services is outlined in Attachment B: Approach and Work Plan

and

The CONSULTANT(s) will conduct a comprehensive historic resources survey of approximately 438 historic parcels which will include buildings, structures, sites, and objects, constructed before 1986, and located within the boundaries of Survey Area #4, as shown on highlighted map attached to this RFP.

All project work shall conform to the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation*, which include the *Standards for Evaluation, Identification, and Registration*. The project work will be prepared in accordance to (a) *National Register Bulletin: Guidelines for Local Surveys: A Basis for Preservation Planning*; (b) the Historic Preservation Division's guidance materials for identifying and documenting Georgia's historic resources, including the "Georgia Historic Resources Manual, August 2017," "Tips for Using GNAHRGIS as part of a Georgia Historic Resources Survey," and the Historic Resources Surveys and GNAHRGIS "Primer," all available online; as well as (c) the DEPARTMENT'S Georgia's Natural, Archaeological, and Historic Resources Geographic Information Systems (GNAHRGIS) web-based GIS database.

The CONSULTANT(s) will ensure that all survey data and digital photographs are entered in the GNAHRGIS online database within the contract period. All data groups in GNAHRGIS will be completed for each resource surveyed and a **minimum of two (2) digital photographs, dating to within (6) months of the survey date**, per surveyed resource will be uploaded. Resource information is entered and stored via the GNAHRGIS website. Printed (hard copy) resource "forms" are not required and are not reimbursable as part of this grant.

The CONSULTANT(s) will provide a survey area map(s) delineating surveyed parcels. The map will indicate the survey area boundary, any relevant local or National Register of Historic Places-listed historic district boundaries, and any proposed amendments to existing boundaries, ALL addresses, legal parcels, ALL GNAHRGIS ID numbers and ALL street names, and be at a scale of 1" = 200'. The map will include a key explaining boundaries.

The CONSULTANT(s) will provide electronic submissions of the survey report and the survey map, to the City of Stone Mountain within the contract period.

The survey report is to include at a minimum:

- **Executive summary**, which includes the number of surveyed resources;
- **Project description**, including how the survey was funded, who sponsored the survey, the name of the surveyor, and a general description of the survey area, including a clear statement and justification of the boundaries of the area surveyed, and the total number of surveyed resources;
- **Summary of previous preservation projects**, including previous survey efforts, local designations, National Register listings, and other historic preservation planning efforts;
- **Developmental history**: a brief written account of how the area developed over time and how it reflects distinctive aspects of Georgia's history;
- **Survey methodology**, including the fieldwork techniques and research methods employed while conducting the survey, references of previous surveys and any resurvey completed as part of this project;
- **Survey results and architectural analysis**, including the total number of surveyed resources divided into appropriate categories; a table listing all of the building types and all of the architectural styles as identified in GNAHRGIS, in addition to narrative defining the building types and architectural styles; local architectural character; some general observations (such as integrity and condition of resources, character defining features, and apparent developmental trends), and local landmarks and eccentricities;
- **Recommendations for future preservation activities, including**: potential National Register nominations for individual resources and/or historic districts with basic boundary justifications (s) for any proposed districts, as applicable; potential updates and/or amendments to existing National Register historic district listings, as applicable; designation recommendations for potential local historic districts, as applicable; potential updates and/or amendments to existing locally designated historic district listings, as applicable; and potential economic development, heritage tourism, and other preservation planning activities;
- **Acknowledgements**: Any publications based on activities supported by this grant assistance must contain the following acknowledgement:
  - *This Survey and Report has been financed in part with Federal funds from the National Park Service, U. S. Department of Interior, through the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of National Resources. However, the contents, opinions, and recommendations expressed in this Survey Report do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Department of the Interior or the Georgia Department of Natural resources, nor does the mention of trade names, commercial products or consultants constitute endorsement or recommendation by these agencies. This program receives Federal financial assistance for identification and protection of historic properties. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits Discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, gender or disability in its federally-assisted programs. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, please write to: Office for Equal Opportunity, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20240.*
- **Appendix 1**: table listing all GNAHRGIS ID numbers associated with the survey paired with the address of the resource that each GNAHRGIS ID number represents.
- **Appendix 2**: A survey map that delineates the survey area; existing local historic district and National Register-listed district boundaries and potential updates and/or amendments to these existing district boundaries; and the boundaries of identified potential new historic districts, both National Register and local; and the project survey area (this map will in addition to the separate 1"= 200' map discussed above).

All project development by the CONSULTANT(s) shall be reviewed by the City of Stone Mountain and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The review process consists of GNAHRGIS data, first draft of the survey report and map, subsequent drafts of the survey report and map, final draft of the survey report and map, and other materials determined necessary during project development.

Prior to review by the DCA, the City of Stone Mountain shall review drafts of the survey report and map as outlined below by the due dates. If the City of Stone Mountain wishes to review draft GNAHRGIS survey data, the City of Stone Mountain shall be provided access to this draft data by the CONSULTANT(s).

The CONSULTANT(s) will complete project work by the following due dates.

**April 15, 2026:**

- Approximately 25% of surveyed resource data entered into GNAHRGIS. Documentation spreadsheet submitted with Activity Report. City of Stone Mountain to submit spreadsheet to DCA via Tigers portal.

**July 15, 2026:**

- Approximately 75% of surveyed resource data entered into GNAHRGIS. Documentation spreadsheet submitted with Activity Report. City of Stone Mountain to submit spreadsheet to DCA via Tigers portal.

**October 1, 2026:**

- Electronic submittal of First Draft of Survey Report and map (Adobe PDFs) (including a copy of the ArcGIS file geodatabase for any polygons) to the City of Stone Mountain for review and comment.

**October 15, 2026:**

- Electronic submittal of First Draft of Survey Report and map (Adobe PDFs) (including a copy of the ArcGIS file geodatabase for any polygons) to DCA by the City of Stone Mountain via Tigers portal.

**December 1, 2026:**

- Electronic submittal of Second Draft of Survey Report (Adobe PDF) to the City of Stone Mountain for review and comment, as necessary. Final version of one (1) set of survey map(s) (Adobe PDF) submitted for approval by City of Stone Mountain.

**December 15, 2026:**

- Electronic submittal of Second Draft of Survey Report and map (Adobe PDFs) to DCA by the City of Stone Mountain via Tigers portal.

**March 1, 2027:**

- Electronic submittal of Final Survey Report and Survey Map (Adobe PDFs) the City of Stone Mountain
- All GNAHRGIS data and digital photographs for each resource completed.

**March 13, 2027:**

- Electronic submittal of Final Survey Report and map (Adobe PDFs) to DCA by the City of Stone Mountain via Tigers portal.

The CLIENT'S Request for Proposal (RFP) and the CONSULTANT'S proposal are attached as ADDENDUM ONE and ADDENDUM TWO, respectively and are made apart of this contract. The CONSULTANT is required to fulfil all requirements identified in the RFP.

**ARTICLE II: PRODUCTS**

The following products will be prepared and provided the CLIENT in accordance with a mutually agreed upon performance schedule:

- Electronic copies of Final Survey Report and Survey Map (Adobe PDFs)
- GNAHRIS data and digital photographs for each resource

**ARTICLE III: SCHEDULE OF FEES**

A. FEE

The fee to perform the Scope of Work presented in *Article I*, and to produce the products specified in *Article II* will be: Lump Sum Fee of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) which includes:

1. The labor associated with the performance of the Scope of Work and the production of the specified products.
2. Office overhead to support the production labor.
3. Expenses

B: EXPENSES

Expenses, include but are not limited to, such items as Travel, Long Distance Calling/Fax, Printing Costs, Reproducing Costs are included in the Lump Sum Fee. Invoices will include documentation that complies with federal regulation, including before and after mileage, gas receipts, the date and place of the expense, purpose of the trip, and name of person on the trip, including their title, or relationship to project.

**ARTICLE IV: BILLING PROCEDURES AND PAYMENT TERMS**

A. BILLING PROCEDURES

Invoices will be presented monthly after the execution of this contract for the work completed during that period.

B. PAYMENT TERMS

Invoices are due and payable 10 days from the date of the invoice and considered delinquent if not paid within 30 days of their date.

A surcharge of 1.5% per month will be applied to the balance due on all accounts for each 30 days past due.

**ARTICLE V: CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. Promptly provide full information regarding the requirements of the project and base data as specified below at no cost to the CONSULTANT. CLIENT warrants the accuracy of such information and shall indemnify and hold the CONSULTANT harmless from all expenses, claims and or liability resulting from the use of such information.

B. Designate a representative to act in its behalf with respect to this project.

- C. Promptly report verbally and in writing to the CONSULTANT any fault or defect in the CONSULTANT'S services.
- D. Provide timely decisions and direction with respect to the project.
- E. Provide necessary access to the project and project site.

#### **ARTICLE VI: OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

All drawings, specifications, reports and other products of the CONSULTANTS work shall be and remain the property of the CLIENT'S upon payment for the Scope of Work and Products completed.

#### **ARTICLE VII: TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

A. Client may terminate CONSULTANT'S services under this contract upon paying sums due CONSULTANT as set forth in Paragraph D. below and after giving 10 days prior written notice stating the reason for such termination.

B. CONSULTANT may terminate its services under this contract without liability for damages if not compensated pursuant to the terms of Article IV, Paragraph B. or upon material breach of contract by the CLIENT.

C. If the project is suspended by the CLIENT for a period of over 60 days, CLIENT shall make payments pursuant to Paragraph D. below.

D. Payment, in the event of termination or suspension of the Consultant's services under this article, shall be made to the CONSULTANT for all services performed to date of same, including all reimbursable expenses and charges for services incurred.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: PUBLICITY**

The CONSULTANT shall be free to use copies of the products in the promotion of its business unless otherwise directed by the CLIENT.

#### **ARTICLE IX: ASSIGNMENT**

Except as provided herein above or otherwise agreed in writing by the parties hereto, any assignment, hypothecation, transfer or subletting of this contract or any rights or duties hereunder, shall be void.

#### **ARTICLE X: EXTENT OF AGREEMENT AND NONWAIVER**

This agreement sets forth all the rights and obligations of the parties with respect to the Project, both with respect to the work previously done and to be done. This agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings of any nature and may be modified only by an instrument executed in writing by duly authorized persons. This agreement is binding on and inures to the benefit of the CLIENT and CONSULTANT, as well as their respective legal representatives, partners, heirs, administrators, successors and assigns. The failure of either party, in any one or more instances, to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms of this agreement or to exercise any right herein conferred, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of such party's right to assert or reply upon any such terms or rights in any other instances. In the event any provision of this contract shall be held to be invalid and unenforceable, the other provisions of this contract shall be valid and binding on the parties hereto. This Agreement may not be modified except by a written modification agreement, signed by CLIENT and CONSULTANT.

**ARTICLE XI: GOVERNING LAWS**

This contract shall be covered exclusively by the laws applicable to contracts made and wholly performed in the State of Georgia.

**ARTICLE XII: SCOPE OF AUTHORITY**

The persons signing this agreement on behalf of the CLIENT and the CONSULTANT warrant that he or she has the authority to do so, and if a corporation, is an officer of same.

**ARTICLE XIII: ENFORCEABILITY**

This contract shall not be enforceable by either party until this contract is signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CLIENT and CONSULTANT have signed and executed this contract the day and year identified below.

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN

WLA STUDIO

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Name: Keyes Williamson

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Principal Landscape Architect

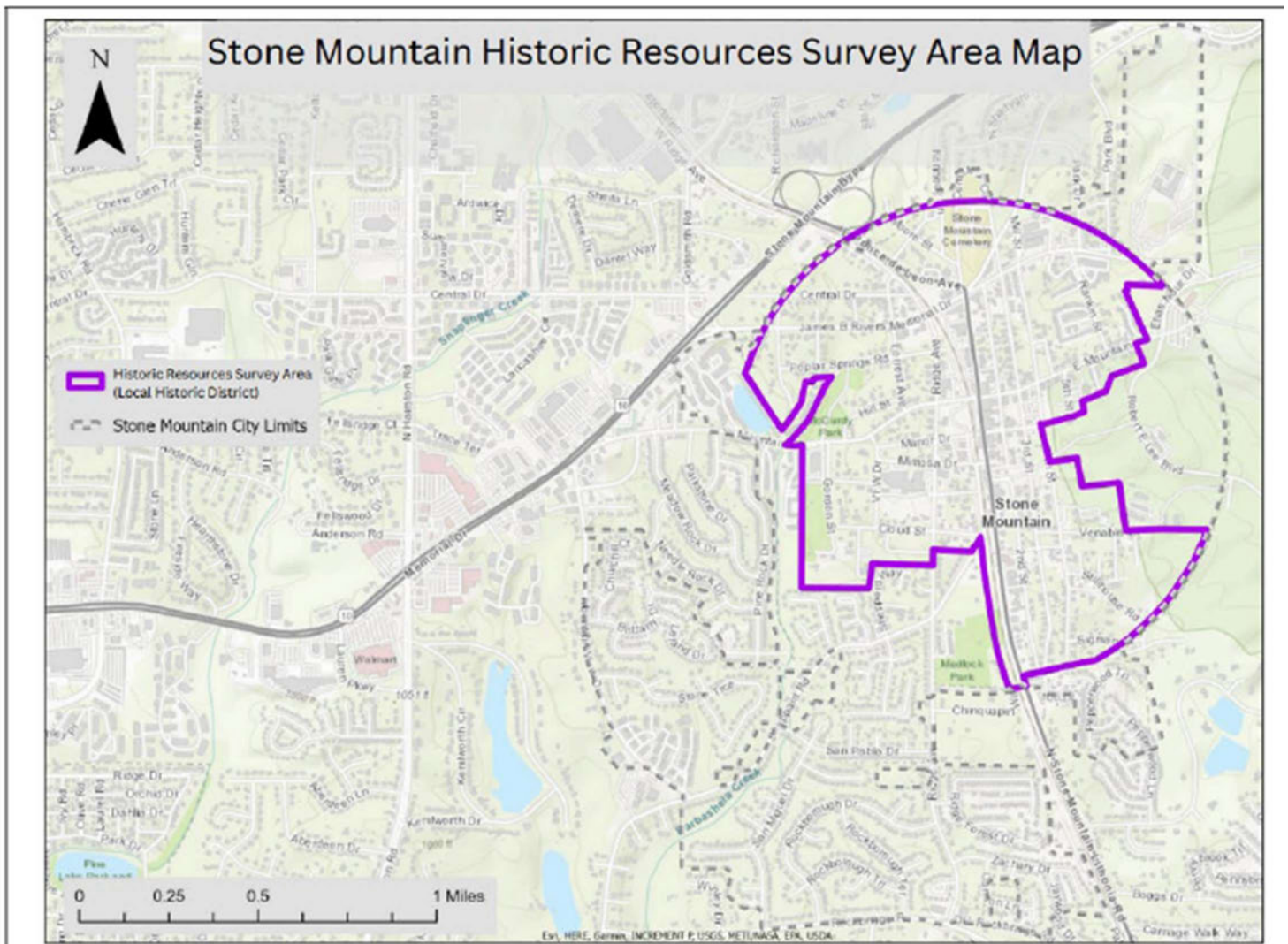
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**EXHIBIT A**  
**HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY**  
**AREA MAP CITY OF STONE**  
**MOUNTAIN**

Map delineating boundaries of FY2025 HPF grant-funded historic resources survey for the City of Stone Mountain identified as area within the purple boundary line. The survey area is bounded by the city limits to the north; the city limits to the east, excluding Stone Mountain Park property; to the south, the boundary runs along the western side of the CSX railroad; to the west, the boundary starts at the intersection of Sheppard Road and Cloud Street extending southwest to include Hearthstone Street and VFW Drive properties then extending north to include all properties on Gordon Street and Sexton that extends to the city limits. The survey area includes the following National Register of Historic Places-listed districts: Stone Mountain Historic District.

If funds allow for survey of additional resources outside of these boundaries, the consultant and the City should work with DCA to define additional survey area boundaries in a systematic manner.



# Historic Resources Survey Stone Mountain, Georgia

## APPROACH AND WORK PLAN

|   | Principal<br>Landscape<br>Architect<br>Keyes Williamson | Project Manager<br>Anders Yount | Sr. Historic<br>Preservationist<br>Olivia Head | HP Field<br>Assistants (2)<br>Jennifer Peppers<br>Liz Solomon |
|---|---|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Project Initiation / Kick-Off Meeting</b>                                  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Project Start-Up  | 1   |                                 |  |   |
| Background Materials from City, not limited to:                               |   |                                 |  |   |
| Existing Survey Information   |   |                                 |  |   |
| Existing Mapping / City Base Maps / Tax Parcel Maps / Aerial Maps             |   |                                 |  |   |
| National Register / Local District Nomination Forms and Maps                  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Review Data Provided  |   | 4                               |  |   |
| Preview of Survey Area  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Identify Prior Resources in Survey Area in GNAHRGIS                           |   |                                 |  | 2   |
| Meeting with City (Virtual)   | 1   | 1                               |  | 1   |
| Discuss Scope, Methodology, Schedule & Products                               |   |                                 |  |   |
| Share Goals and Objectives of Project with WLA                                |   |                                 |  |   |
| Identification of Key Contacts  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Stakeholder Meeting   |   |                                 |  |   |
| <b>Fieldwork / Research / Public Meeting</b>                                  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Intensive Level Field Survey  |   | 8                               | 8  | 18  |
| Field Survey Forms  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Date of Construction, Number of Stories, Architectural Style / Type           |   |                                 |  |   |
| Construction Material, Current Use, Condition, Neighborhood Name              |   |                                 |  |   |
| Photographs   |   |                                 |  |   |
| Map ID  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Progress Meeting with City's Project Manager                                  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Research for Survey Area / Report   |   | 16                              |  |   |
| Public Meeting  |   |                                 |  |   |
| HPD Research  |   | 8                               |  |   |
| <b>GNAHRGIS Entry</b>   |   |                                 |  |   |
| Phone / Email Updates with City's Project Manager                             |   |                                 |  |   |
| Online Data Entry   |   | 60                              |  | 38  |
| QA/QC Data Entry  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Photographs   |   |                                 |  | 8   |
| Formatting  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Upload HPD ArchSite   |   |                                 |  |   |
| <b>Historic Resources Survey Report (1st Draft)</b>                           |   |                                 |  |   |
| Draft Report  |   | 126                             |  |   |
| Executive Summary (Information Provided by City)                              |   |                                 |  |   |
| Project Description (Information Provided by City)                            |   |                                 |  |   |
| Summary of Previous Preservation Projects (Information Provided by City)      |   |                                 |  |   |
| Survey Methodology and Results  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Developmental History   |   |                                 |  |   |
| Architectural Analysis  |   |                                 |  |   |
| National Register Eligibility / Local Designation / Proposed Boundary Changes |   |                                 |  |   |
| Recommendations for Additional Actions  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Mapping   |   |                                 |  |   |
| QA/QC   | 1   |                                 | 4  |   |
| Submit to City & DCA  |   |                                 |  |   |
| <b>Historic Resources Survey Report (2nd Draft)</b>                           |   |                                 |  |   |
| Receive Comments (City's Project Manager to Consolidate City & DCA Comments)  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Revise Draft Report   |   | 8                               |  |   |
| QA/QC   | 1   |                                 | 2  |   |
| Submit to City & DCA for Review   |   |                                 |  |   |
| <b>Historic Resources Survey Report (Final Report)</b>                        |   |                                 |  |   |
| Receive Comments (City's Project Manager to Consolidate City & DCA Comments)  |   |                                 |  |   |
| Revise Draft Report   |   | 8                               |  |   |
| QA/QC   | 1   |                                 | 2  |   |
| Submit Final Report to City & DCA   |   |                                 |  |   |
| Present findings to City/Public   |   |                                 |  |   |
| <b>Total Hours</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>239</b>                      | <b>16</b>                                      | <b>67</b>   |
|   | <b>Total Project Hours:</b>                             |                                 |  | <b>327</b>  |
| <b>Hourly Rate Structure</b>  | \$191   | \$88                            | \$106  | \$85  |
|   | <b>Total Labor Fee: \$29,378</b>                        |                                 |  |   |

## Historic Resources Survey Stone Mountain, Georgia

### FEE PROPOSAL

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Labor</i>        | \$29,378          |
| <i>Expenses</i>     | \$622             |
| <b>LUMP SUM FEE</b> | <b>\$30,000</b> * |

### ESTIMATED EXPENSE SUMMARY

| <i>Item</i>                                       | <i>No.</i> | <i>Unit Rate</i>      | <i>Total Cost</i> |
|---|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Product Submittals</b>                         |            |                       |                   |
| Electronic Reports                                |            |                       | \$0.00            |
| 1st Draft Report to HPD                           |            |                       | \$0.00            |
| Set of 1st Draft Maps to HPD                      |            |                       | \$0.00            |
| 2nd Draft Report to HPD                           |            |                       | \$0.00            |
| Final Report                                      |            |                       | \$0.00            |
| Set of Final Maps - USB                           | 2          |                       | \$0.00            |
| Final Report - USB                                | 2          | \$5.00                | \$10.00           |
| <b>Travel - will comply with 48 CFR 31.205-46</b> |            |                       |                   |
| RT mileage (120 miles @ \$.725/mile)              | 3          | \$87.00               | \$261.00          |
| Local miles (20 miles @ \$.725)                   | 1          | \$14.50               | \$14.50           |
| HPD Research (50 miles @ \$.725/mile)             | 1          | \$36.25               | \$36.25           |
| Per Diem (\$25 per day)                           | 8          | \$25.00               | \$200.00          |
| <b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>                     |            |                       |                   |
| Photocopies/Research                              | 1          | \$50.00               | \$50.00           |
| FedEx/Mailings/Support                            | 1          | \$50.00               | \$50.00           |
|   |            | <b>Expenses Total</b> | <b>\$621.75</b>   |

\* This fee is for the estimated 438 resources

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DEKALB**

**RESOLUTION 2026-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN DESIGNATING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR CALENDAR THE 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stone Mountain seeks to employ individuals capable of outstanding performance in public service; and

**WHEREAS**, employee benefits are an aide in the recruitment of highly skilled workers; and

**WHEREAS**, medical and dental benefit plans are commonly used by municipalities to attract highly skilled workers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, this **21ST day of APRIL 2026**, as follows:

1. that the medical insurance plan known as the **Cigna Open Access** Plan is the official, base medical benefits plan for the City of Stone Mountain effective **April 1, 2026**;
2. that the City will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the base plan premium for eligible employees electing to participate in the official, base medical benefits plan;
3. that the City of Stone Mountain will offer the plan known as the **Cigna Open Access** as a buy-up option for eligible employees, with the difference in the employee premium cost for the buy-up plan to be paid by the employee who elects the buy-up plan during the policy year ending **March 31, 2026**;
4. that eligible dependents of the employee may participate in the medical benefits plan provided that fifty percent (50%) of the premium for the dependents is paid by the employee;
5. that the dental insurance plan provided by **Cigna** and known as the **PPO/100/80/50** Plan is the official dental benefits plan for the City of Stone Mountain;
6. that the City will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the official dental plan premium for eligible employees electing to participate in the official dental plan;
7. that eligible dependents of the employee in the plan may participate in the dental benefits plan provided that one hundred percent (100%) of the premium is paid by the employee in the plan;
8. that the vision insurance plan provided by **Cigna** and known as **EyeMed** Plan for the City of Stone Mountain.
9. that employees who experience an event qualifying for COBRA continuation coverage and their eligible dependents may participate in the official medical and/or dental plan for a period of eighteen months following the month of termination provided that one hundred percent (100%) of the premium is paid by the COBRA participant;
10. that the life and accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance policy

provided by **Mutual of Omaha**

is the official life and AD&D insurance policy for the City of Stone Mountain;

11. that the City will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the official life and AD&D plan premium for eligible employees;
12. that the City of Stone Mountain will offer the plan known as the Mutual of Omaha as a buy-up option for eligible employees, with the difference in the employee premium cost for the buy-up plan to be paid by the employee who elects the buy-up plan during the policy year ending March 31, 2026;
13. that the short-term disability plan provided by **Mutual of Omaha** short-term disability plan is the official for the City of Stone Mountain;
14. that the City will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the official short-term disability policy premium for eligible employees;
15. that there is no COBRA continuation coverage option for life and AD&D or short-term disability policy coverage.

**SO RESOLVED, this 21<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.**

**City of Stone Mountain, Georgia**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jelani Linder, Mayor

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shavala Ames, City Clerk

**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Angela C. Couch, City Attorney

**Cigna 2026 Base Plan**

Monthly

**Bi-Weekly**

| <b>Total Monthly cost</b> |             |                       |              |             |           | <b>EE COST</b> |           |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Employee                  | \$ 1,093.83 | Employee              | City cost \$ | \$ 1,093.83 | \$ -      | \$ -           | \$ -      |
| Employee + Spouse         | \$ 2,297.07 | Employee + Spouse     | City cost \$ | \$ 1,676.86 | \$ 620.21 | \$ 286.25      | \$ 286.25 |
| Employee + Child(ren)     | \$ 2,133.01 | Employee + Child(ren) | City cost \$ | \$ 1,557.10 | \$ 575.91 | \$ 265.81      | \$ 265.81 |
| Employee + Family         | \$ 3,336.26 | Employee + Family     | City cost \$ | \$ 2,435.47 | \$ 900.79 | \$ 415.75      | \$ 415.75 |

**Cigna 2026 Buy Up Plan**

| <b>Total Monthly cost</b> |             |                       |              |             |             |           |           |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Employee                  | \$ 1,151.47 | Employee              | City cost \$ | \$ 1,093.83 | \$ 57.64    | \$ 26.60  | \$ 26.60  |
| Employee + Spouse         | \$ 2,418.10 | Employee + Spouse     | City cost \$ | \$ 1,676.86 | \$ 741.24   | \$ 342.11 | \$ 342.11 |
| Employee + Child(ren)     | \$ 2,245.38 | Employee + Child(ren) | City cost \$ | \$ 1,557.10 | \$ 688.28   | \$ 317.67 | \$ 317.67 |
| Employee + Family         | \$ 3,511.99 | Employee + Family     | City cost \$ | \$ 2,435.47 | \$ 1,076.52 | \$ 496.86 | \$ 496.86 |

**Dental**

| <b>Total Monthly cost</b> |           |                       |              |          |           |          |          |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Employee                  | \$ 35.65  | Employee              | City cost \$ | \$ 35.65 | \$ -      | \$ -     | \$ -     |
| Employee + Spouse         | \$ 72.79  | Employee + Spouse     | City cost \$ | \$ 35.65 | \$ 37.14  | \$ 17.14 | \$ 17.14 |
| Employee + Child(ren)     | \$ 94.54  | Employee + Child(ren) | City cost \$ | \$ 35.65 | \$ 58.89  | \$ 27.18 | \$ 27.18 |
| Employee + Family         | \$ 139.03 | Employee + Family     | City cost \$ | \$ 35.65 | \$ 103.38 | \$ 47.71 | \$ 47.71 |

**Vision**

| <b>Total Monthly cost</b> |          |                       |              |         |          |         |         |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| Employee                  | \$ 6.54  | Employee              | City cost \$ | \$ 6.54 | \$ -     | \$ -    | \$ -    |
| Employee + Spouse         | \$ 13.07 | Employee + Spouse     | City cost \$ | \$ 6.54 | \$ 6.53  | \$ 3.01 | \$ 3.01 |
| Employee + Child(ren)     | \$ 13.14 | Employee + Child(ren) | City cost \$ | \$ 6.54 | \$ 6.60  | \$ 3.05 | \$ 3.05 |
| Employee + Family         | \$ 21.83 | Employee + Family     | City cost \$ | \$ 6.54 | \$ 15.29 | \$ 7.06 | \$ 7.06 |

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DEKALB**

**RESOLUTION 2026-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE  
MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, REGARDING CITY BANK ACCOUNT  
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES AND AUTHORITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the authority of a City Council and its members is delegated by the Georgia General Assembly through the passage of general state laws applicable to all municipalities and elected officials (e.g., state statutes) and local laws specific to a particular jurisdiction or entity (e.g., a city's charter); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stone Mountain (the "City") currently operates under a charter that was passed by the Georgia General Assembly and ratified by the City's voters in 2009 (the "Charter") (see Ga. Laws 2009, p. 4108); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.10, the legislative authority of the government of the City is vested in the City Council which is comprised of a mayor and six councilmembers; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.16, and other laws of the State of Georgia (e.g., O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3), except as otherwise provided by law or in the Charter, the City Council is vested with all the powers of government of the City and has the power to adopt reasonable ordinances, resolutions and regulations for the protection and preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.29, the City Manager is the chief executive and administrative officer of the City with the power and duty to, among other things, direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by the Charter or by law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 1.12(b)(2), the powers of the City shall be construed liberally in favor of the City and shall include, but not be limited to, making appropriations for the support of the government of the City, to authorize the expenditure of money for any purposes authorized by this Charter and for any purpose for which a municipality is authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia, and to provide for the payment of expenses of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 2025, a new Mayor and three new City Council Members were duly elected by the citizens of Stone Mountain, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City policies, certain city staff and certain officials are authorized to possess and use credit/purchase cards from Truist Bank for purposes of conducting City business; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the results of the 2025 election and personnel changes at the City, certain credit/purchase card accounts need to be canceled, closed and/or deactivated; and

**WHEREAS**, Truist Bank requires documentation of authorization to cancel, close or deactivate those credit card accounts.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, this 21st day of April, 2026, as follows:

1. That Truist Bank is presently recognized and confirmed as the designated depository institution for the City regarding the City credit/purchase card accounts.
2. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to Beverly Jones be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
3. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to Shawntez Edmondson be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
4. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to Darnetta Tyus be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
5. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to Warren Hutmacher be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
6. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to ChaQuias Miller-Thornton be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
7. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to Teresa Crowe be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
8. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to Anita Bass be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
9. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to Gil Freeman be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
10. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to Swanette Bryant be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
11. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to Ryan Smith be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
12. That any and all credit/purchase cards issued to Mark Marianos be canceled, closed and/or deactivated.
13. That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to Truist Bank with the written request that Truist Bank keep a copy of this Resolution in any and all files related to the City.

