

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE
SOUTH MEMPHIS REVITALIZATION ACTION PLAN (SoMe RAP)**

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Joint Memphis and Shelby County Ordinance-Regulations authorizes the Council of the City of Memphis, Tennessee to adopt a comprehensive plan to include statements of policies and goals with respect to the future development and revitalization of an area; and

WHEREAS, The South Memphis Revitalization Action Plan (SoMe RAP) is a comprehensive neighborhood plan for the area generally bounded by Lauderdale Street, Trigg Avenue, Interstate 240 and Person Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Such plans generally contain elements pertaining to land use, transportation, public facilities, housing, economic development and any data and studies relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, the SoMe RAP plan identifies and builds upon the existing structure of community assets including several strong charter schools, LeMoyne Owen College, the Stax Museum and Music Academy and the historic fabric of the neighborhood buildings, institutions and streets; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Joint Memphis and Shelby County Zoning Ordinance-Regulations authorizes the Division of Planning and Development to prepare and recommend a comprehensive plan and to conduct such studies as appropriate to prepare such a plan; and

WHEREAS, The 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, as the South Memphis Renaissance Collaborative (SMRC) and formed a steering committee to create and implement a neighborhood revitalization plan; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 4 of the Joint Memphis and Shelby County Zoning Ordinance-Regulations, the plan partners held a series of public meetings involving numerous community organizations, businesses and citizens to develop the vision of South Memphis as one of the region's premier Neighborhoods of Choice; and ; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Planning and Development (DPD), the Memphis Regional Design Center (MRDC) and the Works Inc. participated in the steering committee and DPD has assisted in bringing the South Memphis Revitalization Action Plan through the

process for adoption by the Memphis and Shelby County Land Use Control Board and by the Memphis City Council; and

WHEREAS, The Land Use Control Board adopted the South Memphis Revitalization Action Plan on February 11, 2010 and recommended adoption of the SoMe RAP plan by the Memphis City Council following a joint presentation by the pastor of St. Andrew AME Church, representatives of The Works Inc. and South Memphis neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Memphis, Tennessee desires to adopt the South Memphis Revitalization Action Plan as an advisory plan for guiding future social, economic and physical growth and development of the SoMe RAP community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, That the South Memphis Revitalization Action Plan is hereby adopted as an advisory plan for all future development of SoMe RAP community as one of the region's premier Neighborhoods of Choice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect upon having been passed by the Council of the City of Memphis, Tennessee, the public welfare requiring it.

ATTEST: