



A RESOLUTION: INCLUSIONARY ZONING

WHEREAS, in the City and County of Charleston and Municipalities across the State of South Carolina there is a critical shortage of safe, decent and affordable residential housing available to low and moderate-income families; and

WHEREAS, the affordable housing shortage constitutes a danger to the health, safety, and welfare of residents of the State, and is a barrier to sound economic growth and sustainable economic development for the City of Charleston and South Carolina counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing has a serious effect on the lives of the families who are struggling to meet housing costs on limited incomes and also has a serious effect on local business as employers are concerned that their employees are forced to move out of the area and either quit their jobs or spend long hours commuting to work; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to provide State Legislators and other political bodies an understanding of the need to authorize inclusionary zoning to increase the amount of affordable housing available for low and moderate-income families in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Inclusionary Zoning means a zoning regulation, requirement, or condition of development, imposed by ordinance or regulation, pursuant to any special or conditional permit, special exception, or subdivision plan, that promotes the development of affordable dwelling units; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly can assist in creating more affordable housing opportunities for the benefit of all cities and counties in the State and their citizens and in strengthening the affordable housing market in the state; now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston requests the governor and state lawmakers enact an Inclusionary Zoning Bill to address the shortage of affordable housing in the State of South Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Charleston, in Council Assembled, strongly urge state lawmakers to enact this legislation.

Done this _____ day of _____ 2016.

John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor
City of Charleston

ATTEST: _____
Vanessa Turner Maybank
Clerk of Council