



Agenda
City of Clarkesville
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM May 5, 2025

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Invocation and Pledge*
 - 2a. *Pastor Ross Wheeler With Clarkesville First Methodist Church Will Lead the Meeting in Prayer*
3. *Consent Agenda*
 - 3a. *Discuss and Consider Approval of the April 6, 2025 Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes*
4. *Committee Reports*
 - 4a. *Department Heads from Finance, Main Street, Fire, ESG, Police, Planning and Zoning will Present Monthly Reports*
5. *Unfinished Business*
6. *New Business*
 - 6a. *Discuss and Consider Approval to Adopt the Uniform Municipal Court Rules Ordinance 2025-1*
 - 6b. *Discuss and Consider Approval to Adopt the Public Property or Use of Public Spaces Ordinance 2025-2*
 - 6c. *Discuss and Consider Approval to Adopt the Unauthorized Use of Municipal Water Services Ordinance 2025-3*
 - 6d. *Discuss and Consider Approval to Adopt the Leash Requirements for Dogs Ordinance 2025-4*
7. *Public Hearing*
 - 7a. *Public Hearing to Present and Discuss Change of City Charter Resolution 2025-2*
8. *Public Comment*
9. *Consider Going Into Executive Session*

10. *Adjournment*

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COUNCIL WORK SESSION

April 7, 2025
Minutes
City of Clarkesville
Council Work Session

The Council Work Session was held on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 5:00 PM at City Hall. Those present were Council Member Don Nix, Council Member Rick Wood, Council Member Angelia Kiker, Council Member Brad Coppedge, Mayor Barrie Aycock. Council Member Franklin Brown was absent.

Agenda Item #1: *Call to Order*

Mayor Aycock called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: *Unfinished Business*

Sub-Item #2a.: *Discuss Parking Ordinance*

Council Member Coppedge presented a Downtown Parking Policy he drafted. Mr. Dickerson would like to see this policy approved and have downtown businesses receive the policy when applying for a new business license or renewal. There will be cameras placed on the Square not only to monitor parking, but mainly for safety and video evidence for any incidents that may occur.

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to approve the parking policy as presented.

Seconded: Council Member Rick Wood

Passed (3 - 0)

Agenda Item #3: *New Business*

Sub-Item #3a.: *Discuss Zoning Changes*

Mr. Dickerson would like Council to consider amending the zoning ordinance in order to protect the City from over growth, and potentially stronger facade regulations. In order to access the changes, Council Member Kiker suggested placing a moratorium on new construction. Projects that have already been discussed or approved would be exempt from the moratorium. City Attorney Janey Sanders joined the meeting and said there is no problem with voting to approve a short term moratorium.

Council Member Angelia Kiker made a motion to approve a 60 day moratorium on all building in order to review zoning and architectural ordinances.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge

Passed (4 - 0)

Sub-Item #3b.: *Discuss Events in Sam Pitts Park*

Many events are happening this summer at the park, particularly large car shows.

Sub-Item #3c.: *Mayor Aycock Will Update on Partnership Habersham*

Mayor Aycock updated that the City now has a seat on the Executive Board for Partnership Habersham and she has attended several meetings.

Agenda Item #4: *Open Discussion*

Council Member Kiker asked for an update on the lease law. Mr. Dickerson will check with

attorney Matt Skilling and provide an update.

Council Member Coppedge asked for an update on the Courthouse property closing. Everything is on track for purchase. He and Mr. Dickerson also discussed the demolition process.

Agenda Item #5: Public Comment
There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #6: Consider Going Into Executive Session
There was no Executive Session.

Agenda Item #7: Adjournment
Council Member Rick Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded: Council Member Don Nix

Passed (4 - 0)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk

OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

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Regular Meeting

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Agenda Item #1: *Call to Order*

Mayor Aycock called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: *Invocation and Pledge*

Sub-Item #2a.: *Pastor Matt Henderson With First Presbyterian Church Will Lead the Meeting in Prayer*

Pastor Henderson led the meeting in prayer.

Agenda Item #3: *Consent Agenda*

Sub-Item #3a.: *Discuss and Consider Approval of the March 3, 2025 Work Session, Executive Session and Council Meeting Minutes*

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded: Council Member Don Nix

Passed (4 - 0)

Agenda Item #4: *Committee Reports*

Sub-Item #4a.: *Finance, Main Street, Fire, ESG, Police, Planning and Zoning Department heads presented their monthly reports.*

Mr. Dickerson introduced new Planning Commissioner Monika Schulte.

Agenda Item #5: *Unfinished Business*

Sub-Item #5a.: *Discuss Millage Rate Resolution*

Presented is a new resolution to increase the allowed millage rate to 15 (fifteen) percent in the City Charter, in order to access on 40 (forty) percent of the property value instead of the current 100 (one hundred) percent. Prior to approval of the resolution, two public hearings are required to be held. All council members agreed to move forward with scheduling and advertising these meetings as required.

Agenda Item #6: *New Business*

Sub-Item #6a.: *Arbor Day Proclamation*

Mayor Aycock proclaimed April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day.

Discuss and Consider Approval for Rustic Cabin Bar and Grill to Sell Beer, Wine and Liquor for Consumption on the Premises at 515 Grant Street.

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to approve the agenda amendment.

Seconded: Council Member Angelia Kiker

Passed (4 - 0)

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to approve the alcohol license for Rustic Cabin Bar and Grill, pending completed background investigations.

Seconded: Council Member Don Nix

Passed (4 - 0)

Agenda Item #7: Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #8: Consider Going Into Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Agenda Item #9: Adjournment

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Council Member Don Nix

Passed (4 - 0)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk

City of Clarkesville
(UNAUDITED)

Financial Report - As of March 31 2025					2024
	Budget	Actual	Difference	%Budget	Actual
General Fund					
Administrative Revenue	2,719,081	2,143,638	(575,443)	79%	2,009,238
Main Street	18,600	425	(18,175)	2%	16,161
Fire Revenue	20,000	5,305	(14,695)	27%	0
Planning Revenue	28,000	5,108	(22,892)	18%	9,885
Police Revenue	97,500	30,958	(66,542)	32%	21,478
Streets Revenue	29,226	32,318	3,092	111%	0
Hotel/Motel	3,500	1,707	(1,793)	49%	508
ARPA	0	0	0	0%	0
Total General Fund Revenues	2,915,907	2,219,459	(696,448)	76%	2,057,270
Expenses					
Administration	890,944	309,747	(581,197)	35%	219,084
Main Street	209,445	42,386	(167,059)	20%	46,319
Fire	517,020	120,266	(396,754)	23%	106,601
Parks	29,226	5,461	(23,765)	19%	44,042
Planning & Zoning	91,901	19,958	(71,943)	22%	19,941
Police	1,012,305	194,182	(818,123)	19%	207,376
Streets	181,881	43,990	(137,891)	24%	33,456
Total General Fund Expenses	2,932,722	735,990	(2,196,732)	25%	676,819
General Fund Revenues over Expenses	0	1,483,469	(2,893,180)		1,380,451
Water/Sewer Fund					
Water Revenues	1,469,230	374,775	(1,094,455)	26%	346,435
Sewer Revenues	578,000	148,472	(429,528)	26%	163,412
Sanitation Revenues	211,535	55,199	(156,336)	26%	51,781
Total Water/Sanitation/Sewer Revenues	2,258,765	578,446	(1,680,319)	26%	561,628
Administration Expense	1,474,094	350,195	1,123,899	24%	348,901
Water Plant Expense	380,000	70,116	309,884	18%	84,391
Water Distribution Expense	42,721	8,465	34,256	20%	15,334
Waste Water Plant Expense	90,815	25,224	65,591	28%	16,891
Waste Water Collection	59,600	8,793	50,807	15%	4,822
Sanitation	211,535	53,942	157,593	26%	75,085
Total Water/Sanitation/Sewer Expenses	2,258,765	516,735	1,742,030	23%	545,424
W/S/S Revenues over Expenses	0	61,711	61,711		16,204
Total City Fund Revenues over Expenses	0	1,545,180	(2,831,469)		1,396,655

Fire Department Council Report May 2025

Total 92

Fire 5

EMS 47

MVA 7

Hazardous Condition 3

Service 11

Canceled/False 19

City 59

County 31

Demorest 2

ESG Operations Inc.

City Hall Meeting for May 2025

- Courthouse cutoff and demolition
- Clarkesville water taste submission
- LRA paving funds application

Departmental Activity Report for the Month of April

The following permits were issued for the month of April:

1 Permanent Signs

0 Temporary Sign

0 Plan Review

2 Building

1 Plumbing

0 Electrical

0 Mechanical

1 Tree Removal

0 Land Disturbance

21 Construction inspections

2 Code Enforcement Actions

COs Issued: 1 Residential CO

Planning Activities: The Planning Commission will be considering a request for the demolition of the old Church and Son's building at 1284 Washington Street.

The former owners of the Three Way Trading Post at 629 W Louise Street have vacated the property. Hopefully Waffle House will begin demolition of the buildings on that property and begin construction.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM MUNICIPAL COURT
RULES FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF
CLARKESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO REPEAL PRIOR LOCAL RULES OF
PROCEDURE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Georgia, has promulgated the Uniform Municipal Court Rules applicable to all Municipal Courts statewide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkesville seeks to ensure compliance with and confirm that its Municipal Court operations are fully with those statewide rules; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Georgia has ordered that any local Municipal Court rules not approved by the Supreme Court are repealed and of no effect as of February 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clarkesville deems it appropriate to confirm compliance with the Uniform Municipal Court Rules and to repeal any prior, conflicting, or obsolete local rules, ordinances, or procedures, if any.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CLARKESVILLE, GEORGIA:

Section 1. Adoption of Uniform Municipal Court Rules

The City hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the Uniform Rules for the Municipal Courts of the State of Georgia, as promulgated and amended from time to time by the Georgia Supreme Court, as the governing rules of procedure for the Municipal Court of the City of Clarkesville.

Section 2. Repeal of Prior Local Rules

All prior local rules, policies, ordinances, or procedures relating to the Municipal Court of the City of Clarkesville that are inconsistent with or redundant to the Uniform Municipal Court Rules are hereby repealed, rescinded, and declared of no further force or effect. This includes any such rules previously adopted by ordinance, resolution, or administrative order unless expressly approved by the Georgia Supreme Court.

Section 3. Compliance with Supreme Court Rules and Regulations

This ordinance affirms the City's intent to remain in full compliance with the Supreme Court's directive requiring uniformity of municipal court procedures statewide. No future deviation from the Uniform Municipal Court Rules shall be enacted except in strict accordance with Rule 1.2 of the Uniform Municipal Court Rules and only after approval by the Georgia Supreme Court.

Section 4. Severability

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

SO ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor, Barrie Aycock

City Clerk, Julie Poole

[SEAL]

[New Chapter 43]

Public Property or Use of Public Spaces within the City

Sec. 43-1.

(a) Definitions - The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) “Camp” or “Camping” means occupying or using Public Property or private property for living accommodation purposes using any mobile, movable, or temporary structure providing shelter, including, but not limited to, tents, travel trailers, recreational vehicles, park trailers, storage buildings or containers, sleeping bags, blankets, or similar items. This includes but is not limited to:

- a) Lying or sleeping in a single place or limited area for any substantial prolonged period of time;
- b) Cooking, preparing meals, or creating fire or heat sources;
- c) Depositing or discharging human waste in areas not authorized by the City;
- d) Performing any activity commonly associated with residence or habitation.

(2) “Public Property” means any land, structure, or facility owned, maintained, or controlled by the City of Clarkesville, Georgia, including but not limited to:

- a) public parks, playgrounds, plazas, green spaces, monuments, and attractions;
- b) public streets, sidewalks, highways, alleys, bridges, medians, and benches;
- c) city-owned parking lots and garages;
- d) rights-of-way and easements;
- e) riverbanks, creeks, shorelines, and drainageways;
- f) any other property under City jurisdiction.

(3) “Structure or Shelter” means any dwelling or structure, makeshift or temporary, including any enclosure constructed of any material(s), including tents, tarps, lean-tos, shanties, boxes, or similar items, whether open or enclosed.

(4) “Storing Personal Property” means leaving one’s personal effects, such as clothing, bedrolls, cookware, luggage, knapsacks, or backpacks, unattended on Public Property for any substantial or prolonged period of time. This does not include bicycles or lawful modes of transportation temporarily secured.

Sec. 43-2. Urban Camping Prohibited

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Camp or engage in Camping on any Public Property, unless otherwise specifically authorized by permit or ordinance;
- (2) Erect, place, or maintain any Structure or Shelter on Public Property for the purpose of habitation, whether temporary or permanent;
- (3) Sleep, remain overnight, or lie down on any Public Property, including sidewalks, benches, park grounds, or other public infrastructure, with or without bedding or shelter;
- (4) Store or accumulate personal property on Public Property in a manner that interferes with ingress or egress, restricts public access, or obstructs maintenance or visibility;
- (5) Sit, lie, or store property on Public Property in a manner that interferes with entry to or exit from public or private premises.

(b) Exceptions:

This Chapter shall not apply to:

- (1) Activities authorized by a permit or written approval issued by the City of Clarkesville;
- (2) Use of public parks or facilities in compliance with posted hours and regulations;
- (3) Persons sitting or lying as a result of a medical emergency;
- (4) Emergency shelters or uses authorized by the City during declared emergencies or natural disasters.

(c) Hardship Variance - A hardship variance may be requested for use of private property in a residential zoning district that would otherwise violate this Chapter, subject to the following:

- (1) The request must be made by the property owner;
- (2) The hardship must involve dire financial condition, lack of subsistence, or similar extreme personal adversity;
- (3) Any such variance shall initially be granted by the City Manager or designee for a period not exceeding 15 days and may be renewed once for an additional 15 days;
- (4) Any further extension shall require approval by the City Commission pursuant to zoning hardship procedures under the City Code.

(d) Enforcement and Penalties

- (1) No person shall be cited or arrested for a violation of this Chapter unless and until an oral or written warning to cease the unlawful conduct has first been issued. Failure to comply following a warning shall result in enforcement action;

- (2) Any person in violation shall be subject to citation, removal from Public Property, and any lawful penalties prescribed under the City Code;
- (3) Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense;
- (4) Enforcement may include removal and disposal of unauthorized structures or stored property.

[replace entire section existing section 10-2]

Sec. 10-2. Penalty for Violation of Chapter.

The violation of any provision of this chapter by any person shall be unlawful. Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in section 1-12. Each instance or day of noncompliance shall constitute a separate offense.

[new section]

Sec. 10-46. Leash Requirements for Dogs.

(a) Leash Required in Public Areas.

Dogs must be leashed at all times, unless in an exempted area, with a physical lead no longer than six feet and under the control of a responsible person when off the owner's property.

(b) Exemptions.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. Dogs participating in organized dog shows, obedience training, or similar events where off-leash activity is explicitly permitted;
2. Designated off-leash areas or dog parks established or authorized by the city within the corporate limits of the city, provided such use complies with posted rules and regulations.

(c) Owner Responsibility.

The owner or custodian of any dog remains fully responsible for the behavior and control of their animal at all times, regardless of whether the dog is leashed or within an exempted area.

[new section]

Sec. 10-47. Dog Parks.

(a) The City Council or City Manager may designate specific areas within City parks as off-leash dog areas. Only dogs are permitted within these areas. Each designated area must be fully enclosed with a secure double-gated entrance and exit system.

(b) The following rules apply to all designated off-leash dog areas and shall be posted at each entrance and on the City website. Users are responsible for knowing and complying with these rules, regardless of signage. Failure to comply may result in fines or other penalties. The City Council, City Manager, or their designee may amend or supplement these rules as needed.

Rules for Use of Off-Leash Dog Areas:

1. All users assume the risk of injury to themselves, their dogs, and others, and accept full responsibility for any injury or damage caused by them or their dogs.

