

ORDINANCE _____

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE,
GEORGIA RELATED TO ELECTIONS TO UPDATE PROVISIONS RELATED TO NOTICE OF
CANDIDACY AND CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

The City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia hereby ordains that the Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia shall be amended as follows:

Section 1:

That subsection (a) Sec. 16-23, related to notice of candidacy is hereby amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

Sec 16-23. Notice of candidacy.

(a) *Filing.* Each candidate desiring to have his name placed on the ballot for an office to be filled by a municipal general or special election shall file personally or by agent notice of his candidacy in the manner required by O.C.G.A. § 21-3-132 as amended. The notice shall be accompanied by the documents and information required by said section. The time for qualification shall be as established by State law. Qualification fees for each office are hereby set at three percent of the annual salary of the office, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131 as amended.

Section 2:

That subsection (b) of Sec. 16-23, related to notice of candidacy is hereby amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

Sec 16-23. Notice of candidacy.

(b) *Designation of office sought.* The city council is comprised of a mayor and four city council seats. Each city council seat is designated by post numbered 1 through 4. The mayor, city council Post 1 and city council Post 2 shall be elected in the same year (election held in November 2023 and every 4 years therefore). City council Post 3 and city council Post 4 shall be elected in the same year (election held in November 2021 and every 4 years therefore). All persons giving notice of candidacy for a city council seat shall designate the post being sought (Mayor, City Council Post 1, City Council Post 2, City Council Post 3, or City Council Post 4).

Section 3:

That Sec. 16-25, relating to campaign financing disclosure is hereby amended by deleting Sec. 16-25 in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

Sec. 16-25 Campaign financing disclosure.

All candidates for municipal public office shall keep all such records and file all such records as are required by the Georgia Campaign and Financial Disclosure Act Title 21 – Elections, Chapter 5 Government Transparency and Campaign Finance.

Section 4:

That Sec. 16-57, relating to contested elections is hereby amended deleting Sec. 16-57 in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

Sec. 16-57 Contested elections.

Contested elections shall be governed by the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-520—21-2-529 as amended.

Section 5:

Except as specifically amended as set forth above, all other subsections of Sections 16-23, 16-25, and 16-57 shall remain in full force and affect. Further, all other sections of Chapter 16 shall remain materially unchanged and in full force and affect.

Section 6:

All ordinances, regulations, or parts of the same in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict and only to the extent of said conflict.

Section 7:

If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8:

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

IT IS SO ORDAINED this _____ day of May, 2024.

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk