

**RESOLUTION 2026-12:**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR THE 2026 CIGARETTE LITTER PREVENTION & RECYCLING PROGRAM (CLPR) GRANTS**

**THAT WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have found that there is a need to aid in cigarette butt litter prevention within the Statesboro, GA city limits because of cigarette butt litter's harmful effects on the environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have found that the Keep America Beautiful 2026 Cigarette Litter Prevention & Recycling Program Grants is desirable in order to provide financial support to the purchase of equipment to be placed on or around public spaces; to increase cleanliness and reduce harmful effects that come with littering cigarette butts; and reduce cigarette butt litter in public spaces in or near downtown Statesboro, Georgia and,

**WHEREAS**, city staff will prepare an application to said program in order to obtain funding in the dollar amount of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to purchase receptacles, coasters, t-shirts and conduct appropriate public relations campaigns and pursue partnerships that support the collection and recycling of cigarette butt litter to help combat cigarette butt litter in Statesboro, Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, said program will begin once funds are awarded in May, 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, cash grants are given directly from Keep America Beautiful and will not directly impact the City of Statesboro's general budget.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro, Georgia as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the submittal of application to Keep America Beautiful for funding from the 2026 Cigarette Litter Prevention & Recycling Program Grants.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents related to the application.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026

STATESBORO, GEORGIA

By: Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Attest: Leah Harden, City Clerk

