

## CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Idlewild neighborhood has a distinct character based on single family residential properties that include eighteen city blocks bounded by Rembert and Velma Street on the west, Central Avenue on the south, South Cooper on the east, and Linden Avenue on the north; and

**WHEREAS**, Idlewild residents have expressed an interest to have their property zoned from Single-Family Residential to a wonderful Preservation District in an effort to preserve the integrity that the existing inner-city neighborhood currently enjoys and discourage the re-subdivision of lots for the building of incompatible housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memphis City Council is concerned about maintaining the character, uniqueness, historical significance, property value, and preserving the enjoyment of these properties by the residents; and

**WHEREAS**, infill residential subdivisions within established City neighborhoods are desired by individuals who want a new home located within the City of Memphis convenient to family, churches and other institutions as well as cultural resources, shopping and entertainment; and

**WHEREAS**, infill residential development contributes to the Smart Growth objectives of the City of Memphis and Shelby County by making use of existing infrastructure and services while adding to the City and County tax base;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Memphis City Council hereby extends the moratorium on applications for infill development in the Idlewild neighborhood, which includes any property along Rembert and Velma Street on the west, Central Avenue on the south, South Cooper on the east, and Linden Avenue on the north while a plan for the designation of a Landmarks Historic District is researched by the Memphis Landmarks Commission section of the Office of Planning and Development. The intent of this extension is to protect the character of the Idlewild neighborhood by providing the neighborhood additional time to work with the Memphis Landmarks Commission on approval of a plan involving future development in this neighborhood.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Office of Planning and Development is hereby instructed not to accept any application for residential infill development in the Idlewild neighborhood through February 29, 2008 or until after the Memphis Landmarks Commission has completed their study of a proposed historic designation for the Idlewild neighborhood, whichever occurs first.