

# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 31, 2025 7:00 PM Council Chambers 70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

# Call to Order

PRESENT Mayor David Still Council Member Bruce Johnson Mayor Pro-Tem Victoria Jones Council Member Austin Thompson Council Member Marlene Taylor-Crawford

# Prayer

Former Mayor Judy Jordan Johnson was present to provide the invocation.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Still led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Agenda Additions / Deletions

Mayor Still requested that Recognition: Amy Lazic, Principal of Oakland Meadow School - 2025 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month be added to the agenda.

Motion to accept agenda as amended by Mayor Still made by Council Member Thompson, Seconded by Council Member Taylor-Crawford.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Council Member Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

## Recognitions

1. ReCast Lawrenceville Program - Advisory Board

Mayor Still introduced Barry Mock, Assistant City Manager, who recognized ReCast Lawrenceville Program - Advisory Board for their award presented by NLC, 2025 NLC - City Cultural Diversity Award.

ReCAST Staff/Contracted Staff:

Dr. Edward Valentin (Val-in-tin), ReCAST Program Director, Marcus Thorne, ReCAST Program Manager (City Employee) , Jenn Ballentine (Bal-len-teene), ReCAST Data Evaluator

**ReCAST Sub-Recipient:** 

Viewpoint Health (Jennifer Hibbard, CEO Viewpoint Health) -

Chad Jones, April Befort

Georgia Center for Opportunity (Eric Cochling, Chief Program Officer & General Counsel) -

Carolina (Car-o-leen-a) Pachon (Pay-k-on)

Impact 46 (Jen Young, Executive Director) -

Katie Inks, Josiah Vega, Emelda Mumba, Savannah Davis, Alfredo Corona

**ReCAST Advisory Board:** 

Onsite at Council Meeting - Nancy Martin, Chanda (SH-on-da) Floyd-Bryant, Michael Davis, Constance Brown, Tawny Waltz

Not in attendance:

Tracey Joseph, Hector Sanchez, Lovetta Lewis, Maria Lafalaise (La-fa-lase), Teonna Dorsey, Taheera (Ta-hear-a) Demby

DiverCITY Committee (Internal committee that meets bimonthly to discuss ways to further engage and support initiatives internally):

Onsite at Council Meeting - Elder James, Lisa McKnight, Marcus Thorne

Not in attendance:

Shereese Durham, Kelvin Standifer, Nina Anderson, Mika Massa, Annette Crawford, Lindey Broome, Melissa Hardegree, and Jasmine Billings

2. Special Events Team with Partners Explore Gwinnett & Slow Pour Brewing

Mayor Still introduced Barry Mock, Assistant City Manager, who recognized the Special Events Team with Partners Export Gwinnett & Slow Pour Brewing winning nine awards at the 2025 SFEA - Southeast Festivals & Events Association Kaleidoscope Awards.

4 Gold, 1 Silver, 4 Bronze

Events Team:

Lindsey Brome, Events and Programs Manager, Milo Sather, Event Coordinator, Elyssa Pate, Event Coordinator

Partners – Explore Gwinnett:

Madison Chucci, Community Development Manager, Natalie Smith, Administrative Coordinator

# **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept prior meeting minutes made by Council Member Thompson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jones.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Council Member Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

- 3. February 24, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 4. March 19, 2025 Work Session, Executive Session

# Proclamations

5. Records and Information Management Month

Records and Information Management Month: Mayor Still recognized and presented a proclamation on behalf of the City of Lawrenceville for Records and Information Management Month to Karen Pierce, City Clerk and Candice McDaniel, Records Officer.

## Announcements

Mayor Still recognized each Council Member who individually made announcements about events and recognitions throughout the community. He then read from the slides for upcoming City events.

# **Public Comment**

To participate in the Public Comment part of the Agenda, you must register with the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. Presentations will be limited to 2 minutes per person and Council will not respond to the comment.

Elizabeth Moore signed up to speak on spiritual reading.

Dawn Brown signed up to speak, however, she is not a resident of the City of Lawrenceville. Ms. Brown spoke on her community and locations for food trucks.

## **Consent Agenda**

These are items on which the Mayor and Council are in agreement to approve and are placed on the agenda to be approved in one vote.

City Attorney Frank Hartley read the consent agenda into record.

Motion to accept Consent Agenda items as read into record by Frank Hartley, City Attorney made by Council Member Thompson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jones. Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Council Member Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

6. Purchase of New Palo Alto Firewalls for the Police Department

# **Council Business Old Business**

There is no public comment during this section of the agenda unless formally requested by the Mayor and the Council.

7. Amend Chapter 30 Solid Waste Rates

Keith Lee, Chief Financial Officer presented this item and answered questions from Council.

Motion to adopt the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 30 for Solid Waste Rates based on presentation and hardcopy received during meeting made by Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Seconded by Council Member Thompson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Council Member Thompson,

Voting Nay: Council Member Taylor-Crawford

8. Amend Article VII of Chapter 38 Electric Utility Rates

Keith Lee, Chief Financial Officer and Huston Gillis, Electric Director presented this item and answered questions from Council.

Motion to adopt the Ordinance to Amend Article VII of Chapter 38 Electric Utility Rates made by Council Member Johnson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jones. Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones,

Voting Nay: Council Member Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

9. Resolution of the City of Lawrenceville to Adopt the Gwinnett County TAD Policies and Guidelines

Barry Mock, Assistant City Manager presented this item and answered questions from Council.

Motion to approve Resolution of the City of Lawrenceville to Adopt the Gwinnett County TAD Policies and Guidelines made by Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Seconded by Council Member Taylor-Crawford.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Council Member Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

10. City of Civility Certification Renewal

Melissa Hardegree, Chief Communications Officer presented this item and answered questions from Council.

Motion to approve renewal of City of Civility Certification made by Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Seconded by Council Member Thompson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Council Member Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

## **Council Business New Business**

There is no public comment during this section of the agenda unless formally requested by the Mayor and the Council.

11. Bobby Sikes Stage Rigging Project

Chuck Warbington, City Manager presented this item and answered questions from Council.

Motion to approve Bobby Sikes Stage Rigging Project to sole bidder, Stage Rigging Services, Inc. c/o Aurora Theater, amount not to exceed \$273,668.00. Ratification of 30% deposit in the

amount of \$82,100.40 made by Council Member Johnson, Seconded by Council Member Taylor-Crawford. Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Council Member Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

## **Final Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting made by Council Member Thompson, Seconded by Council Member Taylor-Crawford.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, Council Member Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

Minute Signatures

David R. Still, Mayor

Karen Pierce, City Clerk

#### ORDINANCE ORD-2025-4

## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA REGARDING SOLID WASTE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL RATES

The City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia hereby ordains that the Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia shall be amended as follows:

### Section1:

That Sec. 30-12, related to residential fees, is hereby amended by deleting Sec. 30-12 in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

#### Sec. 30-12. Residential fees.

The collection fees for residences shall be such as may be set from time to time by the City Council. The City Council may suspend or waive fees.

- (a) Residential service. The Finance Department of the City shall maintain on file and make available to the public a record of the costs, fees, service charges and deposits for curbside garbage collection and any additional fees for special circumstances. Nonpayment of fees shall be cause for the imposition of late fees as determined by the City Council and shall also cause a penalty as determined by the City Council. Continued delinquent accounts shall be subject to imposition of a lien against the property served in accordance with the City Charter. Monthly charges shall be billed based on one service a week. The monthly charges are:
  - (1) Standard residential property curbside pick-up:
    - a. The city will provide one 95-gallon container at no charge.
    - b. Beginning January 1, 2026, the monthly charge will be billed at \$21.50 per month for residential customers.
    - c. Beginning January 1, 2027, the monthly charge will be billed at \$24.00 per month for residential customers.
    - d. Beginning January 1, 2028, the monthly charge will be billed at \$26.00 per month for residential customers.

- (2) Premium residential property curbside pick-up:
  - a. The City will provide one 95-gallon container at no charge.
  - b. Premium residential service accounts may elect to have more than one City provided 95-gallon container. For each additional container, account holder shall pay a one-time fee as determined by the City Manager and/or designee.
  - c. Beginning January 1, 2026, the monthly charge will be billed at \$13.00 per month for residential customers, per additional cart.
  - d. Beginning January 1, 2027, the monthly charge will be billed at \$13.50 per month for residential customers, per additional cart.
  - e. Beginning January 1, 2028, the monthly charge will be billed at \$14.00 per month for residential customers, per additional cart.
- (3) 5enior Discount:
  - a. Persons age 65 years of age or older may request a discount. To qualify for the discount the customer must:
    - 1. Have a total household income at or below 150% of the current year's federal poverty guidelines
    - 2. Have a residential City of Lawrenceville Sanitation account for a primary residence in the customer's name
    - 3. Have electric service from a single meter that is wired for individual use
    - 4. Complete a senior / low-income discount application form.
  - b. Beginning January 1, 2026, the monthly charge will be billed at \$12.50 per month for residential customers.
  - c. Beginning January 1, 2027, the monthly charge will be billed at \$15.00 per month for residential customers.
  - d. Beginning January 1, 2028, the monthly charge will be billed at \$17.50 per month for residential customers.
- (b) All garbage bills will follow the schedule set forth in chapter 38.

- (c) Large item fees.
  - (1) Large items that are in excess of the provided container, will be collected by the City and are subject to the laws of the City. Each Sanitation Customer is eligible to request the pick-up of two (2) large items a week. A fee will be charged for items in excess of two (2) per week, and the fee schedule is listed in the Sanitation Collection Policy.
  - (2) Standard limb, leaf, and yard waste is collected by the City at no charge to the resident. However, excessive amounts of limbs, leaves and other yard waste, will be subject to a fee. A fee will be charged for these services, and the fee schedule is listed in the Sanitation Collection Policy.

## Section 2:

That Sec. 30-26, related to commercial fees, is hereby amended by deleting Sec. 30-26 in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

## Sec. 30-26. - Commercial fees.

The collection fees for commercial establishments, factories and other business places whose service is provided by the City of Lawrenceville shall be such as may be set from time to time by the City Council.

- (a) Commercial service. The Finance Department of the City shall maintain on file and make available to the public a record of the costs, fees, service charges and deposits for garbage collection and any additional fees for special circumstances. Non-payment of fees shall be cause for the imposition of late fees as determined by the City Council and shall also cause a penalty as determined by the City Council. Continued delinquent accounts shall be subject to imposition of a lien against the property served, in accordance with the City Charter. Monthly charges shall be billed based on one service a week. Monthly charges are:
  - (1) Standard non-residential property curbside pick-up:
    - a. The city will provide one 95-gallon container at no charge.
    - b. Beginning January 1, 2026, the monthly charge will be billed at \$21.50 per month for commercial curbside customers.
    - c. Beginning January 1, 2027, the monthly charge will be billed at \$24.00 per month for commercial curbside customers.

- d. Beginning January 1, 2028, the monthly charge will be billed at \$26.00 per month for commercial curbside customers.
- (2) Premium commercial property curbside pick-up:
  - a. The City will provide one 95-gallon container at no charge.
  - b. Premium commercial service accounts may elect to have more than one City provided 95-gallon container. For each additional container, account holder shall pay a one-time fee as determined by the City Manager or designee.
  - c. Beginning January 1, 2026, the monthly charge will be billed at \$13.00 per month for residential customers, per additional cart.
  - d. Beginning January 1, 2027, the monthly charge will be billed at \$13.50 per month for residential customers, per additional cart.
  - e. Beginning January 1, 2028, the monthly charge will be billed at \$14.00 per month for residential customers, per additional cart.
- (3) Commercial dumpster service:
  - a. Beginning January 1, 2026, the cost shall be billed at \$135.00 per month/per dumpster. Dumpster will be serviced 1x/week.
  - b. Beginning January 1, 2027, the cost shall be billed at \$145.00 per month/per dumpster. Dumpster will be serviced 1x/week.
  - c. Beginning January 1, 2028, the cost shall be billed at \$155.00 per month/per dumpster. Dumpster will be serviced 1x/week.
  - d. If the dumpster is to be serviced multiple times/week, the fee shall be multiplied by the number of services.
  - e. Containers will be delivered from the City at a fee established by the City Manager or designee.
- (b) Urban commercial service. Defined as the nine block downtown area between Oak Street and Luckie Street and Culver Street and Chestnut Street shall be served by Cityowned facilities. The City will strive to install shared infrastructure where possible. The Finance Department of the City shall maintain on file and make available to the public a record of the costs, fees, service charges and deposits for garbage collection and any

additional fees for special circumstances. Non-payment of fees shall be cause for the imposition of late fees as determined by the City Council and shall also cause a penalty as determined by the City Council. Continued delinquent accounts shall be subject to imposition of a lien against the property served, in accordance with the City Charter. Each commercial establishment shall be assigned one of the following Tiers based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) for the business. The City Manager or designee shall maintain a list of NAICS codes by category. Specific properties may apply for or be identified as Commercial Service, and if accepted by the City Manager or designee, then may be served by an individual dumpster(s) provided by the City as described in subsection (3) above. Monthly charges are:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, the cost shall be:
  - a. Tier 1, \$335.00
  - b. Tier 2, \$165.00
  - c. Tier 3, \$135.00
  - d. Tier 4, \$21.50
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2027, the cost shall be:
  - a. Tier 1, \$345.00
  - b. Tier 2, \$175.00
  - c. Tier 3, \$145.00
  - d. Tier 4, \$24.00
- (3) Beginning January 1, 2028, the cost shall be:
  - a. Tier 1, \$355.00
  - b. Tier 2, \$185.00
  - c. Tier 3, \$155.00
  - d. Tier 4, \$26.00
- (4) Additional services required to maintain the cleanliness of the shared dumpster facility shall be billed to each participant at one-quarter the monthly charge for each service (listed above).

## (c) Large item fees.

Large items that are in excess of the provided container, will be collected by the City and are subject to the laws of the City. Each Sanitation Customer is eligible to request the pick-up of two (2) large items a week. A fee will be charged for items in excess of two (2) per week, and the fee schedule is listed in the Sanitation Collection Policy.

### Section 3:

Except as specifically amended as set forth above, all other sections, subsections, subsubsections, etc. of Chapter 30 shall remain in full force and affect.

### Section 4:

All ordinances, regulations, or parts of the same in conflict with this ordinance are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict and only to the extent of said conflict.

### Section 5:

If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

## Section 6:

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

IT IS SO ORDAINED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2025.

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk

## ORDINANCE ORD-2025-5

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA RELATED TO ELECTRIC UTILITY

The City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia hereby ordains that the Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia shall be amended as follows:

## Section1:

That Article VII of Chapter 38, related to Electric Utility, is hereby amended by deleting Article VII in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

### ARTICLE VII. - ELECTRIC UTILITY

### Sec. 38-201. – Distributed Generation.

- (a) Applicability:
  - (1) Applicable to Customers in all areas served by the City of Lawrenceville (the City) and subject to its service rules, regulations, terms, policies and procedures, as amended from time to time, which are incorporated herein by this reference, and desiring to install a distributed generation facility. Customer account(s) must be in good standing.
  - (2) A distributed generation facility must:
    - a. Be owned (or leased) and operated by an existing Customer for production of electric energy, and
    - b. Be connected to and/or operate in parallel with the City's distribution facilities, and
    - c. Be intended primarily to offset part or all of the Customer's generator's requirement for electricity, and
    - d. Have peak generating capacity of not more than 10 kW for residential applications and not more than 125% of actual or expected maximum annual peak demand of the premise for commercial applications.
    - e. Be installed on the customer side of the meter.
- (b) Monthly Rate:
  - (1) Residential Bi-Directional Metering Charge: For all customers with installed distributed generation (DG) equipment on the customer side of the meter, who qualify for Residential Service prior to installing DG.

	2026	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
Base Service Fee	\$28.00 / mo.	\$29.00 / mo.	\$30.00 / mo.

Non-summer residential rate will be charged from November – April as follows:			
	2026	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
0-650 kWh	\$0.1242 / kWh	\$0.1326 / kWh	\$0.1414 / kWh
651-1000 kWh	\$0.1072 / kWh	\$0.1166 / kWh	\$0.1254 / kWh
> 1000 kWh	\$0.0982 / kWh	\$0.1076 / kWh	\$0.1174 / kWh
Summer residential	rate will be charged fro	om May October as fo	ollows:
	2026	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
0-650 kWh	\$0.1242 / kWh	\$0.1326 / kWh	\$0.1 <b>414 / kW</b> h
651-1000 kWh	\$0.1322 / kWh	\$0.1416 / kWh	\$0.1524 / kWh
> 1000 kWh	\$0.1642 / kWh	\$0.1756 / kWh	\$0.1894 / kWh
Bi-Directional Base Charge: \$12.00 per month			
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Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee per month plus Bi-Directional Base Charge

(2) Commercial Non-Demand: For all customers with installed distributed generation (DG) equipment on the customer side of the meter, who qualify for Commercial Non-Demand Service prior to installing DG.

	<u>2026</u>	2027	<u>2028</u>
Base Service Fee	\$36.00 / mo.	\$39.00 / mo.	\$42.00 / mo.
First 3,000 kWh	\$0.171 / kWh	\$0.18228 / kWh	\$0.196 / kWh
> 3,000 kWh	\$0.161 / kWh	\$0.17228 / kWh	\$0.186 / kWh
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Bi-Directional Base Charge: \$17.00 per month

Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee per month plus Bi-Directional Base Charge

(3) Small Power: For all customers with installed distributed generation (DG) equipment on the customer side of the meter, who qualify for Small Power Service prior to installing DG.

