



CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA COUNCIL
Agenda Item Summary

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
05/04/26 Work Session

Requesting Agency (Initiator): City Council Office

Sponsor(s): Councilwoman Chelsey Curney

Item Title: Council to discuss Jonesboro's Ethics Committee.

Requested Action: Discussion

Requirement(s) for Mayor & Council Action: Ordinance 2024-009; Chapter 2 – Administration | Article VI-Code of Ethics | Sec. 2-224 to 2-227

Is this Item Goal Related? This goal is directly related to the City of Jonesboro, Georgia because it supports good governance, accountability, and public trust at the municipal level.

- **Supports ethical governance:** The Ethics Committee oversees compliance with the city's ethics policies.
- **Meets local government responsibilities:** Maintaining an active and properly trained Ethics Committee is part of the City's responsibility to uphold transparency and ethical standards in municipal operations.
- **Ensures continuity and effectiveness:** Appointing new members when terms expire or vacancies occur ensures the committee can continue to function effectively without interruption.
- **Promotes public confidence:** A well-staffed and trained Ethics Committee reassures residents that the City of Jonesboro is committed to fairness, accountability, and ethical decision-making.
- **Aligns with city values and ordinances:** The process of setting application deadlines, providing training, and making formal appointments reflects adherence to the City's ordinances and governance framework.

Summary and Background:

The City of Jonesboro is ready to begin the process of appointing new members to the Ethics Committee. Council is asked to consider setting application deadlines and training dates, after which appointments would be made.

Purpose and Scope (Chapter 2 – Administration | Article VI-Code of Ethics | Sec. 2-220):

- (1) Encourage high ethical standards in official conduct by city officials;
- (2) Establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all such officials by setting forth those acts or actions that are incompatible with the interest of the city;
- (3) Require disclosure by such officials of private financial or other interest in matters affecting the city; and
- (4) Serve as a basis for disciplining those who refuse to abide by its terms. (b) The provisions of this code of ethics shall be applicable to all elected or appointed city officials.

Board of Ethics (Chapter 2 – Administration | Article VI-Code of Ethics | Sec. 2-224):

- The board of ethics of the city shall consist of three members, one appointed by the mayor, two appointed by the city council.
- All members shall serve a two-year term; provided, however, that among the three members appointed immediately following adoption of the ordinance from which this article derives, one shall serve for one year, one shall serve for two years, and one shall serve for three years, so as to provide staggered two-year terms for all future board members. The initial appointees shall decide which initial term each initial appointee will serve.

Fiscal Impact: This action is expected to have minimal fiscal impact on the City of Jonesboro. Costs, if any, would be limited to routine administrative expenses, including public notice of applications and ethics training for appointed members.

Exhibits Attached: Ordinance 2024-009; Chapter 2 – Administration | Article VI-Code of Ethics | Sec. 2-224 to 2-227

Recommendation: Discussion

FOLLOW-UP APPROVAL ACTION (Completed by City Clerk)

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