

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2007-015

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL CALL TO ACTION FOR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGH REGULATORY REFORM**

Whereas, it is critically important for communities to continually address the need for affordable housing for its citizens and workforce, particularly for nurses, firefighters, police officers, returning veterans, and service industry employees; and,

Whereas, providing decent, attractive and affordable housing will help the economic vitality of the City of Columbia, South Carolina; and,

Whereas, housing experts agree that regulatory barriers can significantly add to the cost of housing or even prevent its construction; and,

Whereas, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development created America's Affordable Communities Initiative to help communities address the need for regulatory reform and to help reduce the costs of affordable housing; and,

Whereas, the Department of Housing and Urban Development encourages local communities to develop local solutions and programs to address regulatory barriers to affordable housing; and,

Whereas, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, through America's Affordable Communities Initiative, has created the National Call to Action for Affordable Housing Through Regulatory Reform, and is hereby asking communities to make a pledge to form task forces to examine their own regulations and to become a participant in the National Call to Action; and,

Whereas, the National Call to Action will create a network of participants around the country that can share progress, ideas, solutions and information with one another; and,

Whereas, the City of Columbia, South Carolina finds it to be in the public interest of serving its citizens to commit to the pledge and to become a participant in the National Call to Action; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council this 6th day of June, 2007, as follows:

1. The City of Columbia, South Carolina hereby accepts the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's call to become an active participant in its National Call to Action for Affordable Housing Through Regulatory Reform:

2. The City of Columbia, South Carolina created an Affordable Housing Taskforce to review its laws and regulations with the goal of reporting back to the City Council of the City of

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Columbia, South Carolina with recommendations for changes in the regulatory framework that will help produce more affordable housing.

Requested by:

Dana Turner, Assistant City Manager



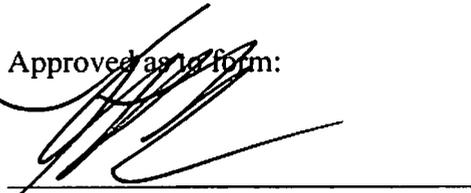
Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



Interim City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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