

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
APPROVING THE DEANNEXATION
OF PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF COVINGTON**

WHEREAS, East Metro Development, LLC, The Oxford Group, LLC, Maresol, LLC, Branch Banking and Trust Company, as grantee from Maresol, LLC, and Branch Banking and Trust Company, as grantee from The Oxford Group, LLC (“Property Owners”) are the sole landowners of certain property currently located within the city limits of the City of Covington, Georgia, the location of said property being identified as East Metro Industrial Park, Land Lot 193, 10th District, Moore Street, Covington, Newton County, Georgia, containing approximately 21.245120 acres; said property being more particularly described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2016, Property Owners submitted a petition to the City of Covington requesting that the Property be deannexed; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-36-22 grants the City of Covington authority to accept a petition for deannexation upon the written and signed application of all of the owners of the land proposed to be deannexed; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-36-22 grants the City of Covington authority to pass an ordinance to complete the deannexation of land upon the adoption of a resolution by the governing authority of the county in which such property is located consenting to such deannexation; in this case, the applicable county is Newton County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Covington has requested the consent of Newton County to the proposed deannexation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the County to consent to the deannexation of the Property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-22, the Board of Commissioners of Newton County consents to the deannexation of the Property currently located within the city limits of the City of Covington, Georgia, as described in the legal description set forth in Exhibit "A".

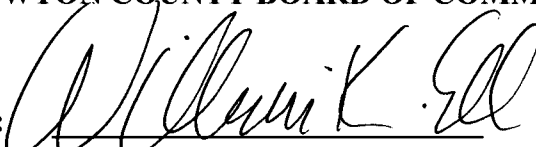
Section 2. As provided by Section 100-050(D) of the Zoning Ordinance of Newton County, Georgia, a moratorium is placed on all owner-initiated rezoning applications and building permits for the Property. Said moratorium shall run for six (6) months from the effective date of the deannexation by the City of Covington.

Section 3. Upon receiving notification from the City of Covington that the deannexation has been approved by the City of Covington, the Department of Development Services shall recommend a zoning classification for the Property and shall proceed with zoning said property in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance of Newton County, Georgia and the Georgia Zoning Procedures Act, O.C.G.A. § 36-66-1 *et seq.*

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this 16th day of August, 2016.

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 
William K. Ellis, Chairman

Attest: 
Jackie Smith, Clerk

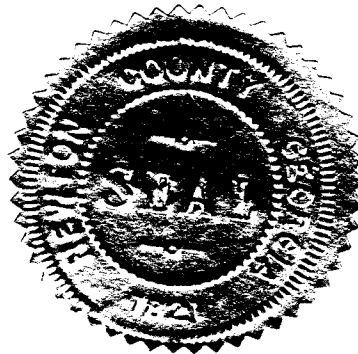


Exhibit "A"

ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 193 of the 10th Land District of Newton County, Georgia and being shown as **Lots 1, 2, 2A, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and Detention Pond in accordance with that Final Plat of Survey of East Metro Industrial Park, Phase I**, prepared by Watts & Browning Engineers, Inc., said plat being originally drafted August 3, 2007, revised on October 10, 2007, further revised on December 26, 2007, and being further revised on January 16, 2008 and recorded at Plat Book 48, pages 26-31 (said Lots being more particularly described on pages 29-30) Public Records of Newton County, Georgia; said plat by reference thereto being incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular description of said property.