SO RESOLVED this 21st day of April, 2026.

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Jelani Linder, Mayor

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Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela C. Couch, City Attorney

**CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**AN ORDINANCE**

To amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, by creating a new section within Chapter 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, to establish regulations governing urban camping and the improper use of public spaces; to provide for definitions; to establish prohibited conduct; to provide for enforcement procedures, exceptions, and penalties; to provide for severability; and for other lawful purposes.

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**WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that the City of Stone Mountain must maintain safe, accessible, and sanitary public spaces for residents, businesses, and visitors; and**

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**WHEREAS, the unregulated use of public property for camping and storage of personal property contributes to obstruction of sidewalks and rights-of-way, public health concerns, and increased calls for service; and**

**WHEREAS, the City seeks to adopt reasonable and constitutionally sound regulations addressing the use of public spaces while ensuring fair and humane enforcement practices;**

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, that the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:**

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**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, is hereby amended by adding a new Article VI to read as follows:

Article VI – Urban Camping and Improper Use of Public Spaces

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Sec. 17-104 – Urban Camping and Improper Use of Public Spaces – Purpose, Findings, and Intent

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(a) Purpose and Intent

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The purpose of this section is to regulate specific conduct occurring on public property in order to maintain public safety, accessibility, sanitation, and the intended use of public spaces. This section shall not be construed to criminalize the status of homelessness.

The Mayor and City Council find that unregulated camping and storage of personal property on public property contributes to:

- Obstruction of sidewalks and rights-of-way;
- Impediments to emergency access;
- Sanitation and public health concerns;
- Increased calls for service and associated criminal activity; and
- Diminished quality of life and economic vitality.

The City adopts reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions to ensure public property remains accessible and safe for all.

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Sec. 17-105 – (b) Definitions

Words or terms not defined in this section but defined in applicable state law or this Code shall be given that meaning. All other words or phrases shall be given their common, ordinary meaning unless the context requires otherwise. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them below except where the text clearly indicates a different meaning:

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1. **Camping, Camping**

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The use of public property for living accommodations, including but not limited to:

- o Erecting tents, tarps, or temporary shelters;

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- o Sleeping or remaining in a fixed location for more than sixty (60) consecutive minutes;
- o Cooking, storing, or preparing food;
- o Using materials or objects to create bedding or shelter.

**2. Storing Personal Property**

Leaving personal belongings unattended on public property for more than one (1) hour, including but not limited to clothing, bedding, sleeping bags, backpacks, carts, or cookware. This definition does not include bicycles or other lawful modes of transportation.

**3. Public Property**

All property owned, leased, or maintained by the City, including parks, sidewalks, streets, rights-of-way, medians, parking lots, and public facilities.

**4. Obstruct by Camping**

The placement of a person or property that:

- o Reduces pedestrian passage to less than four (4) continuous feet;
- o Blocks ADA-compliant access; or
- o Impairs entry or exit from buildings, driveways, or emergency access points.

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**Sec. 17-106 – (e) Prohibited Conduct**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to camp on public property except as otherwise authorized.
2. It shall be unlawful to store personal property on public property in a manner inconsistent with its intended use.
3. It shall be unlawful to sit, lie, or place belongings on public streets, sidewalks, or rights-of-way in a manner that obstructs pedestrian or vehicular traffic or constitutes camping.
4. It shall be unlawful to obstruct by camping ingress or egress to any building or structure.

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**~~(d) Time, Place, and Manner Authority~~**

~~The City may impose reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on the use of public property to ensure accessibility, safety, and intended public use, including designation of specific areas where certain conduct is restricted or prohibited.~~

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**(h) Sec. 17-107 – Exceptions to Prohibited Conduct**

This Article section shall not apply to:

- 1. Individuals experiencing a medical emergency;
- 2. Persons using mobility devices;
- 3. Permitted events, including festivals, parades, or city-approved gatherings;
- 4. Outdoor dining areas operating under valid authorization;
- 5. Persons seated on public benches or designated seating areas;
- 6. Individuals waiting in an orderly manner for public transportation, entry, or services;
- 7. Children under thirteen (13) years of age resting under supervision;
- 4. City-approved vendors operating within permitted guidelines.

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**(e) Sec. 17-108 – Warning and Enforcement and Penalties Protocol**

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**(b) Graduated Enforcement**

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- 1. An officer shall identify the specific violation and issue a clear verbal warning to the individual who is violating this Article.
- 2. A written warning shall be issued advising the individual of the violation of this Article, stating the and required corrective action, and providing a time for compliance.
- 3. A reasonable opportunity shall be provided to cease the conduct or remove property.

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4. Officers shall document warnings issued, compliance opportunities provided, and observed conduct prior to enforcement action.

5. Availability of shelter or services may be considered as a factor in enforcement decisions but shall not be a prerequisite for enforcement.

Enforcement of this section shall comply with applicable constitutional standards, including those discussed in Martin v. City of Boise and City of Grants Pass v. Johnson.

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(c) (f) Graduated Enforcement Penalties

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A Violations of this section shall be enforced as follows:

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1. First violation of the provisions of this Article or failure to comply with any of its requirements, shall result in a written warning.

2. A second violation of the provisions of this Article or failure to comply with any of its requirements, shall result in a civil citation. Upon conviction thereof, a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) may be imposed and/or not more than 30 days in jail.

3. A third violation and/or subsequent violations of the provisions of this Article or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall constitute a misdemeanor charge. Upon conviction thereof, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) may be imposed and/or not more than thirty (30) days in jail.

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Sec. 17-109 - (g) Property Handling

Personal property determined to be abandoned or unlawfully stored in violation of this Article may be removed by the City.

When practicable:

1. Property shall be cataloged;

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2. Stored for a minimum of thirty (30) days;

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- 3. Made available for retrieval through a reasonable process.

