

**PROCLAMATION
TO HONOR THE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, STAFF & CONSULTANTS
FOR THE MASTER PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, On August 14, 2006, the Troy City Council, in agreement with the findings of the **Planning Commission**, initiated the process of preparing the City of Troy Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, The new Master Plan takes into consideration recommendations from the Troy Futures Vision 2020 document and includes findings from the Smart Growth Readiness Assessment Tool (SGRAT) which was undertaken at the beginning of the process in June of 2007. The firm of **Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. assisted the Planning Commission and Planning Department Staff** with the Master Plan preparation; and

WHEREAS, At the January 22, 2008 meeting the Planning Commission accepted the draft Master Plan presented as the working draft for the Public Input Workshop. The Public Input Workshop Open House was held on February 26, 2008. At their July 7, 2008 meeting, the City Council released the draft Master Plan for a coordinated review by our neighboring communities, Macomb County and Oakland County; and

WHEREAS, The **Planning Commission** held the final public hearing on October 14, 2008 and at that meeting the **City of Troy Master Plan 2008** was adopted by the **Troy Planning Commission**; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive rewrite of the **Zoning Ordinance** regulating the development and use of land was adopted by the Troy City Council on April 18, 2011. The effective date of the new **Zoning Ordinance** was April 28, 2011. This was the first comprehensive rewrite of the **Zoning Ordinance** since the 1970s; the previous **Zoning Ordinance** text had been amended over 200 times; and

WHEREAS, The rewrite process of the **Zoning Ordinance** was a collaborative effort between the **City of Troy Planning Commission, City Staff and the City's Planning Consultant Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.** The process was over two years in duration, and included over 30 Planning Commission public meetings, a Zoning Ordinance Workshop, a Planning Commission public hearing and a City Council public hearing; and

WHEREAS, The document will implement the **City of Troy Master Plan** and will accomplish the following: protect single family residential neighborhoods; permit a wider range of uses in most non-residential districts; increase the potential, marketability and value of non-residential properties; establish three Form Based Districts in the City; Provide for faster approvals for many types of applications; and it will be easier to use than the previous Zoning Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy joins with the Troy citizens to honor the **Troy Planning Commission members, Planning Department Staff and the City's Planning Consultant Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.** and applaud their dedication and participation in this valuable endeavor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the adoption of the zoning ordinance will create an environment of investment in the City and provide land owners, developers and designers fast, fair and predictable development decisions. **The Planning Commission, Planning Department, and Consultants as well as our City Council** are to be commended for their foresight in working on the **City's Master Plan and the new Zoning Ordinance**.

Presented this 20th day of June 2011.