

Senate Bill 189

By: Senators James of the 35th and Albers of the 56th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County; to provide for a charter for the
2 City of South Fulton; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to
3 provide for general powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a governing authority
4 of such city and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, method of filling vacancies,
5 compensation, expenses, qualifications, prohibitions, and districts relative to members of
6 such governing authority; to provide for inquiries and investigations; to provide for
7 organization and procedures; to provide for ordinances; to provide for the office of mayor
8 and certain duties and powers relative to the office of mayor; to provide for administrative
9 responsibilities; to provide for boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for a chief
10 administrative officer, a city attorney, a city clerk, a treasurer, a chief city auditor, and other
11 personnel; to provide for a municipal court and the judge or judges thereof; to provide for
12 practices and procedures; to provide for ethics and disclosures; to provide for taxation,
13 licenses, and fees; to provide for franchises, service charges, and assessments; to provide for
14 bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for
15 purchases; to provide for homestead exemptions; to provide for bonds for officials; to
16 provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide for referenda; to provide for
17 an automatic repeal; to provide effective dates and transitional provisions governing the
18 transfer of various functions and responsibilities from Fulton County to the City of South
19 Fulton; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I

CREATION, INCORPORATION, POWERS

SECTION 1.01.

Incorporation.

This Act shall constitute the charter of the City of South Fulton. The City of South Fulton in the County of Fulton, and the inhabitants thereof, are constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "City of South Fulton" and by that name shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity, and in all actions whatsoever, and may have and use a common seal. Upon the adoption of a proper resolution under Chapter 35 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the governing authority of the city may change the name of the city. Such change of name shall be filed with the Department of Community Affairs.

SECTION 1.02.

Corporate boundaries.

The boundaries of the City of South Fulton shall include all unincorporated areas of Fulton County, including the Fulton County Industrial District, as such exist 90 days immediately prior to the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2015; provided, however, that, if the local constitutional amendment establishing the Fulton County Industrial District is not repealed prior to the first municipal election being conducted under this charter, the Fulton County Industrial District shall not become a part of the City of South Fulton. The boundaries of the city are more particularly described in Appendix A, attached to and made a part of this charter. The city clerk shall maintain a current map and written legal description of the corporate boundaries of the city, and such map and description shall incorporate any changes which may hereafter be made in such corporate boundaries.

SECTION 1.03.

Powers and construction.

(a) The city shall have all powers possible for a city to have under the present or future Constitution and laws of this state as fully and completely as though they were specifically enumerated in this Act. The city shall have all the powers of self-government not otherwise prohibited by this Act or by general law.

51 (b) The powers of the city shall be construed liberally in favor of the city. The specific
52 mention or failure to mention particular powers shall not be construed as limiting in any way
53 the powers of the city. These powers shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

54 (1) Animal regulations. To regulate and license or to prohibit the keeping or running at
55 large of animals and fowl, and to provide for their impoundment if in violation of any
56 ordinance or lawful order; to provide for the disposition by sale, gift, or humane
57 destruction of animals and fowl when not redeemed as provided by ordinance; and to
58 provide punishment for violation of ordinances enacted hereunder;

59 (2) Appropriations and expenditures. To make appropriations for the support of the
60 government of the city; to authorize the expenditure of money for any purposes
61 authorized by this Act and for any purpose for which a municipality is authorized by the
62 laws of the State of Georgia; and to provide for the payment of expenses of the city;

63 (3) Building regulation. To regulate and to license the erection and construction of
64 buildings and all other structures; to adopt building, housing, plumbing, electrical, gas,
65 and heating and air conditioning codes; and to regulate all housing and building trades
66 to the extent permitted by general law;

67 (4) Business regulation and taxation. To levy and to provide for the collection of
68 regulatory fees and taxes on privileges, occupations, trades, and professions as authorized
69 by Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be
70 enacted; to permit and regulate such fees and taxes; to provide for the manner and method
71 of payment of such regulatory fees and taxes; and to revoke such permits after due
72 process for failure to pay any city taxes or fees;

73 (5) Condemnation. To condemn property, inside or outside the corporate limits of the
74 city, for present or future use and for any corporate purpose deemed necessary by the city
75 council, utilizing procedures enumerated in Title 22 of the O.C.G.A., or such other
76 applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted;

77 (6) Contracts. To enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities
78 and with private persons, firms, and corporations;

79 (7) Emergencies. To establish procedures for determining and proclaiming that an
80 emergency situation exists within or outside the city, and to make and carry out all
81 reasonable provisions deemed necessary to deal with or meet such an emergency for the
82 protection, safety, health, or well-being of the citizens of the city;

83 (8) Environmental protection. To protect and preserve the natural resources,
84 environment, and vital areas of the city, this region, and this state through the
85 preservation and improvement of air quality, the restoration and maintenance of water
86 resources, the control of erosion and sedimentation, the management of storm water and

87 establishment of a storm-water utility, the management of solid and hazardous waste, and
88 other necessary actions for the protection of the environment;

89 (9) Ethics. To adopt ethics ordinances and regulations governing the conduct of
90 municipal elected officials, appointed officials, and employees, establishing procedures
91 for ethics complaints, and setting forth penalties for violations of such rules and
92 procedures;

93 (10) Fire regulations. To fix and establish fire limits and from time to time to extend,
94 enlarge, or restrict such limits; to prescribe fire safety regulations not inconsistent with
95 general law, relating to both fire prevention and detection and to fire fighting; and to
96 prescribe penalties and punishment for violations thereof;

97 (11) Garbage fees. To levy, fix, assess, and collect a garbage, refuse, and trash collection
98 and disposal and other sanitary service charge, tax, or fee for such services as may be
99 necessary in the operation of the city from all individuals, firms, and corporations
100 residing in or doing business therein benefiting from such services; to enforce the
101 payment of such charges, taxes, or fees; and to provide for the manner and method of
102 collecting such service charges;

103 (12) General health, safety, and welfare. To define, regulate, and prohibit any act,
104 practice, conduct, or use of property which is detrimental to the health, sanitation,
105 cleanliness, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of the city, and to provide for the
106 enforcement of such standards;

107 (13) Gifts. To accept or refuse gifts, donations, bequests, or grants from any source for
108 any purpose related to powers and duties of the city and the general welfare of its
109 citizens, on such terms and conditions as the donor or grantor may impose;

110 (14) Health and sanitation. To prescribe standards of health and sanitation and to
111 provide for the enforcement of such standards;

112 (15) Jail sentences. To provide that persons given jail sentences in the city's court may
113 work out such sentences in any public works or on the streets, roads, drains, and other
114 public property of the city; to provide for commitment of such persons to any jail; to
115 provide for the use of pretrial diversion and any alternative sentencing allowed by law;
116 or to provide for commitment of such persons to any county work camp or county jail by
117 agreement with the appropriate county officials;

118 (16) Motor vehicles. To regulate the operation of motor vehicles and exercise control
119 over all traffic, including parking upon or across the streets, roads, alleys, and walkways
120 of the city;

121 (17) Municipal agencies and delegation of power. To create, alter, or abolish
122 departments, boards, offices, commissions, and agencies of the city, and to confer upon

123 such agencies the necessary and appropriate authority for carrying out all the powers
124 conferred upon or delegated to them;

125 (18) Municipal debts. To appropriate and borrow money for the payment of debts of the
126 city and to issue bonds for the purpose of raising revenue to carry out any project,
127 program, or venture authorized by this Act or the laws of the State of Georgia;

128 (19) Municipal property ownership. To acquire, dispose of, lease, and hold in trust or
129 otherwise any real, personal, or mixed property, in fee simple or lesser interest, inside or
130 outside the property limits of the city;

131 (20) Municipal property protection. To provide for the preservation and protection of
132 property and equipment of the city and their administration and use by the public; and to
133 prescribe penalties and punishment for violations thereof;

134 (21) Municipal utilities. To acquire, lease, construct, operate, maintain, sell, and dispose
135 of public utilities, including but not limited to a system of waterworks, sewers and drains,
136 sewage disposal, storm-water management, gas works, electric light plants, cable
137 television and other telecommunications, transportation facilities, public airports, and any
138 other public utility; to fix taxes, charges, rates, fares, fees, assessments, regulations, and
139 penalties; and to provide for the withdrawal of service for refusal or failure to pay them;

140 (22) Nuisance. To define a nuisance and provide for its abatement whether on public or
141 private property;

142 (23) Penalties. To provide penalties for violation of any ordinances adopted pursuant to
143 the authority of this Act and the laws of the State of Georgia;

144 (24) Planning and zoning. To provide comprehensive city planning for development by
145 zoning; and to provide subdivision regulation and the like as the city council deems
146 necessary and reasonable to ensure a safe, healthy, and esthetically pleasing community.
147 In order to facilitate community input in the planning process, the city shall be authorized
148 to create local advisory councils;

149 (25) Police and fire protection. To exercise the power of arrest through duly appointed
150 police officers; and to establish, operate, or contract for a police and a fire-fighting
151 agency;

152 (26) Public hazards: removal. To provide for the destruction and removal of any
153 building or other structure which is or may become dangerous or detrimental to the
154 public;

155 (27) Public improvements. To provide for the acquisition, construction, building,
156 operation, and maintenance of public ways, parks and playgrounds, recreational facilities,
157 cemeteries, public buildings, libraries, public housing, parking facilities, or charitable,
158 cultural, educational, recreational, conservation, sport, detentional, penal, and medical
159 institutions, agencies, and facilities; and to provide any other public improvements inside

160 or outside the corporate limits of the city and to regulate the use of public improvements;
161 and for such purposes, property may be acquired by condemnation under Title 22 of the
162 O.C.G.A., or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted;

163 (28) Public peace. To provide for the prevention and punishment of loitering, disorderly
164 conduct, drunkenness, riots, and public disturbances;

165 (29) Public transportation. To organize and operate such public transportation systems
166 as are deemed beneficial;

167 (30) Public utilities and services. To grant franchises or make contracts for, or impose
168 taxes on, public utilities and public service companies; and to prescribe the rates, fares,
169 regulations, and standards and conditions of service applicable to the service to be
170 provided by the franchise grantee or contractor, insofar as not in conflict with valid
171 regulations of the Public Service Commission;

172 (31) Regulation of roadside areas. To prohibit or regulate and control the erection,
173 removal, and maintenance of signs, billboards, trees, shrubs, fences, buildings, and any
174 and all other structures or obstructions upon or adjacent to the rights of way of streets and
175 roads or within view thereof within or abutting the corporate limits of the city; and to
176 prescribe penalties and punishment for violation of such ordinances;

177 (32) Retirement. To provide and maintain a retirement plan for officers and employees
178 of the city;

179 (33) Roadways. To lay out, open, extend, widen, narrow, establish or change the grade
180 of, abandon or close, construct, pave, curb, gutter, adorn with shade trees, or otherwise
181 improve, maintain, repair, clean, prevent erosion of, and light the roads, alleys, and
182 walkways within the corporate limits of the city; to grant franchises and rights of way
183 throughout the streets and roads and over the bridges and viaducts for the use of public
184 utilities; and to require real estate owners to repair and maintain in a safe condition the
185 sidewalks adjoining their lots or lands and to impose penalties for failure to do so;

186 (34) Sewer fees. To levy a fee, charge, or sewer tax as necessary to assure the acquiring,
187 constructing, equipping, operating, maintaining, and extending of a sewage disposal plant
188 and sewerage system, and to levy on those to whom sewers and sewerage systems are
189 made available a sewer service fee, charge, or sewer tax for the availability or use of the
190 sewers; to provide for the manner and method of collecting and for enforcing payment
191 of such service charges; and to charge, impose, and collect a sewer connection fee or fees
192 to those connected with the system;

193 (35) Solid waste disposal. To provide for the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish,
194 and refuse and to regulate the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish, and refuse by
195 others; and to provide for the separate collection of glass, tin, aluminum, cardboard,
196 paper, and other recyclable materials and to provide for the sale of such items;

197 (36) Special assessments. To levy and provide for the collection of special assessments
198 to cover the costs for any public improvements;

199 (37) Taxes: ad valorem. To levy and provide for the assessment, valuation, revaluation,
200 and collection of taxes on all property subject to taxation; provided, however, that, for all
201 years, the millage rate imposed for ad valorem taxes on real property shall not
202 exceed 13.469 unless a higher limit is recommended by resolution of the city council and
203 approved by the qualified voters of the City of South Fulton; provided, further, that, for
204 the purposes of compliance with Code Section 48-8-91 of the O.C.G.A., the millage rate
205 may be adjusted upward for the sole purpose of complying with the millage rate rollback
206 provisions set forth therein. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "qualified
207 voters" means those voters of the city who are qualified to vote in city elections and cast
208 a vote for or against such measure in such referendum. The question to be presented to
209 the voters in the referendum on increasing the millage rate shall be "Do you approve
210 increasing taxes on residential and nonresidential property for City of South Fulton
211 property owners by raising from [current millage rate] to [proposed millage rate] the
212 operating budget millage rate?" If such millage rate increase is approved by the qualified
213 voters of the City of South Fulton voting in the referendum, the new rate shall become
214 the maximum limit until changed again by resolution of the city council and approval by
215 a majority of the qualified voters of the City of South Fulton voting in a referendum.
216 Notwithstanding any provision of this paragraph to the contrary, during the first five
217 years of existence, the city shall not be authorized to increase the millage rate higher than
218 14.469 except for the purposes of complying with Code Section 48-8-91 of the O.C.G.A.;

219 (38) Taxes: other. To levy and collect such other taxes as may be allowed now or in the
220 future by law;

221 (39) Taxicabs. To regulate and license vehicles operated for hire in the city; to limit the
222 number of such vehicles; to require the operators thereof to be licensed; to require public
223 liability insurance on such vehicles in the amounts to be prescribed by ordinance; and to
224 regulate the parking of such vehicles;

225 (40) Urban redevelopment. To organize and operate an urban redevelopment program;
226 and

227 (41) Other powers. To exercise and enjoy all other powers, functions, rights, privileges,
228 and immunities necessary or desirable to promote or protect the safety, health, peace,
229 security, good order, comfort, convenience, or general welfare of the city and its
230 inhabitants; to exercise all implied powers necessary or desirable to carry into execution
231 all powers granted in this Act as fully and completely as if such powers were fully stated
232 herein; and to exercise all powers now or in the future authorized to be exercised by other
233 municipal governments under other laws of the State of Georgia; and any listing of

234 particular powers in this Act shall not be held to be exclusive of others or restrictive of
 235 general words and phrases granting powers, but shall be held to be in addition to such
 236 powers unless expressly prohibited to municipalities under the Constitution or applicable
 237 laws of the State of Georgia.

238 **SECTION 1.04.**

239 Exercise of powers.

240 All powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities of the city and its officers, agencies,
 241 or employees shall be carried into execution as provided by this Act. If this Act makes no
 242 provision, such shall be carried into execution as provided by ordinance or as provided by
 243 pertinent laws of the State of Georgia.

244 **ARTICLE II**

245 **GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ELECTIONS,**
 246 **AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

247 **SECTION 2.01.**

248 City council creation; number; election.

249 (a) The legislative authority of the government of the City of South Fulton, except as
 250 otherwise specifically provided in this Act, shall be vested in a city council to be composed
 251 of a president of city council and seven district councilmembers.

252 (b) The mayor and president of city council shall be elected by a majority vote of the
 253 qualified electors of the city at large voting at the elections of the city.

254 (c) Each councilmember shall be elected by a majority vote of the qualified electors of his
 255 or her respective council district voting at the elections of the city. For the purpose of
 256 electing the seven councilmembers, there shall be seven council districts, designated Council
 257 Districts 1 through 7, as described in Appendix B of this Act and the accompanying
 258 Redistricting Plan Components Report, which are attached to and made a part of this charter;
 259 provided, however, that no territory described in such council districts shall be included in
 260 such council districts that has been annexed into other municipalities not less than 90 days
 261 prior to the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2015; and provided,
 262 further, that the territory known as the Fulton County Industrial District shall not be included
 263 in such council districts unless the local constitutional amendment creating such district is
 264 repealed prior to the first municipal election being conducted under this charter. Each person
 265 desiring to offer as a candidate for councilmember shall designate the council district for
 266 which he or she is offering.

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SECTION 2.02.

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Mayor, president of city council, and city

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councilmembers; election, terms, and qualifications for office.

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(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, the mayor, president of

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city council, and seven members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and

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until their respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to

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serve as mayor, president of city council, or councilmember unless that person shall have

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been a resident of the area comprising the corporate limits of the City of South Fulton for a

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continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of the election for

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mayor, president of city council, or councilmember; shall continue to reside therein during

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that person's period of service; and shall continue to be registered and qualified to vote in

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municipal elections of the City of South Fulton. In addition to the above requirements, no

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person shall be eligible to serve as a councilmember representing a council district unless that

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person has been a resident of the district such person seeks to represent for a continuous

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period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of the election for councilmember

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and continues to reside in such district during that person's period of service.

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(b) The first general municipal elections shall be held in conjunction with the 2016

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presidential preference primary. Thereafter, general municipal elections shall be held on the

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Tuesday next following the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year following

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the year in which such first municipal election is held.

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(c) The first mayor, president of city council, and initial councilmembers shall take office

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on the first day of the second month following the month in which the first municipal

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election provided for in subsection (b) of this section is conducted. The mayor, president of

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city council, and councilmembers serving Council Districts 2, 4, and 6 shall serve initial

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terms of office ending on December 31, 2019, and until their respective successors are

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elected and qualified. The councilmembers serving Council Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall

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serve initial terms of office ending on December 31, 2017, and until their respective

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successors are elected and qualified. Their successors shall be elected at the municipal

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election immediately preceding the expiration of their terms and shall take office on

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January 1 for terms of four years. No person shall serve as mayor for more than two

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consecutive terms, but a former mayor may again serve as mayor after the expiration of four

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years after leaving office.

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SECTION 2.03.

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President of the city council; appointment; duties.

301 (a) The president of the city council shall be elected by a majority of qualified electors of
302 the city.

303 (b) The president of the city council shall:

304 (1) Preside at all meetings of the city council;

305 (2) Vote on any motion, resolution, ordinance, or other question before the council only
306 as provided in Section 2.11 of this Act and vote on any matter before a committee on
307 which he or she serves;

308 (3) Appoint councilmembers to oversee and report on the functions of the various
309 departments of the city;

310 (4) Prepare or have prepared an agenda for each meeting of the city council which shall
311 include all business submitted by the mayor, any councilmember, and the city attorney;
312 and

313 (5) Appoint the city clerk, subject to council approval.

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SECTION 2.04.

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Vacancy; filling of vacancies; suspensions.

316 The office of mayor, president of city council, or councilmember shall become vacant upon
317 the incumbent's death, resignation, forfeiture of office, or removal from office in any manner
318 authorized by this Act or the general laws of the State of Georgia. A vacancy in the office
319 of mayor, president of city council, or councilmember shall be filled for the remainder of the
320 unexpired term by a special election if such vacancy occurs 12 months or more prior to the
321 expiration of the term of that office. If such vacancy occurs within 12 months of the
322 expiration of the term of that office, the city council or those members remaining shall
323 appoint a successor for the remainder of the term. If a vacancy occurs within 12 months of
324 the expiration of the term for mayor, the president of city council shall fill the vacancy for
325 the remainder of the term. If a vacancy occurs within 12 months of the expiration of the term
326 for president of city council, those remaining on the city council shall appoint a successor for
327 the remainder of the term. This provision shall also apply to a temporary vacancy created
328 by the suspension from office of the mayor, president of city council, or any councilmember.

329 **SECTION 2.05.**

330 Nonpartisan elections.

331 Political parties shall not conduct primaries for city offices and all names of candidates for
332 city offices shall be listed without party designation.

333 **SECTION 2.06.**

334 Election by majority vote.

335 The candidates for mayor, president of city council, and councilmember who receive a
336 majority of the votes cast in the applicable election shall be elected to a term of office. In the
337 event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in such election, a run-off election
338 shall be held between the candidates receiving the two highest number of votes. Such runoff
339 shall be held at the time specified by state election law, unless such run-off date is postponed
340 by court order.

341 **SECTION 2.07.**

342 Applicability of general laws; qualifying; other provisions.

343 All primaries and elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of
344 Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter amended. Except
345 as otherwise provided by this Act, the city council shall, by ordinance or resolution, prescribe
346 such rules and regulations as it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the
347 establishment of qualifying fees, to fulfill any options and duties under Chapter 2 of Title 21
348 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter amended.

349 **SECTION 2.08.**

350 Compensation and expenses.

351 The annual salary of the mayor shall be \$70,000.00. The annual salary for each
352 councilmember shall be \$17,500.00. The annual salary for the president of the city council
353 shall be \$28,500.00. Such salaries shall be paid from municipal funds in equal monthly
354 installments. The city council may provide by ordinance for the provision of insurance,
355 retirement, workers' compensation, and other employee benefits to the mayor, president of
356 city council, and members of the city council and may provide by ordinance for the
357 reimbursement of expenses actually and necessarily incurred by the mayor, president of city
358 council, and members of the city council in carrying out their official duties. The city

359 council may alter the salaries of the mayor, president of the city council, and members of the
 360 city council from time to time in accordance with Code Section 36-35-4 of the O.C.G.A.

361 **SECTION 2.09.**

362 Inquiries and investigations.

363 The city council may make inquiries and investigations into the affairs of the city and
 364 conduct of any department, office, or agency thereof and for this purpose may subpoena
 365 witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production of evidence. Any
 366 person who fails or refuses to obey a lawful order issued in the exercise of these powers by
 367 the city council shall be punished as may be provided by ordinance.

368 **SECTION 2.10.**

369 Meetings and oath of office.

370 (a) The city council shall meet on the first working day of the second month following the
 371 month in which the first municipal election is held under this charter, and thereafter the city
 372 council shall meet on the first working day in January immediately following each regular
 373 municipal election. The meeting shall be called to order by the president-elect, and the oath
 374 of office shall be administered to the newly elected mayor, treasurer, chief city auditor, and
 375 councilmembers by a judicial officer authorized to administer oaths. The oath shall, to the
 376 extent that it comports with federal and state law, be as follows:

377 "I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully execute the office of [councilmember,
 378 mayor, or president of city council, as the case may be] of the City of South Fulton, and
 379 will to the best of my ability support and defend the Constitution of the United States, the
 380 Constitution of Georgia, and the Act, ordinances, and regulations of the City of South
 381 Fulton. I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state or any
 382 political subdivision or authority thereof. I am not the holder of any office of trust under
 383 the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the
 384 laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding. I am otherwise qualified to
 385 hold this office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia. I have been a resident
 386 of my district and the City of South Fulton for the time required by the Constitution and
 387 laws of this state and by the municipal charter. I will perform the duties of my office in
 388 the best interest of the City of South Fulton to the best of my ability without fear, favor,
 389 affection, reward, or expectation thereof."

390 (b) The city council shall, at least once a month, hold regular meetings at such times and
 391 places as prescribed by ordinance. The city council may recess any regular meeting and

392 continue such meeting on any weekday or hour it may fix and may transact any business at
393 such continued meeting as may be transacted at any regular meeting.

394 (c) Special meetings of the council may be held on the call of the mayor, president of city
395 council, or four members of the council. Notice of such special meetings shall be delivered
396 to all members of the city council, president of city council, and mayor personally, by
397 registered mail, or by electronic means, at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Such
398 notice to councilmembers shall not be required if the mayor, president of city council, and
399 all councilmembers are present when the special meeting is called. Such notice of any
400 special meeting may be waived by the mayor, president of city council, or a councilmember
401 in writing before or after such a meeting, and attendance at the meeting shall also constitute
402 a waiver of notice. The notice of such special meeting shall state what business is to be
403 transacted at the special meeting. Only the business stated in the call may be transacted at
404 the special meeting.

405 **SECTION 2.11.**

406 Quorum; voting.

407 Four councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact business
408 for the city council. Voting on the adoption of ordinances shall be taken by voice vote and
409 the yeas and nays shall be recorded in the minutes, but, on the request of any councilmember,
410 there shall be a roll-call vote. In order for any ordinance, resolution, motion, or other action
411 of the city council to be adopted, the measure shall receive at least four affirmative votes and
412 shall receive the affirmative votes of a majority of those voting. No member of the city
413 council shall abstain from voting on any matter properly brought before the council for
414 official action except when such councilmember has a conflict of interest which is disclosed
415 in writing prior to or at the meeting and made a part of the minutes. Any member of the city
416 council present and eligible to vote on a matter and refusing to do so for any reason other
417 than a properly disclosed and recorded conflict of interest shall be deemed to have
418 acquiesced or concurred with the members of the majority who did vote on the question
419 involved. The president of city council shall vote only in the case of a tie or in the case
420 where his or her vote will provide the affirmative vote required for approval of a matter.

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SECTION 2.12.

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General power and authority of the city council.

423 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law or by this Act, the city council shall be vested with
424 all the powers of government of the City of South Fulton as provided by Article I of this Act.

