

STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF HAPEVILLE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE CALL OF A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE CITY'S CURRENT HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS ORDINANCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST SIGNATURES AND AFFIX THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY, AS NECESSARY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL CALL ELECTION IN THE LEGAL ORGAN FOR FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA; TO REPEAL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Hapeville ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to call a special election in the City of Hapeville and allowing the voters of the City to decide the questions of allowing for an increase of Homestead Exemptions as indicated below; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to authorize and direct the City Clerk/Election Superintendent to publish notice of the referendum in the legal organ and/or newspaper of appropriate general circulation for Fulton County Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to authorize the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections to conduct the special election and general election pursuant to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Hapeville and Fulton County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Hapeville, in the exercise of their sound judgment and discretion, after giving thorough consideration to all the implications involved, and keeping in mind the public interest and welfare of the citizens of the City, have determined that providing Homestead Exemptions would benefit the citizens of the City.

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

1. **Incorporation of Pre-Amble.** The pre-amble is incorporated herein as fully set forth above.

2. **Homestead Exemption for City Residents.** The Hapeville City Council wishes to add a referendum to the ballot for the election held on November 5, 2019 allowing for an increase in the City's current homestead exemption for all City residents from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

3. **Homestead Exemption for Elderly Residents, Veterans, and Disabled Residents.** The Hapeville City Council wishes to add a referendum to the ballot for the election held on November 5, 2019 allowing for an increase of homestead exemption for residents 65 years of age or over and residents of the City who are veterans, and residents of the City who are totally disabled from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

4. **Authorization for Mayor.** That the Hapeville City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to provide for homestead exemptions. A copy of said documents shall be filed with the City Clerk.

5. **Attestation.** That the Hapeville City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk or Assistant City Clerk to attest the signature of the Mayor appearing on the documents, to affix the official seal of the City thereto as necessary to effectuate this Resolution and to place this Resolution and an executed copy of all documents regarding this conveyance among the minutes or official records of the City for future reference.

6. **Publication by City Clerk/Election Superintendent.** The Hapeville City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Clerk/Election Superintendent to cause the date and purpose of the referendum and questions related to homestead exemption as they will be appear on the ballot during the election held November 5, 2019 to be published in the official organ of Fulton County and to complete all actions required by state law.

7. **Fulton County Department of Registration and Election.** The Hapeville City Council hereby authorizes the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections to

conduct the special election and general election pursuant to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Hapeville and Fulton County, Georgia.

8. **Severability.** To the extent any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or nonbinding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

9 **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.** All City ordinances are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

10. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

CITY OF HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA

ALAN H. HALLMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CRYSTAL EPPS-GRIGGS, CITY CLERK

(seal)

APPROVED BY:

CITY ATTORNEY