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**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF HAPEVILLE**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 (“FINANCE AND TAXATION”), ARTICLE 7 (“HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX”), SECTION 17-7-1 (“DEFINITIONS”) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council shall have full power and authority to provide for the execution of all powers, functions, rights, privileges, duties and immunities of the city, its officers, agencies, or employees granted by the City of Hapeville’s Charter or by state law; and,

WHEREAS, the municipal government of the City of Hapeville (hereinafter “City”) and all powers of the City shall be vested in the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council shall be the legislative body of the City; and,

WHEREAS, amendments to any of the provisions of the City’s Code may be made by amending such provisions by specific reference to the section number of the City’s Code; and,

WHEREAS, existing ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of the City and its agencies now lawfully in effect not inconsistent with the provisions of the City’s charter shall remain effective until they have been repealed, modified or amended; and,

WHEREAS, every official act of the Mayor and Council which is to become law shall be by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City finds it necessary to amend the signing authority for the City Manager in regards to purchases.

BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA THAT:

Section One. Chapter 17 (Finance and Taxation), Article 7 (Hotel Occupancy Tax), Section 17-7-1 (Definitions) of the City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by modifying the definition of “Tax” to read as follows:

Tax. The tax on occupants imposed by this article, as provided for by O.C.G.A. § 48-13-50, et seq., specifically O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(b).

Section Two. Codification and Certify. This Ordinance adopted hereby shall be codified and certified in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia and the City.

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Section Three. Severability.

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

Section Four. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section Five. Effective Date. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption unless otherwise stated herein.

ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

CITY OF HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA

Alan Hallman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk

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APPROVED BY:

City Attorney

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