425 (b) In addition to all other powers conferred upon it by law, the city council shall have the
426 authority to adopt and provide for the execution of such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and
427 regulations, not inconsistent with this Act and the Constitution and the laws of the State of
428 Georgia, which it shall deem necessary, expedient, or helpful for the peace, good order,
429 protection of life and property, health, welfare, sanitation, comfort, convenience, prosperity,
430 or well-being of the inhabitants of the City of South Fulton and may enforce such ordinances
431 by imposing penalties for violation thereof.

432 (c) The city council may, by ordinance or resolution, adopt rules and bylaws to govern the
433 conduct of its business, including procedures and penalties for compelling the attendance of
434 absent members. Such rules may include punishment for contemptuous behavior conducted
435 in the presence of the city council.

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SECTION 2.13.

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Administrative and service departments.

438 (a) The city council, by ordinance, may establish, abolish, merge, or consolidate offices,
439 positions of employment, departments, and agencies of the city as it shall deem necessary for
440 the proper administration of the affairs and government of the city. The city council shall
441 prescribe the functions and duties of existing departments, offices, and agencies or of any
442 departments, offices, and agencies hereinafter created or established; may provide that the
443 same person shall fill any number of offices and positions of employment; and may transfer
444 or change the functions and duties of offices, positions of employment, departments, and
445 agencies of the city.

446 (b) The operations and responsibilities of each department now or hereafter established in
447 the city shall be distributed among such divisions or bureaus as may be provided by
448 ordinance of the city council. Each department shall consist of such officers, employees, and
449 positions as may be provided by this Act or by ordinance and shall be subject to the general
450 supervision and guidance of the mayor and council.

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SECTION 2.14.

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Boards, commissions, and authorities.

453 (a) All members of boards, commissions, and authorities of the city shall be nominated by
 454 the mayor and shall be confirmed by the city council for such terms of office and such
 455 manner of appointment as provided by ordinance, except where other appointing authority,
 456 term of office, or manner of appointment is prescribed by this Act or by applicable state law.

457 (b) No member of any board, commission, or authority of the city shall hold any elective
 458 office in the city. The president of city council, councilmembers, and mayor, however, may
 459 serve as voting ex officio members of such boards, commissions, or authorities.

460 (c) Any vacancy in office of any member of a board, commission, or authority of the city
 461 shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner prescribed for original appointment,
 462 except as otherwise provided by this Act or any applicable state law.

463 (d) No member of any board, commission, or authority shall assume office until he or she
 464 shall have executed and filed with the designated officer of the city an oath obligating
 465 himself or herself to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of his or her office, such
 466 oath to be prescribed by ordinance of the council and administered by the mayor.

467 (e) Any member of a board, commission, or authority may be removed from office for cause
 468 by a vote of a majority of the members of the council.

469 (f) Members of boards, commissions, and authorities may receive such compensation and
 470 expenses in the performance of their official duties as prescribed by ordinance.

471 (g) Except as otherwise provided by this Act or by applicable state law, each board,
 472 commission, or authority of the city government shall elect one of its members as
 473 chairperson and one member as vice chairperson for terms of one year and may elect as its
 474 secretary one of its own members or may appoint as secretary an employee of the city. Each
 475 board, commission, or authority of the city government may establish such bylaws, rules, and
 476 regulations not inconsistent with this Act, ordinances of the city, or applicable state law as
 477 it deems appropriate and necessary for the conduct of its affairs, copies of which shall be
 478 filed with the designated officer of the city.

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SECTION 2.15.

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Ordinance form; procedures.

481 Every proposed ordinance and resolution shall be introduced in writing, and the city council
 482 shall have the authority to approve, disapprove, or amend them. A resolution may be passed
 483 at the time it is offered, but an ordinance shall not be adopted until the title of such ordinance
 484 shall have been read at two city council meetings, provided that the beginnings of such

485 meetings shall be not less than 24 hours nor more than 60 days apart. This requirement of
 486 two readings shall not apply to emergency ordinances or to ordinances adopted at the first
 487 business meeting of the city council in a calendar year.

488 **SECTION 2.16.**

489 Submission of ordinances to the mayor.

490 (a) Every ordinance, resolution, and other action adopted by the council shall be presented
 491 promptly to the mayor. Except for council approval of appointments to committees, boards,
 492 and commissions, the employment of any appointed officer, internal affairs, or matters which
 493 must be approved by the voters, the mayor may veto any action adopted by the city council.

494 (b) The veto must be exercised no later than the next regular city council meeting following
 495 the meeting at which the action was taken. If an action is disapproved, the president of the
 496 city council shall submit to the council a written statement of the reasons for the mayor's
 497 veto.

498 (c) An action vetoed by the mayor shall automatically be placed on the agenda at the next
 499 regular meeting of the city council for reconsideration. If the minimum number of
 500 councilmembers necessary to vote on overriding the veto is not present, the action may be
 501 continued until the next meeting at which the minimum number of councilmembers is
 502 present. Such action shall not become effective unless it is readopted by the affirmative
 503 votes of at least five members of the city council within 60 days of the veto.

504 (d) The mayor may disapprove or reduce any item or items of appropriation in any ordinance
 505 or resolution. The approved part or parts of any ordinance or resolution making
 506 appropriations shall become law, and the part or parts disapproved or reduced shall not
 507 become law unless subsequently passed by the city council over the mayor's veto as provided
 508 in this Act.

509 (e) If an ordinance or resolution has been signed by the mayor, it shall become effective. If
 510 an ordinance or resolution is neither approved nor disapproved by the next regular meeting
 511 of the city council, it shall become effective.

512 **ARTICLE III**

513 **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

514 **SECTION 3.01.**

515 Executive powers and duties of the mayor.

516 (a) The mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the city government and shall be
 517 responsible for the efficient and orderly administration of the city's affairs. The mayor shall

518 be responsible for the enforcement of laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and franchises in
519 the city. The mayor may conduct inquiries and investigations into the conduct of the city's
520 affairs and shall have such powers and duties as specified in this Act or as may be provided
521 by ordinance consistent with this Act.

522 (b) The mayor shall:

523 (1) Be the head of the city for the purpose of service of process and for ceremonial
524 purposes and be the official spokesperson for the city and the advocate of policy;

525 (2) Sign as a matter of course on behalf of the city all written and approved contracts,
526 ordinances, resolutions, and other instruments executed by the city which by law are
527 required to be in writing;

528 (3) See that all laws and ordinances of the city are faithfully executed;

529 (4) Obtain long-term and short-term loans in the name of the city when authorized by the
530 city council to do so;

531 (5) Name qualified residents of the city to boards and commissions with approval of the
532 city council;

533 (6) Appoint and employ all necessary employees of the city, provided that excepted from
534 this power of appointment are those officers and employees who by this Act are
535 appointed or elected by the city council; and provided, further, that the mayor shall
536 appoint and employ all department heads subject to the approval of the city council;

537 (7) Remove employees employed by such officer without the consent of the city council;
538 provided, however, that department heads may be removed only with the consent of the
539 city council;

540 (8) Exercise supervision and control of all departments and all divisions created in this
541 Act or that may hereafter be created by the city council except as otherwise provided in
542 this Act;

543 (9) Recommend to the city council the adoption of such measures as the mayor may
544 deem necessary or expedient;

545 (10) See that all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the city or its inhabitants in
546 any public utility franchise are faithfully kept and performed and upon knowledge of any
547 violation thereof to call such violations to the attention of the city attorney, whose duty
548 it shall be forthwith to take such steps as are necessary to protect and enforce the same;

549 (11) Make and execute all lawful contracts on behalf of the city as to matters within such
550 officer's jurisdiction to the extent that such contracts are funded in the city's budget,
551 except such as may be otherwise provided by law; provided, however, that no contract
552 purchase or obligation requiring a budget amendment shall be valid and binding until
553 after approval of the city council;

554 (12) Prepare and submit to the city council, prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, a
 555 budget of proposed expenditures for the ensuing year, showing in as much detail as
 556 practicable the amounts allotted to each department of the city government and the
 557 reasons for such estimated expenditures;

558 (13) Keep the city council at all times fully advised as to the financial condition and
 559 needs of the city;

560 (14) Make a full written report to the city council on the first of each month, unless
 561 otherwise directed by the city council, showing the operations and expenditures of each
 562 department of the city government for the preceding month, and a synopsis of such
 563 reports shall be published by the clerk of the city;

564 (15) Fix all salaries and compensation of city employees in accordance with the city
 565 budget and the city pay and classification plan; and

566 (16) Fulfill and perform such other duties as are imposed by this Act and by duly
 567 adopted ordinances.

568 **SECTION 3.02.**

569 Chief administrative officer; appointment, qualification,
 570 and compensation.

571 The mayor may appoint, subject to confirmation by the city council, for an indefinite term
 572 an officer whose title shall be chief administrative officer, and the chief administrative officer
 573 shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and the city council. The chief administrative officer,
 574 if appointed, shall be appointed without regard to political beliefs and solely on the basis of
 575 his or her executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to his or her
 576 educational background and actual experience in, and knowledge of, the duties of office as
 577 hereinafter prescribed.

578 **SECTION 3.03.**

579 Chief administrative officer.

580 The chief administrative officer shall devote all of his or her working time and attention to
 581 the affairs of the city and shall be responsible to the mayor and city council for the proper
 582 and efficient administration of the affairs of the city over which such officer has jurisdiction;
 583 provided, however, that the city council may by resolution permit the office of chief
 584 administrative officer to be a part-time position. The chief administrative officer may
 585 recommend to the mayor or city council individuals for appointment or removal as
 586 department heads.

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SECTION 3.04.

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Chief administrative officer; removal.

589 (a) The mayor and city council may remove the chief administrative officer from office in
590 accordance with the following procedures:

591 (1) The city council shall adopt by affirmative vote of a majority of all its members a
592 preliminary resolution removing the chief administrative officer and may suspend the
593 chief administrative officer from duty for a period not to exceed 45 days. A copy of the
594 resolution shall be delivered promptly to the chief administrative officer;

595 (2) Within five days after a copy of the resolution is delivered to the chief administrative
596 officer, he or she may file with the city council a written request for a public hearing.
597 This hearing shall be held at a city council meeting not earlier than 15 days nor later than
598 30 days after the request; and

599 (3) The city council may adopt a final resolution of removal, which may be made
600 effective immediately, by affirmative vote of four of its members at any time after five
601 days from the date when a copy of the preliminary resolution was delivered to the chief
602 administrative officer, if he or she has not requested a public hearing, or at any time after
603 the public hearing if he or she has requested one.

604 (b) The chief administrative officer shall continue to receive his or her salary until the
605 effective date of a final resolution of removal, and unless he or she has been convicted of a
606 felony at that time, he or she shall be given not less than 60 days' severance pay. The action
607 of the city council in suspending or removing the chief administrative officer shall not be
608 subject to review by any court or agency.

609 (c) If the chief administrative officer becomes disabled and is unable to carry out the duties
610 of the office or if the chief administrative officer dies, then an acting chief administrative
611 officer shall be appointed to perform the duties of the chief administrative officer until the
612 chief administrative officer's disability is removed or until the chief administrative officer
613 is replaced. Removal of the chief administrative officer because of disability shall be carried
614 out in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

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SECTION 3.05.

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Council interference with administration.

617 Except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations under Section 2.09 of this Act, the city
618 council or its members shall deal with city officers and employees who are subject to the
619 direction or supervision of the mayor or chief administrative officer solely through the

620 department heads, and neither the city council nor its members shall give orders to any such
621 officer or employee, either publicly or privately.

622 **SECTION 3.06.**

623 City attorney.

624 The mayor shall nominate and the city council shall confirm by majority vote of the city
625 council a city attorney, together with such assistant city attorneys as may be deemed
626 appropriate, and shall provide for the payment of such attorney or attorneys for services
627 rendered to the city. The city attorney shall be responsible for representing and defending
628 the city in all litigation in which the city is a party; may be the prosecuting officer in the
629 municipal court; shall attend the meetings of the city council as directed; shall advise the city
630 council, mayor, other officers, and employees of the city concerning legal aspects of the
631 city's affairs; and shall perform such other duties as may be required by virtue of his or her
632 position as city attorney. The city attorney shall review all contracts of the city but shall not
633 have the power to bind the city.

634 **SECTION 3.07.**

635 City clerk.

636 The president of the city council shall appoint a city clerk, subject to confirmation by
637 majority vote of the city council, to keep a journal of the proceedings of the city council; to
638 maintain in a safe place all records and documents pertaining to the affairs of the city; to
639 perform such duties as may be required by law or ordinance or as the president of the city
640 council may direct; and to issue licenses as permitted by laws of the State of Georgia and
641 municipal law.

642 **SECTION 3.08.**

643 City treasurer.

644 (a) The mayor may appoint a city treasurer subject to the approval of the city council. The
645 city treasurer shall collect all taxes, licenses, fees, and other moneys belonging to the city
646 subject to the provisions of this Act and the ordinances of the city; and the tax collector shall
647 diligently comply with and enforce all general laws of the State of Georgia relating to the
648 collection, sale, or foreclosure of taxes by municipalities.

649 (b) The city treasurer shall be responsible for the collection, receipt, care, and custody of all
650 taxes and other moneys due the city, except as otherwise provided by law. The city treasurer

651 shall be responsible to deposit all moneys received in the manner set forth in state law. The
652 city treasurer shall be responsible, upon authorization by warrant of the chief city auditor, as
653 the case may be, for payment of all vouchers, claims, payroll, and other authorized
654 disbursements. The city treasurer shall perform such other services as authorized by state
655 law, and as otherwise conferred by a resolution, ordinance, or local law duly enacted by the
656 city council, not inconsistent with state law.

657 (c) The city treasurer shall be responsible for making all temporary investments of city funds
658 as authorized by law. Investments of more than \$100,000.00 shall require approval of the
659 city council.

660 (d) The city treasurer shall be the city's chief fiscal officer and shall have such investment
661 and debt management authority as is authorized by state law and as is otherwise conferred
662 by resolution, ordinance, or local law duly enacted by the city council, not inconsistent with
663 state law.

664 **SECTION 3.09.**

665 Office of Audit and Control.

666 (a) There shall be an Office of Audit and Control to be headed by a chief city auditor, who
667 shall be appointed by the mayor subject to the approval of the city council. The principal
668 duties of this office shall be to conduct internal performance audits of all city departments
669 and offices; to audit all investments made by the city treasurer on behalf of the city; and to
670 warrant as valid all accounts payable and claims prior to their payment by the city treasurer.

671 (b) The chief city auditor shall prepare and present such reports as are consistent with the
672 duties enumerated in this section as required by resolution, ordinance, or local law duly
673 enacted by the city council.

674 **SECTION 3.10.**

675 Office of Planning, Development, and Implementation.

676 (a) There shall be an Office of Planning, Development, and Implementation to be headed
677 by a chief city planner, who shall be appointed by the mayor subject to the approval of the
678 city council. The principal duties of this office shall be to plan, develop, and implement an
679 overall plan for the city to achieve a safe, healthy, and esthetically pleasing city environment.

680 (b) The chief city planner shall prepare and present such reports as are consistent with the
681 duties enumerated in this section as required by resolution, ordinance, or local law duly
682 enacted by the city council.

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SECTION 3.11.

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Consolidation of functions.

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The mayor, with the approval of the city council, may consolidate any two or more of the appointed positions of city departments other than the Office of Audit and Control and the city treasurer or may assign the functions of any one or more of such positions to the holder or holders of any other positions. The mayor may also, with the approval of the city council, perform all or any part of the functions of any of the positions or offices in lieu of the appointment of other persons to perform them.

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SECTION 3.12.

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Position classification and pay plans.

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The mayor shall be responsible for the preparation of a position classification and a pay plan which shall be submitted to the city council for approval. Such plan shall apply to all employees of the City of South Fulton and any of its agencies and offices. When a pay plan has been adopted by the city council, neither the city council nor the mayor shall increase or decrease the salaries of individual employees except in conformity with such pay plan or pursuant to an amendment of such pay plan duly adopted by the city council.

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ARTICLE IV

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MUNICIPAL COURT

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SECTION 4.01.

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There is established a court to be known as the Municipal Court of the City of South Fulton which shall have jurisdiction and authority to try offenses against the laws and ordinances of such city and to punish for violations of such laws and ordinances. Such court shall have the power to enforce its judgments by the imposition of such penalties as may be provided by law, including ordinances of the city; to punish witnesses for nonattendance and to punish also any person who may counsel or advise, aid, encourage, or persuade another whose testimony is desired or material in any proceeding before such court to go or move beyond the reach of the process of the court; and to try all offenses within the territorial limits of the city constituting traffic cases which, under the laws of the State of Georgia, are placed within the jurisdiction of municipal courts to the extent of, and in accordance with, the provisions of such laws and all laws subsequently enacted amendatory thereof. The municipal court shall be presided over by the judge of such court. In the absence or disqualification of the

715 judge, the judge pro tempore shall preside and shall exercise the same powers and duties as
716 the judge when so acting.

717 **SECTION 4.02.**

718 Judge.

719 (a) No person shall be qualified or eligible to serve as judge unless he or she shall have
720 attained the age of 21 years and shall have been a member of the State Bar of Georgia for a
721 minimum of three years. The judge shall be appointed by resolution of the city council. The
722 compensation of the judge shall be fixed by the city council.

723 (b) The judge pro tempore shall serve as requested by the judge, shall have the same
724 qualifications as the judge, shall be appointed by resolution of the city council, and shall take
725 the same oath as the judge.

726 (c) Before entering on the duties of his or her office, the judge and judge pro tempore shall
727 take an oath before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths in this state declaring that
728 he or she will truly, honestly, and faithfully discharge the duties of his or her office to the
729 best of his or her ability without fear, favor, or partiality. The oath shall be entered upon the
730 minutes of the city council.

731 (d) The judge or judge pro tempore shall serve for a term of four years but may be removed
732 from the position by a two-thirds' vote of the entire membership of the city council or upon
733 action taken by the State Judicial Qualifications Commission for:

734 (1) Willful misconduct in office;

735 (2) Willful and persistent failure to perform duties;

736 (3) Habitual intemperance;

737 (4) Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings the judicial office
738 into disrepute; or

739 (5) Disability seriously interfering with the performance of duties, which is, or is likely
740 to become, of a permanent character.

741 **SECTION 4.03.**

742 Convening.

743 Such court shall be convened at such times as designated by ordinance or at such times as
744 deemed necessary by the judge to keep current the dockets thereof.

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SECTION 4.04.

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Jurisdiction; powers.

747 (a) The municipal court shall try and punish for crimes against the City of South Fulton and
748 for violation of its ordinances. The municipal court shall have authority to punish those in
749 its presence for contempt, provided that such punishment shall not exceed \$200.00 or
750 imprisonment for 15 days. The municipal court may fix punishment for offenses within its
751 jurisdiction to the full extent allowed by state law.

752 (b) The municipal court shall have authority to establish a schedule of fees to defray the cost
753 of operation.

754 (c) The municipal court shall have authority to establish bail and recognizances to ensure
755 the presence of those charged with violations before such court and shall have discretionary
756 authority to accept cash or personal or real property as security for appearances of persons
757 charged with violations. Whenever any person shall give bail for his or her appearance and
758 shall fail to appear at the time fixed for trial, the bond shall be forfeited by the judge
759 presiding at such time and an execution issued thereon by serving the defendant and his or
760 her sureties with a rule nisi at least two days before a hearing on the rule nisi. In the event
761 that cash or property is accepted in lieu of bond for security for the appearance of a defendant
762 at trial, and if such defendant fails to appear at the time and place fixed for trial, the cash so
763 deposited shall be on order of the judge declared forfeited to the City of South Fulton, or the
764 property so deposited shall have a lien against it for the value forfeited.

765 (d) The municipal court shall have the authority to bind prisoners over to the appropriate
766 court when it appears, by probable cause, that a state law has been violated.

767 (e) The municipal court shall have the authority to administer oaths and to perform all other
768 acts necessary or proper to the conduct of such court.

769 (f) The municipal court may compel the presence of all parties necessary to a proper disposal
770 of each case by the issuance of summons, subpoena, and warrants which may be served as
771 executed by any officer as authorized by this Act or by state law.

772 (g) The municipal court is specifically vested with all of the judicial jurisdiction and judicial
773 powers throughout the entire area of the City of South Fulton granted by state laws generally
774 to municipal courts, and particularly by such laws as authorize the abatement of nuisances.

775 **SECTION 4.05.**

776 Certiorari.

777 The right of certiorari from the decision and judgment of the municipal court shall exist in
 778 all criminal cases and ordinance violation cases, and such certiorari shall be obtained under
 779 the sanction of a judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County under the laws of the State of
 780 Georgia regulating the granting and issuance of writs of certiorari.

781 **SECTION 4.06.**

782 Rules for court.

783 With the approval of the city council, the judge shall have full power and authority to make
 784 reasonable rules and regulations necessary and proper to secure the efficient and successful
 785 administration of the municipal court.

786 **ARTICLE V**

787 **FINANCE AND FISCAL**

788 **SECTION 5.01.**

789 Fiscal year.

790 The council shall set the fiscal year by ordinance. The fiscal year shall constitute the budget
 791 year and the year for financial accounting and reporting of each and every office, department
 792 or institution, agency, and activity of the city government, unless otherwise provided by state
 793 or federal law.

794 **SECTION 5.02.**

795 Preparation of budgets.

796 The city council shall provide, by ordinance, the procedures and requirements for the
 797 preparation and execution of an annual operating budget, a capital improvements program,
 798 and a capital budget, including requirements as to the scope, content, and form of such
 799 budgets and programs.

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SECTION 5.03.

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Submission of operating budget to city council.

802 On or before a date fixed by the city council, but not later than 30 days prior to the
803 beginning of each fiscal year, the mayor shall submit to the city council a proposed operating
804 budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall be accompanied by a message from the
805 mayor containing a statement of the general fiscal policies of the city, the important features
806 of the budget, explanations of major changes recommended for the next fiscal year, a general
807 summary of the budget, and such other comments and information as he or she may deem
808 pertinent. The operating budget and the capital improvements budget hereinafter provided
809 for, the budget message, and all supporting documents shall be filed in the office of the city
810 clerk and shall be open to public inspection.

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SECTION 5.04.

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Action by city council on budget.

813 The city council may amend the operating budget proposed by the mayor, except that the
814 budget, as finally amended and adopted, shall provide for all expenditures required by law,
815 or by other provisions of this Act, and for all debt service requirements for the ensuing fiscal
816 year, and the total appropriations from any fund shall not exceed the estimated fund balance,
817 reserves, and revenues constituting the fund availability of such fund.

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SECTION 5.05.

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Audits.

820 (a) There shall be an annual independent audit of all city accounts, funds, and financial
821 transactions by a certified public accountant selected by the city council and supervised by
822 the chief city auditor. The audit shall be conducted according to generally accepted
823 accounting principles. Any audit of any funds by the state or federal government may be
824 accepted as satisfying the requirements of this Act. Copies of all audit reports shall be
825 available at printing cost to the public.

826 (b) As a minimum, all audits and budgets of the city shall satisfy the requirements of
827 Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government audits and budgets.

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SECTION 5.06.

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General homestead exemption.

830 (a) As used in this section, the term:

831 (1) "Ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes" means all ad valorem taxes for municipal
832 purposes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of South Fulton, except for any ad
833 valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded indebtedness.

834 (2) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of
835 the O.C.G.A., as amended.

836 (b) Each resident of the City of South Fulton is granted an exemption on that person's
837 homestead from City of South Fulton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount
838 of \$30,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead. The value of that property in excess
839 of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation.

840 (c) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this
841 section unless the person or person's agent files an application with the governing authority
842 of the City of South Fulton, or the designee thereof, giving such information relative to
843 receiving such exemption as will enable the governing authority of the City of South Fulton,
844 or the designee thereof, to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing
845 eligibility of such owner for such exemption. The governing authority of the City of South
846 Fulton, or the designee thereof, shall provide application forms for this purpose.

847 (d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of
848 the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year
849 so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person has filed the
850 proper application as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to
851 make application thereafter for any year and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to
852 such person. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under
853 subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of South Fulton,
854 or the designee thereof, in the event that person for any reason becomes ineligible for such
855 exemption.

856 (e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect state
857 ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county or independent
858 school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes. The homestead exemption granted
859 by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead
860 exemption applicable to municipal ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

861 (f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years
862 beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

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SECTION 5.07.

864

General homestead exemption for citizens age 65 or over.

865 (a) As used in this section, the term:

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(1) "Ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes" means all ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of South Fulton, except for any ad valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded indebtedness.

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(2) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., as amended.

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(3) "Senior citizen" means a person who is 65 years of age or over on or before January 1 of the year in which application for the exemption under subsection (b) of this section is made.

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(b) Each resident of the City of South Fulton who is a senior citizen is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from City of South Fulton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$15,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead. The value of that property in excess of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation.

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(c) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless the person or person's agent files an application with the governing authority of the City of South Fulton, or the designee thereof, giving the person's age and such additional information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable the governing authority of the City of South Fulton, or the designee thereof, to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such owner for such exemption. The governing authority of the City of South Fulton, or the designee thereof, shall provide application forms for this purpose.

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(d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person has filed the proper application, as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of South Fulton, or the designee thereof, in the event that person for any reason becomes ineligible for that exemption.

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(e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county or independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes. The homestead exemption granted

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898 by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead
899 exemption applicable to municipal ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

900 (f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years
901 beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

902 **SECTION 5.08.**

903 Homestead exemption for citizens age 65 or over
904 meeting certain income requirements.

905 (a) As used in this section, the term:

906 (1) "Ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes" means all ad valorem taxes for municipal
907 purposes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of South Fulton, including, but not
908 limited to, any ad valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded
909 indebtedness.

910 (2) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of
911 the O.C.G.A., as amended.

912 (3) "Income" means adjusted gross income as such term is defined in the Internal
913 Revenue Code of 1986, as such code is defined in Code Section 48-1-2 of the O.C.G.A.,
914 except that for purposes of this section the term shall include only that portion of income
915 or benefits received as retirement, survivor, or disability benefits under the federal Social
916 Security Act or under any other public or private retirement, disability, or pension system
917 which exceeds the maximum amount which may be received by an individual and an
918 individual's spouse under the federal Social Security Act.

919 (4) "Senior citizen" means a person who is 65 years of age or over on or before January 1
920 of the year in which application for the exemption under subsection (b) of this section is
921 made.

922 (b) Each resident of the City of South Fulton who is a senior citizen is granted an exemption
923 on that person's homestead from City of South Fulton ad valorem taxes for municipal
924 purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead. The
925 exemption granted by this subsection shall only be granted if that person's income, together
926 with the income of the spouse who also occupies and resides at such homestead, does not
927 exceed the maximum amount which may be received by an individual and an individual's
928 spouse under the federal Social Security Act for the immediately preceding year. The value
929 of that property in excess of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation.

930 (c) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this
931 section unless the person or person's agent files an application with the governing authority
932 of the City of South Fulton, or the designee thereof, giving the person's age, income, and

933 such additional information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable the governing
 934 authority of the City of South Fulton, or the designee thereof, to make a determination
 935 regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such owner for such exemption. The
 936 governing authority of the City of South Fulton, or the designee thereof, shall provide
 937 application forms for this purpose.

938 (d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of
 939 the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year
 940 so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person has filed the
 941 proper application, as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to
 942 make application thereafter for any year and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to
 943 such person. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under
 944 subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of South Fulton,
 945 or the designee thereof, in the event that person for any reason becomes ineligible for that
 946 exemption.

947 (e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect state
 948 ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county or independent
 949 school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes. The homestead exemption granted
 950 by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead
 951 exemption applicable to municipal ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

952 (f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years
 953 beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

954 **SECTION 5.09.**

955 Homestead exemption for citizens age 70 or over
 956 and disabled persons meeting certain income requirements.

957 (a) As used in this section, the term:

958 (1) "Ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes" means all ad valorem taxes for municipal
 959 purposes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of South Fulton, including, but not
 960 limited to, any ad valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded
 961 indebtedness.

962 (2) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of
 963 the O.C.G.A., as amended.

964 (3) "Income" means adjusted gross income determined pursuant to the Internal Revenue
 965 Code of 1986, as amended, for federal income tax purposes, except that for the purposes
 966 of this section the term shall include only that portion of income or benefits received as
 967 retirement, survivor, or disability benefits under the federal Social Security Act or under

968 any other public or private retirement, disability, or pension system which exceeds the
969 maximum amount which may be received by an individual and an individual's spouse
970 under the federal Social Security Act.

971 (4) "Senior citizen" means a person who is 70 years of age or over on or before January 1
972 of the year in which application for the exemption under subsection (b) of this section is
973 made.

974 (b) Each resident of the City of South Fulton who is a senior citizen or who is disabled is
975 granted an exemption on that person's homestead from City of South Fulton ad valorem taxes
976 for municipal purposes for the full value of that homestead. The exemption granted by this
977 subsection shall only be granted if that person's income, together with the income of the
978 spouse who also occupies and resides at such homestead, does not exceed the maximum
979 amount which may be received by an individual and an individual's spouse under the federal
980 Social Security Act for the immediately preceding year.

981 (c)(1) In order to qualify for the exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this section
982 as being disabled, the person claiming such exemption shall be required to obtain a
983 certificate from not more than three physicians licensed to practice medicine under
984 Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, certifying that in the opinion of such
985 physician or physicians such person is mentally or physically incapacitated to the extent
986 that such person is unable to be gainfully employed and that such incapacity is likely to
987 be permanent. Such certificate or certificates shall constitute part of and be submitted
988 with the application provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

989 (2) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this
990 section unless the person or person's agent files an application with the governing
991 authority of the City of South Fulton, or the designee thereof, giving the person's age,
992 income, and such additional information relative to receiving such exemption as will
993 enable the governing authority of the City of South Fulton, or the designee thereof, to
994 make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such owner for
995 such exemption. The governing authority of the City of South Fulton, or the designee
996 thereof, shall provide application forms for this purpose.

997 (d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of
998 the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year
999 so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person has filed the
1000 proper application, as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to
1001 make application thereafter for any year and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to
1002 such person. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under
1003 subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of South Fulton,

1004 or the designee thereof, in the event that person for any reason becomes ineligible for that
1005 exemption.

1006 (e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect state
1007 ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county or independent
1008 school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes. The homestead exemption granted
1009 by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead
1010 exemption applicable to municipal ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

1011 (f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years
1012 beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

1013 ARTICLE VI

1014 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1015 SECTION 6.01.

1016 Referendum and initial election.

1017 (a) The election superintendent of Fulton County shall call a special election for the purpose
1018 of submitting this Act to the qualified voters of the proposed City of South Fulton for
1019 approval or rejection. The superintendent shall set the date of such election for the Tuesday
1020 next following the first Monday in November, 2015. The superintendent shall issue the call
1021 for such election at least 30 days prior to the date thereof. The superintendent shall cause the
1022 date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately
1023 preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Fulton County. The ballot shall have
1024 written or printed thereon the words:

1025 "() YES Shall the Act incorporating the City of South Fulton in Fulton County and
1026 () NO granting the homestead exemptions described therein be approved?"

1027 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and those persons
1028 desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes
1029 cast on such question are for approval of the Act, it shall become of full force and effect as
1030 provided in Section 6.02 of this Act; otherwise, this Act shall not take effect and shall be
1031 void and of no force and effect. The initial expense of such election shall be borne by Fulton
1032 County. Within two years after the election if the incorporation is approved, the City of
1033 South Fulton shall reimburse Fulton County for the actual cost of printing and personnel
1034 services for such election and for the initial election of the mayor, president of city council,
1035 and members of the city council pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 2.02 of this Act. It
1036 shall be the duty of the superintendent to hold and conduct such election. It shall be his or
1037 her further duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

1038 (b) For the purposes of the referendum election provided for in this section and for the
 1039 purposes of the election to be held in conjunction with the 2016 presidential preference
 1040 primary, the qualified electors of the City of South Fulton shall be those qualified electors
 1041 of Fulton County residing within the corporate limits of the City of South Fulton as described
 1042 by Appendix A of this Act. At subsequent municipal elections, the qualified electors of the
 1043 City of South Fulton shall be determined pursuant to the authority of Chapter 2 of Title 21
 1044 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

1045 (c) Only for the purposes of holding and conducting the referendum election provided for
 1046 by this section and holding and conducting the election of the mayor, president of city
 1047 council, and city councilmembers of the City of South Fulton to be held in conjunction with
 1048 the 2016 presidential preference primary, the election superintendent of Fulton County is
 1049 vested with the powers and duties of the election superintendent of the City of South Fulton
 1050 and the powers and duties of the governing authority of the City of South Fulton.

1051 **SECTION 6.02.**

1052 Effective dates.

1053 (a) Section 6.01 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or
 1054 upon its becoming law without such approval. If the incorporation of the City of South
 1055 Fulton is approved in the referendum provided for in Section 6.01 of this Act, the remainder
 1056 of this Act shall become effective upon the certification of the results of the referendum. A
 1057 special election for the purpose of electing the first members of the governing authority shall
 1058 be held in conjunction with the 2016 presidential preference primary. The City of South
 1059 Fulton shall come into full existence and begin operation on the first day of the second month
 1060 following the month in which the 2016 presidential preference primary is held.

1061 (b) A period of time will be needed for an orderly transition of various government functions
 1062 from Fulton County to the City of South Fulton. Accordingly, there shall be a transition
 1063 period beginning on the date of the certification of the referendum results approving the
 1064 incorporation of the City of South Fulton and ending at midnight of the last day of the
 1065 twenty-fourth month following such date. During such transition period, all provisions of
 1066 this Act shall be effective as law, but not all provisions of this Act shall be implemented.

1067 (c) During such transition period, Fulton County shall continue to provide within the
 1068 territorial limits of the City of South Fulton all government services and functions which
 1069 Fulton County provided in that area as of the date of enactment of this Act, except to the
 1070 extent otherwise provided in this section; provided, however, that by agreement of Fulton
 1071 County and the City of South Fulton, responsibility for any such service or function may be
 1072 transferred to the City of South Fulton at such time as may be agreed upon by the parties.

1073 Beginning on the first day of the second month following the month in which the 2016
1074 presidential preference primary is held, the City of South Fulton shall collect taxes, fees,
1075 assessments, fines and forfeitures, and other moneys within the territorial limits of the City
1076 of South Fulton; provided, however, that upon at least 30 days' prior written notice to Fulton
1077 County by the City of South Fulton, the authority to collect any tax, fee, assessment, fine,
1078 forfeiture, or other moneys shall remain with Fulton County after January 1, 2016, until such
1079 time as Fulton County receives subsequent notice from the City of South Fulton that such
1080 authority shall be transferred to the City of South Fulton. Where a particular tax, fee,
1081 assessment, fine, forfeiture, or other amount collected is specifically related to the provision
1082 of a particular government service or function by Fulton County, the service or function shall
1083 continue to be provided by the county contingent upon payment by the city of the actual cost
1084 of providing such service or function unless otherwise provided in a written agreement
1085 between the city and the county. Any existing contract for the performance of a
1086 governmental service with a private person residing or doing business within the city limits
1087 shall not be altered or adversely affected by the establishment of this Act of the City of South
1088 Fulton.

1089 (d) During the transition period, the governing authority of the City of South Fulton:

- 1090 (1) Shall hold regular meetings and may hold special meetings as provided in this Act;
1091 (2) May enact ordinances and resolutions as provided in this Act;
1092 (3) May amend this Act by home rule action as provided by general law;
1093 (4) May accept gifts and grants;
1094 (5) May borrow money and incur indebtedness to the extent authorized by this Act and
1095 general law;
1096 (6) May levy and collect an ad valorem tax for the calendar year next following the first
1097 municipal election;
1098 (7) May establish a fiscal year and budget;
1099 (8) May create, alter, or abolish departments, boards, offices, commissions, and agencies
1100 of the city; appoint and remove officers and employees; and exercise all necessary or
1101 appropriate personnel and management functions; and
1102 (9) May generally exercise any power granted by this Act or general law, except to the
1103 extent that a power is specifically and integrally related to the provision of a
1104 governmental service, function, or responsibility not yet provided or carried out by the
1105 city.

1106 (e) During the transition period, the Municipal Court of the City of South Fulton shall
1107 exercise its jurisdiction to the extent appropriate with respect to the government services and
1108 functions performed by the City of South Fulton and the appropriate court or courts of Fulton
1109 County shall retain jurisdiction over the area incorporated as the City of South Fulton with

1110 respect to government services and functions performed by Fulton County. Any transfer of
 1111 jurisdiction to the City of South Fulton at the beginning of, during, at the end of, or after the
 1112 transition period shall not in and of itself abate any judicial proceeding pending in Fulton
 1113 County or the pending prosecution of any violation of any ordinance of Fulton County.

1114 (f) During the transition period, the governing authority of South Fulton may at any time,
 1115 without the necessity of any agreement by Fulton County, commence to exercise its planning
 1116 and zoning powers; provided, however, that the city shall give the county at least 30 days'
 1117 written notice of the date on which the city will assume the exercise of such powers. Upon
 1118 the governing authority of South Fulton commencing to exercise its planning and zoning
 1119 powers, the Municipal Court of the City of South Fulton shall immediately have jurisdiction
 1120 to enforce the planning and zoning ordinances of the city. The provisions of this subsection
 1121 shall control over any conflicting provisions of any other subsection of this section.

1122 (g) Effective upon the termination of the transition period, subsections (c) through (f) of this
 1123 section shall cease to apply except for the last sentence of subsection (e) which shall remain
 1124 effective. Effective upon the termination of the transition period, the City of South Fulton
 1125 shall be a fully functioning municipal corporation and subject to all general laws of this state.

1126 (h) Any community improvement district whose boundaries are wholly or partially within
 1127 the City of South Fulton and which was activated and had its boundaries increased prior to
 1128 the first members of the governing authority taking office under this charter shall not require
 1129 a resolution to be adopted by the governing authority of the City of South Fulton in order to
 1130 remain activated and boundaries increased.

1131 **SECTION 6.03.**

1132 Catchlines.

1133 The catchlines of sections of this Act or any ordinance printed in boldface type, italics, or
 1134 otherwise are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the contents of the section and:

1135 (1) Shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections or as any part of the section;
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1137 (2) Shall not be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are
 1138 amended or reenacted unless expressly provided to the contrary.

1139 Furthermore, the article and section headings contained in this Act shall not be deemed to
 1140 govern, limit, or modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning, or intent of the
 1141 provisions of any article or section hereof.

SECTION 6.04.

Directory nature of dates.

If it is necessary to delay any action called for in this Act for providential cause or any other reason, it is the intention of the General Assembly that the action be delayed rather than abandoned. Any delay in performing any action under this Act, whether for cause or otherwise, shall not operate to frustrate the overall intent of this Act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is specifically provided that:

(1) If it is not possible to hold the referendum election provided for in Section 6.01 of this Act on the date specified in that section, then such referendum shall be held as soon after such date as is reasonably practicable; and

(2) If it is not possible to hold the first regular municipal election provided for in Section 2.02 of this Act on the date specified in that section, then there shall be a special election for the initial members of the governing authority to be held as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, and the commencement of the initial terms of office shall be delayed accordingly.

SECTION 6.05.

Severability.

In the event any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Act shall be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall in no manner affect the other sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases of this Act, which shall remain of full force and effect, as if the section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part hereof. The General Assembly hereby declares that it would have passed the remaining parts of this Act if it had known that such part or parts hereof would be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6.06.

Repealer.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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APPENDIX A

1171 The City of South Fulton shall include all the territory embraced within the following census
 1172 blocks based upon the 2010 United States decennial census but shall not include any territory
 1173 that was annexed into another municipality not less than 90 days prior to the Tuesday next
 1174 following the first Monday in November, 2015, and shall not include the territory included
 1175 within the Fulton County Industrial District unless the local constitutional amendment
 1176 creating such district is repealed prior to the first municipal election for the city:

1177 Fulton County

1178 VTD: 12109B - 09B

1179 008202:

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1181 VTD: 12111E4 - 11E4

1182 007706:

1183 2028

1184 VTD: 121CP08B - CP08B

1185 010511:

1186 2004

1187 VTD: 121EP08A - EP08A

1188 011305:

1189 3015 3017

1190 011306:

1191 1031 2008 2018 2021

1192 VTD: 121FA01A - FA01A

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1194 3064 3066 3078 3079 3087 3099

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1196 2051 2078 2086 2100 2101 2102

1197 VTD: 121FA01B - FA01B

1198 010510:

1199 3126

1200 VTD: 121SC01 - SC01

1201 VTD: 121SC02 - SC02

1202 VTD: 121SC04 - SC04

1203 VTD: 121SC05 - SC05

1204 VTD: 121SC07 - SC07

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 1309 VTD: 121SC29 - SC29
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- 1326 VTD: 121UC03A - UC03A
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1329 **APPENDIX B**

- 1330 Plan: SF-7dp1
- 1331 Plan Type: Local
- 1332 Administrator: HD61
- 1333 User: bak

- 1334 District 001
- 1335 Fulton County
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- 1339 VTD: 121SC01 - SC01
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1569 APPENDIX C

1570 CERTIFICATE AS TO MINIMUM STANDARDS
 1571 FOR INCORPORATION OF A NEW MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

1572 I, Senator Donzella James, Georgia State Senator from the 35th District and the author of this
 1573 bill introduced at the 2015 session of the General Assembly of Georgia, which grants an
 1574 original municipal charter to the City of South Fulton, do hereby certify that this bill is in
 1575 compliance with the minimum standards required by Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.
 1576 in that the area embraced within the original incorporation in this bill is in all respects in
 1577 compliance with the minimum standards required by Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.
 1578 This certificate is executed to conform to the requirements of Code Section 36-31-5 of the
 1579 O.C.G.A.

1580 So certified this _____ day of _____, _____.

1581 Honorable Donzella James
 1582 Senator, 35th District
 1583 Georgia State Senate