	2026	<u>2027</u>	2028
Base Service Fee	\$45.00 / mo.	\$50.00 / mo.	\$55.00 / mo.
Demand (Bill KW)	\$17.00 / KW	\$17.00 / KW	\$17.00 / KW
Energy			
First 200 HUD	\$0.0963 / kWh	\$0.1031 / kWh	\$0.111 / kWh
200 – 400 HUD	\$0.0463 / kWh	\$0.0531 / kWh	\$0.061 / kWh
>400 HUD	\$0.0363 / kWh	\$0.0411 / kWh	\$0.049 / kWh
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Bi-Directional Base Charge: \$17.00 per month

Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee plus Demand Charge per KW Bill Demand plus Bi-Directional Base Charge

(4) Medium Power: For all customers with installed distributed generation (DG) equipment on the customer side of the meter, who qualify for Medium Power Service prior to installing DG.

	2026	<u>2027</u>	2028
Base Service Fee	\$ <b>7</b> 4.00 / mo.	\$82.00 / mo.	\$90.00 / mo.

Demand (Bill KW)	\$17.00 / KW	\$17.00 / KW	\$17.00 / KW
Energy			
First 200 HUD	\$0.081 / kWh	\$0.0823 / kWh	\$0.084 / kWh
200 – 400 HUD	\$0.045 / kWh	\$0.045 / kWh	\$0.046 / kWh
>400 HUD	\$0.035 / kWh	\$0.035 / kWh	\$0.036 / kWh
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Bi-Directional Base Charge: \$17.00 per month

Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee plus Demand Charge per KW Bill Demand plus Bi-Directional Base Charge

(S) Large Power: For all customers with installed distributed generation (DG) equipment on the customer side of the meter, who qualify for Large Power Service prior to installing DG.

2026	<u>2027</u>	2028
\$150.00 / mo.	\$165.00 / mo.	\$225.00 / mo.
\$20.00 / KW	\$21.50 / KW	\$23.00 / KW
\$0.06143 / kWh	\$0.064 / kWh	\$0.068 / kWh
\$0.03943 / kWh	\$0.040 / kWh	\$0.040 / kWh
\$0.03443 / kWh	\$0.032 / kWh	\$0.032 / kWh
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Bi-Directional Base Charge: \$17.00 per month

Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee plus Demand Charge per KW Bill Demand plus Bi-Directional Base Charge

(c) Power Cost Adjustment:

The bill calculated at the above rates will be charged the current power cost adjustment as determined by the City Manager or designee.

(d) Terms of Payment:

If the account is not paid by the due date, a late fee in the amount specified in this Code will be added to the account. Further failure to pay a bill will subject the customer to disconnection and/or disconnection charges specified in this Code.

- (e) The City will install bi-directional metering for all applicable Customers. All incremental costs for metering and associated equipment (e.g. poly-phase meters, trans-sockets, dual-gang sockets, etc.) and interconnection costs will be paid by the Customer at the time service is initiated under this policy. Additionally, Customer agrees to pay a monthly metering charge as outlined above.
- (f) Bi-directional metering is defined as measuring the amount of electricity supplied by the City and the amount fed back to the City by the Customer's distributed generation facility during the billing period using the same meter. Bi-directional metering shall be used where distributed generation facilities are connected to the City on the Customer's side of the Customer's meter.

## (g) Payment for Energy:

- (1) Bi-directional metering
  - a. Whenever the Customer's consumption exceeds the electricity generated by the Customer's distributed generation system, that electricity is supplied by the City. All electricity supplied by the City shall be billed by the City in accordance with its tariffs plus the Incremental Service Cost.
  - b. When electricity generated by the Customer's distributed generation system exceeds electricity supplied by the City, the Customer shall be billed for the customer charges as described in the standard rate for that billing period and credited for excess kWh generated during the billing period at the City's avoided energy cost.

## (2) Avoided Energy Cost

- a. Payments by the City to the Customer for the billing period metered avoided energy kWh's will be computed by the City in its sole discretion based on the average monthly wholesale market price as determined by the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG Power), the City's Wholesale Energy provider.
- In the event Customer develops a credit balance during a billing period, the amount will remain as a credit on the Customer's account. Credit balances remaining at the end of the City's fiscal year will be cleared by the issuance of a check for the credit balance to Customer. Any other clearance of account credit balances will be at the City's discretion.
- (h) Safety, Power Quality, and interconnection Requirements:
  - (1) The Customer shall be responsible for ensuring a safe and reliable interconnection with the City and all costs incurred therein. The City has available, upon request, the following documents that must be completed and approved in their entirety prior to interconnection by the Customer to the City's distribution system:
    - a. Application for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Facility
    - b. Interconnection Agreement
    - c. Electrical Power Exchange Agreement
  - (2) The provisions in all documents outlined above are incorporated into this Rider in their entirety. For the avoidance of doubt, Customer shall be deemed to have agreed to such provisions by applying for service under this Rider.

- (3) The City will only be required to purchase energy from eligible distributed generation facilities on a first-come, first-served basis until the cumulative generating capacity of all renewable energy sources from all Customers equals the percentage of the City's annual peak demand in the previous year as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 46-3-56(a). Additional energy may be purchased by the City at its sole discretion at a cost agreed to by it and the Customer provider. The City shall at no time be required to purchase energy from Customers in excess of amounts required by the Georgia Cogeneration and Distributed Generation Act of 2001.
- (4) The City reserves the right to separate the Customer generator's equipment from City lines and facilities when, in the City's judgment, the continued parallel operation is unsafe or may cause damage to persons or property. Upon such separation, the City shall promptly notify the Customer generator so that any unsafe condition can be corrected.

#### Sec. 38-202. – Commercial Electrical Service.

(a) Availability:

All qualified customers in the City of Lawrenceville's electric service area.

(b) Applicability:

Applicable to all commercial electric service, even during construction or when service is temporary and/or seasonal in nature.

- (c) Monthly Rate:
  - (1) Commercial Non-Demand: For all non-residential uses where the annual average monthly energy use is less than 3,000 kWh.

	<u>2026</u>	2027	<u>2028</u>	
Base Service Fee	\$36.00 / mo.	\$39.00 / mo.	\$42.00 / mo.	
First 3,000 kWh	\$0.171 / kWh	\$0.18228 / kWh	\$0.196 / kWh	
> 3,000 kWh	\$0.161 / kWh	\$0.17228 / kWh	\$0. <b>186 /</b> kWh	
Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee per month				

(2) Temporary Power: Applicable to all electric service during construction or when service is temporary and/or seasonal in nature.

	<u>2026</u>	2027	2028
Base Service Fee	\$36.00 / mo.	\$39.00 / mo.	\$42.00 / mo.
All kWh	\$0.135 / kWh	\$0.14756 / kWh	\$0.1 <b>6</b> 484 / kWh
Minimum Bill: Base	Service Fee per month		

(3) Commercial Small Power: For all non-residential uses where the annual average monthly energy use is greater than 3,000 kWh and where the billing demand is less than 30 kW.

	2026	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
Base Service Fee	\$41.00 / mo.	\$46.00 / mo.	\$50.00 / mo.

Demand Charge	\$3.50 / kW	\$4.00 / kW	\$4.50 / kW
< 200 hours (x)			
the billing demand	\$0.14 / kWh	\$0.1452 / kWh	\$0.1518 / kWh
200 - 400 hours (x)			
the billing demand	\$0.088 / kWh	\$0.0932 / kWh	\$0.0998 / kWh
> 400 hours (x)			
the billing demand	\$0.078 / kWh	\$0.0858 / kWh	\$0.0858 / kWh
Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee plus Demand Charge per kW Bill Demand			

(4) Commercial Medium Power: For all non-residential uses where the billing demand is at least 30 KW, but less than 500 kW.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	
Base Service Fee	\$64.00 / mo.	\$71.00 / mo.	\$75.00 / mo.	
Demand Charge	\$5.00 / kW	\$5.50 / kW	\$6.00 / kW	
< 200 hours (x)				
the billing demand				
< 6,000 kWh	\$0.1258 / kWh	\$0.131 / kWh	\$0.1374 / kWh	
> 6,000 kWh	\$0.1158 / kWh	\$0.121 / kWh	\$0.1274 / kWh	
200 - 400 hours (x)				
the billing demand	\$0.0808 / kWh	\$0.086 / kWh	\$0.0924 / kWh	
> 400 hours (x)				
the billing demand	\$0.0758 / kWh	\$0.081 / kWh	\$0.0844 / kWh	
Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee plus Demand Charge per kW Bill Demand				

(5) Commercial Large Power: For all non-residential uses where the billing demand is at least 500 kW.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	
Base Service Fee	\$134.00 / mo.	\$155.00 / mo.	\$200.00 / mo.	
Demand Charge	\$6.00 / kW	\$7.00 / kW	\$8.00 / kW	
< 200 hours (x)				
the billing demand				
< 100,000 kWh	\$0.1024 / kWh	\$0.10424 / kWh	\$0.107433 / kWh	
> 100,000 kWh	\$0.0924 / kWh	\$0.09424 / kWh	\$0.097433 / kWh	
200 - 400 hours (x)				
the billing demand	\$0.0704 / kWh	\$0.07224 / kWh	\$0.075433 / kWh	
400 - 600 hours (x)				
the billing demand	\$0.0664 / kWh	\$0.06824 / kWh	\$0.071403 / kWh	
> 600 hours (x)				
the billing demand	\$0.0624 / kWh	\$0.06424 / kWh	\$0.067433 / kWh	
Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee plus Demand Charge per kW Bill Demand				

(6) Institutional: Non-profit hospital with a minimum of 300 beds.

