



Mayor/Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 5:30 PM
Public Safety Complex, Municipal Court Room
701 Queen City Parkway, Gainesville, GA 30501
Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem Presides

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (20 minutes maximum)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointments

- A. Lake Lanier Olympic Park Foundation Board
 - Reappoint Council Member Juli Hayes

- B. Metropolitan Planning Organization - Citizens Advisory Committee
 - Reappoint Beverly Nordholz and Sammy Smith
 - Appoint Ralph (Ricky) Rich

- C. Parks and Recreation Foundation Board
 - Appoint Liz Moore and David Bryant

Minutes

- A. June 16, 2026 Mayor/Council Meeting

BUDGET ACTION ITEM:

- A. AR-2026-02 Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

GENERAL LEGISLATION:

A. Ordinance 2026-12

Amend Chapter 5 and Title 10 as it Pertains to Water Management and Rates

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 5-1-21(i)(1), 5-1-40, 5-1-67(b)(2), 5-1-151(c), 5-1-151(d), 5-1-181(1), 5-1-182, 5-1-189, 5-1-220, 10-1-11, 10-1-17, 10-1-19, 10-1-20(1), 10-1-21(b), 10-1-26, 10-1-41, 10-1-42(a), 10-1-43(a)(1), 10-1-44(b), 10-1-45, 10-1-46, 10-1-47, 10-1-49(b), 10-1-49(c), AND 10-1-50 AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 5-2-15, 5-2-104(6), 10-1-18(d), and 10-1-51; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Final: Monday, July 6, 2026 10:30 AM
Revised Final: Monday, July 6, 2026 12:20 PM



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Mayor/Council Agenda Request

Item Created: July 2, 2026
Date Submitted: July 6, 2026
Final Approval Date: July 6, 2026
Presenter: Zack Thompson
Item of Business: Lake Lanier Olympic Park Foundation Board

- Reappoint Council Member Juli Hayes

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of this request is to address the expired term for the governing body representative held by Juli Hayes.

Facts & Issues / History & Background:

The Lake Lanier Olympic Park Foundation (formerly known as GH '96) follows the guidelines as set forth by Georgia Law, the by-laws and the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation. The board's by-laws were revised on June 21, 2019. Board members serve a three-year term. Mayor Thompson expressed an interest in nominating Council Member Juli Hayes for reappointment.

Department Recommendation:

To accept the nomination as presented by the Mayor during the July 2, 2026 Work Session and approve the appointment.

Department Director:

Zack Thompson

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget? No

Amount Requested:

Sources of Funds:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

Attachments:

1. LLOP Members Local Appointments List_05262026103822

Lake Lanier Olympic Park (LLOP) Foundation

Formerly known as G-H '96.

Meets Quarterly: February, May, August, November

Term of Office: 3 years

	Name:	Date Appointed:	Current Term Expiration Date:	
Ex Officio COG P&R	Kate Mattison	01/01/2010	12/31/2030	FILLED
Appointed City of Gainesville - CVB	Robyn Lynch	07/01/2025	06/30/2028	FILLED
Appointed City of Gainesville	Juli Hayes	01/06/2026	06/30/2026	FILLED

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Mayor/Council Agenda Request

Item Created: July 2, 2026
Date Submitted: July 6, 2026
Final Approval Date: July 6, 2026
Presenter: Zack Thompson
Item of Business: Metropolitan Planning Organization - Citizens Advisory Committee

- Reappoint Beverly Nordholz and Sammy Smith
- Appoint Ralph (Ricky) Rich

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of this request is to address the expired terms held by Beverly Nordholz, Sammy Smith and Jason Cox.

Facts & Issues / History & Background:

The MPO-CAC follows the guidelines of the City Charter and the Code of Ordinances as well as the bylaws of the committee. Members of the committee serve three-year terms. Beverly Nordholz and Sammy Smith have expressed a willingness to serve another term as confirmed by Joseph Boyd, GHMPO. Ralph (Ricky) Rich has confirmed a willingness to serve. Mayor Thompson expressed an interest in nominating all three for appointment. The outstanding debt verification process was completed with no concerns.

Department Recommendation:

To accept the nominations as presented by the Mayor during the July 2, 2026 Work Session and approve the appointments.

Department Director:

Zack Thompson

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget? No

Amount Requested:

Sources of Funds:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

Attachments:

1. Metropolitan Planning Organization - Citizen Advisory Committee Members - Local Appointments List_6.30.2026

Metropolitan Planning Organization - Citizen Advisory Committee (MPO-CAC)

Serves as part of the Gainesville-Hall MPO (GHMPO). The committee consists of 19 appointees from the member jurisdictions as follows:

- Braselton - 1
- Flowery Branch - 2
- Gainesville - 5
- Hall County - 8
- Jackson County - 1
- Oakwood - 2

The purpose of this committee is to advise the MPO Policy Committee on matters of public opinion from individual citizens and citizen groups regarding the community’s transportation plan. Council appoints five of the 19 members as part of the Gainesville-Hall MPO which meets four times per year. The term of office is three years. The primary contacts for this Committee are Gainesville’s Public Works Director and the Hall County Transportation Planning Manager.

Term of Office: 3 years

	Name:	Date Appointed:	Current Term Expiration Date:	
Post - Ward 1	Vacant Seat	12/06/2024	06/30/2028	VACANT
Post - Ward 2	Beverly Nordholz	07/01/2023	06/30/2026	EXPIRED
Post - Ward 3	Sammy Smith	07/01/2023	06/30/2026	EXPIRED
Post - Ward 4	Oliver Ladd	02/17/2026	06/30/2028	FILLED
Post - Ward 5	Jason Cox	07/18/2023	06/30/2026	EXPIRED

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Mayor/Council Agenda Request

Item Created: July 2, 2026
Date Submitted: July 6, 2026
Final Approval Date: July 6, 2026
Presenter: Zack Thompson
Item of Business: Parks and Recreation Foundation Board

- Appoint Liz Moore and David Bryant

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of this request is to address the unexpired terms for the vacant Post 5 and Post 7 seats.

Facts & Issues / History & Background:

The Parks & Recreation Foundation, Inc. (previously known as Friends of the Parks Board) follows the guidelines as set forth in the Charter and Code of Ordinances. Members serve three-year terms. Mayor Thompson expressed an interest in nominating Liz Moore and David Bryant. Liz Moore and David Bryant have expressed a willingness to serve. The outstanding debt verification process was completed with no concerns.

Department Recommendation:

To accept the nominations as presented by the Mayor during the July 2, 2026 Work Session and approve the appointments.

Department Director:

Zack Thompson

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget? No

Amount Requested:

Sources of Funds:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

Attachments:

1. Parks and Recreation Foundation - Members Local Appointments List_06302026014421

Parks & Recreation Foundation, Inc.

Formerly known as The Friends of Gainesville Parks and Greenway's, Inc., is a partnership with the City of Gainesville and Gainesville Parks and Recreation whose mission is "To serve as a cultural, educational and recreational resource to develop, beautify, maintain, restore and preserve passive and active leisure pursuits in Gainesville, Hall County. Initial appointments were made in December 1996. The term of office is three years and limited to two consecutive terms excluding the initial term. The City appoints 1/3 of the members and the remaining appointments are made by the Board. The primary contact for the City's appointments is the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Term of Office: 3 years

	Name:	Date Appointed:	Current Term Expiration Date:	
Post 1	Peter Dcosta	03/17/2026	12/31/2028	FILLED
Post 2	Timothy Avers	03/17/2026	12/31/2028	FILLED
Post 3	Vacant Seat	01/01/2026	12/31/2028	VACANT
Post 4	Kelley Clark	02/17/2026	12/31/2027	FILLED
Post 5	Vacant Seat	01/01/2025	12/31/2027	VACANT
Post 6	Tina Roberts	05/07/2024	12/31/2026	FILLED
Post 7	Vacant Seat	01/01/2025	12/31/2027	VACANT
Ex-Officio	Abigail Guzman	01/06/2026	01/05/2027	FILLED
Standing Board Member	Kate Mattison	01/01/2020	12/31/2030	FILLED

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CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Mayor/Council Agenda Request

Item Created: March 20, 2026
Date Submitted: July 7, 2026
Final Approval Date: July 7, 2026
Presenter: Alisa Grayson, City Clerk
Item of Business: June 16, 2026 Mayor/Council Meeting
Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of this request is to allow the governing body to approve the minutes from the referenced meeting.

Facts & Issues / History & Background:

Draft minutes were distributed to the governing body, City Manager, City Attorney and Department Directors for comments/corrections.

Department Recommendation:

Approve the minutes accepting edits as presented.

Department Director:

Bryan Lackey

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget? No

Amount Requested:

Sources of Funds:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

Attachments:

None



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Item Created: July 2, 2026
Date Submitted: July 6, 2026
Final Approval Date: July 7, 2026
Presenter: Bryan Lackey, City Manager
Item of Business: AR-2026-02 Fiscal Year 2027 Budget
Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Purpose of Request:

Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

Facts & Issues / History & Background:

Historically, the City of Gainesville used a resolution to fulfill the requirements of the law and to enact the upcoming Fiscal Year budget. On a date after the conclusion of the hearing required in subsection of Code Section 36-81-5, the governing authority shall adopt a budget ordinance or resolution making appropriations in such sums as the governing authority may deem sufficient, whether greater or less than the sums presented in the proposed budget. The budget ordinance or resolution shall be adopted at a public meeting which shall be advertised in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection of Code Section 36-81-5 at least one week prior to the meeting.

Department Recommendation:

The adoption of the FY2027 City of Gainesville budget.

Department Director:

Bryan Lackey

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget? No

Administrative Comments:

Attachments:

1. 2nd Public Notice for FY2027 Budget - June 10-11
2. AR-2026-02: Fiscal Year 2027 Budget
3. Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations Resolution - Attachment A
4. Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations Resolution - Attachment B

Trump says peace talks on track after Israel-Iran clash ends

BY FIONA MACDONALD, KATE SULLIVAN AND DAN WILLIAMS
Bloomberg News

U.S. President Donald Trump renewed his claims of momentum toward ending the conflict with Iran, after brokering a halt to hostilities between Israel and the Islamic Republic and easing tensions that had threatened to derail broader peace efforts.

“We’re in the final throes of what will be a very, very good deal,” Trump told reporters in New York on Tuesday. “We could have at least an idea one or two days from now.”

The U.S. president spoke on Monday hours after Iran and Israel agreed to halt strikes on each other following a flare-up that saw both countries launch waves of ballistic missiles. He has repeatedly spoken of an interim agreement to end the war that began when the U.S. and Israel started bombing Iran in February. A ceasefire has been in place for about two months, but sporadic fighting among the U.S., Iran and Israel has continued, underscoring the risk of a return to full-scale war in the absence of a lasting peace deal.

Mediation efforts between the U.S. and Iran to strike a deal remain intense, according to people familiar with the matter.

Discussions between the mediators led by Pakistan and the two warring sides are ongoing, one of the people said, asking not to be named discussing private information. Talks between all parties are expected to continue this week, the person said.

Trump’s diplomatic tack is troubling Israel, which isn’t part of the negotiations and worries that a deal may leave Iran with the means to pose a threat in the future.

“We need to ensure that Iran comes out of this confrontation unable to reconstitute its own capabilities, as well as those of its proxies,” said Orit Strock, a member of Israel’s security Cabinet, referring to groups like Hamas in Gaza and Lebanon’s Hezbollah. Interviewed on Israel’s Army Radio, she voiced hope that Tehran would not secure a windfall in sanctions relief.

“We’re doing everything possible to ensure that this doesn’t happen,” she said.

Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a televised statement on Monday that he would hold fire on Iran for now but would respond should Tehran attack again. Earlier, local TV station N12 reported that strikes in south Lebanon, where Israel is fighting Iran-backed Hezbollah militants, would continue at full force. On Tuesday, Israel told residents of Tyre in Lebanon to leave the area before a possible operation in the area.

Iran also announced an end to its military operations against Israel. But its central military command warned that if Israel continued to attack, including in southern Lebanon, “much harsher and more

crushing actions than before will be on the way,” the semi-official Fars news agency reported, citing a statement.

Even as the clashes seemed to subside, a U.S. Army Apache helicopter went down near the Strait of Hormuz, according to U.S. Central Command. It wasn’t clear if the aircraft suffered mechanical troubles or had been shot down by Iran.

Asked about the episode, Trump said the pilots were fine and that a report would be released later Tuesday.

During a tele-rally for South Carolina Republicans on Monday evening, Trump predicted a swift end to the war and a subsequent fall in oil prices.

Global energy costs spiked after the conflict began and Iran blocked the Strait of Hormuz, through which around a fifth of the world’s oil and liquefied natural gas typically transited.

Brent crude, the global benchmark, fell 1.7% to around \$93 a barrel, paring its gains since the beginning of the war to circa 30%. A Bloomberg gauge of the dollar edged lower.

Kuwait has offered to sell its crude to refiners in Asia for the first time since the war began, the latest indication that oil flows from Persian Gulf producers are opening up despite Tehran’s threat to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz.

Attention remains focused on whether energy flows through Hormuz will recover significantly. A trickle of commercial shipping returned to the waterway over the weekend, even as the risks prompted some vessels to travel with their digital transponders switched off.

Offering another potential front of escalation, the Iran-backed Houthis in Yemen said

they had launched a missile barrage on Israel and would be imposing a “complete and total ban on maritime navigation for the Israeli enemy in the Red Sea,” according to a statement on their Telegram channel on Monday.

On Monday night, the Israel Defense Forces reported that a “suspicious aerial target” from Yemen was intercepted after sirens sounded in the area of Eilat.

The most recent bout of fighting between Iran and Israel began on Sunday. Israel intercepted Iran’s barrages while striking targets in Tehran and the Karun petrochemical company in Mahshahr. Tehran warned it would target all oil and gas facilities linked to Israel, the U.S., and their allies in the region if attacks on its own energy infrastructure continued, according to Fars.

Iran began its offensive after Israeli strikes on the Lebanese capital, Beirut, marking a rare example of Tehran coming to the defense of Hezbollah. The



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President Donald J. Trump boards Air Force One at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland on Friday, June 5, 2026, en route Chippewa Valley Regional Airport in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

clashes posed the most serious challenge yet to the fragile ceasefire that took hold on April 8.

Israel has insisted that any

U.S.-Iran agreement won’t cover its conflict with Hezbollah. Iran has sought to keep Hezbollah under its security umbrella, while

Trump has prioritized securing a deal.

With assistance from Eltaf Najafzada and Omar Tamo.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Lula shall proceed with a public hearing regarding the proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year budget for the City of Lula during the Council meeting on Monday, June 15, 2026 that begins at 7:00 PM at City Hall, 6055 Main Street, Lula. A draft of the proposed budget shall be available for inspection and review at City Hall and on the City of Lula website beginning June 8, 2026 (the date the proposed budget will be submitted to the Council). The proposed budget shall be submitted to the Council of the City of Lula for consideration on or after June 22, 2026 (at least one week after the public hearing) during a Council meeting. O.C.G.A. §36-81-5.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH TAXPAYERS 2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the proposed 2027 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Flowery Branch is available for public review. The proposed budget can be found at <https://www.flowerybranchga.org/finance/page/budget-documents> and at City Hall during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Notice is further given that the City Council of Flowery Branch has established the following schedule for setting of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. All citizens are invited to attend.

June 18 (6:00 PM, City of Flowery Branch, City Hall Community Room) (5410 Pine Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542)
Adoption of FY2027 Budget

Additional information is available from the City of Flowery Branch Budget Office, 770-967-6371.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE TAXPAYERS 2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Notice is further given that the City Council of Gainesville has established the following schedule for setting of the tax year 2026 millage rate and the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. All citizens are invited to attend.

June 16 (6:00 PM, Gainesville Justice Center, Municipal Court Room) (701 Queen City Parkway SW, Gainesville, GA. 30501)
Public Hearing on FY2027 Annual Budget

July 7 (5:30 PM, Gainesville Justice Center, Municipal Court Room) (701 Queen City Parkway SW, Gainesville, GA. 30501)
Adoption of FY2027 Budget

August 18 (5:30 PM, Gainesville Justice Center, Municipal Court Room) (701 Queen City Parkway SW, Gainesville, GA. 30501)
Adoption of Millage Ordinances

Additional information is available from the City of Gainesville Budget Office, 770-535-6898.

RESOLUTION AR-2026-02

FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City Manager has presented a proposed fiscal year 2027 Budget to the City Council on each of the various funds of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Budget lists proposed expenditures/expenses for the fiscal year 2027; and

WHEREAS, each of these budgets is a balanced budget, so that anticipated revenues for each fund equal proposed expenditures/expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that “Attachment A” & “Attachment B” attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, shall be the City of Gainesville’s budget for the fiscal year 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body for the City of Gainesville hereby approves this budget, and the several items of revenues shown in the budget for each fund in the amounts shown anticipated are adopted, and that the several amounts shown in the budget for each fund as proposed expenditures/expense are hereby appropriated to the departments named in the fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expenditures/expenses shall not exceed the appropriations authorized by this budget or amendments thereto provided; however, that expenditures/expenses for the fiscal year shall not exceed actual funding available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this budget contains appropriations for Intergovernmental and Agency agreements, and that the governing body authorizes the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute such agreements.

Adopted this ____ day of July, 2026.

Zack Thompson, Mayor

This is to certify that I am the City Manager of the City of Gainesville. As such, I hereby certify the attached budget to be true and correct as required by Section 2-3-68 of the Code of Ordinances.

ATTEST:

Bryan Lackey, City Manager

This is to certify that I am City Clerk of the City of Gainesville. As such, I keep its official records, including its minutes. In that capacity, my signature below certifies this resolution was adopted as stated and will be recorded in the official minutes.

ATTEST:

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,491,360
Title Ad Valorem Tax	1,756,470
Intangible Tax	142,449
Real Estate Transfer Tax	61,062
Franchise Fees	5,235,827
Insurance Premium Tax	3,333,541
Local Option Sales Tax	10,611,832
Local Option Energy Tax	159,971
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	36,000
Occupational Tax	1,100,300
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	1,275,116
Other Taxes	201,214
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	44,559
Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures	1,083,282
Permits and Zoning Fees	539,234
Other Fees and Licenses	518,620
Interest on Investments	1,095,629
Intergovernmental	810,800
Cemetery Lot Sales	145,715
Miscellaneous	189,098
Charges for Services - Indirect Charges	3,481,218
Transfers In	5,296,108
Sales of General Fixed Assets	51,887
Budgeted Fund Balance	3,575,000

TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 42,236,292
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EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

City Council	\$ 775,476
City Manager's Office	1,525,382
Financial Services	2,199,315
Information Technology	2,753,884
Human Resources & Risk Management	1,655,129
Public Lands and Buildings	1,751,978
Public Relations	485,113
Municipal Court	864,198
Police	9,255,380
Engineering Services	1,871,405
Street Maintenance	3,293,443
Stormwater	96,893
Traffic Services	2,164,769
Cemetery	1,048,278
Inspections	671,832
Planning & Zoning	1,859,055
Code Enforcement	674,766
Agency Allocations - Other	75,230
Contingency	777,839
Transfers Out Capital & Operating	8,436,927

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 42,236,292
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FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Intergovernmental - Federal/State/Other	\$ 3,813,687
Intergovernmental - County	1,650,708
Transfer from General Fund	-
Other: (Fees, Donations, Fares, Interest, Misc.)	599,950
Budgeted Fund Balance	1,392,263
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 7,456,608

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

General Assistance Services	\$ 106,552
Meals on Wheels	1,365,404
Senior Center	625,112
G-H Transit	5,147,290
Facility Operations	212,250
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 7,456,608

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Interest on Investments	\$ 1,500
Sales & Services	60,000
Budgeted Fund Balance	133,500
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 195,000

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Transfer to Capital Projects	\$ 195,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 195,000

CONFISCATED ASSETS

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Cash Confiscations - State	\$ 20,000
Cash Confiscations - Federal	25,000
Interest on Investments	3,550
Sale of Assets	15,000
Budgeted Fund Balance	86,450
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 150,000

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 10,000
Purchased/Contracted Services	66,227
Supplies & Operating Charges	73,773
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 150,000

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

HUD Grants

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Intergovernmental - Grants	\$ 936,775
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TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 936,775
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EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 75,000
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Purchased/Contracted Services	610,175
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Supplies & Operating Charges	1,600
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Capital Outlay	250,000
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 936,775
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Interest on Investments	\$ 93,000
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TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 93,000
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EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Professional & Other Services	\$ 93,000
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 93,000
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FIRE SERVICES FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Property Taxes	\$ 12,226,836
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Delinquent Property Taxes	108,202
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Motor Vehicle Taxes	60,978
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Penalties & Interest	75,507
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Interest on Investments	30,600
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Transfer from General Fund	2,424,740
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Budgeted Fund Balance	-
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TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 14,926,863
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EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 12,559,459
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Purchased/Contracted Services	1,321,449
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Supplies & Operating Charges	672,450
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Indirect Cost Allocation	373,505
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Intergovernmental	-
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Transfers Out	-
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 14,926,863
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FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Property Tax - Current	\$	992,337
Intergovernmental		2,466,440
Interest on Investments		1,100

TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	3,459,877
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EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Payments to Others	\$	3,325,868
Transfers Out		134,009

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$	3,459,877
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POLICE SERVICES FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Property Taxes	\$	6,663,735
Delinquent Property Taxes		59,307
Motor Vehicle Taxes		33,423
Interest on Investments		17,465
Transfer from General Fund		804,673

TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	7,578,603
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EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$	5,049,141
Purchased/Contracted Services		960,699
Supplies & Operating Charges		385,650
Indirect Cost Allocation		123,113
Transfers Out		1,060,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$	7,578,603
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FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Hotel/Motel Taxes - CVB	\$ 875,000
Hotel/Motel Taxes - Tourism Development	375,000
Hotel/Motel Taxes - Unrestricted	750,000
Interest on Investments	425
Budgeted Fund Balance	350,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 2,350,425

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Gainesville Convention and Visitor's Bureau	\$ 1,625,425
Transfers Out	725,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 2,350,425

IMPACT FEES FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Impact Fees - Police	\$ 350,000
Impact Fees - Fire	600,000
Impact Fees - Parks	975,000
Administrative Fees	57,750
Interest on Investments	4,450
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 1,987,200

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Transfer to General Fund	\$ 57,750
Available for Capital Projects	1,129,450
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	800,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 1,987,200

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Technology Fees	\$ 45,000
Interest on Investments	2,850
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 47,850

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Available for Capital Outlay	\$ 23,620
Purchased/Contracted Services	\$ 7,500
Supplies and Operating Charges	16,730
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 47,850

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

PARKS AND RECREATION FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 8,233,296
Charges for Services	1,302,050
Interest on Investments	152,500
Other	1,016,000
Budgeted Fund Balance	1,100,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 11,803,846

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$ 2,870,000
Indirect Cost Allocation	50,000
Maintenance	188,464
Recreation Services	619,739
Civic Center	940,376
Frances Meadows Center	2,506,475
Youth Sports Booster	251,875
Park Services	2,299,998
Lanier Point/Ivey Watson	748,384
Administration	1,328,535
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 11,803,846

GAINESVILLE CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Intergovernmental - COG Hotel/Motel Tax	\$ 1,625,425
Charges for Services	439,391
Interest on Investments	4,800
Misc. Revenue	81,792
Budgeted Fund Balance	465,051
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 2,616,459

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Lake Lanier Olympic Park	\$ 1,284,379
Convention and Visitor's Bureau	754,031
Mainstreet	195,805
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	382,244
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 2,616,459

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

LAND BANK AUTHORITY

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Budgeted Fund Balance \$ 100,000

TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES \$ 100,000

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Purchased/Contracted Services \$ 100,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES \$ 100,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

SPLOST IX \$ 9,075,000

Intergovernmental (Federal, State & Local) 1,783,000

Water connection fees 4,700,000

Operating Expenditures 5,016,933

Transfers In (various funds) 44,277,244

TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES \$ 64,852,177

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

City Manager's Office

Old Cornelia Realignment \$ 750,000

Information Technologies

Network & Fiber Upgrades 250,000

Privileged Access Management Security Tool 45,000

Server/ Storage System Upgrade 200,000

Data Room Security Phase II 100,000

Fiber Expansion for Resiliency 250,000

IT Productivity Automation Tools 100,000

Community Development Department

Replacement Fleet Vehicle 90,000

Housing Attainability Program 250,000

Placer AI Software 23,000

Special Landscaping Projects 100,000

Police Department

Vehicle Replacement Program 775,000

Mobile Data Terminal for Vehicles 75,000

Mobile Radios 150,000

Real-Time Crime Center 60,000

Fire Department

Public Safety Training Complex 1,000,000

Live Fire Burn Building 1,000,000

Public Lands & Buildings

City Building Roof Evaluations 75,000

Replacement Fleet Vehicle 90,000

Public Works - Cemetery

Cemetery Plot Restorations 80,000

Cemetery Replacement Vehicle 65,000

Cemetery Perimeter Fence Project 50,000

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

Public Works - Engineering Services

Transportation Master Plan Implementation	50,000
Street Resurfacing Program (LMIG)	650,000
Patching Program	150,000
Paving Program	650,000
Mundy Mill Traffic Controls	150,000
Sidewalk Program	150,000
South Enota Improvements	200,000
Pearl Nix Parkway Improvements	350,000
Traffic Calming and Road Safety Devices Program	75,000
MLK @ Fair Street Intersection	100,000
Asphalt Preservation Program	50,000
Bridge Maintenance Program	25,000
Old Cornelia @ Parkside Traffic Signal	600,000
Maple Street Improvements	300,000
Dawsonville Hwy @ Ahaluna Dr.	300,000
Replacement Fleet Vehicle-Engineering	60,000

Public Works - Traffic Engineering

Intelligent Transportation Systems Evaluation and Implementation	200,000
Battery Backup System and Signal Video Detection Install	200,000
Traffic Control Center Update	200,000
Traffic Cabinet Locks for Cyber Security	100,000
MUTCD Update Implementation	50,000
Replacement Fleet Vehicle	85,000

Public Works - Street Maintenance

Grapple Loader	255,000
Brine Plant & Equipment	125,000
Replacement Fleet Vehicle #1- Streets	85,000
Replacement Fleet Vehicle #2- Streets	85,000

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

Stormwater	
FY27 Stormwater Rehab Program	1,000,000
Community Service Center	
HAT Vehicles Preventive Maintenance and Repairs	165,000
WEGO Vehicles Purchase	1,155,000
HAT Facilities Improvements	300,000
Department of Water Resources	
SR284 @ Eubank Creek Bridge Utilities Relocation	200,000
Water Transmission Main Improvements	750,000
FY27 Sanitary Sewer System Improvements	3,000,000
FY26 Water Main Improvements	1,500,000
Green Steet Widening	2,257,000
SR11-US129 to Nopone Rd Utilities Relocation	3,500,000
SR283 @ Flat Creek Bridge Utilities Relocation	600,000
FY27 Water Reclamation Facility Projects	4,000,000
FY27 Water Treatment Plant Projects	2,500,000
Lakeside WTP Raw Water Pump #4 Replacement	4,254,933
Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Maintenance	3,000,000
Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility MBR Treatment	750,000
Water Reclamation Facilities Electrical Control Upgrades	1,000,000
Water Treatment Plants Electrical Control Upgrades	1,000,000
FY27 Lift Station Improvements	4,500,000
Queen City Parkway Facility Improvements	700,000
FY26 New Water Meter Installations	3,500,000
Cues CCTV Truck	580,000
Yanmar SV100-7 Mini- Excavator	150,000
Cement Mixer Silo	140,000
Freightliner M2 106 Crew Cab Service Truck	250,000
Freightliner M2 106 Dump Truck	175,000
Meter Maintenance Program	2,500,000

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

Airport	
Queen City Property Maintenance	150,000
Tree Clearing	75,000
Paint Hangars A-H	75,000
Rwy 11/29 Closure and expansion design	100,000
Replacement Vehicle- Airport	60,000
Runway 5 Extension	125,000
Solid Waste	
27- Yard Rear Loader	300,000
8- Yard Rear Loader	210,000
Replacement Vehicle- Solid Waste	65,000
6- Yard Dump Insert with Flipper	40,000
Parks & Recreation	
Recreation Center	1,700,000
Desota Park Improvements	2,000,000
Holly Park Renovations	350,000
Greenway Lighting	250,000
City Park Sidewalks	100,000
Midland Greenway Improvements	250,000
Park Vehicles	220,000
Longwood Park Improvements	850,000
Gainesville CVB	
LLOP Upgrades	272,244
LLOP Trails	110,000
Transfers:	
Transfers to (Various)	3,300,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>\$ 64,852,177</u>
<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>	
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 4,618,243
Interest on Investments	11,208
Other	304,765
Transfers In	509,009
Budgeted Fund Balance	399,955
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	<u>\$ 5,843,180</u>
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	
Bond Principal & Interest	\$ 5,835,868
Other Costs	7,312
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>\$ 5,843,180</u>

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Water Revenue	\$ 41,000,000
Water Connection Administration Fees	106,118
Water Tapping Fees	1,600,000
Account Service Fees	4,925,033
Other Service Fees	1,546,767
Late Payment Penalty	667,971
Sewer Revenue	39,400,000
Surcharge	1,000,000
Sewer Tapping Fees	40,000
Sewer Connection Administration Fees	34,154
Interest on Investments	1,800,000
Transfers In	3,300,000
Miscellaneous	149,878
Budgeted Net Position	35,845,017

TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES \$ 131,414,938

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Sanitary Sewer	\$ 5,479,235
Lift Stations	4,792,397
Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility	13,129,491
Linwood Water Reclamation Facility	5,092,285
Lakeside Water Treatment	5,692,801
Riverside Water Treatment	8,778,287
Water Distribution	8,859,709
Maintenance	2,913,000
Engineering & Construction	6,332,774
Customer Account Services	5,746,411
Environmental Services	2,975,291
Finance and Administration	4,557,470
Debt Service	15,625,429
Transfers Out	41,440,358

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES \$ 131,414,938

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

SOLID WASTE FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Residential Collections	\$	3,091,600
Commercial - Franchise Fee		165,000
Interest on Investments		9,500
Budgeted Net Position		1,303,910
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	4,570,010

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$	2,169,449
Purchased/Contracted Services		1,335,759
Supplies & Operating Charges		303,350
Indirect Cost Allocation		146,452
Capital Outlay		615,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$	4,570,010

AIRPORT FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

T-Hangar Rent	\$	378,556
Corporate Hangar Rent		429,092
Industrial Park Rent		163,654
Fuel		53,244
Interest on Investments		1,500
Miscellaneous Revenue		82,726
Budgeted Net Position		352,911
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	1,461,683

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$	117,216
Purchased/Contracted Services		474,781
Supplies & Operating Charges		75,125
Indirect Cost Allocation		209,561
Capital Outlay		585,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$	1,461,683

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

CHATTAHOOCHEE GOLF COURSE FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Greens Fees	\$	1,024,105
Cart Fees		349,293
Other Revenue		116,808
Interest on Investments		20,000
Miscellaneous Revenue		13,800
Transfer from General Fund		490,604

TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES \$ 2,014,610

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$	1,030,824
Purchased/Contracted Services		295,193
Supplies & Operating Charges		382,000
Capital Outlay		-
Depreciation		306,593

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES \$ 2,014,610

GENERAL INSURANCE FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Premiums & Losses Paid by Department	\$	3,563,135
Interest on Investments		21,138
Miscellaneous Revenue		145,492
Budgeted Net Position		-

TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES \$ 3,729,765

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Professional & Other Services	\$	2,996,845
Claims		555,249
Indirect Cost Allocation		177,671

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES \$ 3,729,765

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Premiums	\$ 12,954,156
Interest on Investments	35,200
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 12,989,356

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Health Premiums	\$ 326,203
Dental Insurance Premiums	50,000
Long & Short-term Disability Premiums	208,767
Life Insurance Premiums	305,726
Reinsurance	1,097,491
Indirect Cost Allocation	35,348
Medical Clinic Operations	1,092,649
Claims/Administrative Fees	8,373,019
Other Costs	1,500,153
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 12,989,356

VEHICLE SERVICES FUND

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES

Charges For Services	\$ 1,824,341
Sales - Fuel	2,544,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 4,368,341

EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES

Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 736,638
Purchased/Contracted Services	129,253
Supplies & Operating Charges	3,384,450
Capital Outlay	118,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 4,368,341

GRAND TOTAL	\$ 327,182,858
LESS TRANSFERS/INDIRECT COST COUNTED TWICE	(76,317,057)
TOTAL NET BUDGET	\$ 250,865,801

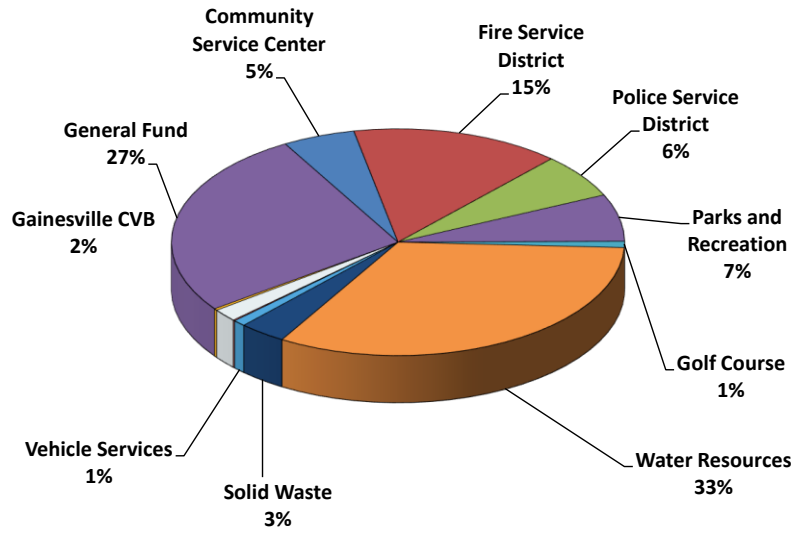
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FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED POSITIONS
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS BY FUND
 (5-year Summary)

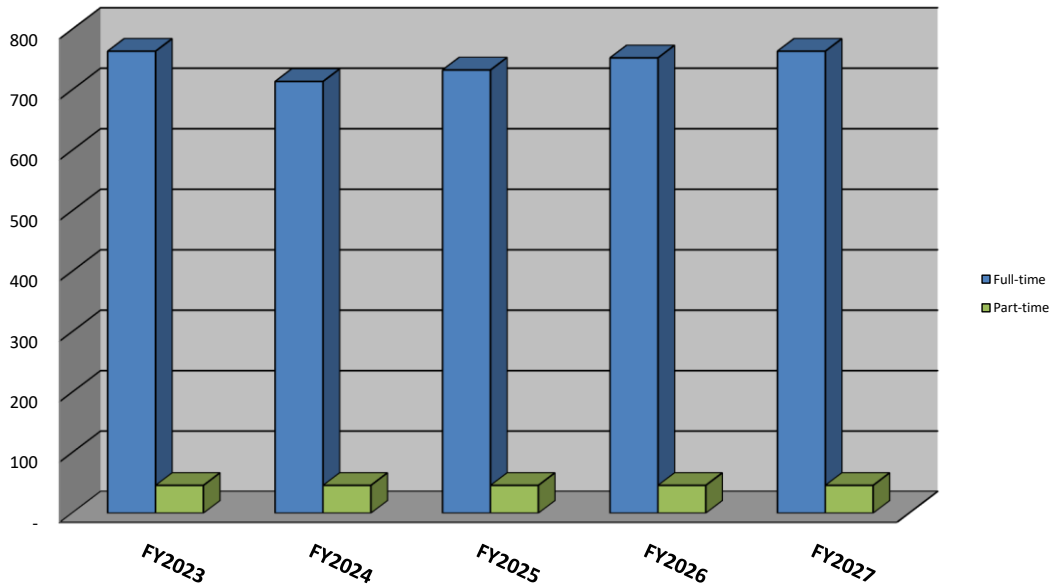
DEPARTMENTS	Budget									
	FY2023		FY2024		FY2025		FY2026		FY2027	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
City Council		6		6		6		6		6
City Manager	6	2	6	2	7	2	7	2	7	2
Financial Services	14	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1
Information Technology	10		10		11		12		12	
Human Resources Department	10		10		9		9		10	
Municipal Court	8	2	8	2	8	2	8	2	8	2
Community Development Dept.	18	7	18	7	19	7	19	7	19	7
Police Department	68	3	68	3	68	3	68	3	70	3
Public Land and Buildings	6		6		6		6		6	
Public Relations			3		3		3		3	
Engineering Services	12		12		12		12		12	
Traffic Services	7		8		8		8		8	
Streets	24		24		24		24		24	
Storm Water	5		5		5		5		5	
Cemetery	8		8		8		8		8	
Total General Fund	196	21	201	21	203	21	204	21	207	21
Fire Service District	108		112		116		116		116	
Police Service District	49		49		49		49		49	
Community Service Center	28	25	33	25	37	25	37	25	40	25
Cable TV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parks and Recreation	48	Varies	48	Varies	52	Varies	52	Varies	52	Varies
Airport	1		1		1		1		1	
Department of Water Resources	237		240		246		250		254	
Solid Waste Department	26		26		26		26		26	
Golf Course	6	Various	7	Various	7	Various	7	Various	7	Various
Vehicle Services	6		6		6		7		7	
Gainesville Convention and Visitor's Bureau	12		12		12		13		14	
Non-Profit Housing	2		2		2		2		2	
TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS	670	46	688	46	757	46	764	46	775	46

* Total Increase in position is 11. Added Boathouse Event Assistant , Systems Administrator, Utility Supervisor II, Lead Operator, Lift Station Maintenance Tech, (3) Vehicle Operator, (2) Police Administrative Clerk, and a Risk Management Specialist

Authorized Positions by Fund FY2027



Five-Year Positional Change Chart





CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Mayor/Council Agenda Request

Item Created: July 2, 2026

Date Submitted: July 6, 2026

Final Approval Date: July 7, 2026

Presenter: Angela Sheppard, Deputy City Manager

Item of Business: **Ordinance 2026-12**
Amend Chapter 5 and Title 10 as it Pertains to Water Management and Rates

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 5-1-21(i)(1), 5-1-40, 5-1-67(b)(2), 5-1-151(c), 5-1-151(d), 5-1-181(1), 5-1-182, 5-1-189, 5-1-220, 10-1-11, 10-1-17, 10-1-19, 10-1-20(1), 10-1-21(b), 10-1-26, 10-1-41, 10-1-42(a), 10-1-43(a)(1), 10-1-44(b), 10-1-45, 10-1-46, 10-1-47, 10-1-49(b), 10-1-49(c), AND 10-1-50 AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 5-2-15, 5-2-104(6), 10-1-18(d), and 10-1-51; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of this request is to update Ordinance Chapter 5 and Title 10 to reflect current requirements and rates.

Facts & Issues / History & Background:

The City's Ordinances provide information for the Department of Water Resources and its customers related to management of the systems as well as rates and fees to cover the costs of operation and capital improvements.

Department Recommendation:

Approve the ordinance.

Department Director:

Linda MacGregor

If funding is involved, are funds approved within the current budget? No

Amount Requested:

Sources of Funds:

Finance Comments:

Administrative Comments:

Attachments:

1. Ordinance 2026-12: Amend Chapter 5 and Title 10 as it Pertains to Water Management and Rates
2. Attachment: 2026 Water Ordinances Update List

AN ORDINANCE

No. 2026-12

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BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I.

Section 5-1-21(i)(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by changing "\$1,000.00" to "\$20,000.00."

SECTION II.

Section 5-1-40 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 5-1-40. Discharge of certain materials and wastes.

Generally, wastewater acceptable for treatment is sewage with:

- (1) BOD₅ of 250 milligrams per liter or less.
- (2) Suspended solids of 250 milligrams per liter or less.
- (3) Fat, oil, grease of 100 milligrams per liter or less.
- (4) Total phosphorus of seven milligrams per liter or less.
- (5) Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen of 40 milligrams per liter or less.
- (6) Ammonia of 50 milligrams per liter or less.
- (7) Any wastewater accepted with effluent contaminants in excess of the limits of subsections (1)—(6) of this section shall be charged a surcharge to be computed as described in sections 10-1-17 and 10-1-19.

SECTION III.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

Section 5-1-67(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating the table within said section it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Maximum Daily Concentrations Permitted Users of Flat Creek WRF
(mg/L)

<i>Pollutant</i>	<i>POTW Influent</i>	<i>Food Processing Industry</i>	<i>Non-Food Processing Industry</i>
Arsenic	0.033	—	0.400
Ammonia	22	66	66
BOD ₅	400	700	700
Cadmium	0.018	—	0.447
Chromium	0.324	—	2.540
Copper	0.064	—	0.376
Cyanide	0.017	—	0.05
Lead	0.019	—	0.010
Mercury	0.00009	—	0.00025
Molybdenum	0.159	—	5.578
Nickel	0.128	—	2.710
FOG	100	100	100
pH (std units)	6.0—9.5	6.0—9.5	6.0—9.5
Selenium	0.010	—	0.020
Silver	0.313	—	10.794
Total Phosphorus	7	15	15
TKN	55	120	120
TSS	245	700	700
Zinc	0.197	—	1.85
TTO	—	—	2.13

Maximum Daily Concentrations Permitted Users of Linwood WRF
(mg/L)

<i>Pollutant</i>	<i>POTW Influent</i>	<i>Food Processing Industry</i>	<i>Non-Food Processing Industry</i>
Arsenic	0.02	—	0.09
Ammonia	43	88	88
BOD ₅	400	700	700
Cadmium	0.004	—	0.005
Chromium	0.53	—	2.54
Copper	0.03	—	0.18
Cyanide	0.03	—	0.050
Lead	0.006	—	0.01
Mercury	0.001	—	0.00025
Molybdenum	0.08	—	1.0
Nickel	0.25	—	2.71
FOG	100	100	100
pH (std units)	6.0—9.5	6.0—9.5	6.0—9.5
Selenium	—	—	0.020
Silver	—	—	10.794
Total Phosphorus	7	15	15
TKN	55	120	120

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TSS	245	700	700
Zinc	0.36	—	1.85
TTO	—	—	2.13

SECTION IV.

Section 5-1-151(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by deleting the phrase “(certified mail, return receipt requested).”

SECTION V.

Section 5-1-151(d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by changing “three” to “five” in both places within said Section.

SECTION VI.

Section 5-1-181(1) is amended by adding as the final row in the table the following: “Ammonia 50 mg/L.”

SECTION VII.

Section 5-1-182 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 5-1-182. Fat, oil, grease, and sand interceptors required and maintained.

- (a) Except where more complete pretreatment may be required, fat, oil, grease and/or sand interceptors shall be provided at all service stations, commercial or industrial food-handling establishments, feed mills, and at any other commercial or industrial establishment or any institution at which such devices are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease and/or oil in excessive amounts, any flammable wastes, sand or other harmful ingredients except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the director and shall be maintained by the owner. The owner shall provide to the director or his designee, upon demand, proof, which consists of a completed and legible manifest as included in subsection (c) of this section, and/or frequency of interceptor cleaning. The frequency for maintaining these interceptors shall, at the minimum, be as follows based on the classifications listed:
 - a. Food establishments with an under-the-counter interceptor are required monthly cleaning frequencies.
 - b. Food establishments with 1,500-gallon inground interceptors are subject to frequencies based upon the sample analyses of discharge through the interceptor as collected in the sample station. Establishments will be held to pumping frequencies at a minimum of monthly, bimonthly, quarterly or semiannually. The director may in writing increase or decrease a user's grease trap pumping frequency on a case-by-case basis based on actual observation of material buildup and/or sample analyses from discharge of the grease trap.

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- (b) Pumping requires the complete removal of the entire contents of the trap with no reintroduction of any portion of the waste into the trap. The city may seek additional enforcement action under O.C.G.A. § 12-8-2.
- (c) A grease trap waste hauler must obtain a grease trap waste disposal manifest prior to removal or transporting waste for disposal. It is the grease trap owner's responsibility to ensure the hauler possesses said manifest prior to pumping or the owner is in noncompliance with this chapter and shall be subjected to all applicable fines and penalties included herein.

SECTION VIII.

Section 5-1-189 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 5-1-189. Sanitary sewer flow metering.

It is the industry's responsibility to maintain accurate flow measurements at all times and under all flow conditions, and to provide such information as required by the city to demonstrate that this requirement is being met. If the industry cannot prove to the city's satisfaction that accurate flows are being maintained at all times, then the city shall base all wastewater treatment charges, surcharges or penalties on the consumption metered on the city water meter as detailed in section 10-1-18. If the city has reason to believe that metered consumption does not reflect the total volume of wastewater being discharged, the city reserves the right to use its own flow monitoring data or historical data, as deemed necessary by the director, to determine wastewater discharge. No allowances for adjusted sanitary sewer flows will be allowed unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the director. To allow for sanitary sewer billing adjustments, all plans, specifications and equipment shall be submitted to and accepted by the city. The industry shall allow 30 days for the city's review and comments. When a user has an alternate water supply or other source of water such that the volume of wastewater generated is greater than the volume of metered water purchased, the city may require that a flowmeter be installed. Wastewater flow meters shall be installed and operated in accordance with the most current Standard Operating Procedures for the Standardization and Totalization Program issued by the Gainesville Department of Water Resources. When deemed necessary by the director or entered into agreement by the director and user, the city may maintain flow measurement equipment with all costs borne to the industrial user.

SECTION IX.

Section 5-1-220 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 5-1-220. Originator.

- (a) *Food service establishment.*
 - (1) *FOG separator required.* All new restaurants, institutional kitchens, or other food service establishments defined as commercial users of the system, shall provide approved FOG and settleable solids removal equipment or facilities sufficient to meet the limitations set forth in this article. The number and size of the system shall be determined by the city. Existing commercial users will be assessed on an individual basis and will require approval by the city.

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- a. The separator shall exclude sanitary wastewater and be located outside of any building and accessible for proper maintenance and inspection.
 - b. The separator must be located in an area that will allow for the dumpster pad to be connected.
 - c. In areas where additional weight loads may exist, the separator shall be installed with traffic-bearing covers.
 - d. The separator/grease trap must be a minimum of 1,500 gallons and have three baffles, and three inspection openings provided, one over the influent pipe, and another over the center baffle, and another over the discharge pipe for inspection purposes.
 - e. The equipment or facilities shall be installed and maintained by the originator.
 - f. All food service facilities defined as commercial facilities, shall be required to have a separate water meter and back-flow device, unless a specific variance is granted by the director.
 - g. Alternative treatment methods. The use of any alternative method of treatment is prohibited without written approval by the city. Alternative treatment systems, such as mechanical grease recovery devices, shall only be used only after evaluation and authorization by the city.
 - h. The use of chemicals, enzymes and bacteria is prohibited, unless specifically authorized in writing by the city, and only after site specific monitoring and data collection has been performed. The use of any additives shall not be considered as an alternative to an adequate treatment system or in lieu of regular maintenance, as prescribed in this article.
 - i. Maintenance required. All FOG separators shall be maintained at the originator's expense. Maintenance shall include the complete removal of all contents of the separator. The city has established the following minimum pumping schedule and may increase or decrease the pumping frequency based on the originator's compliance with the sanitary sewer use ordinance. Food establishments with an under the counter grease trap must have them pumped/cleaned at a minimum of once per month. All food establishments with inground grease traps/interceptors are required to have them pumped/cleaned based upon the schedule set forth by effluent analysis. The city will sample the effluent and set the pumping frequency based upon the effluent meeting daily maximum concentrations as set forth in Section 5-1-167.
- (b) *Maintenance and service facilities.*
- (1) *Sand/oil separator required.* All maintenance or service facilities shall provide approved oil and solids removal equipment or facilities sufficient to meet the limitations set forth in this article. The type, number, and size of the system shall be determined by city.
 - a. All maintenance or service facilities defined as commercial users of the system, shall be required to have a separate water meter and back-flow device, unless a specific variance is granted by the director.
 - b. The separator shall exclude sanitary wastewater and be located outside of any building and accessible for proper maintenance and inspection.
 - c. In areas where additional weight loads may exist, the separator shall be installed with traffic bearing covers.
 - d. The separator/grease trap must be a minimum of 1,500 gallons and have three baffles, and three inspection openings provided, one over the influent pipe, and another over the center baffle, and another over the discharge pipe for inspection purposes.
 - e. The separators shall be installed and maintained by the originator.

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- f. Maintenance required. All separators shall be maintained at the originators expense. Maintenance shall include the complete removal of all contents of the separator. The frequency for maintaining these interceptors shall, at the minimum, be as follows based on the classifications listed. The city has established the following minimum pumping schedule and may increase or decrease the pumping frequency based on the originator's compliance with the sanitary sewer use ordinance:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Description of User</i>	<i>Pumping Frequency</i>
I	Wash bay grit removal sand trap	Monthly
II	Self-serve carwash with less than four wash bays	Four times/year
III	Automatic carwash owned/operated by a service station	Four times/year
IV	Self-serve carwash with more than four wash bays	Monthly
V	Combination self-serve and automatic carwash	Monthly
VI	Full service automatic carwash	Monthly

- (c) *Monitoring.* All commercial facilities shall have an approved manhole on the discharge sanitary sewer to allow observation, sampling and flow measurement.
- (d) *Reporting spills.* All commercial facilities must report any spills to the city upon becoming aware of a spill that could impact any surrounding areas such as storm drains, adjacent streams or ground surface where the transporter has removed waste from the facility's pretreatment system. Failure to notify the city of a spill will constitute a violation and fines may be assessed to the commercial waste originator, as well as the transporter.

SECTION X.

Article I of Chapter 5-2 of Title 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by adding a Section 5-2-15 to read as follows:

Sec. 5-2-15. - Unauthorized water consumption; hydrant applications; enforcement.

- (a) **Prohibited conduct.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity, without the written authorization of the Director of the Gainesville Department of Water Resources and authorized delegates, through an application process to:
- (1) Connect to, tap, or draw water from any city water main, service line, distribution system facility, or fire hydrant;
 - (2) Tamper with, bypass, remove, or interfere with any city water meter, lock, seal, or service line;
 - (3) Restore or reconnect any water service discontinued by city personnel; or
 - (4) Use water service at any premises without an active, properly established account with the city.

Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

- (b) **Fire hydrants.** Any person seeking to withdraw water from a city fire hydrant for a non-firefighting purpose shall first apply to the Gainesville Department of Water Resources. All withdrawals under such application shall be metered through a city-approved hydrant meter, including a city-approved backflow prevention assembly. The Director is authorized

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to establish application requirements, conditions, fees, and revocation procedures by administrative policy consistent with this section.

- (c) **Fire suppression systems.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity to make any connections to a dedicated fire system, including vault, mains, and hydrants, for water use other than fire suppression or fire flow testing. Gainesville Department of Water Resources may require proof from a licensed fire suppression system testing company showing approximate water used during annual testing.
- (d) **Enforcement.** Upon finding a violation of this section, the Director of the Gainesville Department of Water Resources may:
- (1) Disconnect water service to the premises until the violation is corrected and all fees and costs are paid;
 - (2) Assess administrative fees in accordance with the city's schedule of fees adopted under Title 10 of this Code, with fees scaled by the severity and recurrence of the violation; and
 - (3) Recover from the responsible party all direct costs incurred by the city as a result of the violation, including the cost of water consumed, labor, materials, equipment repair or replacement, and investigation costs. Cost recovery is separate from and in addition to any administrative fee assessed under this subsection.
- (e) **State law.** Violations of this section may also constitute criminal offenses under applicable Georgia law, including but not limited to O.C.G.A. § 16-8-5 Theft of services, and O.C.G.A. § 16-7-25 Damaging, injuring, or interfering with property of public utility companies, municipalities or political subdivisions. Administrative enforcement under this section does not preclude criminal prosecution, and criminal prosecution does not satisfy any civil or administrative obligation owed to the city.

SECTION XI.

Section 5-2-104 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by adding a subsection (6) to read as follows:

- (6) Failing to repair or remedy any visible or detectable leak by any metering or other device on the premises owned, leased or managed by that person.

SECTION XII.

Section 10-1-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1-11. Returned payments; service charge.

When payment of any amount due the city or any of its departments (including, but not limited to, tax, the Georgia Mountains Center, or parks and recreation) occurs and is subsequently returned by the bank or financial institution upon which it is written due to insufficient funds, closed account or any other reason, the customer shall pay a returned check charge in the amount of \$30.00. The city may also charge the customer an additional fee in an amount equal to that charged to the city by the bank or financial institution as a result of the payment not being honored. Such charges shall be considered part of the original amount due to the city or any of its departments for the purposes of determining nonpayment of such amount. For charges between \$50.00—\$2,500.00, the city manager may review the charge, upon written request from the customer. If the city manager determines that the dishonored

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payment was due to inadvertence or mistake, the city manager may, in his discretion, waive part of the returned check charge which exceeds \$30.00. The governing body must review any charges exceeding \$2,500.00. If the governing body determines that the dishonored payment was due to inadvertence or mistake, the governing body may, in its discretion, waive part of the returned payment charge which exceeds \$30.00.

SECTION XIII.

Section 10-1-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1-17. Wastewater service fees.

(a) Monthly account service fees and monthly per unit (1,000 gallons) wastewater service fees:

- (1) Account service fees. All classes of wastewater users inside or outside the corporate limits of the city who purchase water from the city shall pay no monthly account service fee on the wastewater portion of the utility bill when billed with the water service.
- (2) All classes of wastewater users, whether located inside or outside the corporate limits of the city, whose wastewater flow is metered and billed separately from their water meters shall pay a monthly account service fee in accordance with fees established in section 10-1-41(b).
- (3) Monthly per unit (1,000 gallons) wastewater service fees for all classes of users by district:

a. Effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

<i>Wastewater District</i>	<i>Fee per 1,000 Gallons</i>
Inside city limits	\$10.85
Outside city limits with the sole exception of property located in the City of Oakwood	\$10.85

b. Effective January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027:

<i>Wastewater District</i>	<i>Fee per 1,000 Gallons</i>
Inside city limits	\$11.16
Outside city limits with the sole exception of property located in the City of Oakwood	\$11.16

c. Effective January 1, 2028 through December 31, 2028:

<i>Wastewater District</i>	<i>Fee per 1,000 Gallons</i>
Inside city limits	\$11.60
Outside city limits with the sole exception of property located in the City of Oakwood	\$11.60

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d. Effective January 1, 2029 through December 31, 2029:

<i>Wastewater District</i>	<i>Fee per 1,000 Gallons</i>
Inside city limits	\$12.17
Outside city limits with the sole exception of property located in the City of Oakwood	\$12.17

e. Effective January 1, 2030 through December 31, 2030:

<i>Wastewater District</i>	<i>Fee per 1,000 Gallons</i>
Inside city limits	\$12.89
Outside city limits with the sole exception of property located in the City of Oakwood	\$12.89

f. Effective January 1, 2031:

<i>Wastewater District</i>	<i>Fee per 1,000 Gallons</i>
Inside city limits	\$13.78
Outside city limits with the sole exception of property located in the City of Oakwood	\$13.78

- (b) In addition to the above, all classes of users except residential and multifamily shall be billed, as a surcharge, a fee based upon their pollutant load in excess of that found in the maximum residential waste effluent. The director of the city department of water resources, or his delegate, in accordance with the standard practice for sample taking and sample analysis, shall compute monthly for each class of user, the amount of waste pollutants in mg/L/1,000 gallons (milligrams per liter per 1,000 gallons) introduced in the wastewater system in excess of the residential criteria hereafter established. Computation shall be based on the average of samples taken in a water service period. In the event there are no samples taken in a service period, the most recent sample shall be used for the monthly computation for up to four consecutive monthly computations.
- (c) In addition to surcharges, all classes of users except residential and multifamily shall be billed, as a penalty, a fee based upon their pollutant load of oil and grease in excess of that found in the maximum residential waste effluent. The director of the city department of water resources, or his delegate, in accordance with the standard practice for sample taking and sample analysis, shall compute monthly for each class of user, the amount of waste pollutants in mg/L/1,000 gallons (milligrams per liter per one thousand gallons) introduced in the wastewater system in excess of residential criteria hereafter established. Computation shall be based on the average of samples taken in a water service period. In the event there are no samples taken in a service period, the most recent sample shall be used for the monthly computation for up to four consecutive monthly computations.
- (d) Waste effluent contaminants to be analyzed and measured for surcharge and penalty are:
 - (1) Biochemical oxygen demand;
 - (2) Suspended solids;
 - (3) Oil and grease;
 - (4) Phosphorus;
 - (5) Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen.
 - (6) Ammonia
- (e) The criteria hereby established for maximum or upper limit residential waste is:
 - (1) Biochemical oxygen demand, 250 mg/L;
 - (2) Suspended solids, 250 mg/L;

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- (3) Oil and grease, 100 mg/L;
 - (4) Phosphorus, 7 mg/L;
 - (5) Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, 40 mg/L.
 - (6) Ammonia, 50 mg/L.
- (f) The surcharge to industrial and commercial users for excess pollutants over the maximum residential criteria each month will be computed as follows:
- For customers served by the Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility:
- (1) Biochemical oxygen demand: \$0.003 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of residential criteria up to 475 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 - (2) Total suspended solids: \$0.0023 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of total suspended solids (TSS) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of residential criteria up to 475 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 - (3) Phosphorus: \$0.0353 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of total phosphorus (P) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of residential criteria up to 11 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 - (4) Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen: No surcharge.
 - (5) Ammonia: \$0.0129 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of ammonia for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 51 mg/L.
 - (6) Fats, oil, and grease: \$0.0084 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of total fats, oil, and grease (FOG) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of residential criteria up to 100 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
- For Customers served by the Linwood Water Reclamation Facility:
- (7) Biochemical oxygen demand: \$0.000 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of residential criteria up to 475 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 - (8) Total suspended solids: \$0.0023 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of total suspended solids (TSS) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of residential criteria up to 475 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 - (9) Phosphorus: \$0.0353 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of total phosphorus (P) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of residential criteria up to 11 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 - (10) Ammonia: \$0.0129 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of ammonia for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 51 mg/L
 - (11) Fats, oil, and grease: \$0.0084 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of total fats, oil and grease (FOG) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of residential criteria up to 100 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
- (g) Reserved.
- (h) A minimum fee of \$400.00 shall be charged for monitoring waters of the state due to a wastewater spill of zero to 10,000 gallons, or the actual cost of such monitoring, whichever is higher. The actual costs incurred shall be charged for monitoring a spill greater than 10,000 gallons.
- (i) Fees for testing private water samples for contaminants are as follows:
- (1) Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅): \$32.00.
 - (2) Chemical oxygen demand: \$27.00.

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- (3) Coliform, E.Coli: \$40.00.
- (4) Coliform, total: \$40.00.
- (5) Nitrogen, ammonia: \$25.00.
- (6) Nitrogen, nitrate: \$20.00.
- (7) Nitrogen, total Kjeldahl: \$27.00.
- (8) Oil and grease: \$40.00.
- (9) pH: \$12.00.
- (10) Orthophosphate, total: \$26.00.
- (11) Phosphorus, total: \$20.00.
- (12) Solids, total: \$16.00.
- (13) Solids, total suspended: \$19.00.
- (14) Well testing fee: \$50.00.

SECTION XIV.

Section 10-1-18 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by adding a subsection (d) to read as follows:

- (d) In the event a wastewater flow meter is installed as referenced in Section 5-1-189, when deemed necessary by the director or entered into an agreement with the customer, wastewater charges will be based on actual meter readings, unless the meter is deemed not in compliance with the current Standard Operating Procedure for the Standardization and Totalization Program. If the meter is deemed not in compliance with the current Standard Operating Procedure for the Standardization and Totalization Program, wastewater charges will be estimated at the director's discretion using (1) historical charges and/or (2) water meter usage and/or (3) industry statistics and other available information. Upon repeated failures of the wastewater flow meter, Gainesville Department of Water Resources may choose to install and maintain flow measurement equipment with all costs reimbursed by the customer.

SECTION XV.

Section 10-1-19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1-19. Excess contaminated waste.

Wastewater acceptable for treatment without violating the provisions of this chapter is wastewater with:

- (1) BOD of 475 mg per liter or less.
- (2) Total suspended solids of 475 mg per liter or less.
- (3) Total phosphorus of 11 mg per liter or less.
- (4) Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) of 75 mg per liter or less.

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- (5) Ammonia of 60 mg per liter or less
- (6) Fats, oil and grease of 110 mg per liter or less.
- (7) Any wastewater accepted with effluent contaminants in excess of the limits of subsections (1) through (4) of this section shall be charged a surcharge to be computed as follows:
 - a. Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD).
 1. \$0.006 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 475 milligrams per liter (mg/L) up to 700 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 2. \$0.012 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 700 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 - b. Suspended solids.
 1. \$0.0046 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of total suspended solids (TSS) for each 1,000 gallons, in excess of 475 milligrams per liter up to 700 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 2. \$0.0092 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of total suspended solids (TSS) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 700 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 - c. Phosphorus.
 1. \$0.0706 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of total phosphorus (P) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 11 milligrams per liter (mg/L) up to 15 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 2. \$0.1412 per milligrams per liter (mg/L) of total phosphorus (P) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 15 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 - d. Ammonia.

For customers served by the Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility:

 1. \$0.0258 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of Ammonia (NH₃) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 60.01 milligrams per liter (mg/L) up to 88 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 2. \$0.0517 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of Ammonia (NH₃) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 88 milligrams per liter (mg/L).

For customers served by the Linwood Water Reclamation Facility:

 3. \$0.0258 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of Ammonia (NH₃) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 60 milligrams per liter (mg/L) up to 88 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 4. \$0.0517 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of Ammonia (NH₃) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 88 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 - e. Fats, Oils, and Grease.
 1. \$0.0168 per milligram per liter (mg/L) of total fats, oil, and grease (FOG) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 110 milligrams per liter (mg/L) up to 120 milligrams per liter (mg/L).
 2. \$0.0336 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of total fats, oil, and grease (FOG) for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 120 milligrams per liter (mg/L); provided, however, that payment of the surcharge, as provided in this section, shall not excuse the violator from any other penalty, termination of service or legal or equitable relief pursued by the city to terminate such violation.

SECTION XVI.

Section 10-1-20(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by changing "\$900.00" to "\$1,600.00."

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SECTION XVII.

Section 10-1-21(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

(b) *Determination of wastewater connection fee.*

(1) The wastewater connection fee shall be imposed according to the following schedule:

<i>Size of Water Meter (inches)</i>		<i>Sewer Connection Fee</i>
$\frac{3}{4}$		\$3,890
1		\$9,725
2		\$31,240
3		\$62,240
4		\$97,250
6		\$194,500
8		\$311,200

The wastewater connection fee shall be paid at the time of application for wastewater service and in addition to the meter and wastewater system tapping fees.

(2) The minimum wastewater connection fee for any new wastewater service, regardless of the meter size, shall be \$3,890.

SECTION XVIII.

Section 10-1-26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1-26. User charge system for operation and maintenance costs.

(a) *Basis for user charge.* The wastewater characteristics which are used to determine user charge are:

- (1) BOD;
- (2) Suspended solids;
- (3) Flow volume;
- (4) Oil and grease;
- (5) Phosphorus; and
- (6) Ammonia.

Normal wastewater dischargers and industrial wastewater dischargers of normal strength wastewaters shall be charged a basic user charge in which flow volume is the wastewater characteristic for determining the charge.

(b) *Basic user charge.* The formula for determining basic user charge which applies to normal strength discharges shall be as follows:

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$$R = V_m C_t$$

Where:

R = Monthly user charge

V_m = Volume contribution in accordance with section 10-1-18 from a user in units of 1,000 gallons

C_t = Basic unit charge to user (dollar per 1,000 gallons for operation and maintenance)

- (c) *Surcharged wastewater.* When BOD, suspended solids, oil and grease, phosphorus, or ammonia concentrations in a user's wastewater discharge is in excess of the range of concentration in normal strength wastewater, a surcharge shall be added to the basic user charge.
- (d) *Surcharge determination.* When BOD, suspended solids, oil and grease, phosphorus, and ammonia exceed the range of concentration of those pollutants in normal strength wastewater, a surcharge shall be added in the basic user charge. The surcharge shall be determined as follows:

$$C_s = (B_c \times B + S_c \times S + G_c \times G + P_c \times P + A_c \times A) V_u$$

Where:

C_s = Surcharge for wastewater (dollar per month)

B_c = Operation, maintenance and replacement costs for treatment of one mg/L of BOD in 1,000 gallons

B = Concentration of BOD from a user above base load (mg/L)

S_c = Operation, maintenance and replacement costs for treatment of one mg/L of suspended solids in 1,000 gallons

S = Concentration of suspended solids from a user above base level (mg/L)

G_c = Operation, maintenance and replacement costs for treatment of one mg/L of oil and grease in 1,000 gallons

G = Concentration of grease from user above base level (mg/L)

P_c = Operation, maintenance and replacement costs for treatment of one mg/L of phosphorus in 1,000 gallons

P = Concentration of phosphorus from a user above base level (mg/L)

A_c = Operation, maintenance and replacement costs for treatment of one mg/L of ammonia in 1,000 gallons

A = Concentration of ammonia from a user above base level (mg/L)

V_u = Flow volume in units of 1,000 gallons per month

- (e) *Unit value determination.* The basic unit, C_t , which shall be revised not less frequently than biennially, shall be determined as follows:

$$C_t = B_d B_c + S_d S_c + G_d G_c + P_d P_c + A_d A_c + V_c$$

Where:

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B_d = Average mg/L of BOD of normal strength wastewater contributed

S_d = Average mg/L of suspended solids of normal strength wastewater contributed

G_d = Average mg/L of oil and grease of normal strength wastewater contributed

P_d = Average mg/L of phosphorus of normal strength wastewater contributed

A_d = Average mg/L of ammonia of normal strength wastewater contributed

V_c = Operation and maintenance cost for treatment of flow volume in units of 1,000 gallons

C_t , B_c , S_c , G_c , P_c , A_d are defined in subsections (b) and (d) of this section. B_d , S_d , G_d and P_d shall be revised not less frequently than biennially and shall be determined by dividing actual wastewater treatment plant loading less total surcharged loading by total annual volume contribution by domestic wastewater discharges.

