



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 27, 2023 Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Agenda

Zoom Details:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIR UPDATE

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 12/11/2023

B. Approval of Warrants

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)

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6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Animal Ordinance -Action

B. Legal Trail #4 Fill

C. re-adoption of ordinances - Action

8. BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)

A. Fairfax Rescue - Introduction - Action approve or deny

B. Bi-Weekly Paychecks - Action to approve change from weekly to Bi-weekly

C. 2022 Audit - Action

D. Full-time Treasurer - Action approve or deny.

E. Reports due for Town Report - update

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

- A. Town Administrator
- B. Treasurer
- C. Buildings
- D. Budget and Finance
- E. Personnel
- F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation
- G. Committees at the direction of the chair

10. OTHER

11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- A. 01/08/2024

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313)

- A. Personnel - Treasurer

13. ADJOURN

TABLED ITEMS:

Posted to the Town website, four designated places within the Town of Georgia (Town Clerk's Office, Georgia Public Library, Maplefields & Georgia Market), and e-mailed to the local media.

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Selectboard Regular Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2023
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom
Minutes 6:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- **Selectboard Present:** Devon Thomas Chair, Shannon Jenkins Vice-Chair, Jamie Comstock, Carl Rosenquist
- **Selectboard Zoom:** Nicholas Martin
- **Staff Present:** Dawn Penney, Doug Bergstrom, April Edwards
- **Staff Zoom:** Cheryl Letourneau
- **Public Present:** Terry Cleveland, Justin Holmes, Kirk Waite, Catherine Dimitruk, Marty Jansen, Heather Dunsmore, Heather Grimm, Fred Grimm
- **Public Zoom:** John Chagnon, Marc Price, Frank Gore, Kevin Camisa, Jana Thuesen, Kristina Senna

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CHAIR UPDATE

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- C. Rosenquist made a motion to have items F, G, and Q moved to the next meeting, J. Comstock seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Rosenquist made a motion to have items K and Safety (N) to the budget meeting, J. Comstock seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Rosenquist made a motion to add the Car Show and Zoning to this meeting, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Rosenquist made a motion to have A. Edwards give her report after the Warrants in the agenda, J. Comstock seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

5. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

34 A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for 11.27.2023

- 35 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to accept the Minutes with corrections, J. Comstock seconded.
- 36 ○ C. Rosenquist asked to have Line 74 change the letter items to reflect the changes made
- 37 at the beginning of that meeting.
- 38 ○ J. Comstock asked that line 12 have John Chagnon and Jana Thuesen names spelled
- 39 correctly.
- 40 ○ C. Rosenquist asked that Line 246 have a time added to it.
- 41 ○ T. Cleveland said line 194 has Thomas spelled incorrectly and she would like to have her
- 42 letter added to the minutes on line 183.
- 43 • All in favor, motion carried.

44 B. Approval of Warrants #31 and #32

- 45 • S. Jenkins made a motion to accept Warrant #32 with corrections, J. Comstock seconded.
- 46 ○ N. Martin questioned the Cargill purchases and the Power bill for the Library.
- 47 • All in favor, motion carried. D. Penney clarified the motion was for corrections and none
- 48 were stated. D. Thomas said it was corrections if needed and there were none.
- 49 • N. Martin made a motion to accept Warrant #31 with corrections if needed, J. Comstock
- 50 seconded.
- 51 ○ S. Jenkins and N. Martin asked for more information about the Puppets.
- 52 • All in favor, motion carried.

53 **6. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)**

54 All participants must clearly state their names. Appropriate actions will be considered once the
55 Selectboard has reviewed the information provided and necessary subsequent research.

56 **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

57 **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

58 **9. BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)**

59 Treasurer Report (moved due to motion from additions, deletions, or changes)

- 60 • A. Edwards reported she has received the audit and has sent a copy to the board. She is
- 61 currently trying to implement the recommendations.
- 62 • A. Edwards says that she has delt with the PayChex representative, the supervisor and now
- 63 that person’s supervisor and she is hopeful that things will get sorted out. She reported this
- 64 has been an ongoing issue since July, and they have yet to offer a contract for moving
- 65 forward.
- 66 • N. Martin wanted to quickly move to everyone getting bi-weekly or weekly paychecks, D.
- 67 Thomas agreed.
- 68 • A. Edwards reported that she made all the transfers to the reserve funds that were asked.
- 69 Everything went well except for the transfer for the highway department.

70 A. Catherine Dimitruk - overview/annual report NWRPC

- 71 • C. Dimitruk introduced herself to the board. She informed them of the work that NWRPC
- 72 has done and what they are working on. She speaks of: the South Village, Stormwater,
- 73 Master Plan, Exit 18, VTrans, Budgets, aids, bridges and grants. She informed that there is
- 74 currently a seat available for a person to join the board. Discussion was had on Mill River
- 75 Rd, Georgia Shore Rd and the two bridges located there.

- 76 B. Justin Holmes - Fairbanks Property
- 77 • J. Holmes explained that the map that was previously presented to the board is not the same
- 78 anymore. He presented the updated map with the wetlands outlined. He explained how it
- 79 would move forward from the respect of a developer and from the respect of the selectboard.
- 80 He made note of the changes.
- 81 • F. Grimm asked why this was not being presented to the Planning Commission. He was told
- 82 that it had been, the information is being moved forward to keep the selectboard up to date.
- 83 C. Bill Hinman Greenbacker – Action
- 84 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to have the chair sign the contract for 10 years and \$45,000
- 85 as advised by B. Hinman our Assessor, J. Comstock seconded. All in favor, motion
- 86 carried.
- 87 D. Selectboard meeting on 12/25 – Action
- 88 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to move the 12.25.2023 meeting to 12.27.2023 immediately
- 89 after the scheduled budget meeting (6:00 pm), S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion
- 90 carried.
- 91 E. Furnace Contract – Action
- 92 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve 802 for the \$6,400 contract, J. Comstock seconded.
- 93 ○ N. Martin questioned the additional expenses for previous years.
- 94 • C. Rosenquist withdrew the motion.
- 95 F. ~~Animal Ordinance Action~~ – Moved to Next Meeting
- 96 G. ~~Legal Trail #4 Fill~~ – Moved to Next Meeting
- 97 H. Zoning Fee Schedule – Action
- 98 • D. Bergstrom presented an updated request for changes in zoning fees. He noted that some
- 99 went up and some went down. He is trying to align with other towns and ensure the costs of
- 100 our meetings are covered.
- 101 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve the zoning fee changes; N. Martin seconded. All
- 102 in favor, motion carried.
- 103 I. DEI update
- 104 • D. Thomas informed the board that people have left the DEI committee. He said he
- 105 engaged in a conversation with J. Thuesen, and they thought it would be best to retire the
- 106 DEI Committee. D. Thomas said he wanted to speak with the school and see what they
- 107 have done to adopt a DEI statement. He planned on coming back in January with a
- 108 statement for the board to approve. J. Thuesen spoke of her conversation with B. Harnish
- 109 and what happened from town to town during their adoption process.
- 110 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve two statements to put on the ballot and have the
- 111 townspeople vote for the one they support. No one seconded, the motion failed on the floor.
- 112 Discussion was had on who would put together the statements and what they would say. N.
- 113 Martin wanted clarity on this.
- 114 • D. Thomas wants to vote on a statement in January. He said if the people do not like the
- 115 statement then they can vote them out next election.
- 116 • S. Jenkins made a motion to retire the DEI committee, J. Comstock seconded. C.
- 117 Rosenquist abstained, D. Thomas, S. Jenkins, J. Comstock and N. Martin vote yes, motion
- 118 carried.
- 119 • C. Rosenquist said, no one person on the board should be working alone.

- 120 • D. Thomas made a motion to create a committee of him and S. Jenkins to work on this, J.
- 121 Comstock seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- 122 • C. Rosenquist wanted to ensure that they will uphold the standards of open meeting law,
- 123 create agendas, warn meetings and take minutes. D. Thomas confirmed.
- 124 • C. Rosenquist said that four members of the DEI committee asked to have people come in
- 125 and speak with them and the board refused it. He believes this was a violation of their first
- 126 amendment rights.

127 J. Highway Truck Purchase – Action

- 128 • C. Letourneau presented the option of a 2016 truck for \$60,000-65,000 we can purchase
- 129 from Williston. This is another truck option from the 2017 for \$80,000-85,000 which
- 130 presented before. S. Jenkins asked if it is within his budget. C. Letourneau said it is and he
- 131 is currently underspent on some line items.
- 132 • S. Jenkins made a motion to approve the 2016 truck from Williston between \$60,000-
- 133 65,000, J. Comstock seconded.
- 134 • F. Grimm asked for clarity on the capital budget. N. Martin said it is underfunded.
- 135 • K. Waite said it is not good practice to spend money like this at the end of the year. He
- 136 questioned why they would spend this money as opposed to putting it back into the general
- 137 fund and relieving the pressure of the budget for next year. He pointed out that they would
- 138 be spending money that the voters did not approve of. This was not accounted for in last
- 139 year’s budget that was presented and voted on.
- 140 • C. Rosenquist asked how time sensitive this is, questioning if they could address it on
- 141 Wednesday at the budget meeting.
- 142 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to postpone the truck purchase to the budget meeting on
- 143 Wednesday, J. Comstock seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- 144 • It is noted that the previous motion made by S. Jenkins was not voted on.

145 K. ~~Computer Purchase Public Works~~ Action – Moved to Next Budget Meeting

146 L. Transportation Grant – Signatures

- 147 • Signatures were needed, all signed.

148 M. Falls Trail South Gully Repair – Signatures

- 149 • D. Thomas signed for the Falls Trail repairs.

150 N. ~~Safety items purchase~~ Action – Moved to Next Budget Meeting

151 O. Brookfield Service of Generator – Action

- 152 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to approve the contract by 802 Mechanical, J. Comstock
- 153 seconded.
- 154 • N. Martin asked if it is a requirement to do maintenance twice a year.
- 155 • C. Rosenquist modified the motion to say twice per year.
- 156 • All in favor, motion carried.
- 157 • C. Letourneau said the approval of this contract is happening later than anticipated and they
- 158 may no longer be able to take advantage of the \$50 discount.

159 P. Generator Purchase – Action

- 160 • C. Letourneau reported the \$6,000 generator from the previous meeting is no longer
- 161 available and is sold. There is now a \$4,000 generator available of the same quality also
- 162 being sold by Park Newton (townsperson).
- 163 • N. Martin recommended against the purchase of this generator. He said this was presented
- 164 to them as a handwritten note and that people should present things in a professional
- 165 manner. He asked for T. Cadieux to get the information on this and present it to them.

166 Q. ~~re-adoption of ordinances~~— Moved to Next Meeting

167 R. Old Derelict Car Show – Added during Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda

- 168 • C. Letourneau informed the board she received a letter of request to have the Old Derelict
- 169 Car Show for 2024 at the Georgia Beach again. She said that they are presenting Camp Ta-
- 170 Kum-Ta a check tomorrow for \$24,000 from the event and they would like to take that
- 171 opportunity to promote the date and location of the show for next year. They requested June
- 172 8 or June 15 as possible dates.
- 173 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to have the Old Derelict Car Show at the Georgia Beach in
- 174 2024 and waive the fee for them again, N. Martin seconded.
- 175 • S. Jenkins asked what Camp Ta-Cum-Ta is. She is told it is a camp to support children with
- 176 cancer.
- 177 • It is said to let the Car Show pick the date that works best for them, as there was nothing in
- 178 the schedule for the beach on either date.
- 179 • All in favor, motion carried.

180 **10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES**

181 **REPORTS**

182 A. Town Administrator - Action items

- 183 • C. Letourneau said she is starting to do the town report and has sent out an email to
- 184 everyone asking for their information. She had specified the font and size preferred. She
- 185 has requested information to her by January 12.
- 186 • Junk ordinance
 - 187 ○ No action was taken.
- 188 • Trail 4 ordinance
 - 189 ○ No action was taken.
- 190 • Traffic ordinance
 - 191 ○ No action was taken.

192 B. Treasurer – See notes from 9 Board Business

193 C. Buildings

- 194 • Nothing to report.

195 D. Budget and Finance

- 196 • Nothing to report.

197 E. Personnel

- 198 • C. Rosenquist said they are hoping to have the personnel policy completed earlier than the
- 199 budget meeting.

- 200 F. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation
- 201 G. Committees at the direction of the chair

202 **11. OTHER**

203 **12. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- 204 A. Next Regular Selectboard Meeting 12.27.2023 at 6:00 pm.

205 **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313)**

- 206 • At 7:57 C. Rosenquist made a motion to go into Executive Session because premature
- 207 disclosure of the information may put the town or its people at a disadvantage, N. Martin
- 208 seconds. All in favor, motion carried.
- 209 • C. Rosenquist invited the board and C. Letourneau to the Executive Session to discuss
- 210 Personnel matters.
- 211 • C. Rosenquist invited the board, C. Letourneau and D. Bergstrom, to the Executive Session
- 212 to speak on a Zoning Issue.
- 213 • C. Rosenquist invited the board, C. Letourneau and K. Baker to the Executive Session to
- 214 speak on Amcare Negotiations.

215 A. Personnel

216 B. Amcare Negotiations

217 C. Zoning – Added during Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda

- 218 • At 8:57 p.m. C. Rosenquist made a motion to exit the Executive Session, N. Martin
- 219 seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- 220 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to authorize the purchase of \$3,500 for holiday cheer gifts for
- 221 14 employees, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- 222 • C. Rosenquist made a motion to accept the 5-year Amcare proposal and to review the full
- 223 Amcare contract for before signing it, S. Jenkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

224 **14. ADJOURN**

- 225 • At 8:59 p.m. C. Rosenquist made a motion to adjourn, N. Martin seconded. All in favor, motion
- 226 carried.

227 **TABLED ITEMS:**

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229 **Posted to the Town website, four designated places within the Town of Georgia (Town Clerk’s**

230 **Office, Georgia Public Library, Maplefields & Georgia Market), and e-mailed to the local media.**

231 **Signed: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator**

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Town of Georgia Animal Control Ordinance

Approved DD MONTH YYYY

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1 Preamble

- 1.1.1 The Selectmen of the Town of Georgia, being mindful of the fact that there are numerous dogs and domestic pets running at large in the Town and that these pets represent not only a danger to young children and all Georgia residents, but may be a source of annoyance and concern to many citizens, hereby declare that it is in the best interest of the health and safety of all citizens that the keeping of the dogs within the Town limits be controlled as hereinafter set forth.
- 1.1.2 The Town of Georgia pursuant to Titles 24 Section 1971 and 20 Section 3549 Vermont Statutes Annotated and any other such provisions as may be material hereto, the Selectboard hereby orders that the following Ordinance be adopted:

2 Definitions

- 2.1.1 **“Animal Control Officer”** (ACO) shall mean any police officer of the Town of Georgia, State Police officer, Deputy Sheriff or any other person appointed “Animal Control Officer” by the Selectmen and authorized to enforce this Ordinance.
- 2.1.2 An **“Appropriate Complaint”** shall be deemed to have been made under this Ordinance when a person gives the Selectboard or the ACO a full description of the domestic pet, including breed, size, color and other distinguishing features, which description must be sufficient for a proper identification. The person who makes such a complaint shall do so in writing and include his or her name, address, phone number, the names and addresses of all witnesses to the violation, and the circumstances under which the domestic pet was believed to be in violation of this Ordinance.
- 2.1.3 **“At large”** shall mean a domestic pet that is off the premises of the owner or keeper, and not under the control of the owner or keeper, a member of his or her immediate family, or an agent of the owner, either by leash, cord, chain or other reasonable means of restraint, and not lawfully engaged in hunting with the owner or keeper, so that at all times the domestic pet may be prevented from causing damage, disturbance or annoyance.
- 2.1.4 **“Basic Care”** shall mean adequate food, water, shelter, rest, sanitation, and medical care.
- 2.1.5 **“Domestic Pet”** For the purposes of this Ordinance, domestic pets shall include domestic dogs and “wolf hybrids” or similar animal of both sexes.
- 2.1.6 **“Excessive Noise”** shall mean any noise that is created by a domestic pet, audible to an individual in a location where he or she is lawfully permitted to be, that is of such volume, duration, or frequency that a reasonable person would find it disturbing or irritating.
 - 2.1.6.1 **“Livestock” shall mean cattle, bison, horses, sheep, goats, swine, Cervidae(deer), ratites(large birds) and camelids(llama, alpaca).**
- 2.1.7 **“Nuisance Animal”** shall mean any domestic pet that:
 - 2.1.7.1 Makes excessive noise,
 - 2.1.7.2 Causes damage to public or private property,
 - 2.1.7.3 Scatters refuse,
 - 2.1.7.4 Molests or threatens passers-by or passing vehicles on public roads or property,
 - 2.1.7.5 Attacks other animals,

- 2.1.7.6 Obstructs traffic, and/or
- 2.1.7.7 Otherwise acts to create a nuisance or disturbance.
- 2.1.8 **“Town Pound”** shall mean a pound or facility designated by the Selectmen for the confinement and disposition of domestic pets in violation of any provision of this Ordinance whereby the ACO is authorized to impound such animal, whether operated by the Town and whether within the Town limits.
- 2.1.9 **“Owner”** shall mean any person owning, keeping, or harboring a domestic pet or who has actual or constructive possession of the pet or wolf hybrid. The term includes those who provide feed and shelter to a domestic pet or wolf hybrid but does not apply to feral animals that take up residence in buildings other than the person’s home.
- 2.1.10 **“Vicious Animal”** shall mean any domestic pet that causes any person to suffer or reasonably fear bodily injury by attack or threat of attack, except that a domestic pet shall not be deemed “vicious” as the result of an attack or threat upon a person in the act of trespassing upon the private property of the owner or keeper of the domestic pet.
- 2.1.11 **“Wolf Hybrid”** shall mean an animal which is the progeny of descendent of a wolf and a domestic dog or which is advertised, licensed, described, or represented as a wolf hybrid by its owner, or which exhibits primary physical and behavioral wolf characteristics. Any provision of this Ordinance applying to domestic pets shall also apply to wolf hybrids.

3 License Required

- 3.1.1 The Owner of any domestic pet which is kept within the Town and is more than six months old shall annually cause it to be registered, described, numbered and licensed with the Clerk of the municipality on or before April 1st of each year in accordance with the provisions of Title 20, Chapter 193 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, as the same are now in effect of may be amended from time to time. No person shall refuse to exhibit the license of his dog or a receipt therefore to any ACO when requested to do so.
- 3.1.2 The Selectboard of the Town shall adopt a schedule of fees, in accordance with statutory requirements, for the licensing of domestic pets. Such fee schedule may include license surcharges to help offset the cost of administering this Ordinance.
- 3.1.3 Prior to being entitled to obtain a license as a neutered domestic pet or wolf hybrid, the owner shall provide to the Clerk a copy of a certificate from a licensed veterinarian stating that the domestic pet has been sterilized.
- 3.1.4 All domestic pet owners shall submit a certificate or certified copy of a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the pet has received a current pre-exposure rabies vaccination with a vaccine approved by the Commissioner and the person shall certify that the animal described in the certificate is the animal to be licensed. The certificate shall be kept by the owner and displayed to a proper municipal or state official upon request.

4 Collar Required

- 4.1.1 An owner or person otherwise in control of a domestic pet within the Town limits shall cause such domestic pet to wear a collar or harness, fastened securely, and to have attached to same the license tag issued by the Town. It shall be unlawful for any person other than the owner or his agent or any ACO to remove a license tag from a domestic pet.

5 Failure to License

- 5.1.1 All domestic pets must be licensed and display license tags in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 and 3 of this ordinance. All unlicensed domestic pets found within the limits of the Town shall be impounded.
- 5.1.2 At the discretion of the Selectboard and or ACO, any unlicensed dogs may be humanely destroyed after issuance of a warrant to destroy by the Selectboard in accordance with the provisions of 20 VSA Ch. 193 subchapter 2.

6 Basic Care

- 6.1.1 A person who owns, possesses, or acts as an agent for a domestic pet shall provide basic care to the domestic pet.
- 6.1.2 Livestock

7 Disturbances and Nuisances

- 7.1.1 Any owner or owner's agent shall not allow a domestic pet/livestock to run or be at large within the Town.
- 7.1.2 The owner of a domestic pet(s) shall not allow the domestic pet to be a vicious animal. The owners of a domestic pet(s) shall not allow the domestic pet/livestock to be a nuisance animal.
- 7.1.3 The owner of a domestic pet shall not allow waste from any domestic pets to accumulate so that either a health or an odor problem results.
- 7.1.4 The owner of a domestic pet shall remove immediately and properly dispose of any waste created by the domestic pet when the domestic pet is not on the private property of the owner.

8 Impounding of Domestic Pets

- 8.1.1 It shall be the duty of any ACO to apprehend any domestic pet running at large and to confine such domestic pet in the Town Pound. At the discretion of the Selectboard and or ACO, domestic pets may be impounded for any violation of this Ordinance.
- 8.1.2 Upon impounding of any domestic pet, the ACO shall make and keep a record of the breed, color, and sex of such domestic pet, where the domestic pet was caught and whether it was licensed. The record of the impounding officer shall be filed with the Selectboard at regular intervals.
- 8.1.3 The impounding ACO shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, if possible, give notice to the owner of person having care of such domestic pet (if known), either in person, by telephone, by written notice left at his dwelling-house, or by written notice mailed to the last known address of the owner, of the impoundment of such domestic pet. If the owner or address is not known, the ACO may, but shall be obligated to, post a notice at the Town Clerk's Office for one week (7 days).
- 8.1.4 Any person finding a domestic pet upon his property to his injury or annoyance may hold the same in his possession, giving immediate notice to the ACO or Town Clerk that he/she is holding such domestic pet, and giving description of the domestic pet as well as the name of the owner, if known. The ACO shall impound such a domestic pet as soon as possible.

9 Redemption of Impounded Domestic Pets

- 9.1.1 The owner of an impounded domestic pet, or his agent carrying written authorization, may reclaim such domestic pet upon payment of the penalties and charges set forth below. It shall be the duty of the ACO to ensure that all penalties and charges have been paid to the Clerk of the Municipality before authorizing the release of an impounded domestic pet.
- 9.1.2 If not claimed after one week (7 days), the ACO shall be authorized to sell, give away, or dispose of it in a humane manner. The owner of any domestic pet which has been impounded shall pay the daily boarding fees, as established by the Selectboard, prior to having a domestic pet released into their custody.
- 9.1.3 If any impounded domestic pet is unlicensed the ACO may, at his/her discretion, release the impounded domestic pet into the custody of the owner or agent, after payment of \$50.00 deposit, solely for the purpose of obtaining required immunizations and to license such pet as required by paragraph two of this ordinance.
- 9.1.4 If the ACO has reasonable cause to believe that the owner or agent will fail to immunize and license said pet, he/she may refuse to release said pet into the custody of the owner agent and may dispose of the pet in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance for unlicensed pets.
- 9.1.5 If the owner or agent, who has been granted custody as above, fails to license the pet within 5 business days of release into their custody, the deposit shall be forfeited and the ACO shall assess additional fines as herein allowed and re-impound and humanely destroy the subject pet.

10 Rabies Control

- 10.1.1 Any owner of a domestic pet which has contracted rabies, or which has been exposed to rabies or which is suspected of having rabies or which has bitten any person, shall, upon demand of any law enforcement office, the health officer, selectmen, or the ACO, surrender such domestic pet to be held for observation and treatment, the total cost of which shall be the responsibility of the owner.
- 10.1.2 If, in the opinion of the above town officials, the domestic pet can be responsibly confined and observed at the owner's home and in the owner's care, the town officials may authorize such confinement as an alternative to impoundment.
- 10.1.3 All domestic pets suspected of being exposed to rabies shall be managed in accordance with the provisions as set forth in Title 20 Ch. 193, subchapter 5 and such rules and protocols as may be established by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health. Said rules and protocols shall supersede any provisions of this Ordinance if they are more restrictive than the provisions of this Ordinance.
- 10.1.4 It shall be the duty of every owner of a domestic pet which has been attacked or bitten by another domestic pet or animal showing the symptoms of rabies to notify a law enforcement officer, health officer, selectmen, or ACO immediately that such person has a domestic pet or other animal in his possession.

- 10.1.5 Whenever a domestic pet is impounded after having bitten a person, the domestic pet shall be held and observed for a sufficient length of time to meet the requirements of Section 9 (A) above (not less than ten days). If the health officer or ACO determines at any time that the domestic pet is rabid, or a licensed veterinarian determines that there is a reasonable likelihood that the pet is rabid, the domestic pet shall be destroyed in accordance with the rabies control protocol. The owner shall be held liable for all disposal, pick-up, and confinement charges as approved by the Selectmen.
- 10.1.6 It shall be unlawful for the owner when notified that his domestic pet has bitten any person, to sell or give away such domestic pet, or permit it to be taken beyond the limits of the Town except under the care of a licensed veterinarian without the prior permission of the health officer or ACO.

11 Appropriate Complaints

- 11.1.1 It shall be the duty of the ACO to investigate appropriate complaints filed by residents for alleged violations of this Ordinance. If the ACO finds there has been a violation involving failure to license, a vicious or nuisance animal, or a second violation for running at large, he/she shall take all measures necessary to cure and abate the violation in accordance with this Ordinance.
- 11.1.2 For all other violations the ACO may exercise reasonable discretion in issuing tickets and orders to prevent future violations from occurring for all domestic pets and livestock.

12 Investigation of Vicious Domestic Pets

- 12.1.1 When a domestic pet has bitten a person, while off the premises of the owner or keeper of the domestic pet, and that person required medical attention because of the attack, such person may file a written complaint with the Selectboard. The written complaint must contain the time, date, place and circumstances of the attack, the name and address of the victim or victims, the name and address of the domestic pet's owner (if known), names of witnesses (if any) and any other information that would aid the investigation of the complaint.
- 12.1.2 The Selectboard and or ACO shall investigate a written complaint within 7 days of receipt and the Selectboard shall hold a hearing on the matter. If the owner can be ascertained with due diligence, the Selectboard shall provide the owner with written notice of the time, date, and place of hearing and the facts of the complaint.
- 12.1.3 If, after hearing on the case, the Selectboard concludes that the attack was unprovoked, then they shall make an order for the protection of persons as the facts and circumstances of the case may require, including, without limitations that the domestic pet is disposed of in a humane way, muzzled, chained, or confined. This order shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. A person who fails to comply with the order may be fined in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
- 12.1.4 It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having custody of any domestic pet after receipt of notice by the ACO that the domestic pet has bitten any person to sell or give away such domestic pet or permit it to be taken beyond the limits of the Town without having first obtained permission of the Selectmen.

13 Prohibition of Domestic Pets in Town Cemeteries and Recreation Area

- 13.1.1 No owner or person in control of any domestic pet shall allow the same to enter any cemetery located within the town, whether such domestic pet may be on a leash or under other restraint or control.
- 13.1.2 No owner or person in control of any domestic pet shall allow the same to enter the Georgia Municipal Recreation Area located on the Georgia Shore Road within the Town, whether or not such domestic pet may be on a leash or under other restraint or control.
- 13.1.3 Exceptions to this restriction are:
 - 13.1.3.1 If the animal is maintained in control on a leash or restraint at all times, is within the designated boat launch parking lot at the Recreation area, and is being directly transferred without delay from a motor vehicle to a boat or from a boat directly to a motor vehicle which is being immediately launched or retrieved from the Recreation area boat access ramp and is then immediately transported away from the area.
 - 13.1.3.2 Authorized service animals for persons with disabilities.

14 – Damage to Domestic Animals by Domestic Pets

- ~~14.1.1 Refer to: VSA 20-3741-3747~~
- ~~14.1.2 A person who suffers loss by worrying, maiming, or killing of her/his animals by domestic pet or domestic pets shall report the nature and amount of such damage to the Selectboard and or ACO within 24 hours of his discovery of such damage.~~
- ~~14.1.3 One or more Selectmen and or the ACO shall forthwith cause an investigation of such alleged damage to be made to determine whether or not damage was done by domestic pets and if so appraise the amount thereof and return a certificate of such amount to the Selectboard. If, however, it is determined by the ACO or Selectmen that the damage exceeds \$20.00, he shall appoint 2 dis-interested persons who with the Selectmen or ACO shall appraise the amount of damage and return a certificate of same to the Selectboard.~~
- ~~14.1.4 The appraisal shall be assessed at 100% of the full value for all animals killed, 50% of the full value for all animals maimed and not less than \$.50 per head per injury to the remainder of the flock over three months of age by worrying.~~
- ~~14.1.5 Where the Board concurs with the certificate of appraisal they shall compensate the owner in the amount thereof. Where doubt exists they may summon the appraisers and parties and make such investigations as they deem proper.~~
- ~~14.1.6 The Board may bring a civil action against the owners of the domestic pets involved in doing the damage to domestic animals to recover the full amount of damages paid by the Town.~~

15 Enforcement & Penalties before the Judicial Bureau

- 15.1.1 Violations. Any violation of this Ordinance or of any requirement of any order issued by the Selectboard under provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to penalties set forth below. Violations of this Ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 VSA Section 1974a and 1977 et seq. Any ACO may act as an issuing Municipal Official and issue and pursue before the Judicial Bureau a municipal complaint for any violation of this Ordinance. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

15.1.2 Penalties. A violation of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 11 of this ordinance is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$100 a day for the first offense, \$150.00 for a second offense within six months from the first offense, and \$200.00 for each subsequent offense within six months from the first offense. A waiver fee shall be set at \$50.00 for the first offense, \$75.00 for a second offense within six months from the first offense and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense within six months from the first offense. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a new offense.

Livestock fines shall not be more than \$10.00 nor less than \$3.00. (Amended 1981, No. 114(Adj. Sess.), §1.)

15.1.3 A violation of Sections 12 of this ordinance is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$50 a day for the first offense, \$75.00 for a second offense six months from the first offense, and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense within six months from the first offense. A waiver fee shall be set at \$25.00 for the first offense, \$35.00 for a second offense within six months from the first offense and \$50.00 for each subsequent offense within six months from the first offense. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a new offense.

15.1.4 Appeals. Appeals may be taken in the manner set forth in 24 VSA Section 1974a and 1977 et seq.

16 Separability

16.1.1 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

17 Ordinance Repealed

17.1.1 All ordinances and part of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

18 Section Eighteen: Effective Date

18.1.1 This ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after its adoption by the Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Amended this ___ day of _____, 20__.

SIGNATURES OF GOVERNING BODY

Devon Thomas – Chair

Shannon Jenkins – Vice Chair

Carl Rosenquist – Board Member

Nick Martin – Board Member

Jamie Comstock – Board Member

18.2 Adoption History

- 18.2.1 Agenda item at regular selectboard meeting held on _____, 20__.
- 18.2.2 Read and approved at selectboard meeting on _____, 20__ and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on _____.
- 18.2.3 Posted in public places on _____, 20__.
- 18.2.4 Notice of adoption published in the _____ newspaper on _____, 20__ with a notice of the right to petition.
- 18.2.5 Other actions [petitions, etc.]

Legal Trail #4 replacement stone

Todd has rough estimates at what it will cost to put stone and dirt on the existing trail #4.

\$26,000.00 for the stone (this if for approximately 2,050 tons of stone)

\$ 9,000.00 for the dirt

\$35,000.00 is the rough estimate currently.

**TOWN OF GEORGIA
MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE**

WE, THE SELECTBOARD OF THE TOWN OF GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAIN:

The Town of Georgia Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulation Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

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DEFINITIONS**

The definitions of 23 V.S.A. §4 are incorporated by reference.

**ARTICLE II
AUTHORITY AND SCOPE:**

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of 19 V.S.A. §§304(a) and 1110, 23 V.S.A. §§1007 and 1008 and 24 V.S.A. §§1971 and 2291(1)(4) and (5), and such other general enactments as may be material hereto. This ordinance shall be a civil ordinance and establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Georgia, Vermont.

**ARTICLE III
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Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a traffic control device except in response to the direction of a law enforcement officer.

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**ARTICLE IV
SPEED REGULATIONS**

The following speed limits are hereby established.

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- TH 33 Sand Hill Road to Stonebridge Road (3 Intersections)
- TH 43 Traveling north on TH 43 to the intersection of Sand Hill Road (by the bridge)

ARTICLE VI
PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1.No vehicle shall be parked on any public highway in a location or manner that interferes with snow removal or highway maintenance, or creates hazards to the traveling public.

Section 2. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Article may be summarily removed at the owner's expense, by order of any law enforcement officer, road commissioner, or selectman.

Section 3. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under section 2 hereof does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within thirty (30) days of the date of such removal, such vehicle may be disposed of in any manner authorized by law.

Section 4. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to make unlawful, vehicular stops in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for causes beyond the control of the operator.

**ARTICLE VII
LOADED & OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES**

Section 1: No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded so as to prevent its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom.

Section 2: Any vehicles subject to overweight permit requirements traveling on town highways shall be required to obtain and carry in the vehicle such permits from the Town, annually.

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POSTING TOWN HIGHWAYS**

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Section 2. Separate Offenses: Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

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Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Georgia, Vermont originally on August 10, 2009, and amended at its meeting held on the 25th day of September, 2023.

Devon Thomas, Chair

Shannon Jenkins

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Town Clerk's Certificate of Adoption

I, Cheryl Letourneau, hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted by the Selectboard at their September 25, 2023 meeting.

Furthermore, Notice of Adoption was properly posted on September ____, 2023 in five places, as follows:

A Notice of Ordinance Amendment was published in the _____ newspaper on _____, 2023, as per requirements of 24 VSA Section 1972.

Attest: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Clerk _____

Received for Recording:

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- TH 75 Woods Hollow Drive - Old Stage Road intersection

Section 2. The following intersections are designated YIELD intersections and shall be so signed:

- TH 33 Sand Hill Road to Stonebridge Road (3 Intersections)
- TH 43 Traveling north on TH 43 to the intersection of Sand Hill Road (by the bridge)

ARTICLE VI
PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 1.No vehicle shall be parked on any public highway in a location or manner that interferes with snow removal or highway maintenance, or creates hazards to the traveling public.

Section 2. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Article may be summarily removed at the owner's expense, by order of any law enforcement officer, road commissioner, or selectman.

Section 3. If the owner of a vehicle summarily removed under section 2 hereof does not claim such vehicle and pay all towing and storage expenses within thirty (30) days of the date of such removal, such vehicle may be disposed of in any manner authorized by law.

Section 4. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to make unlawful, vehicular stops in obedience to the direction of a law enforcement officer or for causes beyond the control of the operator.

**ARTICLE VII
LOADED & OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES**

Section 1: No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded so as to prevent its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom.

Section 2: Any vehicles subject to overweight permit requirements traveling on town highways shall be required to obtain and carry in the vehicle such permits from the Town, annually.

Section 3: A violation of this Article shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 VSA Section 1974a and 1977 et seq. A civil Penalty of \$100.00 may be imposed for the initial violation of this section. The penalty second offense within 6 months shall be \$150.00 and for each subsequent offense within a six month period shall be \$200.00 The waiver penalty shall be set at \$50.00 for the initial offense \$75.00 for the second offense and \$100.00 for each offense thereafter within a six month period. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense

**ARTICLE VIII
POSTING TOWN HIGHWAYS**

Section 1. The Selectboard may, by resolution adopted at a meeting of the board, temporarily restrict the use of any town highway to protect the highway from damage. Such restrictions may, in the discretion of the board, limit the weight of vehicles allowed to use the highway or close the highway to motor vehicles.

Section 2. Copies of any resolution adopted by the Selectboard shall be posted in two public locations in the Town within three business days of adoption and shall remain posted until the Selectboard rescinds the resolution.

Section 3. The Selectboard shall post signs informing motor vehicle operators of any restriction imposed on any highway at each end of any highway or portion of a highway that is restricted.

Section 4. A person who violates any restriction imposed on use of a town highway shall be guilty of a traffic offense under 23 V.S.A. chapter 23, for which he or she shall be fined not more than \$100.00, and shall be liable to the Town for all damages to the highway to be recovered in a civil action.

**ARTICLE IX
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. All terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, or any other unregistered vehicles are prohibited from all Town roads, except Class IV roads and legal trails.

Section 2. Separate Offenses: Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 3. Penalties: Except as otherwise provided above, the provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative to the fullest extent permitted by law with respect to all other statutes or ordinances now or hereafter adopted regardless of their order of passage or enactment.

Section 4. Severability: The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provision hereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Georgia, Vermont originally on August 10, 2009, and amended at its meeting held on the 25th day of September, 2023.

Devon Thomas, Chair

Shannon Jenkins

Carl Rosenquist

Nicholas Martin

Jamie Comstock

Town Clerk's Certificate of Adoption

I, Cheryl Letourneau, hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted by the Selectboard at their September 25, 2023 meeting.

Furthermore, Notice of Adoption was properly posted on September ____, 2023 in five places, as follows:

A Notice of Ordinance Amendment was published in the _____ newspaper on _____, 2023, as per requirements of 24 VSA Section 1972.

Attest: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Clerk _____

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The Selectboard of the Town of Georgia does hereby ordain:

1 Authority

1.1.11.1 This ordinance This Ordinance Regulating the Disposal of Solid Waste and the Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles (the "Ordinance") is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town of Georgia to adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce ordinances by 24 V.S.A. §§ 1971, et seq.; to promote the public health, safety, and welfare, to regulate or prohibit the storage or dumping of solid waste, and to compel the cleaning of any premises in which the judgment of the legislative body is dangerous to the health and safety of the public by 24 V.S.A. § 2291(12), (13), (14); the power to prohibit the throwing, depositing, burning, and dumping of refuse by 24 V.S.A. § 2201(b); the power to manage and regulate solid waste disposal within its boundaries by 24 V.S.A. § 2202a; the power to enforce a solid waste ordinance by 24 V.S.A. §§ 2297, et seq.; the power to regulate abandoned motor vehicles under 23 V.S.A. § 2157; to regulate salvage yards under 24 V.S.A. § 2246; and the power to provide for penalties for violations of any ordinance adopted by 24 V.S.A. § 2291(15).

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1.1.21.2 This ordinance Ordinance shall be a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. chapter 59.

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2 Purpose

2.1.12.1 It is the purpose of this ordinance Ordinance to regulate the disposal of solid waste, the location and outdoor storage of junk, junk vehicles, abandoned motor vehicles, and salvage yards in the Town of Georgia in order to protect the public health, safety, welfare and well-being of the public and inhabitants of the Town and to protect the environment.

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3 Definitions

3.1.13.1 For purposes of this ordinance Ordinance, the following words and/or phrases shall apply:

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3.1.13.1.1 "Abandoned vehicle" means a motor vehicle that has remained on public or private property or on or along a highway without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 48 hours, and has a valid registration plate or public vehicle identification number which has not been removed, destroyed, or altered; or a motor vehicle that has remained on public or private property or on or along a highway without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for any period of time if the vehicles does not have a valid registration plate or the public vehicle identification number has been removed, destroyed, or altered. This does not include a vehicle or other equipment used or to be used in construction or operation or maintenance of highways or public utility facilities, which is left in a manner that does not interfere with the normal movement of traffic.

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~~3.1.1.23.1.2~~ "Abutting property owner" means any person or persons that owns, leases, or in any other way uses or controls the real property abutting any portion of the property of another, ~~including but not limited to those which would be abutting to the real property but for the interposition of a highway or other public or private right-of-way.~~

~~3.1.1.33.1.3~~ "Disposal" shall mean the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, or placing of any solid waste or hazardous waste into or on any land or water so that such solid waste or hazardous waste or any constituent thereof may enter the environment or be emitted into the air or discharged into any ground or surface waters.

~~3.1.1.43.1.4~~ "Enforcement Officer" means any ~~[insert relevant officials such as constable, police officer]~~ Law Enforcement Officer, Town Official, or other individuals appointed by the Selectboard to enforce the provisions of this ~~ordinance~~ Ordinance.

~~3.1.1.53.1.5~~ "Hazardous waste" shall mean any waste or combination of wastes of a solid, liquid, contained gaseous, or semi-solid form, including those which are toxic, corrosive, ignitable, reactive, strong sensitizers, or which generate pressure through decomposition, heat, or other means, which in the judgment of the Secretary may cause, or contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness, taking into account the toxicity of such waste, its persistence and degradability in nature, and its potential for assimilation, or concentration in tissue, and other factors that may otherwise cause or contribute to adverse acute or chronic effects on the health of persons or other living organisms, or any matter which may have an unusually destructive effect on water quality if discharged to ground or surface waters of the State. All special nuclear, source, or by-product material, as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and amendments thereto, codified in 42 U.S.C. § 2014, is specifically excluded from this definition.

~~3.1.1.63.1.6~~ "Highway" means any highway as defined in 19 V.S.A. § 1(12). This definition shall include municipal trails as defined in 19 V.S.A. § 301.

~~3.1.1.73.1.7~~ "Junk" means old or scrap copper, brass, iron, steel, and other old or scrap or nonferrous material including, but not limited to, rope, rags, batteries, glass, rubber debris, waste, trash, or any discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped, or ruined motor vehicle or parts thereof.

~~3.1.1.83.1.8~~ "Junk motor vehicle" means a discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped, or ruined motor vehicle or parts thereof, or a motor vehicle, other than an on-premise utility vehicle, which is allowed to remain unregistered or uninspected for a period of 90 days from the date of discovery.

~~3.1.1.93.1.9~~ "Main traveled way" means the portion of a highway designed for the movement of motor vehicles, shoulders, auxiliary lanes, and roadside picnic, parking, rest, and observation areas and other areas immediately adjacent and contiguous to the traveled portion of the highway designated as a roadside area for the use of highway users and generally but not necessarily located within the highway right-of-way.

~~3.1.1.103.1.10~~ "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, including trailers.

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~~3.1.1.113~~ 3.1.11 “Notice” means written notice mailed by certified mail with return receipt requested or, hand-delivered with signature proof of receipt or tacked to the entrance to the principal structure on the property or premises.

~~3.1.1.123~~ 3.1.12 “Person” means any individual, partnership, company, corporation, association, unincorporated association, joint venture, trust, municipality, the State of Vermont, or any agency, department or subdivision of the state, federal agency, or any other legal or commercial entity.

~~3.1.1.133~~ 3.1.13 “Salvage yard” means any place of outdoor storage or deposit for storing, keeping, processing, buying, or selling junk or as a scrap metal processing facility as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2241(12). “Salvage yard” also means any outdoor area used for operation of an automobile graveyard as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2241(15). It does not mean a garage where wrecked or disabled motor vehicles are stored for less than 90 days for inspection or repairs, or a private transfer station or sanitary landfill which is licensed in compliance with the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

~~3.1.1.143~~ 3.1.14 “Secretary” means the Secretary of Natural Resources or the Secretary’s designee.

~~3.1.1.153~~ 3.1.15 “Solid waste” means any discarded garbage, refuse, septage, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply plant, or pollution control facility and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semi-solid, or contained gaseous materials resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, or agricultural operation and from community activities but does not include animal manure and absorbent bedding used for soil enrichment; high carbon bulking agents used in composting; or solid or dissolved materials in industrial discharges which are point sources subject to permits under the Water Pollution Control Act, chapter 47 of title 10. For the purpose of this ordinance, solid waste shall also include marketable recyclables.

~~3.1.1.163~~ 3.1.16 “Solid waste order” means a directive issued by a legislative body that the respondent take actions necessary to achieve compliance with the ordinance, to abate hazards created as a result of noncompliance, or to restore the environment to the condition existing before the violation and may include a civil penalty.

~~3.1.17~~ “Town” means the Town of Georgia, Vermont.

~~3.1.1.173~~ 3.1.18 “Waste” means a material that is discarded or is being accumulated, stored, or physically, chemically, or biologically treated prior to being discarded or has served its original intended use and is normally discarded.

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4 Requirements

4.1 Hazardous Waste.

4.1.1 It shall be unlawful to dispose of any hazardous waste except for in a facility certified or approved by the State of Vermont to accept such hazardous wasteswaste.

4.2 Solid (non-hazardous) Waste.

4.2.1 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave solid waste, or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing or leaving of solid waste on any public or private property or into any waters in the Town of Georgia, except as follows:

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- 4.2.1.1 The composting of organic material if authorized by the Vermont Solid Waste Management Rules provided no nuisance is caused;
- 4.2.1.2 The disposal of solid waste in a privately owned or maintained waste container with the express consent of the owner of the container;
- 4.2.1.3 The disposal of solid waste in a publicly-owned or maintained waste container in a public building, or on public grounds provided such solid waste was created or originated in a public building or on its grounds or generated during the use of said public building, or grounds on such grounds; or
- 4.2.1.4 The disposal of other materials as approved by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, the Town of Georgia Selectboard, and the ~~insert name of applicable solid waste management district~~ Northwest Solid Waste Management District.

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- 4.2.2 Waste is not to accumulate except in enclosed suitable storage containers. ~~The~~Any person, including but not limited to the occupants and/or owners of all properties, shall place or cause to be placed all solid waste and recyclable material in suitable enclosed containers and shall not permit any accumulation or deposit of such substances in or about the land, water, or any premises except in such suitable containers.
- 4.2.3 Accumulation or depositing of solid waste and recyclables on land, water or any properties shall constitute a violation of this ~~ordinance~~Ordinance.

4.3 Junk and Junk Vehicles.

- 4.3.1 It shall be unlawful to place, dispose, discard, or abandon junk or junk vehicles in a place where any such item is visible from the main traveled way of a highway or visible from an abutting property owner's land. Any such item so placed, discarded or abandoned is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and a violation of this ~~ordinance~~Ordinance.

- 4.3.2 All places of outdoor storage of junk and junk vehicles shall be effectively screened from public view by a fence or vegetation at least six (6) feet high. ~~Any fence shall be of sound construction, of solid vertical board or stockade type construction, and shall be maintained neatly and in good repair. Such a fence shall not be used for advertising signs or other displays which are visible from the main traveled way of a highway. Any vegetation used for screening shall be of sufficient density to effectively screen the area from view. Failure to provide screening as required herein shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance.~~

Commented [DWR1]: Six-foot high fence is recommended, and the Town may want to check with the Zoning Administrator to confirm that this is allowed for most uses in most, if not all, zoning districts

4.4 Salvage Yards.

- 4.4.1 ~~Location. No person shall establish or initiate operation of a salvage yard after July 1, 2009 within one hundred (100) feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of a public highway or within two hundred (200) feet of a navigable water, as that term is defined in 10 V.S.A. § 1422. Additionally, no person shall establish or initiate operation of a salvage yard within one hundred (100) feet from property lines, wetlands, and other waterways.~~

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4.3.24.4.2 Screening Required. ~~insert number~~ feet high. All salvage yards shall be effectively screened from public view by a fence or vegetation at least eight (8) feet high. Any fence shall be of sound construction, of solid vertical board or stockade type construction, and shall be maintained neatly and in good repair. Such a fence shall not be used for advertising signs or other displays which are visible from the main traveled way of a highway. Any vegetation used for screening shall be of sufficient density to effectively screen the area from view. Failure to provide screening as required herein shall be considered a violation of this ordinanceOrdinance.

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4.4.1.1 Salvage Yards.

4.4.1 Location. ~~No person shall establish or initiate operation of a salvage yard after July 1, 2009 within insert number no less than one hundred feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of a public highway or within insert number no less than one hundred feet of a navigable water, as that term is defined in 10 V.S.A. § 1422.~~

4.4.2 Screening Required. ~~All salvage yards shall be effectively screened from public view by a fence or vegetation at least insert number feet high. Any fence shall be of sound construction, of solid vertical board or stockade type construction, and shall be maintained neatly and in good repair. Such a fence shall not be used for advertising signs or other displays which are visible from the main traveled way of a highway. Any vegetation used for screening shall be of sufficient density to effectively screen the area from view. Failure to provide screening as required herein shall be considered a violation of this ordinance.~~

4.5 Permits and Certificates.

4.5.1 Permits are required. It shall be unlawful for a person or landowner within the Town to own or operate or allow the operation of a salvage yard on land within the municipalityTown unless it is being operated in compliance with 24 V.S.A. Chapter 61 and this ordinanceOrdinance. Any salvage yard operating without the necessary permit and approvals as herein specified is declared to be a public nuisance and a violation of this ordinanceOrdinance.

4.5.2 A person who wishes to operate a salvage yard within the municipality is required to obtain a certificate of approval for the location of the salvage yard from the insert name of legislative bodySelectboard of the Town of Georgia and obtain a certificate of registration issued by the Secretary to operate, establish, or maintain a salvage yard pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 2241 et seq.

4.5.3 Local Certificate of Approved Location. Application for a certificate of approved location shall be made in writing to the insert name of legislative bodySelectboard. The application shall contain a description of the land to be included within the salvage yard, which description shall be by reference to so-called permanent boundary markers. The certificate of approved location is valid for insert number not to exceed five (5) years. The conditions and procedures to be followed after an application has been made are those specified in 24 V.S.A. §§ 2251-2257, as from time to time amended.

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4.5.4 [NOTE TO MUNICIPALITIES: If your municipality has a zoning ordinance and a zoning board of adjustment or development review board established under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117, include the following: "The application shall be accompanied by a certificate from the [ZBA or DRB] Development Review Board that the proposed location is not within an established zoning district restricted against such uses or otherwise contrary to such zoning ordinance." the Town's land development regulations,

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4.5.5 State Salvage Yard Certification. The procedures for obtaining a salvage yard certification from the Secretary are those specified in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 61, as from time to time amended.

5 Enforcement and Penalties

5.1 Violation of Screening Requirements.

5.1.1 Upon receiving written notice from the Enforcement Officer to do so, the owner of any junk, junk motor vehicle, or abandoned motor vehicle discovered in violation of Section 4 of this ordinance shall remove any such items or vehicles from the property or screen the item(s) or vehicle(s) from the view of the main traveled way of the highway. If the owner of the junk or junk motor vehicle(s) does not remove or screen the items from view within 30 days from the date of mailing of the written notice by the Enforcement Officer, the Enforcement Officer may notify the appropriate state agencies. Failure to remove or screen the items from view within 30 days from the date of mailing of the written notice by the Enforcement Officer shall be a violation of this ordinance.

5.1.2 If the owner of the land on which a junk motor vehicle is discovered in violation of Section 4 of this Ordinance does not hold title or disclaims title to the vehicle, and the true owner of the vehicle is known or can be ascertained, the true owner shall move, screen, or dispose of the vehicle upon receiving written notice from the Enforcement Officer.

5.2 Abandoned Motor Vehicles.

5.2.1 A law enforcement officer is authorized to remove or cause removal of an abandoned motor vehicle from public property and may contract a towing service for removal of such motor vehicle, based upon personal observation by the officer that the vehicle is abandoned, as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 2151.

5.2.2 A law enforcement officer is authorized to remove or cause removal of an abandoned motor vehicle from private property and may contact a towing service for removal from private property of such vehicle, based upon complaint from the owner or agent of the property on which the vehicle is located that the vehicle is abandoned.

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5.2.3 An owner or agent of an owner of private property is authorized to remove or cause removal of an abandoned motor vehicle from that property and may contact a towing service for removal from that property of an abandoned vehicle. If an owner or agent of an owner removes or causes removal of an abandoned motor vehicle, the owner or agent shall immediately notify the [insert local law enforcement serving the Town] from which the vehicle is removed. Vermont State Police and the Town's Selectboard. Notification shall include identification of the registration plate number, the vehicle identification number, make, model, and color of the vehicle. The owner or agent of an owner of property upon which a motor vehicle is abandoned may remove the vehicle from the place where it is discovered to any other place on any property owned by him or her, or cause the vehicle to be removed by a towing service without any civil liability to the owner of the abandoned vehicle.

5.3 Other violations.

- 5.3.1 Any other violation of this ordinance Ordinance shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau or in the Civil Division of Vermont Superior Court, at the election of the [insert name of legislative body]. Town Selectboard. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance Ordinance.
- 5.3.2 Violations enforced in the Judicial Bureau shall be in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq. A civil penalty of not more than [insert amount up to \$800] per violation may be imposed for violation of this ordinance Ordinance.
- 5.3.3 A municipal ticket will be issued by the Enforcement Officer if the violation has not been corrected in accordance with this ordinance Ordinance.

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6 Enforcement

- 6.1.1 For purposes of enforcement in the Judicial Bureau, the designated Enforcement Officer shall issue tickets and may be the appearing officer at any hearing. The municipal attorney may also be the appearing officer at the hearing at the direction of the [insert name of legislative body]. Town Selectboard.
- 6.1.2 An Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts, or as established by the Judicial Bureau, for each violation of this ordinance Ordinance:

6.2 Penalties

- 6.2.1 First offense ~~[\$100]~~\$50 full penalty / ~~[\$50]~~\$25 waiver penalty
- 6.2.2 Second offense ~~[\$200]~~\$100 full penalty / ~~[\$100]~~\$50 waiver penalty
- 6.2.3 Third offense ~~[\$400]~~ full penalty / ~~[\$200]~~ waiver penalty
- 6.2.4 Subsequent offense ~~[\$800]~~ full penalty / ~~[\$400]~~ waiver penalty

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6.2.5 [NOTE: The above amounts are samples amounts only. Municipalities may adjust these penalties and waiver fees so long as they do not exceed \$800.]

6.2.6.2.5 Violations enforced in the Superior Court shall be in accordance with the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure. The Enforcement Officer or [insert name of legislative body] Town Selectboard may pursue all appropriate injunctive relief. In addition, a civil penalty of not more than [insert amount up to \$800] per violation may be imposed for violation of this ordinance Ordinance.

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6.2-76.2.6 Solid Waste Order and Enforcement. For any violations of this ordinance not including salvage yards, or screening requirements, the ~~insert name of legislative body~~ Town Selectboard may also use the procedures set forth in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 61, Subchapter 12 to issue a solid waste order to enforce any of the provisions of this ordinance. Such order may include civil penalties for each violation and, in the case of a continuing violation, a penalty for each succeeding day.

6.2-86.2.7 The ~~insert name of legislative body~~ Town Selectboard may seek enforcement of a final solid waste order in the ~~superior court~~ Civil Division or before the Environmental Division of Vermont Superior Court. If a penalty is imposed and the respondent fails to pay the penalty within the time prescribed, the ~~selectboard~~ Town Selectboard may bring a collection action in the superior court.

6.2-96.2.8 Imposition of a penalty by the Town of Georgia through a solid waste order under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 61, Subchapter 12 precludes imposition by Town of Georgia of any other administrative or civil penalty under any other provision of law for the same violation.

7 Other Laws.

7.1.1 This ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town of Georgia and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

8 Severability.

8.1.1 If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance. If any statute referred to in this ordinance shall be amended, this ordinance shall be deemed to refer to such amended statute.

9 Effective Date.

9.1.1 This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Selectboard or at such time following the expiration of the 60 days from the date of its adoption as is determined by the Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Selectboard for the Town of Georgia

~~Matt Crawford~~ Devon Thomas, Chair

~~Steve Lamos~~, Vice Chair

~~Tara Wright~~ Shannon Jenkins, Board Member

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Attest: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Clerk

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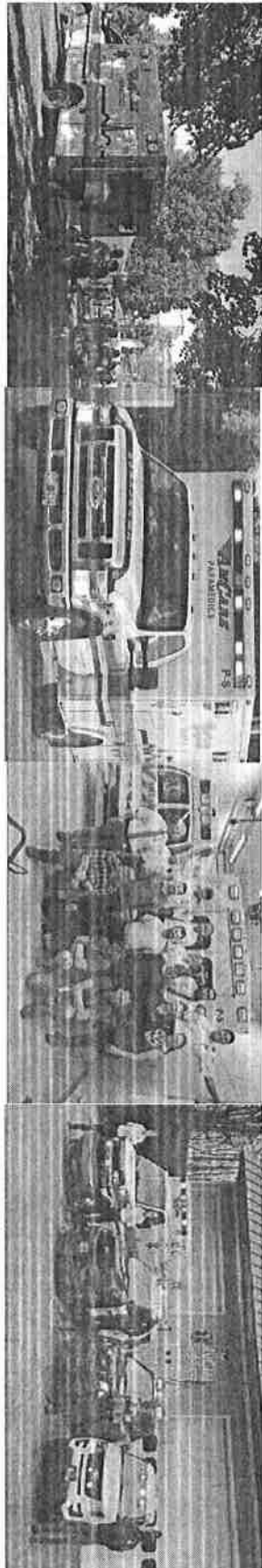
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ADOPTION HISTORY:

1. Agenda item at a [insert regular or special] meeting of the Selectboard held on _____.
2. Read and approved at that meeting of the Selectboard on _____ and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on _____.
3. Posted in public places on _____.
4. Notice of adoption published in the _____ newspaper on _____ with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]



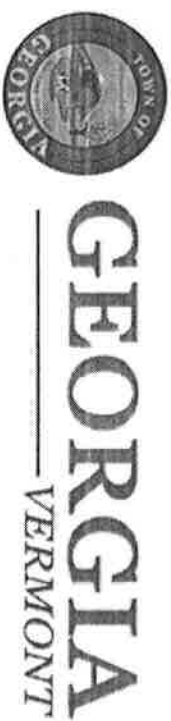
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- Ambulance Billing
- Georgia Call Volume
- Per Capita Costs in Franklin County
- Georgia Proposals



Relationship History

- AmCare has been serving Georgia since the beginning in 1989. From the first day to today, we have provided exclusive service to this town, have been actively involved with the creation of Georgia First Response, have worked alongside them training and learning together, growing through the years. While we haven't seen many Georgia first responders come to our trainings since COVID hit, they are always invited.
- AmCare provides event coverage when asked, have participated and provided an ambulance multiple times for events such as the Jimmy Run at the Georgia plains Baptist church, the Fall Festival by the lake in the fall, etc..
- Multiple members of the AmCare team have been or are still members of the Georgia First Response. Many of the faces at AmCare might be new, but we are still very much a Vermont run organization run by Vermonters.



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Fixed Ambulance Costs

- Payroll 1.5 Million Annually
- Liability Insurance \$48,000 Annually
- Workers Compensation Insurance \$96,000 Annually
- Medical Insurance \$10,000 Annually
- Rent/Building \$180,000 Annually

Running No Calls = \$1,834,000

JUST TO BE READY TO RESPOND



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Capital Ambulance Costs

- Ambulance \$250,000 5-7 year life Span 6 Ambulances Currently
 - Roughly \$250,000 Annual replacement Costs
- Cardiac Monitor \$42,000 per Monitor (\$252,000) Replaced 2021
- Ventilators
- Pumps

- Approximately \$350,000 Annual Capital Costs to Be Ready to RESPOND

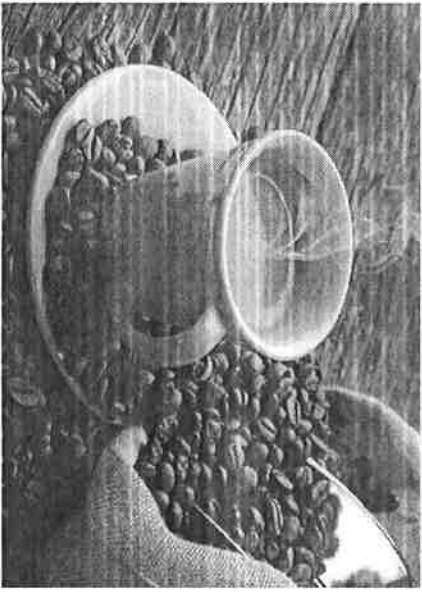


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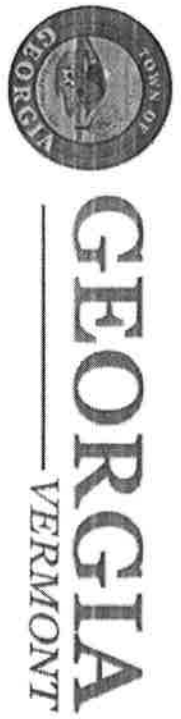
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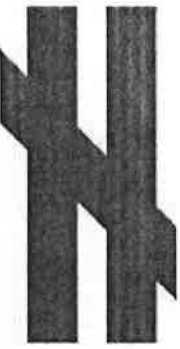


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1. All Consumers Pay The Same
2. All Pay Before Consuming Their Coffee

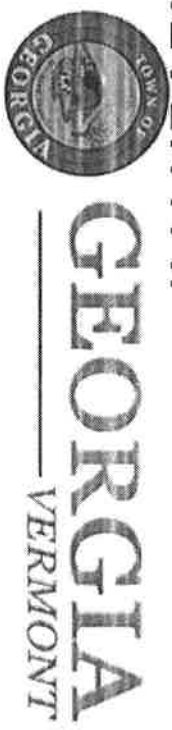


Ambulance Billing 101



\$2.00

1. All Consumers DO NOT Pay The Same
2. DO NOT Pay Before EMS is Provided
3. MANY NEVER PAY



Georgia Call Volume vs Transports

	Calls	Cancelled -All	Transports	% of Cancelled Calls (Non-Compensable Trips)
Fairfield	108	49	59	45%
Georgia	310	127	183	41%
Mutual Aide	722	199	523	28%
St Albans City	1,347	483	864	36%
Sheldon	175	64	111	37%
St Albans Town	1,078	332	746	31%
TOTAL	3,740	1,254	2,486	34%



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Per Capita Costs

	2022 est pop	911 per capita (FY24)
Fairfield	2,028	19.97
Georgia	4,902	14.41
St Albans City	6,942	22.96
Sheldon	2,165	22.57
St Albans Town	7,102	22.88
Avg (w/o Georgia)		22.10

Town	Population 2020	Ambulance Fee	Per Capita
Franklin	1363	\$ 40,576.00	\$ 29.77
Highgate	3472	\$ 86,250.00	\$ 24.84
Swanton	6701	\$ 199,245.00	\$ 29.73
Enosburg	2781	\$ 86,683.77	\$ 31.17
Bakersfield	1273	\$ 38,880.00	\$ 30.54
Fairfax	5014	\$ 119,519.00	\$ 23.84
Fletcher	1368	\$ 33,793.00	\$ 24.70

Divided into two services
 Weighted avg Per
 \$27.53 Capita 911 fee



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Georgia Proposal Options

Current	Month	Annual	Per Capita
FY24	\$ 5,885	\$ 70,623.00	\$ 14.41

Option 1	Month	Annual	Per Capita
FY25	\$ 6,702.30	\$ 80,427.55	\$ 16.41
FY26	\$ 7,707.64	\$ 92,491.68	\$ 18.87
FY27	\$ 8,863.79	\$ 106,365.43	\$ 21.70
FY28	\$ 9,218.34	\$ 110,620.05	\$ 22.57
FY29	\$ 9,587.07	\$ 115,044.85	\$ 23.47
FY30	\$ 9,970.55	\$ 119,646.65	\$ 24.41
FY31	\$ 10,369.38	\$ 124,432.51	\$ 25.38
FY32	\$ 10,784.15	\$ 129,409.82	\$ 26.40
FY33	\$ 11,215.52	\$ 134,586.21	\$ 27.46
FY34	\$ 11,664.14	\$ 139,969.66	\$ 28.55

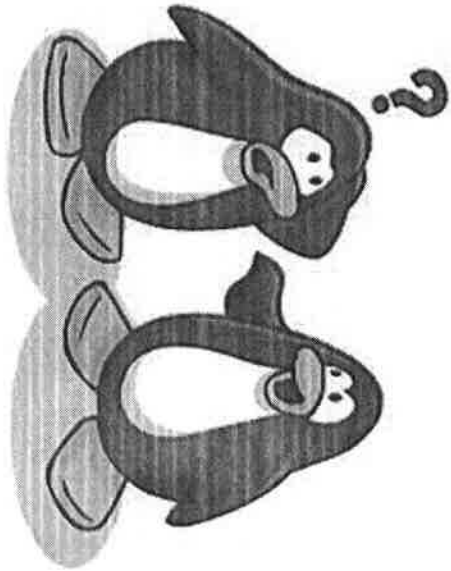
Option 2	Month	Annual	Per Capita
FY25	\$ 6,848.00	\$ 82,175.98	\$ 16.76
FY26	\$ 8,046.40	\$ 96,556.77	\$ 19.70
FY27	\$ 9,454.52	\$ 113,454.21	\$ 23.14
FY28	\$ 9,927.24	\$ 119,126.92	\$ 24.30
FY29	\$ 10,423.61	\$ 125,083.26	\$ 25.52

Option 3	Month	Annual	Per Capita
FY25	\$ 6,993.70	\$ 83,924.40	\$ 17.12
FY26	\$ 8,392.44	\$ 100,709.28	\$ 20.54
FY27	\$ 10,070.93	\$ 120,851.14	\$ 24.65

	Per Capita
Other Amcare Areas (excluding GA)	22.10
Other Towns Comps	27.53



Questions



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STUMP DUMP ORDINANCE

PREAMBLE: It is the intent of this ordinance to manage and regulate the stump dump in order to preserve and perpetuate the stump dump area in a manner consistent with environmental health standards and to preserve the longevity of available landfill.

THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAIN:

- Section 1: No material whatever may be deposited in the stump dump unless same originated within the Town of Georgia.
- Section 2: Residents and property owners or businesses of the Town of Georgia may transport their own waste materials (wood, leaves, furniture, appliances) to the stump dump and deposit them therein.
- Section 3: No burning, salvaging, discharging of firearms, soliciting of business, advertising or any other activity shall be permitted with the stump dump area except by specific approval of the Town.
- Section 4: Any person, firm, corporation, or partnership violating this ordinance or willfully failing to deposit in the proper location or according to the direction of the attendant at the stump dump may have any permit suspended or revoked, and may be ordered from the stump dump by the attendant on duty, and failure to leave when so ordered shall constitute a violation of this ordinance. Any such violation may be additionally punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each violation.
- Section 5: The violation of any section of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for each violation.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

TOWN OF GEORGIA
TRAVEL ON TOWN LEGAL TRAILS ORDINANCE
TRAILS #1,#3,#4, and #5 (NO TRAIL #2)

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This is a municipal Ordinance under authority of 19 V.S.A. §§ 301(8) A and 24VSA §§ 1971 & 2291(14)

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this travel on Town Legal Trails Ordinance (the "Ordinance") is to protect public safety, and prevent environmental damage and pollution caused by vehicular traffic on trails. Such damage and pollution are hereby deemed to be a public nuisance.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. **Motor Vehicle**, means any power-driven vehicle which is normally used for carrying persons or goods by road including cars, trucks, motorcycles, and ATV's.
- B. *Operate, operating or operated* as applied to motor vehicles shall include drive, driving and driven and shall also include an attempt to operate, and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of motor vehicles, whether they be in motion or at rest.
- C. *Owner* shall include any person, corporation, partnership or association, holding legal title to a motor vehicle, or having exclusive right to the use or control thereof, or an individual seeking to use and work on a Trail.
- D. Trails shall mean all Trails within the meaning of 19 V.S.A. Section 301(8) in the Town of Georgia (the "Town").
- E. Use and Work shall include all excavation or digging within the right-of-way limits of a Legal Trail.

SECTION 4. ACTIVITY PROHIBITED. Use and work on all trails and the operation of a motor vehicle on all Legal Trails are prohibited unless the owner has either a valid permit issued by the Town, or has entered into a license agreement with the Town. The discharge of firearms on Legal Trails is also prohibited. **Personal mobility devices such as motorized wheelchairs and scooters are not banned, but the trails are not maintained to specifically accommodate these devices.**

SECTION 5. PERMITS

- A. Permits shall be issued to persons owning property abutting the trail, or persons residing on property abutting the trail with permission of the landowner, or persons who in the judgment of the Select Board, have been found to have a legitimate need to operate a vehicle on a Trail. (Visitors to the property owners will not require a permit)

- B. The only acceptable permit shall be one entitled "TOWN OF GEORGIA PERMIT TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON THE *NAMED* TRAIL" and signed by the members of the Georgia Selectboard. One copy of the permit shall be issued to the permittee and one copy shall be filed with the Georgia Town Clerk. The Town may also enter into License Agreements with Owners who propose either improvements to a Trails, use a Trail for access to private properties, or for other private purposes allowed in the reasonable exercise of the Georgia Select Board's discretion pursuant to its authority to control Trails in the Town.

- C. Permits issued as a means for primary access to land shall be valid for property owners and residents as long as they continue to be property owners or residents. All other permits shall be renewed annually.

SECTION 6. Permission for the use of legal trails to access properties for logging and surgaring activities shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Select Board. The trail shall be left in as good or better condition as when permission was granted. The Select Board may require that the logger or property owner provide an adequate amount of funds into an escrow account to be available in the event that the logger or property owner fails to restore the trail to an acceptable condition.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected.

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT: Penalties. Any violation(s) of this ordinance is subject to a civil penalty of \$100 a day. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a new offense.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective 60 days from the date of adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

GEORGIA SELECT BOARD

Devon Thomas Chair Shannon Jenkins Vice Chair

Carl Rosenquist Jamie Comstock

Nicholas Martin

Received for record

_____ day _____ 2023 Attest: Cheryl Letourneau, Town Clerk _____

TOWN OF GEORGIA

PERMIT TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON TRAIL# _____

PURSUANT TO THE TRAVEL ON TOWN LEGAL TRAILS ORDINANCE,

THE _____ TRAIL, as defined in the Ordinance, the Georgia Select board hereby issues this permit to operate a motor vehicle on the trail to:

- A. _____ (Landowner/resident of the trail and his/her invited guests); such permit to be valid so long as he/she is an owner/resident; or
- B. _____, a person determined by the Georgia Select board to have a legitimate need to operate a motor vehicle on the trail, such permit to expire one year from this date.

Date For the Select board



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Annual Report Schedule & Specifications Approval

Georgia

DEADLINES: (Town deadlines highlighted in yellow)

- PDF or hardcopy to scan due at REPRO¹: **Friday, January 26, 2024**
- Complete Proof due at Town²: **Friday, February 2, 2024**
- FINAL proof approval due³: **Monday, February 5, 2024**
- Delivery of final reports due at Town: **Monday, February 12, 2024**
- PDF of final report from printer emailed to Town⁴: **Thurs., Feb. 29, 2024**

SPECIFICATIONS⁵

Quantity: **700**

Bound Size: **8-1/2" x 11"** Binding: **Perfect Bound (glued spine)**

¹One COMPLETE PDF file or hardcopy (for scanning) are needed. Unless otherwise discussed, materials will not be considered to be in until we have everything needed. Please note that due to tight scheduling, getting materials to us earlier than the agreed upon date listed on this schedule does NOT guaranty that we will be able to deliver finished books sooner than agreed upon delivery date

²Proofs will be sent via UPS for guaranteed delivery. If your town office is not open on the agreed upon date, please provide another address for delivery or make arrangements to be at the office for delivery.

³Corrections can be made at the proofing stage and will be charged at \$10 per page, plus \$25 per new hardcopy proof. Unless the errors are printer's errors, any changes WILL change your delivery date. It is important that you proof-read your materials prior to time of submission to avoid additional charges and delays.

⁴REPRO must meet all print deadlines imposed by the State of Vermont first and foremost. PDFs for viewing will be sent by the date listed above. Requests may be made to obtain the PDF prior to the above date but you will be charged an additional \$75.00, provided we are able to accommodate the request. PDFs are created only after we have finished the production of the printed materials for all towns.

⁵Once confirmed, stock will be ordered based on the quantity listed. If any of these should change after approval of this form, REPRO will bill the town for any additional costs incurred by changes in quantity.

I have read and agree to all dates and specifications listed above.

I need to make adjustments to dates or specifications. Please make noted corrections and send me a revised form to sign.

Signature: Cheryl Letourneau

Date: 12.15.2023