

STATE OF GEORGIA

LAURENS COUNTY

**RESOLUTION**

**THIS RESOLUTION, RELATING TO RECOVERY FACILITIES IN LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA,**

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, Laurens County is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting through its Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, under Georgia Constitution Article IX, Paragraph I, the governing authority of each county has legislative power to adopt ordinances, resolutions, or regulations relating to its property and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the public health, safety, and general welfare require the operation and development of safe, sound, and stable rehabilitation and recovery facilities;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Laurens County Board of Commissioners hereby ordain as follows:

1. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, a Recovery Residence Permit must be obtained from the Board of Commissioners to operate any rehabilitation-recovery residence in unincorporated Laurens County, Georgia.
2. All recovery residences-facilities located in unincorporated Laurens County, Georgia, shall comply with the standards established by the Georgia Associations of Recovery Residences;
3. These standards shall include but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. The residence is in good repair, clean, and well maintained
  - b. 50+ square feet per bed per sleeping room
  - c. A minimum of one sink, toilet, and shower per six residents
  - d. Each resident has personal item storage
  - e. Each resident has food storage space
  - f. That laundry services are accessible to all residents
  - g. All appliances are in safe, working, condition
  - h. A meeting space large enough to accommodate all residents
  - i. A comfortable group area providing space for small groups and socializing
  - j. Kitchen and dining areas large enough to accommodate all residents
  - k. The residence has a safety inspection
  - l. A policy regarding smoke-free living environment and/or designated smoking area outside the residence
  - m. Emergency numbers, procedures (including overdose and other emergency responses) and evacuation maps are posted in conspicuous locations
  - n. That resident rights, rules, responsibilities, schedules, emergency procedures, emergency numbers, staff contact numbers, and grievance process are posted in all residences
  - o. That resource directories, written or electronic, are made available to residents

**SO RESOLVED BY THE LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020

Brenda Chain  
Brenda Chain, Chairman  
Laurens County Board of Commissioners

Attest: BR  
Bryan Rogers  
Laurens County Administrator