V_c , B_c , S_c , G_c , P_c , and A_c shall be revised not less often than every two years by dividing their respective annual maintenance and operation costs by their respective annual loadings. Wastewater discharge volume (V_m) for dischargers of normal strength wastewater shall be 100 percent of the amount of water metered. For industrial wastewater dischargers which discharge surcharged waste, the wastewater discharge volume (V_u) shall be 100 percent of the amount of water metered, unless it can be shown that the volume of wastewater discharge is less.

- (f) *Periodic review.* The total cost of operation and maintenance of the treatment works, its approved user charge system and the contribution of the users shall be reviewed as needed. Charges for users shall be revised to maintain the distribution of operation and maintenance costs among users and to generate sufficient revenue to pay the total operation and maintenance cost necessary to the proper operation and maintenance of treatment works equipment.
- (g) *Inconsistent agreements.* The user charge system shall take precedence over any terms, conditions of agreements or contracts between the city and the user, including industrial users, districts, other municipalities or federal agencies which are inconsistent with the requirements of section 204(b)(1)(a) of the Clean Water Act and these regulations.
- (h) *Excess revenue.* Revenues collected in excess of revenues used to defray operation, maintenance and renewal and extension costs in any year shall be applied to the costs of operation and maintenance for the next year, and the user charge adjusted to absorb the excess.
- (i) *Toxic pollutants.* Each user which discharges any toxic substance to the publicly owned wastewater, which causes an increase in the costs of managing the effluent or the sludge of the treatment works, shall pay for the increased costs.
- (j) *Extraneous flows.* Maintenance and operation costs for all flows not attributable to users shall be distributed among all users in proportion of flow volume of the user discharge.
- (k) *Notification.* Each user shall be notified no less than annually with a regular bill, of the rate and that portion of the user charges which are attributable to wastewater treatment services.
- (l) *Records.* The city shall document the various waste treatment plant loading categories and the operation and maintenance costs attributable to each category, record user charge revenues and demonstrate that the user charge derived is a proportional distribution of operation and maintenance costs.

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SECTION XIX.

Section 10-1-41 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1-41. Classification of users and rate schedule.

(a) *Classification of users.* For the purpose of establishing water service fees under chapter 5-2, users are classified as follows effective July 1, 2007:

- (1) Residential;
- (2) Multifamily;
- (3) Commercial;
- (4) General industry;
- (5) Irrigation (commercial and residential).

(b) *Account service fees.* Effective January 1, 2010, all classes of water users, whether located inside or outside the corporate limits of the city, shall pay a monthly account service fee as set forth in section 10-1-41(e).

(c) *Meter requirement.*

- (1) All classes of water users whether inside or outside the corporate limits of the city shall have a water meter installed by the city or its designated contractor and be charged an account service fee and monthly per unit water service fees as provided for in this chapter. Units are measured by each 1,000 gallons of water used.
- (2) It shall be unlawful to obstruct access to any water meter connected to the city's water system. Meters must not be obstructed by any method, including, but not limited to, landscaping, debris or vehicles. If the customer fails to correct the violation after receiving notification, the department of water resources may take action to remedy the situation. Any expenses incurred by the department of water resources will be the responsibility of the customer.

(d) *Conservation pricing.* The city hereby implements water conservation pricing. All classes of water users whether inside or outside the corporate limits of the city shall be charged for the water they use in gallons. The structure of the water conservation rates is as follows:

- (1) Residential classes of customers whether inside or outside the corporate limits of the city shall be charged for their consumption in tiers based on specific consumption amounts.

<i>Tier</i>	<i>Consumption</i>
Lifeline	0—2,000 gallons
1	2,001—5,000 gallons
2	5,001—8,000 gallons
3	>8,000 gallons

- (2) Commercial and multifamily classes of customers whether inside or outside the corporate limits of the city shall be charged for their consumption in tiers based on winter averaging. The winter average is determined by averaging the volume of water

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consumed from the immediately preceding November through April. Winter averages are set each May. New customers in the commercial and multifamily classes after winter averages are set for the year, whether inside or outside the corporate limits of the city, shall be charged for their consumption at the tier 1 water service fee until winter averages are set again the next year in May.

<i>Tier</i>	<i>Consumption</i>
1	≤ 125% of average
2	> 125%—180% of average
3	> 180% of average

- (3) General industry classes of customers will not be subject to a conservation rate and shall be charged for their consumption at the tier 1 water service fee. If the industry has significant peak or seasonal use, as determined by the Director, customer-specific rates and cost recovery may be required to account for specific system infrastructure.
- (4) Irrigation classes of customers whether inside or outside the corporate limits of the city shall be charged for their use at the tier 3 water service fee.

(e) *Fees charged.*

- (1) Effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

<i>Fee per Month</i>		
	<i>Inside City</i>	<i>Outside City</i>
Account Service Fee	\$6.78	\$6.78
Quantity Used Per Month in Units of 1,000 gallons		
Lifeline	\$2.92	\$5.55
Tier 1 Unit Fee	\$3.72	\$7.07
Tier 2 Unit Fee	\$4.65	\$8.84
Tier 3 Unit Fee	\$7.44	\$14.14

- (2) Effective January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027:

<i>Fee per Month</i>		
	<i>Inside City</i>	<i>Outside City</i>
Account Service Fee	\$7.78	\$7.78
Quantity Used Per Month in Units of 1,000 gallons		
Lifeline	\$3.00	\$5.70
Tier 1 Unit Fee	\$3.83	\$7.28
Tier 2 Unit Fee	\$4.79	\$9.10
Tier 3 Unit Fee	\$7.66	\$14.55

- (3) Effective January 1, 2028 through December 31, 2028:

<i>Fee per Month</i>		
	<i>Inside City</i>	<i>Outside City</i>
Account Service Fee	\$8.78	\$8.78
Quantity Used Per Month in Units of 1,000 gallons		
Lifeline	\$3.12	\$5.93
Tier 1 Unit Fee	\$3.98	\$7.56
Tier 2 Unit Fee	\$4.98	\$9.46

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Tier 3 Unit Fee	\$7.96	\$15.12
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(4) Effective January 1, 2029 through December 31, 2029:

<i>Fee per Month</i>		
	<i>Inside City</i>	<i>Outside City</i>
Account Service Fee	\$9.78	\$9.78
Quantity Used Per Month in Units of 1,000 gallons		
Lifeline	\$3.27	\$6.21
Tier 1 Unit Fee	\$4.18	\$7.94
Tier 2 Unit Fee	\$5.23	\$9.94
Tier 3 Unit Fee	\$8.36	\$15.88

(5) Effective January 1, 2030 through December 31, 2030:

<i>Fee per Month</i>		
	<i>Inside City</i>	<i>Outside City</i>
Account Service Fee	\$10.78	\$10.78
Quantity Used Per Month in Units of 1,000 gallons		
Lifeline	\$3.46	\$6.57
Tier 1 Unit Fee	\$4.43	\$8.42
Tier 2 Unit Fee	\$5.54	\$10.53
Tier 3 Unit Fee	\$8.86	\$16.83

(6) Effective January 1, 2031:

<i>Fee per Month</i>		
	<i>Inside City</i>	<i>Outside City</i>
Account Service Fee	\$11.78	\$11.78
Quantity Used Per Month in Units of 1,000 gallons		
Lifeline	\$3.70	\$7.03
Tier 1 Unit Fee	\$4.74	\$9.01
Tier 2 Unit Fee	\$5.93	\$11.27
Tier 3 Unit Fee	\$9.48	\$18.01

SECTION XX.

Section 10-1-42(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

(a) For making taps into the city water mains or water lines, the city shall charge according to the following schedule:

<i>Size of Tap</i>	<i>Fee</i>
¾-inch tap including meter	\$1,500
1-inch tap including meter	\$1,600
2-inch tap including meter	\$3,600
Over 2-inch tap including meter	Actual cost

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Section 10-1-43(a)(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by changing "\$160.00" to "\$200.00."

SECTION XXII.

Section 10-1-44(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

(b) *Determination of connection fee.*

(1) The water connection fee shall be imposed according to the following schedule:

<i>Size of Water Meter (inches)</i>		<i>Water Connection Fee</i>
$\frac{3}{4}$		\$1,925
1		\$4,813
2		\$15,400
3		\$30,800
4		\$48,125
6		\$96,250
8		\$154,000

The water connection fee shall be paid at the time of application in addition to the cost of the meter and water system tapping fees.

(2) The minimum water connection fee for any new water service, regardless of the meter size, shall be \$1,925.

SECTION XXIII.

Section 10-1-45 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1-45. Rate schedule for water service for fire protection purposes; private fire fees.

(a) *Generally.*

(1) Installations inside the corporate city limits will be charged a one-time application fee and a minimum monthly fee per fire line tap based on the size of the fire line tap as listed below:

<i>Application Fee</i>	<i>Fire Line Tap Size</i>	<i>Monthly Fee</i>
\$20.00	1 inch and 1.5 inches	\$1.00
	2 inches	\$2.00
	3 inches	\$6.00
	4 inches	\$12.00
	6 inches	\$35.00
	8 inches	\$74.00
	10 inches	\$134.00

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- (2) Installations outside the corporate city limits will be charged a one-time application fee and a minimum monthly fee per fire line tap based on the size of the fire line tap as listed below:

<i>Application Fee</i>	<i>Fire Line Tap Size</i>	<i>Monthly Fee</i>
\$20.00	1 inch and 1.5 inches	\$1.90
	2 inches	\$3.80
	3 inches	\$11.40
	4 inches	\$22.80
	6 inches	\$66.50
	8 inches	\$140.60
	10 inches	\$254.60

All water consumed through the detector meter for inside/outside corporate limits will be charged at the current tier three-unit fee.

- (b) *Fire hydrant meter rental service.* An application fee and a deposit, based on meter size, shall be charged for rental of fire hydrant meters, in addition to charges for the water consumed. A late read fee shall be charged for any meter not returned for reading by the scheduled deadline. Charges for the water consumed each month will be calculated using the tier three-unit fee. The deposit shall be refunded upon return of the undamaged meter. Should a meter be returned damaged, the repair cost shall be deducted from the deposit. Deposits will not be refunded for lost or stolen meters. The application fee, deposit, and late read fee shall be as follows:

<i>Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Application Fee</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Late Read Fee</i>
¾	\$45.00	\$550.00	\$150.00
3	\$45.00	\$3,000.00	\$150.00

- (c) *Fire hydrant flow testing fee.* A fee shall be charged by the utility for work performed for purposes of testing fire hydrants for adequate flow and pressure, and to meet fire flow requirements. This fee shall be \$150.00 per flow test.
- (d) *Damaged fire hydrant fee.* In the event that any person damages a fire hydrant, a fee shall be charged for the cost of supplies, equipment used, and personnel hours that it takes to repair the damages.
- (e) *Install new fire hydrant fee.* In the event that a new fire hydrant is installed at the request of a user, a fee shall be charged for the cost of supplies, equipment used, and personnel hours to install the new fire hydrant.

SECTION XXIV.

Section 10-1-46 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by changing “\$15.00” to “\$30.00” and by changing \$20.00” to “\$40.00.”

SECTION XXV.

Section 10-1-47 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

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Sec. 10-1-47. Charges for reconnection after nonpayment of bill.

When water has been cut off for the nonpayment of a water bill, or if it is necessary for the service worker to go to the premises for the purpose of cutting water off for nonpayment of bill, the consumer or owner shall pay a charge of \$50.00. In cases where customers have vacated premises leaving unpaid water bills, they will not be furnished with water elsewhere until such bill has been paid.

SECTION XXVI.

Subsections (b) and (c) of 10-1-49 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia are hereby amended by eliminating them in their entirety and amending them to read as follows:

- (b) *For second and subsequent violation of water shortage management restrictions.* For a second and subsequent violation of water shortage management restrictions, water customers determined to be in noncompliance shall have water supply terminated and be assessed a surcharge of up to the equivalent of that customer's previous 3 months average water and wastewater bill. Water supply shall not be restored until payment of the surcharge and a reconnection fee as described in section 10-1-47.
- (c) *For egregious violation of water shortage management restrictions.* For egregious violation of water shortage management restrictions as set forth in article III of chapter 5-2, water customers shall have water supply terminated and, upon authorization of the director of the department of water resources, be assessed a surcharge of up to \$10,000. Water supply shall not be restored until payment of the surcharge and a reconnection fee as described in section 10-1-47.

SECTION XXVII.

Section 10-1-50 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by eliminating it in its entirety and amending it to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1-50. Miscellaneous water fees.

- (a) *Permitting/Inspection Fees.* For all installations of water mains and wastewater lines not constructed or contracted by the department of water resources, both inside and outside the corporate city limits, a fee shall be charged for permitting/inspection of the installations to ensure that they meet department of water resources specifications. The permitting/inspection fee shall be \$4.00 per linear foot for water mains, and \$4.00 per linear foot for wastewater lines, and \$330.00 per disturbed acre for stormwater and erosion control.
- (b) *Backflow inspection fee.* For an installation of a backflow device on private water service lines connected to the department of water resources water mains, a fee of \$70.00 shall be charged for permitting/inspection of the installation to meet department of water resources' specifications.
- (c) *Commercial wastewater inspection fee.* For an installation of a wastewater sample station for grease traps and oil-water separators, a fee of \$90.00 shall be charged for permitting/inspection of the installation to meet department of water resources specifications.
- (d) *Relocation fees:*

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- (1) *Meter relocation.* The fee charged for relocating a three-quarter-inch and/or one-inch meters less than ten feet, which require no retap, shall be \$1,000.00. The fee to relocate a meter more than ten feet shall be \$1,700.00, provided that the relocation is on the same side of the road as the meter being relocated. The fee to relocate a meter more than ten feet shall be \$2,000.00, in the event that the relocation is not on the same side of the road as the meter being relocated. The fee to temporarily relocate a meter shall be \$1,700.00.
- (2) *Water line relocation.* In the event that a water line is relocated, a fee shall be charged for the cost of supplies, equipment used, and personnel hours to relocate the water line.
- (3) *Valve relocation.* In the event that a valve is relocated, a fee shall be charged for the cost of supplies, equipment used, and personnel hours to relocate the valve.
- (4) *Wastewater service relocation.* In the event that wastewater service is relocated, a fee shall be charged for the cost of supplies, equipment used, and personnel hours to relocate the line.
- (e) *Damage fees.* In the event that a person damages any equipment related to water and/or wastewater services provided in conjunction with the department of water resources, a fee shall be charged for all damages incurred, including the cost of supplies, equipment used, and personnel hours to repair the damages.
- (f) *Wastewater service locating fee.* In the event that the department of water resources locates wastewater service, a fee shall be charged in the amount of \$700.00.
- (g) *Raise/lower meter box fee.* In the event that a meter box is raised or lowered, a fee shall be charged in the amount of \$400.00.
- (h) *Tampering fee.* In the event that a person tampers with a meter to such an extent that the department of water resources removes the meter, a tampering fee shall be charged in the amount of \$200.00. If additional tampering occurs, including, but not limited to, placing a straight pipe in place of the meter, an additional tampering fee of \$200.00 shall be charged, and the service line shall be cut off at the main. In order for service to be restored, an additional fee shall be charged in the amount of \$200.00, and all other amounts due, including, but not limited to, tampering fees, past due amounts, and deposits, shall be paid prior to the restoration of service.

SECTION XXVIII.

Article III of Chapter 10-1 of Title 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Georgia is hereby amended by adding a Section 10-1-51 to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1-51. Unauthorized water consumption fees.

- (a) **Unauthorized water consumption administrative fees.** For violations of section 5-2-15 of this Code, the following administrative fees shall be assessed by the Director of the Gainesville Department of Water Resources:
 - (1) *First violation within any rolling twenty-four (24) month period:* \$500.00
 - (2) *Second violation within any rolling twenty-four (24) month period:* \$1,000.00
 - (3) *Third and any subsequent violations within any rolling twenty-four (24) month period:* \$1,500.00

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For third violations involving unauthorized use of water from a fire suppression system, the owner/customer may also be required to install an appropriately sized, Gainesville Department of Water Resources approved water meter directly on the fire system water main and/or make other improvements.

- (b) Cost recovery fees.** In addition to the administrative fees in subsection (a), persons responsible for unauthorized water consumption shall be assessed the following cost recovery charges, as applicable:
- (1) *Service call and investigation fee:* Service call costs plus actual labor costs at the fully loaded rate for all city personnel involved in detecting, documenting, and responding to the violation.
 - (2) *Value of unauthorized water consumed:* Calculated at the applicable tier three-unit fee established in section 10-1-41(e) for each 1,000 gallons consumed without authorization. Where volume cannot be directly measured, consumption shall be estimated by the Director using engineering judgment based on connection size, consumption history, or other relevant data, with the methodology documented in the notice of violation.
 - (3) *Infrastructure repair or replacement:* Actual cost of materials at invoice cost plus labor at the fully loaded rate for all city personnel involved in repair or replacement of any city equipment, meter, service line, or distribution system facility damaged as a result of the violation.
 - (4) *Water quality testing:* Actual cost of any water quality testing or remediation required as a result of the violation.
- (c) Relationship to tampering fee.** The tampering fee established in section 10-1-50(h) shall not apply to violations addressed under this section. Meter tampering that constitutes unauthorized water consumption under section 5-2-15 shall be subject to the fees in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, which shall govern in lieu of section 10-1-50(h).
- (d) Procedures.** The procedures set forth in section 10-1-49(d) governing water shortage management surcharges shall apply to the assessment, appeal, and enforcement of fees under this section, including the right of appeal to the administrative hearing officer under section 1-8-1.

SECTION XXIX.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION XXX.

If any portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair the remaining portions unless it clearly appears that such other parts are wholly and necessarily dependent upon the part held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

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SECTION XXXI.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be upon approval by the governing body of the City of Gainesville, Georgia.

Zack Thompson, Mayor

This is to certify that I am City Clerk of the City of Gainesville. As such, I keep its official records, including its minutes. In that capacity, my signature below certifies this resolution was adopted as stated and will be recorded in the official minutes.

ATTEST:

Alisa Grayson, City Clerk

List of Ordinance Updates

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Section 5-1-21 Administrative enforcement remedies

- Increases the fine for violations.

Section 5-1-40 Discharge of certain materials and wastes

- Adds ammonia to be consistent with the City's wastewater permits.

Section 5-1-67 Discharge of prohibited substances

- Adds ammonia to be consistent with the City's wastewater permits
- Provides separate limits for the Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility and the Linwood Water Reclamation Facility.

Section 5-1-151 Wastewater discharge permits

- Changes the pretreatment permit duration from 3 years to 5 years.
- Removes the requirement for certified mail return receipt requested.

Section 5-1-181 Pretreatment design parameters

- Adds ammonia to be consistent with the City's wastewater permits.

Section 5-1-182 Fat, oil, grease, and sand interceptors required and maintained

- Removes the number of customers served by restaurants as a means to determine grease trap pumping frequency.
- Removes terminology that is no longer used or pertinent to pretreatment program as relates to grease interceptors.

Section 5-1-189 Sanitary sewer flow metering

- Adds reference to the Standard Operating Procedure for the Standardization and Totalization Program issued by DWR.

Section 5-1-220 Originator

- Changes made to define current requirements to pumping frequency schedules for restaurants and other grease interceptor locations.

Section 5-2-15 Unauthorized Water Consumption

- New section describing prohibited connections and uses associated with unauthorized connections, use of fire hydrants, use of fire suppression systems, and enforcement thereof.

Section 5-2-104 Waste of water prohibitions

- Adds a prohibition of failing to repair leaks.

Section 10-1-11 Returned checks; service charge

- Change the work “checks” to “payments” to cover additional forms of payments currently used.

Section 10-1-17 Wastewater service fees

- Updates \$/1000 gallons for wastewater. Deletes previous years. Shows actual 2026 rates. Shows updated rates for 2027 through 2031.
- Removes Oakwood wastewater rate because that is covered by an Intergovernmental Agreement.
- Related to pretreatment: 1) adds ammonia to match Gainesville wastewater treatment permits 2) provides separate information for the Linwood and Flat Creed WRFs 3) minor edits and some reformatting.

Section 10-1-18 Calculation of charges

- Adds information about sewer flow meters.

Section 10-1-19 Excess contaminated waste

- Related to pretreatment: 1) adds ammonia to match Gainesville wastewater treatment permits 2) provides separate information for the Linwood and Flat Creed WRFs 3) minor edits and some reformatting.

Section 10-1-20 Tapping and other fees

- Updates wastewater tap fee.

Section 10-1-21 Wastewater system connection fee

- Updates wastewater connection fees.

Section 10-1-26 User charge system for operations and maintenance costs

- Adds ammonia.
- Changes biennial review to periodic review allowing for changes as needed.

Section 10-1-41 Classification of users and rate schedule (water)

- Updates \$/1000 gallons for water. Deletes previous years. Shows actual 2026 rates. Shows updated rates for 2027 through 2031.
- New sentences added to allow for customer-specific rates and cost recovery for industries with peak or seasonal usage patterns.

Section 10-1-42 Tapping fees

- Updates tapping fees.

Section 10-1-43. Deposit fees; disposition of deposit on discontinuance of service; discontinuance and late fee charges for nonpayment of bill; discontinuance for nonpayment of bill to provide deposit fees; to provide for deposits from all customers based on meter size

- Updates customer deposit for a ¾-inch meter.

Section 10-1-44 Connection fee

- Updates connection fees.

Section 10-1-45 Rate schedule for water service for fire protection purposes; private fire fees

- Updates fees.

Section 10-1-46. Charges for discontinuance and resumption of service

- Updates fees.

Section 10-1-47 Charges for reconnection after nonpayment of bill; charges for returned checks

- Deletes paragraph (b) related to returned checks because 10-1-11 covers this issue.

Section 10-1-49. Water shortage management surcharges

- Updates surcharge for second and subsequent violations of water shortage management restrictions.

Section 10-1-50. Miscellaneous water fees

- Updates fees.
- Add stormwater inspection fee.

Section 10-1-51. Unauthorized Water Consumption Fees

- New section providing administrative fees and cost recovery for unauthorized water use.