A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND, GEORGIA, CONFIRMING SUPPORT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION WITH LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the historical, character defining, and architectural features of the City of Tybee Island are among the most valued and important assets and that the preservation of these features is essential to the promotion of the health, prosperity and general welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, the City supports historic preservation through its partnership with the Tybee Island Historical Society and by applying for, being recognized as, and adhering to the requirements of being an Accredited Main Street Community and a Certified Local Government; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to preserve and protect historic structures through restoration, while enhancing and maintaining the island’s character and quality of life for its citizens and merchants, thereby strengthening the local economy year-round; and

WHEREAS, the Tybee Island Master Plan states that ‘the traditional character of the community should be maintained through preserving and revitalizing historic areas of the community, encouraging new development that is compatible with the traditional features of the community’, historic structures should be restored and/or preserved whenever possible, and confirms that protection of historic resources is a top priority as the City proceeds with planning tasks; and

WHEREAS, within the Tybee Island Master Plan, the short-term work plan includes local historic districts and design guidelines and that the Tybee Island Historic Preservation Commission, as appointed by City Council, are citizens volunteering to be part of the planning functions of the city by providing recommendations and guidance to carry forth the historic preservation goals of the City; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, the Commission has developed design guidelines for local historic districts, provided opportunities for public involvement through a variety of outreach efforts and public workshops; and

WHEREAS, Public Hearing notices for Local Historic Districts appeared in the Savannah Morning News, were mailed to property owners and occupants within each district, and appeared on the City’s website and public access cable channel; and
WHEREAS, a joint Public Hearing with the Mayor and City Council and the Historic Preservation Commission was held to receive public comments on July 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the public comments during said Public Hearing concerning the designation of the Resort Local Historic District, the Historic Preservation Commission, during their monthly meeting on Monday, July 20, 2015, approved the motion to recommend the designation be modified; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Tybee Island, Georgia that:

Section 1. This Resolution was sent and received by the Clerk’s office for the Mayor and City Council within the required fifteen (15) day period of the Public Hearing for designation of Local Historic Districts.

Section 2. The proposed Resort Local Historic District Ordinance shall be returned to the Historic Preservation Commission, at their request, for further review, modified, and resubmitted to the Mayor and City Council at a later date for the betterment of the City of Tybee Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Council provide an executed copy of this Resolution to the Tybee Island Historic Preservation Commission for their records.

Jason Buelterman, Mayor

In Witness Whereof, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tybee Island, Georgia to be affixed this 17 day of October, 2015.

Attest: Janet LeViner, Clerk of Council