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Professional Summary

Municipal administrator with 28 years of public service in Georgia local government, including 13 years as City Manager of a full-scope municipality operating electric, water, and sewer utilities; municipal court; independent tax collection; public safety departments; cemetery operations; and City-owned real property. Proven record of disciplined financial management, clean independent audits, enterprise fund stability, public safety leadership, infrastructure investment, asset stewardship, and statutory compliance. Extensive experience within a professional council-manager form of government.

Executive Focus: Utilities, Public Safety, Finance & Assets

Utilities: Executive oversight of City-owned electric, water, and sewer systems, including enterprise fund budgeting, infrastructure maintenance, capital planning, regulatory coordination, and long-term system sustainability.

Public Safety: Former Police Chief with executive command experience; served as **Assistant City Manager and Police Chief (2012–2013)**, providing integrated administrative and public safety leadership during organizational transition; ongoing oversight of police operations, personnel, training compliance, court coordination, and constitutional risk management.

Finance: Oversight of approximately **\$16 million in annual financial activity** across governmental, enterprise, and capital funds; consistent unmodified audit opinions from FY2012–FY2024; **\$13.77 million audited net position**; and **\$16.12 million invested in capital assets**. Maintained strong governmental fund balances and conservative debt posture.

Assets & Property: Stewardship of City-owned real property, facilities, and infrastructure, including management of revenue-generating rental properties and short-term rentals, cemetery operations with perpetual care obligations, and long-lived municipal assets reflected in audited financial statements.

Professional Experience

City of Chickamauga, Georgia — City Manager (2013–Present)

Chief Administrative Officer for a full-service municipal government. Responsible for citywide operations, preparation and administration of \$7–9 million annual operating budgets, and oversight of General Fund, SPLOST/TSPLOST, grants, and enterprise funds. Coordinated annual independent audits resulting in consistent unmodified opinions with no material weaknesses or repeat findings. Served as the City's principal administrative risk manager across utilities, public safety, finance, court administration, property assets, and compliance functions. Directed capital improvement planning, infrastructure investment, and asset utilization strategies while advising Mayor and Council on fiscal policy and operational risk.

Professional Experience (continued)

City of Chickamauga, Georgia — Assistant City Manager & Police Chief (2012–2013)

Held concurrent executive responsibility for administrative operations and public safety leadership. Supported the City Manager in budget development, personnel administration, policy implementation, and interdepartmental coordination while serving as Police Chief with responsibility for departmental budgets, POST compliance, training, constitutional policing standards, records management, and court coordination.

City of Chickamauga, Georgia — Police Chief (2008–2012)

Provided executive leadership of police operations, personnel, and budgeting; established professional standards, training compliance, and interagency coordination with courts and regional law enforcement partners.

State of Georgia — Department of Corrections — Correctional Officer (Early Career)

Service in a regulated custodial environment emphasizing security, policy compliance, institutional operations, and interagency coordination.

Regional & Appointed Governance Roles

Walker County Planning and Zoning Commission — Chairman (Prior Service)

Leadership of quasi-judicial land use processes, rezonings, variances, and conditional use decisions; ensured due process, legal defensibility, and consistency with adopted comprehensive plans.

Walker County Water and Sewer Authority — Vice Chairman (Approximately 10 Years)

Executive governance role involving rate policy, capital planning, financial oversight, and long-range infrastructure strategy for a regional utility authority.

Education, Training & Certifications

University of Georgia – Carl Vinson Institute of Government; Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute; Georgia POST Certified (In Good Standing); Certified Firefighter (Georgia); MS4 Stormwater Certification; Stormwater Enforcement Certification. Select executive training recognized for college credit through Tift College.

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Executive-level municipal leader with 28 years of public service experience in Georgia local government, including 13 years as City Manager of a full-service municipality. Proven leadership across utilities, public safety, finance, courts, taxation, and municipal asset management, supported by a long record of clean independent audits and disciplined fiscal stewardship.

Prepared for submission to professional review panels, elected officials, and executive recruiters.

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