

STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF JONESBORO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 008

AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR TO CONDUCT AN ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VII (ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS) IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY ; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Jonesboro, Georgia (the "City") is the Mayor and Council thereof;

WHEREAS, the City Charter authorizes the City of Jonesboro to make inquiries and investigations into the affairs of the city and conduct of any department, office, or agency thereof;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Division 1, Sections 2-251 through 2-256 of the City's Code of Ordinances outlines the procedure for the appointment of an investigator, the authority of an investigator, uniform procedures for the conduct of the investigator, admission of relevant evidence, the findings of the appointed investigator and procedure to be used by the appointed investigator for matters of a criminal nature,

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the Jonesboro City Council desire to appoint an investigator to conduct an administrative investigation into all financial transactions occurring from, to, and between, the City of Jonesboro, Georgia and the City of Jonesboro, Georgia's Downtown Development Authority for fiscal year 2025 beginning January 1st, 2025, and ending October 20, 2025.

WHEREAS, the members of the Jonesboro City Council desire the investigator to be an independent third-party and be licensed to practice law in the State of Georgia to ensure the investigation will be conducted impartially and in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal laws.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA, and by the authority thereof:

Section 1. The members of the Jonesboro City Council hereby appoint _____ as an investigating officer. The investigator shall conduct an administrative investigation into all financial transactions occurring from, to, and between, the City of Jonesboro, Georgia and the City of Jonesboro, Georgia's Downtown Development Authority for fiscal year 2025 beginning January 1st, 2025, and ending October 20, 2025. The investigator shall conduct the investigation pursuant to the requirements codified in Article VII (Administrative Investigations) of the City's Code of Ordinances, in addition to any requirements included herein. Unless otherwise required by law or court order, the subject matter and details of the active investigation shall be kept confidential to ensure the integrity of the investigation and safety of all individuals involved.

SECTION 2. The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully incorporated herein.

SECTION 3. (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence,

clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not rendered invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are expressly repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

SECTION 5. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of its adoption by the Mayor and Council unless otherwise stated herein.

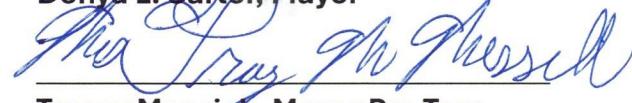
SECTION 6. The City Clerk, with the concurrence of the City Attorney, is authorized to correct any scrivener's errors found in the ordinance, including any exhibits, as enacted.

ORDAINED this 22nd day of October, 2025.

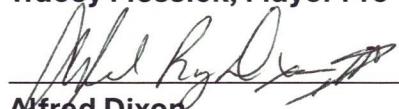
CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA



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Asjah Miller



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ATTEST:

 10/22/25

Asst. City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney