

A RESOLUTION
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF RICHMOND HILL, GEORGIA, ACTIVATING
THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY, ESTABLISHING THE
BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AREA, AND MAKING INITIAL
APPOINTMENTS OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia, hereby resolve that a downtown development authority for the City of Richmond Hill should be activated pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-42-5(a), as follows:

SECTION ONE

Sec. 1.1 Purpose and Findings.

The revitalization and redevelopment of the central business district of the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia, develops and promotes for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities and promotes the general welfare of the City by creating a climate favorable to the location of new industry, trade and commerce and development of existing industry, trade and commerce within the City.

Revitalization and redevelopment of the central business district by financing projects in a manner consistent with law will develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities and will promote the general welfare of the City.

It is, therefore, in the public interest and is vital to the public welfare of the people of Richmond Hill, Georgia, and it is declared to be the public purpose of this Resolution, so to revitalize and redevelop the central business district of Richmond Hill.

The Mayor and City Council of Richmond Hill, Georgia, therefore declare that there is a need for an authority to function in this City as a downtown development authority, consistently with the provisions of the Downtown Development Authorities Law, O.C.G.A. § 36-42-1, *et seq.*, as it may be amended by the General Assembly from time to time.

Sec. 1.2 Activation of Authority.

There is activated the public body corporate and politic to be known as the Downtown Development Authority of Richmond Hill, Georgia.

Sec. 1.3 District Designated.

The downtown development area shall be the central business district of the City, which is designated as the area shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Sec. 1.4 Appointment of Members.

The members of the board of directors of the downtown development authority shall be appointed as provided by state law, and, except as provided in the initial appointment in SECTION TWO of this resolution, shall serve four-year terms; provided, that if one director is a member of the city council, he shall only serve as a director while a member of the city council.

Sec. 1.5 Term of Members.

The persons named as directors of the downtown development authority shall serve in such capacity for the number of years set forth opposite their respective names, and if, at the end of any term of office of any director, a successor thereto shall not have been elected as hereinafter provided, then the director whose term of office shall have expired shall continue to hold office until his successor is elected, except as otherwise provided for in this section. No person shall receive any compensation for serving as director, but a director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Sec. 1.6 Residency Requirement of Directors.

In the event a director of the downtown development authority at any time ceases to be a taxpayer residing in the City or county as required by the Downtown Development Authorities Law, his or her eligibility to serve as a director shall cease and his appointment as a director shall end.

Sec. 1.7 Organization; Powers; Duties.

The board of directors of the downtown development authority hereinbefore elected shall organize itself, carry out its duties and responsibilities, and exercise its powers and prerogatives in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Downtown Development Authorities Law as it now exists and as it may hereafter be amended or modified.

SECTION TWO

The following individuals are hereby appointed to serve as the directors of the Richmond Hill Downtown Development Authority for the term listed:

Brad Brookshire, a taxpayer residing within the Richmond Hill municipal boundaries, is hereby appointed for an initial term of two years.

Georgene Brazer, a taxpayer residing within the Richmond Hill municipal boundaries, is hereby appointed for an initial term of four years.

Dallas Daniel, an owner or operator of Plantation Lumber, a business located in the downtown development area, and a taxpayer residing in Bryan County, Georgia, is hereby appointed for an initial term of six years.

Eddie Warren, an owner or operator of Re/Max Accent, a business located in the downtown development area, and a taxpayer residing in Bryan County, Georgia, is hereby appointed for an initial term of six years.

Catherine Grant, an owner or operator of Urgent Care Center of Richmond Hill, a business located in the downtown development area, and a taxpayer residing in Bryan County, Georgia, is hereby appointed for an initial term of four years.

Paige Glazer, an owner or operator of Richmond Hill Reflections, a business located in the downtown development area, and a taxpayer residing in Bryan County, Georgia, is hereby appointed for an initial term of two years.

Jan Bass, a member of the governing body of the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia, is hereby appointed for an initial term of four years, or so long as she serves on the Richmond Hill City Council, whichever period ends first.

SECTION THREE

Sec. 3.1 **Severability.**

It is the intent of this Resolution to comply fully with the Downtown Development Authorities Law. To the extent that any provision of this Resolution is found to be inconsistent with the provisions of the Downtown Development Authorities Law, as it now exists or may be amended from time to time, the provision of that Law shall control. To the extent that any part of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be overbroad or unlawful or otherwise invalid, it is the intent of the City Council that all other provisions of this Resolution shall be given full force and effect, and that the offending provision be given the broadest legally permissible meaning.