2. Owners must keep dogs within sight and under voice control at all times. Dogs must be leashed upon entering and exiting the off-leash area.
3. Owners must monitor their dogs' behavior. Dogs displaying aggression or involved in fighting must be immediately leashed and removed.
4. No more than three dogs per handler are permitted at one time.
5. All dogs must wear a collar with a current ID tag.
6. All dogs must be properly licensed, healthy, and vaccinated.
7. Puppies under sixteen (16) weeks of age are prohibited.
8. Dogs in heat are prohibited.
9. Pronged collars are not permitted inside the off-leash area.
10. Dogs that bark excessively must be removed or muzzled.
11. Owners must immediately clean up after their dogs and properly dispose of waste.
12. Owners must securely close and latch both gates upon entering or exiting.
13. Children under thirteen (13) years of age must be closely supervised by an adult.
14. No human or animal food, treats, or glass containers are allowed.
15. Feeding dogs within the area is prohibited.
16. Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, hoverboards, scooters, strollers, and jogging are prohibited.
17. Dogs are not allowed on benches or other park furnishings.
18. The City may temporarily close the off-leash area for maintenance, weather conditions, or at the City Manager's discretion.
19. All incidents involving injury must be immediately reported to the City and the City of Clarksville Police Department.
20. Owners must remain inside the off-leash area with their dogs at all times and must have a leash readily available.
21. Dog handlers must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.

Sec. 46-9 - Unauthorized Use of Municipal Water Services

(a) Definitions - For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- (1) Unauthorized Use means any use of municipal water services without proper authorization, including tampering with meters, illegal connections, bypassing billing mechanisms, or using water for prohibited purposes.
- (2) Water Service Infrastructure includes any component of the municipal water system, including meters, mains, valves, hydrants, pipes, tanks, reservoirs, or other fixtures.
- (3) Superintendent means the municipal officer or their designee responsible for oversight and operation of the municipal water system.

(b) Prohibited Conduct - It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Connect to, tamper with, or alter any municipal water service infrastructure without authorization;
- (2) Bypass, disable, or otherwise interfere with the proper functioning of water meters or related equipment to obtain water services without payment;
- (3) Receive or use water services from the municipality without a valid account or agreement, or after services have been lawfully discontinued;
- (4) Aid or abet another person in committing any of the acts described above;
- (5) Take or use water from the water mains without paying for it, or open any stopcock, valve, meter, or other fixture without authority;
- (6) Injure, deface, impair, or cast any substance into any reservoir, tank, or part of the waterworks system;
- (7) Allow continuous streams of water to flow from hydrants, faucets, basins, urinals, or other devices;
- (8) Use municipal water for driving motors, syphon, turbines, hydraulic engines, elevators, or machinery of any kind;
- (9) After services have been shut off for nonpayment or violation of regulations, turn the water back on or permit water use without authority;
- (10) Open, operate, or draw water from any public fire hydrant without permission from the Superintendent, or obstruct access to any hydrant.

(c) Penalties - Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

- (1) First Offense: A fine not exceeding \$250, and full restitution for the value of services obtained, as determined by the City;
- (2) Second Offense: A fine not exceeding \$500, and full restitution for the value of services obtained, as determined by the City;
- (3) Third and Subsequent Offenses: A fine up to \$1,000, as determined by the municipal judge, and full restitution. The judge may impose additional penalties, including community service or other appropriate measures.

(d) Enforcement

- (1) The City may:
Disconnect services immediately upon discovery of unauthorized use;
- (2) Charge the offender for the estimated value of services obtained unlawfully;
Investigate any suspected tampering, unauthorized use, or damage to infrastructure;
- (3) Refer matters to the appropriate law enforcement agency where criminal conduct is suspected.

(d) Additional Remedies - In addition to the penalties outlined above, the City may:

- (1) Recover the value of services unlawfully obtained;
- (2) Seek restitution for any damages to municipal property;
- (3) Seek injunctive relief or any other remedy available at law or in equity.

Sec. 46-10 - Defacing Public Property - No person shall advertise upon, paint, color or deface in any manner any public highway, street, pavement or other public place within the city.

Sec. 46-11 - Participation in criminal gang activity prohibited.

