

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04

**A RESOLUTION CREATING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
ON THE ISSUANCE OF DEMOLITION PERMITS**

WHEREAS, the Belle Meade City Commission is currently considering Ordinances 2019-7 and 2019-8 (“the Ordinances”), which would create an historic zoning commission and authorize the creation of historic districts or zones in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners hereby find that it will take additional time to create and appoint an historic zoning commission, study and adopt construction review guidelines, and create historic zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, it would be contrary to and destructive of the purposes of the Ordinances, as well as eventual ordinances creating historic districts, if persons were allowed to evade their operation by taking certain actions while their adoption was pending; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners find that under the “pending ordinance doctrine” a moratorium upon the issuance of any demolition permits within the City during the ordinance adoption process, both with respect to the Ordinances and any subsequent ordinances creating actual historic districts is in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Belle Meade;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade as follows:

1. Effective on the date of passage of this Resolution, the building official shall issue no permit for demolition of any building or structure during the time of the pendency of the adoption process of the Ordinances, or any subsequent ordinances creating historic districts, such period, however, not to exceed one-hundred fifty (150) days.
2. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the building official in cases of partial damage by fire, water, or other natural cause, or in the case of an emergency.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this the 17th day of July, 2019.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BELLE MEADE TENNESSEE

By: _____
CHARLOTTE HUNTER
City Recorder

By: _____
JAMES V. HUNT, SR.
Mayor