

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 Sec. 16-1, related to adoption of State rules and regulations, is hereby amended by correcting a typo in the second line of the section wherein the word “the” is repeated and the corrected portion shall read as follows: “with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, . . .”.

Section 2:

That Sec. 16-23, related to notice of candidacy, is hereby amended by deleting Sec. 16-23 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.

(b) *Designation of office sought.* In the event that a candidate seeks two or more public offices of the City having the same title, the candidate must specifically identify which seat he is a candidate for.

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 as provided in Title 21, Chapter 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Section 4:

That Sec. 16-57, relating to contested elections, is hereby amended by 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 16-1, 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 April, 2024.

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk