

AN ORDINANCE
BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE "SHAWNEE APARTMENTS HOUSING ENTERPRISE ZONE", TO BE LOCATED AT 1220 GUN CLUB ROAD, N.W., AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

WHEREAS an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia was adopted by referendum in November 1982 giving the Council of the City of Atlanta power to create urban enterprise zones in the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS enabling legislation known as the Atlanta/Fulton County Urban Enterprise Zone Act was enacted by the Georgia General Assembly and signed by the Governor in March 1983 and subsequently amended; and

WHEREAS the Atlanta/Fulton County Urban Enterprise Zone Act gives the Council of the City of Atlanta the authority to designate areas within the City as urban enterprise zones for housing purposes if certain conditions are met; and

WHEREAS the designation of a housing enterprise zone exempts the taxable value of property within the zone only from ad valorem taxes for City purposes, but the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, by appropriate resolution, may exempt from ad valorem taxation for County purposes the taxable value of the same property that is exempted by the City; and

WHEREAS certain types of property may be exempted, conditions must be met by owners of private property to qualify for an exemption, period, and rate of exemptions, and elections may be made by the Atlanta City Council among various types of exemptions which are specified by State law; and

WHEREAS State law provides that an exemption from ad valorem taxation for City purposes also includes, but is not limited to, school and educational purposes; and

WHEREAS the City of Atlanta Development Impact Fee Ordinance provides that, under certain conditions, the City may exempt development in urban enterprise zones from the requirement to pay development impact fees; and

WHEREAS it is the expressed intent of the Atlanta City Council to use urban enterprise zone legislation as an incentive to generate private investment in areas of the City which otherwise might not attract such investments for commercial construction and job creation purposes; and

WHEREAS the conditions and qualifications of the Atlanta/Fulton County Urban Enterprise Zone Act, as amended, have been met relative to the creation of the proposed "Shawnee Apartments Housing Enterprise Zone";