

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.

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 on the effective date of this Act. The boundaries of the city are more particular 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(8) Environmental protection. To protect and preserve the natural resources, environment, and vital areas of the city, this region, and this state through the preservation and improvement of air quality, the restoration and maintenance of water resources, the control of erosion and sedimentation, the management of storm water and establishment of a storm-water utility, the management of solid and hazardous waste, and other necessary actions for the protection of the environment;

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

(10) Fire regulations. To fix and establish fire limits and from time to time to extend, enlarge, or restrict such limits, to prescribe fire safety regulations not inconsistent with

89 general law, relating to both fire prevention and detection and to fire fighting; and to
90 prescribe penalties and punishment for violations thereof;

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

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

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

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

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

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

115 (17) Municipal agencies and delegation of power. To create, alter, or abolish
116 departments, boards, offices, commissions, and agencies of the city, and to confer upon
117 such agencies the necessary and appropriate authority for carrying out all the powers
118 conferred upon or delegated to them;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(24) Planning and zoning. To provide comprehensive city planning for development by zoning; and to provide subdivision regulation and the like as the city council deems necessary and reasonable to ensure a safe, healthy, and esthetically pleasing community;

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

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

(27) Public improvements. To provide for the acquisition, construction, building, operation, and maintenance of public ways, parks and playgrounds, recreational facilities, cemeteries, public buildings, libraries, public housing, parking facilities, or charitable, cultural, educational, recreational, conservation, sport, detentional, penal, and medical institutions, agencies, and facilities; and to provide any other public improvements inside or outside the corporate limits of the city and to regulate the use of public improvements; and for such purposes, property may be acquired by condemnation under Title 22 of the O.C.G.A., or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted;

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

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

(30) Public utilities and services. To grant franchises or make contracts for, or impose taxes on, public utilities and public service companies; and to prescribe the rates, fares, regulations, and standards and conditions of service applicable to the service to be

provided by the franchise grantee or contractor, insofar as not in conflict with valid regulations of the Public Service Commission;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(37) Taxes: ad valorem. To levy and provide for the assessment, valuation, revaluation, and collection of taxes on all property subject to taxation;

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

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

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

(41) Other powers. To exercise and enjoy all other powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities necessary or desirable to promote or protect the safety, health, peace, security, good order, comfort, convenience, or general welfare of the city and its inhabitants; to exercise all implied powers necessary or desirable to carry into execution all powers granted in this Act as fully and completely as if such powers were fully stated herein; and to exercise all powers now or in the future authorized to be exercised by other municipal governments under other laws of the State of Georgia; and any listing of particular powers in this Act shall not be held to be exclusive of others or restrictive of general words and phrases granting powers, but shall be held to be in addition to such powers unless expressly prohibited to municipalities under the Constitution or applicable laws of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 1.04.

Exercise of powers.

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

ARTICLE II

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ELECTIONS, AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 2.01.

City council creation; number; election.

- (a) The legislative authority of the government of the City of South Fulton, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act, shall be vested in a city council to be composed of a president of city council and seven district councilmembers.
- (b) The mayor and president of city council shall be elected by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city at large voting at the elections of the city.
- (c) Each councilmember shall be elected by a majority vote of the qualified electors of his or her respective council district voting at the elections of the city. For the purpose of electing the seven councilmembers, there shall be seven council districts, designated Council Districts 1 through 7, as described in Appendix B of this Act and the accompanying

Redistricting Plan Components Report, which are attached to and made a part of the charter of the City of South Fulton. Each person desiring to offer as a candidate for councilmember shall designate the council district for which he or she is offering.

SECTION 2.02.

Mayor, president of city council, and city councilmembers; election, terms, and qualifications for office.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, the mayor, president of city council, and seven members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor, president of city council, or councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the area comprising the corporate limits of the City of South Fulton for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of the election for mayor, president of city council, or councilmember; shall continue to reside therein during that person's period of service; and shall continue to be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of the City of South Fulton. In addition to the above requirements, no person shall be eligible to serve as a councilmember representing a council district unless that person has been a resident of the district such person seeks to represent for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of the election for councilmember and continues to reside in such district during that person's period of service.

(b) The first general municipal elections shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2014. Thereafter, general municipal elections shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year following the year in which such first municipal election is held.

(c) The first mayor, president of city council, and the initial councilmembers shall take office on the first day of January, 2015, following the first municipal election provided for in subsection (b) of this section. The mayor, president of city council, and councilmembers serving Council Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall serve initial terms of three years. The councilmembers serving Council Districts 2, 4, and 6 shall serve initial terms of one year. Their successors shall be elected at the municipal election immediately preceding the expiration of their terms and shall take office on January 1 for terms of four years. No person shall serve as mayor for more than two consecutive terms, but a former mayor may again serve as mayor after the expiration of four years after leaving office.

SECTION 2.03.

President of the city council; appointment; duties.

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

(b) The president of the city council shall:

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2.04.

Vacancy; filling of vacancies; suspensions.

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

SECTION 2.05.

Nonpartisan elections.

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

SECTION 2.06.

Election by majority vote.

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

SECTION 2.07.

Applicability of general laws; qualifying; other provisions.

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

SECTION 2.08.

Compensation and expenses.

The annual salary of the mayor shall be \$65,000.00. The annual salary for each councilmember shall be \$17,500.00. The annual salary for the president of the city council shall be \$28,500.00. Such salaries shall be paid from municipal funds in equal monthly installments. The city council may provide by ordinance for the provision of insurance, retirement, workers' compensation, and other employee benefits to the mayor, president of city council, and members of the city council and may provide by ordinance for the reimbursement of expenses actually and necessarily incurred by the mayor, president of city council, and members of the city council in carrying out their official duties.

SECTION 2.09.

Inquiries and investigations.

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

SECTION 2.10.

Meetings and oath of office.

(a) The city council shall meet on the first working day in January immediately following each regular municipal election. The meeting shall be called to order by the president-elect and the oath of office shall be administered to the newly elected mayor, treasurer, chief city auditor, and councilmembers by a judicial officer authorized to administer oaths. The oath shall, to the extent that it comports with federal and state law, be as follows:

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

(b) The city council shall, at least once a month, hold regular meetings at such times and places as prescribed by ordinance. The city council may recess any regular meeting and continue such meeting on any weekday or hour it may fix and may transact any business at such continued meeting as may be transacted at any regular meeting.

(c) Special meetings of the council may be held on the call of the mayor, president of city council, or four members of the council. Notice of such special meetings shall be delivered to all members of the city council, president of city council, and mayor personally, by

registered mail, or by electronic means, at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Such notice to councilmembers shall not be required if the mayor, president of city council, and all councilmembers are present when the special meeting is called. Such notice of any special meeting may be waived by the mayor, president of city council, or a councilmember in writing before or after such a meeting and attendance at the meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice. The notice of such special meeting shall state what business is to be transacted at the special meeting. Only the business stated in the call may be transacted at the special meeting.

SECTION 2.11.

Quorum; voting.

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

SECTION 2.12.

General power and authority of the city council.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law or by this Act, the city council shall be vested with all the powers of government of the City of South Fulton as provided by Article I of this Act. (b) In addition to all other powers conferred upon it by law, the city council shall have the authority to adopt and provide for the execution of such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this Act and the Constitution and the laws of the State of Georgia, which it shall deem necessary, expedient, or helpful for the peace, good order, protection of life and property, health, welfare, sanitation, comfort, convenience, prosperity,

or well-being of the inhabitants of the City of South Fulton and may enforce such ordinances by imposing penalties for violation thereof.

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

SECTION 2.13.

Administrative and service departments.

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

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

SECTION 2.14.

Boards, commissions, and authorities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2.15.

Ordinance form; procedures.

Every proposed ordinance and resolution shall be introduced in writing and the city council shall have the authority to approve, disapprove, or amend them. A resolution may be passed at the time it is offered, but an ordinance shall not be adopted until the title of such ordinance shall have been read at two city council meetings, provided that the beginnings of such meetings shall be not less than 24 hours nor more than 60 days apart. This requirement of two readings shall not apply to emergency ordinances or to ordinances adopted at the first business meeting of the city council in a calendar year.

SECTION 2.16.

Submission of ordinances to the mayor.

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

(b) The veto must be exercised no later than the next regular city council meeting following the meeting at which the action was taken. If an action is disapproved, the president of the

city council shall submit to the council a written statement of the reasons for the mayor's veto.

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

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

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

ARTICLE III

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SECTION 3.01.

Executive powers and duties of the mayor.

(a) The mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the city government and responsible for the efficient and orderly administration of the city's affairs. The mayor shall be responsible for the enforcement of laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and franchises in the city. The mayor may conduct inquiries and investigations into the conduct of the city's affairs and shall have such powers and duties as specified in this Act or as may be provided by ordinance consistent with this Act.

(b) The mayor shall:

- (1) Be the head of the city for the purpose of service of process and for ceremonial purposes and be the official spokesperson for the city and the advocate of policy;
- (2) Sign as a matter of course on behalf of the city all written and approved contracts, ordinances, resolutions, and other instruments executed by the city which by law are required to be in writing;
- (3) See that all laws and ordinances of the city are faithfully executed;
- (4) Obtain long and short-term loans in the name of the city when authorized by the city council to do so;

- (5) Name qualified residents of the city to boards and commissions with approval of the city council;
- (6) Appoint and employ all necessary employees of the city, provided that excepted from this power of appointment are those officers and employees who by this Act are appointed or elected by the city council;
- (7) Remove employees employed by such officer without the consent of the city council and without assigning any reason therefor;
- (8) Exercise supervision and control of all departments and all divisions created in this Act or that may hereafter be created by the city council except as otherwise provided in this Act;
- (9) Recommend to the city council the adoption of such measures as the mayor may deem necessary or expedient;
- (10) See that all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the city or its inhabitants in any public utility franchise are faithfully kept and performed and upon knowledge of any violation thereof to call such violations to the attention of the city attorney, whose duty it shall be forthwith to take such steps as are necessary to protect and enforce the same;
- (11) Make and execute all lawful contracts on behalf of the city as to matters within such officer's jurisdiction to the extent that such contracts are funded in the city's budget, except such as may be otherwise provided by law; provided, however, that no contract purchase or obligation requiring a budget amendment shall be valid and binding until after approval of the city council;
- (12) Prepare and submit to the city council, prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, a budget of proposed expenditures for the ensuing year, showing in as much detail as practicable the amounts allotted to each department of the city government and the reasons for such estimated expenditures;
- (13) Keep the city council at all times fully advised as to the financial condition and needs of the city;
- (14) Make a full written report to the city council on the first of each month, unless otherwise directed by the city council, showing the operations and expenditures of each department of the city government for the preceding month, and a synopsis of such reports shall be published by the clerk of the city;
- (15) Fix all salaries and compensation of city employees in accordance with the city budget and the city pay and classification plan; and
- (16) Fulfill and perform such other duties as are imposed by this Act and by duly adopted ordinances.

SECTION 3.02.

Chief administrative officer; appointment, qualification,
and compensation.

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

SECTION 3.03.

Chief administrative officer.

The chief administrative officer shall devote all of his or her working time and attention to the affairs of the city and shall be responsible to the mayor and city council for the proper and efficient administration of the affairs of the city over which such officer has jurisdiction; provided, however, that the city council may by resolution permit the office of chief administrative officer to be a part-time position.

SECTION 3.04.

Chief administrative officer; removal.

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

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

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

(3) The city council may adopt a final resolution of removal, which may be made effective immediately, by affirmative vote of four of its members at any time after five days from the date when a copy of the preliminary resolution was delivered to the chief

administrative officer, if he or she has not requested a public hearing, or at any time after the public hearing if he or she has requested one.

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

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

SECTION 3.05.

Council interference with administration.

Except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations under Section 2.09 of this Act, the city council or its members shall deal with city officers and employees who are subject to the direction or supervision of the mayor or chief administrative officer solely through the department heads, and neither the city council nor its members shall give orders to any such officer or employee, either publicly or privately.

SECTION 3.06.

City attorney.

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

SECTION 3.07.

City clerk.

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

SECTION 3.08.

City treasurer.

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

(b) The city treasurer shall be responsible for the collection, receipt, care, and custody of all taxes and other moneys due the city, except as otherwise provided by law. The city treasurer shall be responsible to deposit all moneys received in the manner set forth in state law. The city treasurer shall be responsible, upon authorization by warrant of the chief city auditor, as the case may be, for payment of all vouchers, claims, payroll, and other authorized disbursements. The city treasurer shall perform such other services as authorized by state law, and as otherwise conferred by a resolution, ordinance, or local law duly enacted by the city council, not inconsistent with state law.

(c) The city treasurer shall be responsible for making all temporary investments of city funds as authorized by law.

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

SECTION 3.09.

Office of Audit and Control.

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

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

SECTION 3.10.

Consolidation of functions.

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.

SECTION 3.11.

Position classification and pay plans; employment at will.

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. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, all employees of the city shall be subject to removal or discharge, with or without cause, at any time.

649 ARTICLE IV
650 MUNICIPAL COURT
651 SECTION 4.01.
652 Creation.

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

667 SECTION 4.02.
668 Judge.

- 669 (a) No person shall be qualified or eligible to serve as judge unless he or she shall have
670 attained the age of 21 years and shall have been a member of the State Bar of Georgia for a
671 minimum of three years. The judge shall be appointed by resolution of the city council. The
672 compensation of the judge shall be fixed by the council.
- 673 (b) The judge pro tempore shall serve as requested by the judge, shall have the same
674 qualifications as the judge, shall be appointed by resolution of the city council, and shall take
675 the same oath as the judge.
- 676 (c) Before entering on the duties of his or her office, the judge and judge pro tempore shall
677 take an oath before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths in this state declaring that
678 he or she will truly, honestly, and faithfully discharge the duties of his or her office to the
679 best of his or her ability without fear, favor, or partiality. The oath shall be entered upon the
680 minutes of the city council.

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

- (1) Willful misconduct in office;
- (2) Willful and persistent failure to perform duties;
- (3) Habitual intemperance;
- (4) Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings the judicial office into disrepute; or
- (5) Disability seriously interfering with the performance of duties, which is, or is likely to become, of a permanent character.

SECTION 4.03.

Convening.

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

SECTION 4.04.

Jurisdiction; powers.

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

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

(c) The municipal court shall have authority to establish bail and recognizances to ensure the presence of those charged with violations before such court and shall have discretionary authority to accept cash or personal or real property as security for appearances of persons charged with violations. Whenever any person shall give bail for his or her appearance and shall fail to appear at the time fixed for trial, the bond shall be forfeited by the judge presiding at such time and an execution issued thereon by serving the defendant and his or her sureties with a rule nisi at least two days before a hearing on the rule nisi. In the event that cash or property is accepted in lieu of bond for security for the appearance of a defendant at trial, and if such defendant fails to appear at the time and place fixed for trial, the cash so

deposited shall be on order of the judge declared forfeited to the City of South Fulton, or the property so deposited shall have a lien against it for the value forfeited.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 4.05.

Certiorari.

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

SECTION 4.06.

Rules for court.

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

ARTICLE V

FINANCE AND FISCAL

SECTION 5.01.

Fiscal year.

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

SECTION 5.02.

Preparation of budgets.

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

SECTION 5.03.

Submission of operating budget to city council.

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

SECTION 5.04.

Action by city council on budget.

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

SECTION 5.05.

Audits.

(a) There shall be an annual independent audit of all city accounts, funds, and financial transactions by a certified public accountant selected by the city council and supervised by the chief city auditor. The audit shall be conducted according to generally accepted accounting principles. Any audit of any funds by the state or federal government may be

accepted as satisfying the requirements of this Act. Copies of all audit reports shall be available at printing cost to the public.

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

SECTION 5.06.

General homestead exemption.

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

(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.

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

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

(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 such 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.

(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 such exemption.

(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

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

(f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

SECTION 5.07.

General homestead exemption for citizens age 65 or over.

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

(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.

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

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

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

(f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

SECTION 5.08.

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

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

(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, including, but not limited to, any ad valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded indebtedness.

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

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

(4) "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.

(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 \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead. The exemption granted by this subsection shall only be granted if that person's income, together with the income of the spouse who also occupies and resides at such homestead, does not exceed the maximum amount which may be received by an individual and an individual's

spouse under the federal Social Security Act for the immediately preceding year. The value of that property in excess of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation.

(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, income, 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.

(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.

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

(f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

SECTION 5.09.

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

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

(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, including, but not limited to, any ad valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded indebtedness.

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

(3) "Income" means adjusted gross income determined pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for federal income tax purposes, except that for the purposes of this section the term shall include only that portion of income or benefits received as retirement, survivor, or disability benefits under the federal Social Security Act or under any other public or private retirement, disability, or pension system which exceeds the maximum amount which may be received by an individual and an individual's spouse under the federal Social Security Act.

(4) "Senior citizen" means a person who is 70 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.

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

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

(2) 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, income, 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.

(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.

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

(f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

ARTICLE VI

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 6.01.

Referendum and initial election.

(a) The election superintendent of Fulton County shall call a special election for the purpose of submitting this Act to the qualified voters of the proposed City of South Fulton for approval or rejection. The superintendent shall set the date of such election for the date of the 2014 General Primary. The superintendent shall issue the call for such election at least 30 days prior to the date thereof. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Fulton County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

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

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and those persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, it shall become of full force and effect as provided in Section 6.02 of this Act; otherwise this Act shall not take effect and shall be void and of no force and effect. The initial expense of such election shall be borne by Fulton County. Within two years after the election if the incorporation is approved, the City of South Fulton shall reimburse Fulton County for the actual cost of printing and personnel

services for such election and for the initial election of the mayor, president of city council, and members of the city council pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 2.02 of this Act. It shall be the duty of the superintendent to hold and conduct such election. It shall be his or her further duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

(b) For the purposes of the referendum election provided for in this section and for the purposes of the election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2014, the qualified electors of the City of South Fulton shall be those qualified electors of Fulton County residing within the corporate limits of the City of South Fulton as described by Appendix A of this Act. At subsequent municipal elections, the qualified electors of the City of South Fulton shall be determined pursuant to the authority of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

(c) Only for the purposes of holding and conducting the referendum election provided for by this section and holding and conducting the election of the mayor, president of city council, and city councilmembers of the City of South Fulton to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2014, the election superintendent of Fulton County is vested with the powers and duties of the election superintendent of the City of South Fulton and the powers and duties of the governing authority of the City of South Fulton.

SECTION 6.02.

Effective dates.

(a) This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval; provided, however, that the provisions of this Act necessary for the election to be held on the next special election date permissible pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. following the date of the approval of this Act as provided for by Section 6.01 of this Act shall be effective upon the certification of the results of such referendum election.

(b) A period of time will be needed for an orderly transition of various government functions from Fulton County to the City of South Fulton. Accordingly, there shall be a transition period beginning on July 1, 2014, and ending at midnight of the last day of the twenty-fourth month following such date. During such transition period, all provisions of this Act shall be effective as law, but not all provisions of this Act shall be implemented.

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

transferred to the City of South Fulton at such time as may be agreed upon by the parties. Beginning on January 1, 2015, the City of South Fulton shall collect taxes, fees, assessments, fines and forfeitures, and other moneys within the territorial limits of the City of South Fulton; provided, however, that upon at least 30 days' prior written notice to Fulton County by the City of South Fulton, the authority to collect any tax, fee, assessment, fine, forfeiture, or other moneys shall remain with Fulton County after January 1, 2015, until such time as Fulton County receives subsequent notice from the City of South Fulton that such authority shall be transferred to the City of South Fulton. Where a particular tax, fee, assessment, fine, forfeiture, or other amount collected is specifically related to the provision of a particular government service or function by Fulton County, the service or function shall continue to be provided by the county contingent upon payment by the city of the actual cost of providing such service or function unless otherwise provided in a written agreement between the city and the county. Any existing contract for the performance of a governmental service with a private person residing or doing business within the city limits shall not be altered or adversely affected by the establishment of this Act of the City of South Fulton.

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

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

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

jurisdiction to the City of South Fulton at the beginning of, during, at the end of, or after the transition period shall not in and of itself abate any judicial proceeding pending in Fulton County or the pending prosecution of any violation of any ordinance of Fulton County.

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

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

SECTION 6.03.

Catchlines.

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

(1) Shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections or as any part of the section; and

(2) Shall not be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted unless expressly provided to the contrary.

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

APPENDIX A

The City of South Fulton shall include all the territory embraced within the following census blocks based upon the 2010 United States decennial census:

Fulton County

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4002

VTD: 12111E4 - 11E4

007706:

2028

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1265 APPENDIX B

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1505 APPENDIX C

1506 CERTIFICATE AS TO MINIMUM STANDARDS
1507 FOR INCORPORATION OF A NEW MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

1508 I, Representative Roger Bruce, Georgia State Representative from the 61st District and the
1509 author of this bill introduced at the 2014 session of the General Assembly of Georgia, which
1510 grants an original municipal charter to the City of South Fulton, do hereby certify that this
1511 bill is in compliance with the minimum standards required by Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the

1512 O.C.G.A. in that the area embraced within the original incorporation in this bill is in all
1513 respects in compliance with the minimum standards required by Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the
1514 O.C.G.A. This certificate is executed to conform to the requirements of Code
1515 Section 36-31-5 of the O.C.G.A.

1516 So certified this _____ day of _____, _____.

1517 Honorable Roger Bruce
1518 Representative, 61st District
1519 Georgia State House of Representatives