

## RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

### **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING SUBMITTED TO THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR GEORGIA GRID RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARTERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2024.**

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority has notified the City of Cartersville and other general-purpose governments that federal funds provided by the U.S. Department of Energy, managed by aforementioned state agency, are available to local governmental units under the Grid Resilience Grant Program for the purpose of enhancing grid flexibility, improving the resilience of the power system and ensuring American communities have access to affordable, reliable and clean electricity; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of said grant shall be to fund a vegetation management program, over the course of the next five (July 2026 – July 2030) years with the aim of enhancing the capacity for and efficiency of preventative tree-trimming in order to create cost savings to fund additional resilience enhancement projects. The City will apply for \$1,158,066.00 in Georgia Grid Resilience Grant Program Funds and, if awarded, will match grant funds with a 49 percent local cash match of \$567,454.00 for a combined project total of \$1,725,520.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cartersville is committed to working cooperatively with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and the citizens of Cartersville to implement the Project in accordance with federal and state guidelines as defined by Georgia Grid Resilience Grant Program staff of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority in such a manner as to assure that the Project is developed, executed and maintained as a community asset designed to benefit current and future residents of the City of Cartersville; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cartersville deems the Project to be in the best interests of the citizens of Cartersville to pursue utility vegetation management funding in order to reduce service disruptions and system outages caused by vegetation encroachment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of Cartersville acting in his official capacity and on behalf of the Cartersville City Council is hereby authorized to file an application with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority in order to obtain said Georgia Grid Resilience Grant Program funding in order to perform those activities specified within this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Clerk of Cartersville are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as may be required to accompany said application

and to provide the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority any and all Support Documentation which is considered to be part of said application process.

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE**, this 7th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Julia Drake, City Clerk  
City of Cartersville, Georgia

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Matthew J. Santini, Mayor  
City of Cartersville, Georgia