

ORDINANCE NO. 2078

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING PERMITS, LAND DIVISIONS, AND ZONING REVIEW AND THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES, AND/OR APPROVALS WITH RESPECT TO CEMETERIES PROPOSED IN THE CITY OF PRICHARD, ALABAMA FOR AS PROPER ZONING IS ESTABLISHED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2020, the governing body of the City of Prichard, Alabama voted to impose moratorium on applications for building permits, land divisions, and zoning reviews as well as the issuance of permits, licenses or any other approvals pertaining to cemeteries located within the police jurisdiction of the City for no longer than 1 year to allow the City Council an opportunity to study, devise, and enact reasonable rules and procedures regarding the regulation and licensing of cemeteries within the City of Prichard, Alabama;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is in the public's best interest to more thoroughly study, devise, and enact reasonable rules and regulations regarding cemeteries, located within the City of Prichard;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the above objectives, the City along with the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission is currently in the progress of the drafting a new zoning ordinance, which is expected to come before the City Council for review during the month of December of 2020;

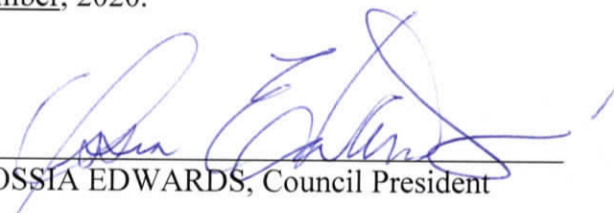
WHEREAS, the Council further finds that extending the moratorium, for a period lasting no longer than 1 year, is necessary to prevent the development of land or land uses which may not be in the best interest of the community or the City, to prevent the development of what may eventually become non-conforming lots or uses, and to prevent the development of land in a manner that might be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Prichard, Alabama;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that is in the public's best interest to extend the December 10, 2020 temporary moratorium, for a period lasting no longer than 1 year, with respect to the review of applications for building permits, land divisions, and zoning reviews as well as the issuance of permits, licenses or any other approvals pertaining to cemeteries located within the police jurisdiction of the City, so as to preserve the status quo in the interim, to allow the City an opportunity to study, devise and enact a new zoning ordinance;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF PRICHARD, ALABAMA, as follows:**

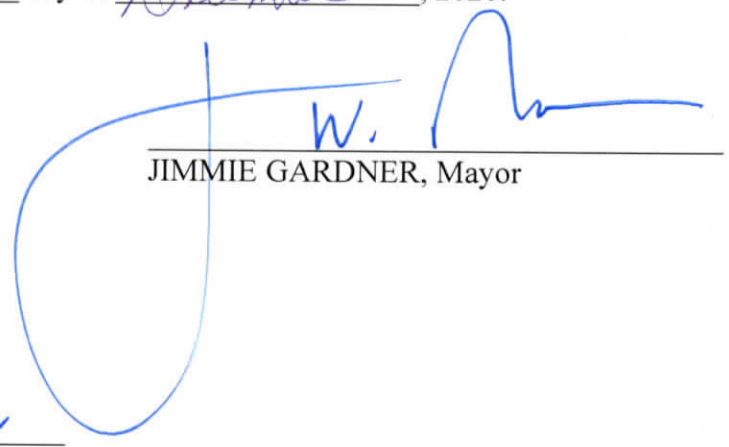
1. That the December 10, 2020 moratorium placed on applications for building permits, land divisions, and zoning reviews as well as the issuance of permits, licenses or any other approvals pertaining to cemeteries located within the police jurisdiction of the City is hereby extended, for a period lasting no longer than 1 year, to allow the City an opportunity to study, devise and enact a new zoning ordinance;
2. For the purposes of this resolution, the term cemetery shall refer to any land or structure that is dedicated to, used, or intended to be used, for interment and/or the final disposition of human remains and their memorialization, including but not limited to burial parks for earth interments, mausoleums for vaults/crypt interments, columbariums and/or a combination of one or more thereof;
3. This resolution will supersede any current moratorium ordinance and or resolution on file. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of December, 2020.



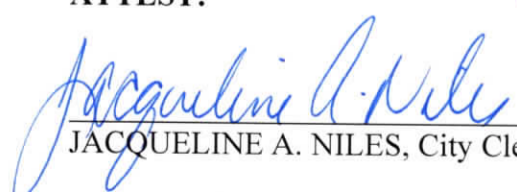
OSSIA EDWARDS, Council President

Approved this the 15th day of December, 2020.



JIMMIE GARDNER, Mayor

ATTEST:



JACQUELINE A. NILES, City Clerk