

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS AND ISSUING PERMITS FOR ALL GROUP
HOMES IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to enact an ordinance placing a moratorium on accepting applications and issuing permits for all group homes within the City while the Council considers amending the 2005 Lawrenceville Zoning Ordinance as it relates to group homes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to enact a moratorium for the purpose of adopting amendments to the existing ordinances and said project can only be accomplished if the City ceases the acceptance of all applications for group homes until after adoption of said amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that the moratorium period should last through and including July 1, 2006; and

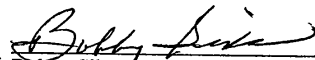
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined, based on the recommendation of the Lawrenceville Planning Commission, that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lawrenceville to enact a moratorium on the issuance of permits for all group homes to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that this moratorium justifies the passage of an emergency action that should be effective upon adoption with delay;


IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lawrenceville that a moratorium is hereby imposed barring the acceptance of any application for the issuance of any permits for group homes within the jurisdiction of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia for the period beginning on the date of adoption of this ordinance and ending at midnight on July 1, 2006.

The Department of Planning and Zoning is hereby directed not to issue any permits or accept any applications on same.

SO ORDAINED this 5th day of December, 2005.


Bobby Sikes, Mayor

Attest:


Robert P. Baroni, City Clerk