

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON
CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

RES2022-050

A RESOLUTION TO REQUESTING THAT NO CITY FUNDS BE UTILIZED TO RECORD AND/OR INVESTIGATE THE SALE OR USE OF MENTHOL CIGARETTES OR FLAVORED CIGARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(Sponsored by Mayor Khalid)

WHEREAS, The City of South Fulton ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia;

WHEREAS, U.S. Food and Drug Administration is expected to introduce a nationwide ban on the sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, according to the article attached as Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, African Americans disproportionately use menthol products and flavored cigars;

WHEREAS, Some black lawmakers have objected to a federal ban on grounds that making menthol cigarettes illegal will give police more opportunities to detain Black Americans, who are already overly burdened by the legal system;

WHEREAS, While the health disparities among black Americans, some due to the use of menthol products and flavored cigars, are noted by the South Fulton City Council, the unintended legal consequences are disfavored;

WHEREAS, The City Council has a responsibility to protect its residents from the negative consequences and ant criminalization of the use of menthol products and flavored cigars.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby requests that, in the event of a nationwide or statewide ban on the sale and use of menthol cigarettes and/or flavored cigars, no City funds shall be used to record and/or investigate the sale and/or use of menthol cigarettes, or other menthol products and flavored cigars.

Section 2. The City Council requests that the South Fulton Police Department ensure that the investigation or support for the prosecution of any allegation, charge, or information relating to the sale or use of menthol products or flavored cigars will be the lowest priority for enforcement and the use or assignment of resources and personnel.

Section 3. Severability. To the extent, any portion of this Resolution is declared invalid, unenforceable or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. All City resolutions are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this Resolution.

[signatures and voting tabulations appear on the following page]

The foregoing RESOLUTION No. 2022-050, was adopted on August 23, 2022 was offered by Councilmember Williams, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reeves, and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

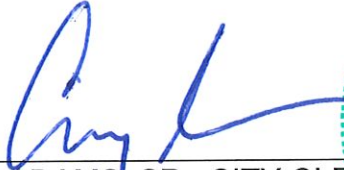
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khalid kamau, Mayor	_____	_____
Carmalitha Gumbs	X_____	_____
Catherine Foster Rowell	X_____	_____
Helen Zenobia Willis	_____	X_____
Jaceey Sebastian	X_____	_____
Corey Reeves, Mayor Pro Tem	X_____	_____
Natasha Williams	X_____	_____
VACANT	_____	_____

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 23rd day of August 2022.

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA




 khalid kamau, MAYOR

ATTEST:


 COREY E. ADAMS, SR., CITY CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM:
 8/24/22

 VINCENT D. HYMAN, CITY ATTORNEY