

ORDINANCE

#20-04

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN TO CREATE AN ENTERPRISE ZONE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 88 OF TITLE 36 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CORRIDOR ENTERPRISE ZONE; TO DESIGNATE A LIAISON FOR APPLICANTS FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE BENEFITS; TO ESTABLISH TAX AND OTHER INCENTIVES; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have previously created and approved the Martin Luther King, Jr. Corridor Enterprise Zone Development Area; and

WHEREAS, conditions remain in such a state that renewal and continuation of said enterprise zone is warranted;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to create the Martin Luther King, Jr., Corridor Enterprise Zone to induce the investment or private resources in productive business enterprises and service enterprises which locate within the area designated herein as the Martin Luther King, Jr., Corridor Enterprise Zone, which area meets the criteria established under the Enterprise Zone Employment Act of 1997, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), and to provide employment to residents of such area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have previously adopted a joint comprehensive plan, *Ahead of the Curve*, as its official local comprehensive plan and said plan provides for the creation of enterprise zones in order to promote investment within designated areas of the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

In the geographic area known as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Corridor as herein described in Exhibit A, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference, in compliance with OCGA 36-88-6 and as subsequently amended, the following findings of fact are made:

- a) **Pervasive Poverty** The Martin Luther King, Jr. Corridor suffers from pervasive poverty that is widespread throughout the nominated area and is evidenced and established by the following criteria:

The area is located in census tracts 9509 and contains three contiguous Block Groups. In all three of the Block Groups within the nominated area, the ratio of income to poverty level for at least 20 percent of the residents is less than 1.0 as determined from the statistics provided through the Department of Community Affairs

Census Tract 9509, Block Group 1: 73.9 % persons with income to poverty ratio <1.0

Census Tract 9509, Block Group 2: 28.1 % persons with income to poverty ratio <1.0

Census Tract 9509, Block Group 3: 55.6 % persons with income to poverty ratio <1.0

- b) **Unemployment** is evidenced in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Corridor area by the use of data published by the office of Labor Information Systems of the Georgia Department of Labor indicating that the average rate of unemployment for the nominated area for the preceding calendar year is at least 10 percent higher than the state average rate of unemployment. The average rate of unemployment for Laurens County in 2019 was 4.84%, while the state average for 2019 was only 3.51%.

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