

City of Guyton, Georgia Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and Special Call Meeting April 2, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

> Guyton City Hall 310 Central Boulevard Guyton, GA 31312

## AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Consideration to Approve the Agenda
- **3.** Consideration to approve Ordinance 2025-04, the City of Guyton Municode Ordinance
- 4. Consideration to Adjourn

The purpose of the Rules of Decorum is to foster an atmosphere of civil and courteous discourse, even and especially when discussing contentious topics, at all meetings held by the City of Guyton.

(A) General rules applicable to all (Mayor and City Council, Staff, Members of the Public)

- 1) Each speaker should refrain from personal attacks, foul or abusive language, and will maintain a civil and courteous manner and tone.
- 2) During designated times for members of the public to speak, members of the public will be permitted 10 minutes to discuss topics. After 10 minutes of discussion on a topic, members of the public will be limited to 3:00 minutes speaking time. The Mayor or presiding officer shall have the authority to grant additional speaking time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during public hearings involving zoning decisions, members of the public will have no less than 10 minutes to speak in favor, and no less than 10 minutes to speak in opposition.
- 3) Members of the audience will respect the rights of others and will not create noise or other disturbances that will disrupt or disturb persons who are addressing the Mayor and Council or Committee or Board or Commission, or members of those bodies who are speaking, or otherwise impede the orderly conduct of the meeting.

(B) Additional Rules for Mayor and City Council, Committees, Boards or Commissions

- 1. The Mayor and City Council, Committees, Boards, Authorities, or Commissions will conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner at all meetings.
- 2. Questions for staff or individuals or other Council, Committee, Board or Commission members will be directed to the appropriate person to answer. Members of the Mayor and City Council, Committees, Boards, Authorities, or Commissions will attempt to answer or address questions presented one at a time without attempting to talk over another member.
- 3. Members of the Mayor and City Council, Committees, Boards, Authorities, or Commissions are always free to criticize or question policies, positions, data, or information presented. However, members of the Mayor and City Council, Committees, Boards, Authorities, or Commissions will not attack or impugn the person presenting.

## (C) Enforcement

The Mayor or presiding officer has the authority to enforce each of the Rules of Decorum regarding members of the public. If any Rule is violated, the Mayor or presiding officer will give the speaker a warning, citing the Rule being violated, and telling the speaker that a second violation will result in a forfeiture of the right to speak further. The Mayor or presiding officer also may have the offending speaker removed from the meeting if the misconduct persists. The Mayor or presiding officer shall not have any power under this provision regarding a Council, Committee, Board or Commission member.

## ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF GUYTON, GEORGIA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

**WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Guyton, Georgia is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to adopt ordinances relating to its property, affairs and local government;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have authority to amend the City's ordinances from time to time and where necessary; and

## NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GUYTON, GEORGIA, IN A CALLED MEETING ASSEMBLED AND PURSUANT TO LAWFUL AUTHORITY THEREOF, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Code entitled "The Code of the City of Guyton, Georgia," published by CivicPlus, LLC, consisting of chapters 1 through 36, each inclusive, is adopted.

**Section 2.** All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before August 15, 2023, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed.

**Section 3.** The repeal provided for in Section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

**Section 4.** Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 and by imprisonment in the city or county jail for 180 days or both such fine and imprisonment, or alternative sentencing, as now or hereafter provided by law. Except as otherwise provided by law or ordinance: (i) With respect to violations of this Code that are continuous with respect to time, each day that the violation continues is a separate offense; and (ii) With respect to violations that are not continuous with respect to time, each act constitutes a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the

penalty prescribed above, the city may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

**Section 5.** Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

**Section 6.** Ordinances adopted after August 15, 2023, that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

**Section 7.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

Approved this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

CITY OF GUYTON

ANDY HARVILLE, Mayor

ATTEST:

MOSES WALKER, City Clerk