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AN ORDINANCE
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AN ORDINACE TO AUTHORIZE THE BUREAU OF PLANNING TO REPLAT 2604 AND 2612 PARKSIDE DRIVE IN A MANNER THAT WILL ALLOW PRESERVATION OF A HISTORIC GREENHOUSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the property owners at 2604 and 2612 Parkside Drive, NE, in the Peachtree Hills neighborhood, have applied to the Bureau of Planning to replat their single family residential lots so that certain additional property can be incorporated to the rear of their respective residences; and

WHEREAS, the additional property to be subdivided between 2604 and 2612 Parkside Drive is from property surrounding a former estate which contains the remains of a formal garden and a historic greenhouse constructed on the lot between the 1910s and 1940s; and

WHEREAS, the greenhouse was fabricated of brick and cypress by the firm of Lord & Burnham of Old Lyme, Connecticut whose project records are held in the archives of the New York Botanical Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the greenhouse is a historic resource that is worthy of preservation and the property owners at 2604 Parkside Drive will allow the documentation of the existing garden and greenhouse by a recognized garden club or the Atlanta History Center; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Planning prefers that proposed property lines be set out as straight lines wherever possible and the City Code would not allow the creation of the new lots because the historic greenhouse would be a nonconforming building; and

WHEREAS, the property owners at 2604 and 2612 Parkside Drive, agree to preserve the existing greenhouse, a portion of which is less than seven feet from the lot line at 2612 Parkside Drive as the lots are proposed to be replatted but this proposed configuration would cause the greenhouse to be a non-conforming.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: In order to preserve a valuable historic resource from immediate destruction, the Bureau of Planning is authorized to replat the two properties at 2604 and 2612 Parkside Drive without the demolition of that portion of the greenhouse less than 7 feet from the new property line, notwithstanding the terms of Section 15-07.005 (i) provided that all other requirements of the City Code have been satisfied.

Section 2: The greenhouse shall have the status of a non-conforming building.