	2026	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
Base Service Fee	\$250.00 / mo.	\$250.00 / mo.	\$250.00 / mo.

Demand Charge < 200 hours (x)	\$10.00 / kW	\$10.00 / kW	\$10.00 / kW	
the billing demand				
< 100,000 kWh	\$0.0957 / kWh	\$0.0982 / kWh	\$0.10133 / kWh	
> 100,000 kWh	\$0.0857 / kWh	\$0.0882 / kWh	\$0.09133 / kWh	
200 - 400 hours (x)				
the billing demand	\$0.0637 / kWh	\$0.0662 / kWh	\$0.06933 / kWh	
400 - 600 hours (x)				
the billing demand	\$0.0597 / kWh	\$0.0622 / kWh	\$0.06533 / kWh	
> 600 hours (x)				
the billing demand	\$0.0557 / kWh	\$0.0582 / kWh	\$0.06133 / kWh	
Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee plus Demand Charge per kW Bill Demand				

(d) Power Cost Adjustment:

The bill calculated at the above rates will be charged the current power cost adjustment as determined by the City Manager or designee.

(e) Terms of Payment:

If the account is not paid by the due date, a late fee in the amount specified in this Code will be added to the account. Further failure to pay a bill will subject the customer to disconnection and/or disconnection charges specified in this Code.

#### Sec. 38-203. – Residential Electrical Service.

(a) Availability:

All qualified customers in the City of Lawrenceville's electric service area.

(b) Applicability:

Applicable to all domestic uses of a residential customer in a separately metered single-family or multifamily dwelling unit.

(c) Monthly Rate:

	2026	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>		
Base Service Fee	\$27.00 / mo. \$28.00 / mo.		\$29.00 / mo.		
Non-summer residential rate will be charged from November – April as follows:					
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>		
0- <b>6</b> 50 kWh	\$0.1242 / kWh	\$0.1326 / kWh	\$0.1414 / kWh		
651-1000 kWh	\$0.1072 / kWh	\$0.1166 / kWh	\$0.12S4 / kWh		
> 1000 kWh	\$0.0982 / kWh	\$0.107 <b>6 / k</b> Wh	\$0.1174 / kWh		

Summer residential rate will be charged from May – October as follows:

	2026	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	
0-650 kWh	\$0.1242 / kWh	\$0.1326 / kWh	\$0.1414 / kWh	
651-1000 kWh	\$0.1322 / kWh	\$0.1416 / kWh	\$0.1524 / kWh	
> 1000 kWh	\$0.1642 / kWh	\$0.1756 / kWh	\$0.1894 / kWh	
Minimum Bill: Base Service Fee				

(d) Power Cost Adjustment:

The bill calculated at the above rates will be charged the current power cost adjustment as determined by the City Manager or designee.

(e) Terms of Payment:

If the account is not paid by the due date, a late fee in the amount specified in this Code will be added to the account. Further failure to pay a bill will subject the customer to disconnection and/or disconnection charges specified in this Code.

(f) Senior Discount:

Persons age 65 years of age or older may request a discount. To qualify for the discount the customer must:

- 1. Have a total household income at or below 150% of the current year's federal poverty guidelines;
- 2. Have a residential City of Lawrenceville Electric account for a primary residence in the customer's name
- 3. Have electric service from a single meter that is wired for individual use
- 4. Complete a senior / low-income discount application form.

#### Sec. 38-204 - Security Light Rates and Fees for Installation and Replacement.

- (a) Security lights will be billed on a monthly basis based on their category classification.
- (b) The City Manager or Designee will determine the lighting fixtures that are in each category:

		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
Category 1		\$10.52 / mo.	\$11.07 / mo.	\$11.70 / mo.
Category 2		\$13.68 / mo.	\$14.39 / mo.	\$15.21 / mo.
Category 3		\$16.83 / mo.	\$17.71 / mo.	\$18.71 / mo.
Category 4		\$2S.25 / mo.	\$26.S6 / mo.	\$28.07 / mo.
Category 5		\$29.46 / mo.	\$30.99 / mo.	\$32.75 / mo.
Category 6		\$31.56 / mo.	\$33.20 / mo.	\$35.09 / mo.
Category 7		\$42.08 / mo.	\$44.27 / mo.	\$46.78 / mo.
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(c) Installation and replacement fees shall be based on the cost of fixtures, labor, benefits, and outside contracts necessary to install or replace the security light.