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**~~(h) Exceptions~~**

~~This section shall not apply to:~~

- ~~2.1. Individuals experiencing a medical emergency;~~
- ~~3.1. Persons using mobility devices;~~
- ~~4.1. Permitted events, including festivals, parades, or city approved gatherings;~~
- ~~5.1. Outdoor dining areas operating under valid authorization;~~
- ~~6.1. Persons seated on public benches or designated seating areas;~~
- ~~7.1. Individuals waiting in an orderly manner for public transportation, entry, or services;~~
- ~~8.1. Children under thirteen (13) years of age resting under supervision;~~
- ~~9.1. City approved vendors operating within permitted guidelines.~~

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**~~(i) Enforcement Considerations~~**

~~Availability of shelter or services may be considered as a factor in enforcement decisions but shall not be a prerequisite for enforcement.~~

~~Enforcement of this section shall comply with applicable constitutional standards, including those discussed in Martin v. City of Boise and City of Grants Pass v. Johnson.~~

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**~~(j) Penalties~~**

~~Penalties shall be consistent with the graduated enforcement provisions herein and applicable state law, including fines, citations, or misdemeanor prosecution as authorized.~~

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**~~Sec. 17-110 – (k) Severability~~**

~~If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.~~

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**SECTION 2.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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**SECTION 3.**

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.



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### COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

#### **Agenda Title:**

Amendment to Chapter 17, Article V, Sec. 17-101 – *Loitering or Prowling*

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**Submitted By:** Chief of Police James Westerfield

**Department:** Police Department

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#### **Action Requested:**

Approval of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 17, Article V, Sec. 17-101, revising the offense from “Loitering” to “Loitering or Prowling,” and incorporating statutory language and standards consistent with O.C.G.A. § 16-11-36.

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#### **Executive Summary:**

This amendment modernizes the City’s ordinance by aligning it with current Georgia law and regional municipal standards. The revision enhances legal defensibility, strengthens enforcement capabilities, and ensures consistency with neighboring jurisdictions within DeKalb County. The update also reinforces constitutional safeguards while providing officers with clearer statutory guidance when addressing suspicious behaviors linked to criminal activity.

#### **Background and Need:**

The current ordinance references “loitering” in a manner that is narrower and less aligned with state law. Modern policing and prosecution standards recognize “**loitering or prowling**” as a combined offense that captures behaviors indicative of potential criminal intent.

Key concerns with the current ordinance:

- Limited alignment with state statute language
- Reduced prosecutorial effectiveness due to outdated terminology
- Lack of explicit statutory reference guiding officer discretion
- Inconsistency with surrounding DeKalb County municipalities

This amendment addresses these gaps by incorporating language and standards consistent with state law and prevailing regional practices.

**Legal Justification:**

The proposed amendment is grounded in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-36, which defines “loitering or prowling” and establishes constitutionally sound procedures for enforcement.

Key legal enhancements:

- **Statutory Alignment:** Direct reference to state law strengthens ordinance validity and reduces challenges based on vagueness
- **Articulable Suspicion Standard:** Clarifies that enforcement must be based on reasonable alarm for safety of persons or property
- **Due Process Safeguards:** Maintains requirement that officers provide individuals an opportunity to dispel alarm prior to arrest (when practical)
- **Judicial Sustainability:** Aligns with case law standards requiring clear, objective enforcement criteria

This alignment significantly improves the City’s ability to successfully prosecute violations while minimizing legal exposure.

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**Comparative DeKalb County Analysis:**

A review of municipal codes across DeKalb County indicates that many jurisdictions have already adopted language consistent with state statute, including the use of “loitering or prowling.”

**Regional Observations:**



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- Multiple DeKalb municipalities mirror state statute language for consistency and enforceability
- Standardized terminology supports interagency coordination and mutual aid enforcement

### **Operational Impact:**

- Enhances consistency across jurisdictional boundaries
- Reduces ambiguity for officers operating in overlapping or adjacent areas

### **Enforcement Considerations:**

#### **Officer Guidance:**

- Incorporates state-level standards for consistency in training and application

#### **Training Implications:**

- Minimal additional training required due to alignment with existing Georgia law
- Can be incorporated into roll call training and legal updates

#### **Prosecution:**

- Improved case acceptance by solicitors and prosecutors
- Reduced likelihood of dismissal due to vague or outdated ordinance language

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

No direct fiscal impact. Implementation will be managed within existing departmental resources.

#### **Recommendation:**

Approval is recommended to enhance public safety, improve legal defensibility, and align the City of Stone Mountain with state law and regional best practices.

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**Attachments:**

- Redlined Ordinance Amendment (Chapter 17, Article V, Sec. 17-101)



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### Chapter 17, Article V

#### Sec. 17-101. – ~~Loitering~~ *Loitering or Prowling*.

(a) A person commits the offense of ~~loitering~~ *loitering or prowling* when the person is in a place at a time or in a manner not usual for law-abiding individuals, under circumstances that warrant a justifiable and reasonable alarm or immediate concern for the safety of persons or property in the vicinity. *Such circumstances shall be evaluated consistent with the standards set forth in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-36.*

(b) Among the circumstances which may be considered in determining whether alarm is warranted ~~is~~ *are* the fact that the person takes flight upon the appearance of a law enforcement officer, refuses to identify ~~him or herself~~ *himself or herself*, or refuses to provide a credible account of his or her presence and conduct. ~~or any object.~~ *The officer may also consider whether the person is attempting to conceal himself or herself or any object.*

~~Unless flight by the person or other circumstances make it impractical, a law enforcement officer shall, prior to any arrest for an offense under this section, afford the person an opportunity to dispel any alarm or immediate concern which would otherwise be warranted by requesting the person to identify himself or herself and explain his or her presence and conduct.~~

*Unless flight by the person or other exigent circumstances make it impractical, a law enforcement officer shall, prior to any arrest for an offense under this section, afford the person an opportunity to dispel any alarm or immediate concern by requesting the person to identify himself or herself and explain his or her presence and conduct, consistent with O.C.G.A. § 16-11-36.*

~~No person shall be convicted of an offense under this section if the law enforcement officer failed to comply with the foregoing procedure or if it appears at trial that the explanation given by the person was true and would have dispelled the alarm or immediate concern.~~

*No person shall be convicted of an offense under this section if the law enforcement officer failed to comply with the foregoing procedure, or if it appears at trial that the explanation given by the person was true and, if believed at the time, would have dispelled the alarm or immediate concern.*

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### Key Enhancements Embedded

- Aligns terminology with state statute (“**loitering or prowling**”) for prosecutorial consistency
- Explicitly ties officer decision-making to **state law standards**
- Strengthens articulable factors (concealment, refusal to provide credible explanation)
- Preserves constitutional safeguards (opportunity to dispel alarm) while tightening language for enforcement defensibility



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### Ordinance Amendment / Public Safety

#### CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN

#### Mayor and City Council Agenda Item

**Agenda Date:** April 21, 2026

**Department:** Police Department

**Presenter:** Chief James Westerfield

**Agenda Item Type:** Ordinance Amendment / Public Safety

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Consideration of an amendment to Chapter 17, Article 1, Sec. 17-38 (Juvenile Curfew Ordinance) to establish curfew hours beginning one (1) hour earlier.

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#### **BACKGROUND / ISSUE**

The City of Stone Mountain currently enforces a juvenile curfew for individuals sixteen (16) years of age or younger beginning at 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Recent analysis of calls for service, incident reports, and arrest data indicates that a disproportionate number of juvenile-related offenses and victimization incidents occur during late evening hours, specifically between 9:00 p.m. and midnight. These incidents include, but are not limited to:

- Entering Auto / Theft from Vehicles
- Criminal Trespass and Property Damage
- Disorderly Conduct and Group-Related Disturbances
- Juvenile victimization and risk exposure

The current curfew threshold allows for a gap period during which unsupervised juveniles are more likely to engage in or be exposed to criminal activity.

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

The proposed amendment revises curfew hours as follows:

- **Sunday–Thursday:** from 10:00 p.m. to **9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday–Saturday:** from 11:00 p.m. to **10:00 p.m.**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY RATIONALE**

This amendment is grounded in evidence-based policing strategies and crime prevention principles:

1. **Early Intervention Window:**  
Advancing the curfew by one hour targets a critical timeframe where juvenile-related offenses begin to increase, allowing officers to intervene proactively rather than reactively.
2. **Reduction in Juvenile Recidivism:**  
Limiting unsupervised late-night activity reduces opportunities for repeat offending behavior. Structured supervision and earlier curfew compliance are correlated with decreased reoffending rates among juveniles.
3. **Victimization Prevention:**  
Juveniles are not only offenders but also victims. Earlier curfew enforcement reduces exposure to high-risk environments and potential violent encounters.
4. **Support of “Broken Windows” Strategy:**  
Addressing low-level violations such as curfew infractions contributes to broader crime reduction by reinforcing order and community standards.

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## **ENFORCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

The Police Department will implement the amended ordinance with a balanced, community-oriented enforcement approach:

1. **Education-First Model:**
  - Initial emphasis on warnings and parental notification
  - Community outreach through schools, social media, and city communication channels
2. **Progressive Enforcement:**
  - Repeat violations may result in citations or referrals to municipal court
  - Documentation of repeat contacts to identify patterns of behavior
3. **Parental Accountability:**
  - Reinforces responsibility of guardians in supervising minors
  - Encourages family-level intervention to prevent escalation
4. **Operational Impact:**
  - Minimal fiscal impact; enforcement integrated into existing patrol operations
  - Supports proactive policing during peak evening hours
5. **Data Tracking:**
  - Continued monitoring of juvenile-related incidents and curfew contacts
  - Evaluation of ordinance effectiveness in reducing crime and recidivism

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend approval of the ordinance amendment to advance curfew hours by one (1) hour as a proactive measure to reduce juvenile crime, decrease recidivism, and enhance overall community safety.



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Redlined Ordinance Amendment (Chapter 17, Article 1, Sec. 17-38)

### **3. Chapter 17, Article 1, Sec. 17-38. - Curfew; persons age 16 years of age or younger.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any **minor** sixteen (16) years of age or younger to loiter, wander, stroll or play in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, lanes, parks, playgrounds or other public grounds, public places, public buildings, places of amusement, eating places, vacant lots or any place in the city unsupervised by an **adult** having the lawful authority to be at such places, between the hours of ~~10:00 p.m.~~ 09:00 pm on any day and 6:00 a.m. of the following day; provided, however, that on Fridays and Saturdays the effective hours are between ~~11:00 p.m.~~ 10:00 pm and 6:00 a.m. of the following day; and provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply in the following instances:
- (1) When a minor is accompanied by his or her **parent, guardian, or other adult person having lawful care and custody of the minor**;
  - (2) When the minor is upon an **emergency** errand by his or her parent or guardian or other adult person having the lawful care and custody of the minor;
  - (3) When the minor is departing or returning home from a school or church activity;
  - (4) When the minor is departing to or returning from lawful employment that makes it necessary to be in the above referenced places during the proscribed period;
  - (5) When the minor is attending or traveling directly to or from activity involving the exercise of first amendment rights of speech, freedom of assembly, or free exercise of religion;
- (b) Failure to comply with any of the requirements and provisions of this article shall constitute a violation and any parent or guardian, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days or any or all of these penalties, in the discretion of the municipal court judge. A fine and imprisonment not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and thirty (30) days may be ordered for violators at the discretion of the court.

(Ord. No. 06-13, pt. I, 9-5-06)

**The terms highlighted in the current ordinance require defining for clarity. Additionally, the term "emancipated minor" should be included as an exception to the guidelines in the ordinance. See below for definitions obtained from other jurisdictions for reference.**

**Definitions.** Words or terms not defined in this section but defined in applicable state law or this Code shall be given that meaning. All other words or phrases shall be given their common, ordinary meaning unless the context requires otherwise. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them below except where the text clearly indicates a different meaning:

**Adult** means a person who is at least 18 years of age and authorized by a parent or guardian to have the lawful care and custody of a minor, or an emancipated minor.

**Emancipated minor** means any person under the age of 18 who has had the disabilities of minority removed and been declared an emancipated minor by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**Emergency** means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. The term "emergency" includes, but is not limited to, a serious or life threatening medical problem/condition, a fire, natural disaster, automobile accident or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.

**Guardian** means a person who, under court order, is the guardian of the person of a minor or a public or private agency with whom a minor has been placed by the court or other adult.

**Minor** means any person under the age of 17 years.

**Parent** means a person who is a natural parent, an adopted parent or step-parent of a minor.