

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis has annexed several territories contiguous to its corporate limits since 1998;

WHEREAS, each annexation was consistent with existing law and the Comprehensive Growth Plan adopted by each municipality and Shelby County Government pursuant to 1998 Public Chapter 1101;

WHEREAS, each annexation was carefully studied and recommended by the joint City and County Office of Planning and Development only when it was determined that each annexation was reasonable for the residents of the affected territory and for the City of Memphis;

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis has expended hundreds of millions on operations and on capital improvements, schools, sewers, utilities, parks, fire and police stations in the annexed areas to match the growth and development in such areas over the years;

WHEREAS, HB0779/SB0749, which is currently being considered by the State of Tennessee Senate, would allow citizens to immediately reverse annexations that were adopted after 1998 should certain conditions be met; and

WHEREAS, HB0779/SB0749 could have dramatic effects on the fiscal health of the City of Memphis and on Shelby County and could adversely affect the delivery of essential services in the City of Memphis, Shelby County and the areas seeking to deannex; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council believes that any potential de-annexations within the City of Memphis should be undertaken only after appropriate study, as was required when the areas were annexed, to insure

that any such de-annexation be reasonable for the residents of the affected territory, Shelby County and for the City of Memphis and that any such de-annexation be implemented in an orderly fashion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis City Council requests and directs its Chairman to form a committee to study and recommend to the City Council the reasonableness of de-annexing areas of the City and the best way to coordinate the provision of essential services to residents of an affected territory after de-annexation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests and directs its Chairman to include on the committee two representatives from the Memphis City Council to be appointed by the City Council Chairman, two representatives from the Shelby County Commission to be appointed by the County Commission Chairman, two representatives from the City of Memphis Administration to be appointed by the Mayor of Memphis, two representatives from Shelby County Government Administration to be appointed by the Shelby County Mayor, and two state representatives from Shelby County to be appointed by the State of Tennessee Senate Majority and Minority leaders.

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