

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER SHALL TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS SHALL BE NECESSARY TO ADVANCE BLIGHT CONDEMNATION ACTIONS AGAINST IDENTIFIED PROPERTIES MEETING STATUTORY CRITERIA, INCLUDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE PUBLIC OFFICER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW, TO EXECUTE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the presence of vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated properties within the City of Atlanta (“City”) poses a significant hindrance to the implementation of neighborhood plans and policies, perpetuates chronic disinvestment, and undermines public health, public safety, and economic development conditions in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, improving the health of our neighborhoods is a central strategic priority for City government; and

WHEREAS, addressing blight is a complex issue that requires multiple tools, and stakeholders across the nation are developing and implementing strategies to combat it; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent public interest in the City gaining control of certain vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated properties within the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City’s power of eminent domain pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated (“O.C.G.A.”) Section 22-1-1 et seq., the City has the authority to implement a blight condemnation program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 2-182, the Mayor may promulgate reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct of the internal operation of the executive branch and any department thereunder; and may delegate duties to the chief operating officer, the chief of staff and heads of departments by administrative order; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the authority granted pursuant to City Code Section 2-182, it is my desire that the Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer shall take whatever actions shall be necessary to advance blight condemnation actions against identified properties meeting statutory criteria; and

WHEREAS, to take these actions, the Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer shall designate the Public Officer, consistent with applicable law, to execute condemnation proceedings; and

WHEREAS, these blight condemnation actions shall be taken against specific cases where long-term neglect by unresponsive and/or absent property owners has caused persistent deleterious impacts on residents and neighborhoods, and where such distressed properties continue to hamper

implementation of neighborhood planning and community-driven revitalization efforts, and in accordance with state law, no property shall be deemed blighted on the basis of esthetic conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City of Atlanta Charter, and Section 2-182 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered:

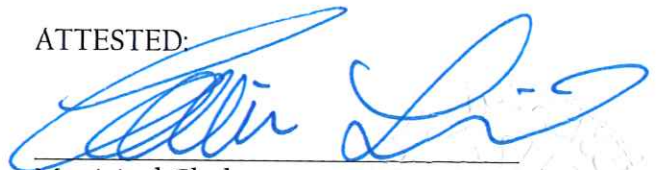
SECTION I: That the Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer shall take whatever actions shall be necessary to advance blight condemnation actions against identified properties meeting statutory criteria, including the designation of the Public Officer, in accordance with applicable law, to execute condemnation proceedings.

SO ORDERED, this 4th day of February, 2026.



Andre Dickens
Mayor

ATTESTED:



Municipal Clerk