Any person who actively participates in any criminal street gang with knowledge that its members engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity and who willfully promotes, furthers, or assists in any felonious criminal conduct by members of that gang shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 46-12 - Failure to keep control of vehicle.

(a) No person shall drive their vehicle of any kind or type through the streets of Clarkesville in a boisterous, disorderly, or reckless manner. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive and operate a motor vehicle upon the streets or highways through Clarkesville at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and safe having due regard for the width, grade, character, and traffic of said streets and highways.

(b) Violations of subsection (a) will be punished as a misdemeanor with a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or incarceration for a period of no more than 30 days.

Sec. 46-13. - Disorderly conduct in parking areas.

(a) Motor vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person, on any public parking area, or on any private shopping center or other business establishment parking area, or upon any public or private drive serving such parking areas to race the motor of any motor vehicle; to cause the wheels of any motor vehicle to spin; to stop any motor vehicle in such manner as to cause its tires to slide or skid on any surface of such parking area or lot, or other part of said premises; or to cause to be made any loud or unseemly noise which disturbs the peace and tranquility of the city.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully make or continue or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise by or within a motor vehicle which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness in the area, which would include business areas, as well as public streets and sidewalks. Included within this restriction are loud or no mufflers on motor vehicles and sound reproduction or amplification equipment in or on motor vehicles, such as radios, audio players, and megaphones, as well as any other device that transmits sound in violation of these provisions.

(c) Standards for Evaluation of Noise

The standards which may be considered in determining whether a violation of the provisions of this division exists may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) The level of the noise;
- (2) The nature of the noise and whether it is usual or unusual;
- (3) Whether the origin of the noise is natural or unnatural;
- (4) The level and intensity of the background noise, if any;
- (5) The proximity of the noise to residential sleeping facilities, hospitals, churches, facilities for the care of the elderly, ill or mentally ill, as well as any other area which historically is treated by the community as a quiet area;

- (6) The density of the inhabitation of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (7) The nature and zoning of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (8) The time of day or night the noise occurs;
- (9) Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE IN CITY CHARTER

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF CLARKESVILLE, GEORGIA (THE “CITY”) TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE IN THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE PURSUANT TO THE HOME RULE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkesville, Georgia has determined by majority vote of the City Council that an amendment to the maximum millage rate permitted by the City Charter is in the best interest of the public good and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City has published the required notice of public hearings and conducted said public hearings on May 5, 2025 and June 2, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly adopted at two regular consecutive meetings of the municipal corporation, after proper placement on the agenda for consideration by the City Council by majority vote of the Council the said resolution and ordinance; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKESVILLE, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY AUTHORITY OF THE SAME:

Section 1. The City, after investigation and following the holding of the required public hearings, has determined and hereby finds that revising the City’s Charter to amend the maximum millage rate to 15 mills furthers the public good and general welfare and there is a compelling need, and that the increase is desirable, necessary and within the lawful scope of its powers. Therefore, Section 6.12 of the City Charter of 2020 is amended to read “**The city council, by ordinance, shall establish a millage rate not in excess of 15 mills for general operating for the city property tax, a due date, and in what length of time those taxes must be paid**”. It is the intent of this Resolution to authorize and direct the taking of such actions and the execution of such documents as may be necessary to effectuate these purposes.

Section 2. The public hearings held with respect to the proposed revision to the City Charter as required by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 are hereby ratified and approved. The approval of the provision herein takes into account the results of such public hearings.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts thereof of the City Charter which conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed. All prior versions of the City Charter or parts thereof of the City which conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SO ORDAINED on this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Barrie Aycock, Mayor
City of Clarkesville

Attest: _____
Julie Poole, City Clerk

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned City Clerk of City of Clarkesville, Georgia (the “City”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing pages of typewritten matter constitute a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City at meetings held on _____ and _____ duly called and open to the public in compliance with Section 36-35-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, the original of which Resolution has been duly recorded in the official Minute Book, which is in my custody and control, and that the Resolution has not been rescinded or modified and is now of full force and effect.

GIVEN under the seal of the City, this ____ day of _____, 2025

City Clerk, Julie Poole

[SEAL]