

Presented at April 18, 2016 Council Meeting

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON**

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION CREATING THE MAYOR'S
BLIGHTED PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS blighted, abandoned and vacant properties affect the health, safety, and welfare of a community; and

WHEREAS blighted, abandoned and vacant properties are an impediment to public safety, sustainable development, and have adverse impact on quality of life; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are challenged because of limited resources and uncooperative property owners to fully address blighted, abandoned, and vacant properties in their communities.

WHEREAS the task force is created pursuant to Council Rule 32(iii).

WHEREAS over 40 community volunteers have catalogued over 370 boarded up and/or visually dilapidated structures city-wide thus far:

154 blighted structures in Ward A

172 blighted structures in Ward B

30 blighted structures in Ward C

18 blighted structures in Ward D

WHEREAS the task force's initial objectives will include the following:

To provide, research, recommendations and best practices regarding the potential implementation and creation of solutions surrounding issues of blight and abandoned and vacant property, including but not limited to: 50 Worst Properties Program, nuisance ordinances and other related

ordinances. All policy recommendations shall be subject to Council approval prior to implementation.

WHEREAS the task force shall consist of an odd number of members with a maximum number of nine: The Mayor; a maximum of three council members (two minimum) recommended by the Mayor and confirmed by council; a community representative recommended by the Mayor and confirmed by council. All Wards shall be represented on the Task Force.

Up to four additional community representatives may serve on the task force; one from each Ward to be nominated by consent of the council ward members and confirmed by full council.

WHEREAS task force members shall have the following qualifications: All members must be East Point residents, be self-motivated and have an expressed interest in positive community improvements:

WHEREAS task force council members shall serve a term of one year and may be reappointed without limit upon confirmation by council. Community members shall serve a term of one year and may be reappointed without limit upon confirmation by council annually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EAST POINT that the MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON BLIGHTED PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT shall be formed and will work with the council, city manager and staff to recommend methods to address this important community economic development issue on a multidisciplinary level.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON BLIGHTED PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT will help further efforts to

mitigate blight with the goal of community improvement, redevelopment, rehabilitation, and long-term neighborhood stability and positive growth.

SO RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

CITY OF EAST POINT, GEORGIA

JANNQUELL PETERS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

S. DIANE WHITE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BRAD BOWMAN, CITY ATTORNEY