#### Sec. 38-205 -- 38-219. - Reserved.

#### Section 2:

All ordinances, regulations, or parts of the same in conflict with this ordinance are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict and only to the extent of said conflict.

#### Section 3:

If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

#### Section 4:

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

IT IS SO ORDAINED, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2025.

R. Still

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk

#### **RESOLUTION <u>RES-202S-4</u>**

## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE TO ADOPT THE GWINNETT COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the City of Lawrenceville is committed to fostering sustainable economic growth, revitalization, and redevelopment within its commercial corridors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the City Council in 2014 ("The Commercial Corridors Tax Allocation District (TAD) "), after public notice as required by law, the City has established a Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Commercial Corridors Tax Allocation District (TAD) serves as a strategic tool to attract private investment, encourage redevelopment, and enhance infrastructure within key areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Gwinnett County Tax Allocation District (TAD) Policies and Guidelines will provide a framework for leveraging tax increment financing to support redevelopment efforts within the city's Commercial Corridors TAD, ensuring long-term economic vitality and fiscal sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Commercial Corridors TAD Resolution expresses the intent of the City, as outlined in the Redevelopment Plan, to provide funding through the issuance of various debt instruments, including notes, to incentivize and stimulate redevelopment within the Commercial Corridors TAD and to effectively implement the provisions of the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, this initiative aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan, the Downtown Livable Centers Initiative Master Plan, and regional economic development strategies by fostering a businessfriendly environment, promoting walkability, and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lawrenceville recognizes the importance of collaboration with Gwinnett County, community stakeholders, and private sector partners to maximize the impact of the Commercial Corridors TAD and ensure the successful implementation of redevelopment initiatives.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the City of Lawrenceville hereby adopts Gwinnett County Tax Allocation District (TAD) Policies and Guidelines as a major step in fostering sustainable economic growth, revitalization, redevelopment, and economic vitality.

IT IS SO RESOLVED this 31st day of March, 2025.

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk

#### **RESOLUTION <u>RES-2025-5</u>**

# A RESOLUTION PLEDGING TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE CIVILITY IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, the governing body of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia (the "Municipality"), recognizes that robust debate and the right to self-expression, as protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, are fundamental rights and essential components of democratic self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrenceville City Council further recognizes that the public exchange of diverse ideas and viewpoints is necessary to the health of the community and the quality of governance in the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lawrenceville City Council, as elected representatives of the community and stewards of the public trust, recognize their special role in modeling open, free, and vigorous debate while maintaining the highest standards of civility, honesty, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, City Council meetings are open to the public, and thus how City officials execute their legal duties is on public display; and

WHEREAS, civility by City officials in the execution of their legislative duties and responsibilities, fosters respect, kindness, and thoughtfulness between City officials, avoiding personal ill will, which results in actions being directed to issues made in the best interests of residents; and

WHEREAS, civility between City officials presents an opportunity to set a positive example of conduct and promotes thoughtful debate and discussion of legislative issues, resulting in better public policy and a more informed electorate while also encouraging civil behavior between residents; and

WHEREAS, civility between City officials is possible if each member of the elected body remembers that they represent not only themselves but the constituents of their city; and

WHEREAS, in order to publicly declare its commitment to civil discourse and to express its concern for the common good and well-being of all of its residents, the City Council has determined to adopt this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

#### SECTION ONE

The City of Lawrenceville pledges to practice and promote civility within the governing body as a means of conducting legislative duties and responsibilities.

#### SECTION TWO

The elected officials of the Lawrenceville City Council enact this civility pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others, and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of the City of Lawrenceville.

#### SECTION THREE

This pledge strives to ensure that all communication be open, honest, and transparent, as this is vital for cultivating trust and relationships.

#### SECTION FOUR

This pledge strives to show courtesy by treating all colleagues, staff, and members of the public in a professional and respectful manner whether in-person, online, or in written communication, especially when we disagree.

#### SECTION FIVE

This pledge strives to ensure mutual respect to achieve municipal goals, recognizing that patience, tolerance, and civility are imperative to success and demonstrates the City Council's commitment to respect different opinions, by inviting and considering different perspectives, allowing space for ideas to be expressed, debated, opposed, and clarified in a constructive manner.

#### SECTION SIX

This pledge demonstrates our commitment against violence and incivility in all their forms whenever and wherever they occur in all our meetings and interactions.

#### SECTION SEVEN

The Lawrenceville City Council expects members of the public to be civil in its discussion of matters under consideration by and before the City Council, with elected officials, staff, and each other.

IT IS SO RESOLVED this 31st day of March, 2025.

David R. Still, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk