STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-05-43

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MORROW TO COLLABORATE WITH THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE "LIFELONG COMMUNITY" INITIATIVE IN THE CITY OF MORROW, GA; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THROUGH PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXERCISES TO PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;

WHEREAS; "Lifelong Community" is an initiative developed by Atlanta Regional Commission ("ARC") that is designed to help develop communities that better serve older adults based on seven (7) principles that will allow Seniors to age comfortably in their current surroundings, by providing quality healthcare, an efficient transportation system, community-based activities and businesses which are located in close proximity to where older adults reside; the "Initiatives" seven (7) guiding principles are:

1. **Connectivity –**

   Providing the most options for getting from one place to another, reduces traffic and creates a viable street network for multiple modes of transportation

2. **Pedestrian Access and Transit –**

   Creating a vibrant streetscape, destinations worth walking to, connected and safe sidewalks and transit, both within the community and to regional hubs

3. **Neighborhood Retail and Services –**

   Permitted within walking distances of housing to reduce auto travel, increase walk-ability and provide for sustainable community hubs

4. **Social Interaction –**

   Resulting from the provision of adequate green space, community centers, neighborhood gardens and more

5. **Diversity of Dwelling Types –**

   Allowing individuals to remain within the community as their needs and preferences change

6. **Healthy Living –**

   Growing out of an environment that promotes physical activity (trails and bike paths), neighborhood-scale groceries offering fresh fruits and vegetables and health clinics and medical offices within walking distance

7. **Consideration for Existing Residents –**

   Providing options for existing residents to remain in the community as redevelopment occurs: and

WHEREAS; ARC desires to collaborate with the City of Morrow, through its Planning and Economic Development exercises, to implement the Initiative in the City of Morrow, Georgia; and

WHEREAS; statistically the adult population, aged 55 years of age and older is expected to increase 107% by the year 2030, and 55% of the residents surveyed think that the City of Morrow and Clayton County is an excellent or very good place to retire; and

WHEREAS; through the Initiative, ARC assessed that the growth in the older adult population offers neighborhoods, communities and cities in the region the opportunity to address long standing challenges and to re-envision the way we live together; and

WHEREAS; statistically the adult population, aged 55 years of age and older, the average years in their current home is 18.74 years, and 64% remain in their current house as long as possible, and 52%, if they choose to move, would move within the region; and

WHEREAS; accessibility to basic and preventive health care and opportunities to engage in regular physical activity are typically essential to healthy living and aging; and

WHEREAS; the older population in the City of Morrow may require mobility options to ensure that they can access basic services and remain independent as they age; and

WHEREAS; older adults and their caregivers, should be empowered and educated to make the best choices and access the resources they and their families need; and

WHEREAS; "Lifelong Communities Initiative" promotes a full range of options to senior residents, ensuring a high quality of life and the development of communities where they can live throughout their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS; it appears to be in the best interest of the citizens of Morrow, and the City of Morrow will best be served by collaborating with ARC for the purpose of incorporating the above-mentioned principles.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORROW:

Section 1: The Mayor and Council hereby authorize its City Manager's Office and the Planning and Economic Development Department, to collaborate with Atlanta Regional Commission to implement when possible, the "Lifelong Community Initiative" in the City of Morrow, Georgia.

Section 2: This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Mayor and Council of the City of Morrow, Georgia.

SO BE IT RESOLVED this 8th day of May, 2012.

JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:

Evyonne Browning, City Clerk
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