

ORDINANCE _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE,
GEORGIA TO ADOPT REQUIREMENTS THAT CAR WASHES RECYCLE WATER**

WHEREAS, the City of Lawrenceville is part of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (“MNGWPD”); and

WHEREAS, the MNGWPD has model ordinances that jurisdictions within the district are required to adopt or comply with; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lawrenceville adopts this ordinance to require car washes to recycle water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained as follows:

Section 1:

The Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia is hereby amended by adding a new Article IX., entitled Car Washes to Recycle Water, to Chapter 10, Buildings and Building Regulations, which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE IX – CAR WASHES TO RECYCLE WATER

Sec. 10-351. - General Provisions.

- (a) Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this ordinance is to reduce water consumption from commercial car wash facilities by requiring all new conveyor car washes to install operational recycled water systems.
- (b) Applicability.
 - (1) This ordinance applies to all new conveyor car washes, regardless of the water source.
 - (2) The provisions of this ordinance do not apply to conveyor commercial car washes that were permitted or constructed before January 1, 2011.
 - (3) The provisions of this ordinance do not apply to self-service car washes or in-bay car washes.

Sec. 10-352. - Definitions

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this ordinance, have the meaning defined in this section:

- (1) **“In-bay automatic car wash”** means a commercial car wash where the driver pulls into the bay and parks the car. The vehicle remains stationary

while a machine moves back and forth over the vehicle to clean it, instead of the vehicle moving through the tunnel.

- (2) **“Conveyor car wash”** means a commercial car wash where the car moves on a conveyor belt during the wash. The driver of the vehicle can remain in the vehicle or wait outside of the vehicle.
- (3) **“Recycled water system”** means a water system that captures and reuses water previously used in wash or rinse cycles.
- (4) **“Self-service car wash”** means a commercial car wash where the customers wash their cars themselves with spray wands and brushes.

Sec. 10-353. - Commercial Car Wash Water Recycling Requirement

All new commercial conveyor car washes, must install operational recycled water systems. A minimum of 50% of water utilized will be recycled.

Section 2:

Except as specifically amended as set forth above, all other sections, subsections, sub-subsections, etc. of Chapter 10 shall remain materially unchanged and in full force and effect.

Section 3:

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 4:

If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or application thereto 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 5:

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

IT IS SO ORDAINED this _____ day of August, 2026.

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk