

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, South Memphis has recently begun an exciting and much needed renaissance; and

WHEREAS, The Works Inc. and the Lemoyne Owen CDC have rehabilitated dozens of homes and constructed scores of new homes in South Memphis; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of area youth have gained access to high quality education by attending the Circles of Success Learning Academy, the Marcus Garvey Institute and Learning and the Soulsville Charter School; and

WHEREAS, South Memphis awaits the opening of Town Center, a new retail complex being developed across the street from the STAX Museum of American Soul Music and STAX Music Academy; and

WHEREAS, Seeking to build upon the momentum generated by these and other recent community development initiatives, representatives of St. Andrew African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, The Works, Inc., Self Tucker Architects, the Consilience Group, and the University of Memphis came together in the summer of 2008, with the support of the Hyde Family Foundations, to form the alliance known as the South Memphis Renaissance Collaborative (SMRC); and

WHEREAS, the South Memphis Renaissance Collaborative has developed a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan, the South Memphis Revitalization Action Plan, (SoMe Rap) designed to transform South Memphis into one of the region's premier neighborhoods of choice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Memphis City Council directs the Memphis and Shelby County Office of Planning and Development to work with the University of Memphis and the South Memphis Renaissance Collaborative (SMRC) to present the SoMe Rap plan for adoption by the Land Use Control and the Memphis City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the SoMe Rap plan will not be subject to the current moratorium on new plans initiated by OPD prior to adoption of the Unified Development Code.