Sec. 3.2 **Delivery to Secretary of State and Department of Community Affairs.**

The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Georgia Secretary of State and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, consistent with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-42-5(b).

Sec. 3.3 **Effective Date.**

The public welfare requiring it, this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 15th day of December, 2015.

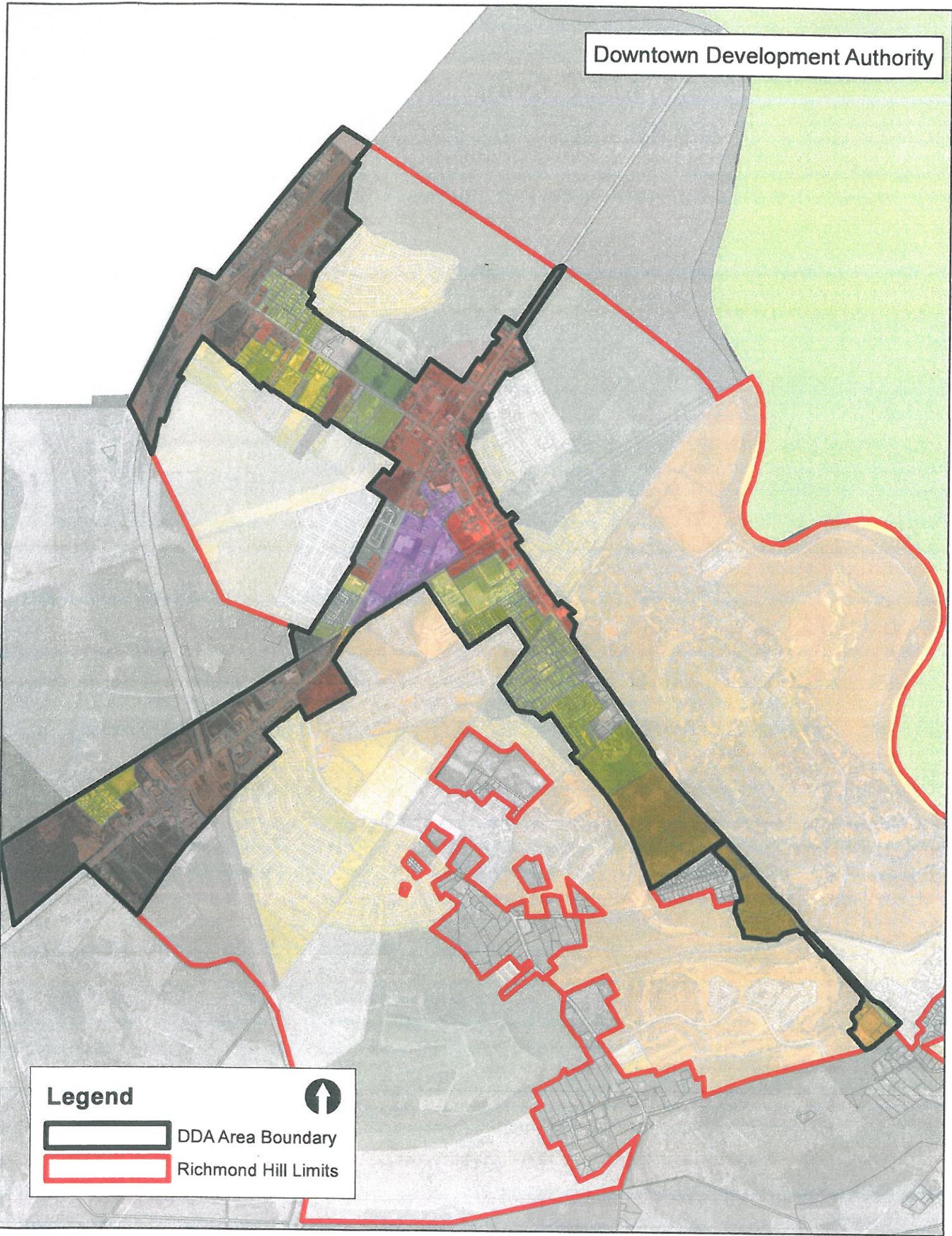


Ursula G. Lee, City Clerk



E. Harold Fowler, Mayor

Downtown Development Authority



Legend



DDA Area Boundary



Richmond Hill Limits