

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF JONESBORO
COUNTY OF CLAYTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE JONESBORO ETHICS COMMITTEE ACKNOWLEDGING THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO ETHICS COMMITTEE; ASSIGNING THE INITIAL STAGGERED TERMS REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-224 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES; ACKNOWLEDGING THE VACANCY OF A COUNCIL-APPOINTED SEAT; REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT BY CITY COUNCIL; DIRECTING TRANSMITTAL OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 2-224 of the City of Jonesboro Code of Ordinances establishes a three-member Ethics Committee consisting of one member appointed by the Mayor and two members appointed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-224 further provides that the initial members of the Committee shall serve staggered initial terms consisting of one (1) one-year term, one (1) two-year term, and one (1) three-year term, after which all successor appointments shall serve two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Ethics Ordinance provides that the initial appointees shall determine which member shall serve each of the initial staggered terms; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2025, the original appointments to the Ethics Committee were made as follows: **Larry Jones** – Mayor Appointee; **Arlene Charles** – Council Appointee; and **Chelsey Curney** – Council Appointee; and

WHEREAS, although the initial appointments were made, the Ethics Committee never convened, never organized, and never assigned the staggered initial terms required by the Ethics Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Chelsey Curney subsequently assumed office as a member of the Jonesboro City Council on January 1, 2026, thereby becoming ineligible to continue serving on the Ethics Committee and creating a vacancy in the Council-appointed seat; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members of the Committee constitute a quorum and convened a duly noticed public meeting on July 24, 2026, for the limited purpose of completing the organizational action required by Section 2-224 of the Ethics Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Jonesboro Ethics Committee as follows:

Section 1. Findings.

The Committee finds that the initial staggered terms required by Section 2-224 of the Ethics Ordinance were never assigned and that this action is necessary to fully implement the ordinance and establish the Committee's staggered term structure.

Section 2. Assignment of Initial One-Year Term.

The Committee hereby designates the Council-appointed seat originally occupied by Chelsey Curney as the initial one-year term established by Section 2-224 of the Ethics Ordinance. That initial one-year term commenced on January 13, 2025, and expired on January 13, 2026.

Section 3. Assignment of Remaining Initial Terms.

Pursuant to Section 2-224 of the Ethics Ordinance, the remaining original appointees hereby assign the remaining staggered terms as follows:

_____ shall serve the initial two-year year term, expiring on January 13, 2027.

_____ shall serve the initial three-year term, expiring on January 13, 2028.

Section 4. Council Vacancy Appointment.

The Committee acknowledges that the Council-appointed seat formerly occupied by Chelsey Curney is vacant and that, because the initial one-year term assigned to that seat has expired, it is appropriate for the City Council to appoint a successor to a full two-year term in accordance with Section 2-224 of the Ethics Ordinance.

Section 5. Transmittal.

The Committee directs that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, City Council and City Clerk for inclusion in the official records of the City and for such further action as may be necessary to complete the appointment process contemplated by the Ethics Ordinance.

IT IS SO RESOLVED, this **24th** day of **July, 2026**.

JONESBORO ETHICS COMMITTEE

Arlene Charles, Member

Larry Jones, Member

ATTEST:

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk