

ORDINANCE _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA
REGARDING UTILITIES TO UPDATE PROVISIONS RELATED TO APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE AND
BILLING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1:

That Section 38-2 is hereby amended by deleting said section in its entirety and replacing the language with the text set forth below to read as follows:

Sec. 38-2. – Application for utility service.

Application for the use of city utilities shall be made to the City by the owner or agent of the property to be benefited, designating the location of the property and stating the purpose for which the utility may be required. The city manager or designee shall prescribe the forms, information, and processes necessary for obtaining an application for utility service. An application fee of \$75.00 shall be charged for processing utility service applications.

Section 2:

That Section 38-3 is hereby amended by deleting said section in its entirety and replacing the language with the text set forth below to read as follows:

Sec. 38-3. – Billing.

The city manager or designee may set billing schedules for various customers to ensure efficiency in government operations and collection of fees. The utility bills shall be due 21 days from the statement date. Disconnection of services for non-payment may occur 45 days from statement date. An administrative fee of \$2.95 shall be charged for each utility account. The city manager or designee may implement rules to implement the fee through utility base charges and reduce this fee based on electronic billing and payment methods.

Section 3:

Except as specifically amended as set forth above, all other sections and provisions of Chapter 38 shall remain unchanged and in full force and affect.

Section 4:

All ordinances, regulations, or parts of the same in conflict with this ordinance are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict and only to the extent of said conflict.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 5:

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 6:

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

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

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk