

House Bill 967

By: Representative Pruett of the 149th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the abolition of the current charters of the municipalities of the City of Helena
2 and the City of McRae; to create and incorporate a new municipality under the name "City
3 of McRae-Helena, Georgia"; to provide for the status, boundaries, and powers of the
4 restructured government; to provide for the form, administration, and affairs of the
5 restructured government; to provide for officers and employees, elections, courts, authorities,
6 taxation, and finance; to provide for related matters; to provide for severability; to repeal
7 certain local Acts; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 ARTICLE I
11 INCORPORATION AND POWERS
12 SECTION 1.10.

13 Consolidation of the City of McRae and the City of Helena; Incorporation of a
14 consolidated city; Revocation of individual city charters.

15 This city and the inhabitants thereof are incorporated by the enactment of this charter and are
16 hereby constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style City
17 of McRae-Helena, Georgia, and by that name shall have perpetual succession. The existing
18 charters of the City of McRae and of the City of Helena, as amended, which were originally
19 adopted by Ga. Laws 1963, p. 2482, as amended, for the City of McRae and by Georgia
20 Laws 1982, p. 5072 for the City of Helena, are hereby revoked, and the new City of
21 McRae-Helena shall have all the governmental and corporate powers, duties, and functions
22 previously held by and vested in the City of McRae and in the City of Helena and also the
23 powers, duties, and functions provided in this charter. The City of McRae-Helena is hereby
24 designated the successor entity to the former City of McRae and the former City of Helena
25 and shall assume all liabilities, privileges, duties, benefits, obligations, and causes of action

26 which heretofore belonged to, rested in, or were bestowed upon the City of McRae and the
 27 City of Helena. The revocations of such charters are made solely for the purposes of creating
 28 from those two cities a new, consolidated city, to be known as the City of McRae-Helena.

29 **SECTION 1.11.**

30 Name of consolidated city; Consolidation of two former cities
 31 into the City of McRae-Helena.

32 The new city shall embrace all those areas formerly constituting the City of McRae and the
 33 City of Helena as such territories are established on the effective date of this charter,
 34 provided that, such limits may be altered and changed from time to time as provided by the
 35 Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia.

36 **SECTION 1.12.**

37 Corporate boundaries.

38 (a) The corporate boundaries of the City of McRae-Helena are specifically described and
 39 set forth in Appendix A attached hereto. The boundaries of the city at all times shall be
 40 shown on a map, a written description, or any combination thereof, to be retained
 41 permanently in the office of the city clerk and to be designated, as the case may be: "Official
 42 Map (or Description) of the corporate limits of the City of McRae-Helena, Georgia."
 43 Photographic, typed, or other copies of such map or description certified by the city clerk
 44 shall be admitted as evidence in all courts and shall have the same force and effect as with
 45 the original map or description.

46 (b) The city council may provide for changes in Appendix A by ordinance to reflect lawful
 47 changes in the corporate boundaries.

48 **SECTION 1.13.**

49 Municipal powers.

50 (a) The City of McRae-Helena, Georgia, shall, without the necessity or formality of a deed,
 51 bill of sale, or other instrument of transfer, own, possess, and hold all the properties of
 52 whatsoever kind or nature, assets, contracts, franchises, things, rights, privileges, immunities,
 53 and real and personal property theretofore owned, possessed, enjoyed, or held by the City of
 54 McRae or by the City of Helena. The City of McRae-Helena shall be capable of suing and
 55 being sued when authorized by this charter and by the Constitution and laws of the State of
 56 Georgia.

57 (b) The City of McRae-Helena shall have all powers possible for a city to have under the
 58 present or future Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia as fully and completely as
 59 though they were specifically enumerated in this charter. The City of McRae-Helena shall
 60 have all the powers of self-government not otherwise prohibited by this charter or by general
 61 law.

62 (c) The powers of the City of McRae-Helena shall be construed liberally in favor of the city.
 63 The specific mention or failure to mention particular powers shall not be construed as
 64 limiting in any way the powers of the city.

65 **SECTION 1.14.**

66 Examples of powers.

67 (a) Animal Regulations. To regulate and license or to prohibit the keeping or running at
 68 large of animals and fowl, and to provide for the impoundment of same if in violation of any
 69 ordinance or lawful order; to provide for the disposition by sale, gift, or humane destruction
 70 of animals and fowl when not redeemed as provided by ordinance; and to provide
 71 punishment for violation of ordinances enacted hereunder.

72 (b) Appropriations and Expenditures. To make appropriations for the support of the
 73 government of the city; to authorize the expenditure of money for any purposes authorized
 74 by this charter and for any purpose for which a municipality is authorized by the laws of the
 75 State of Georgia; and to provide for the payment of expenses of the city.

76 (c) Building Regulation. To regulate the erection and construction of buildings and all other
 77 structures; to adopt building, housing, plumbing, fire safety, electrical, gas, and heating and
 78 air conditioning codes; and to regulate all housing and building trades.

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

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

89 (f) Contracts. To enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and
 90 with private persons, firms, and corporations.

- 91 (g) Emergencies. To establish procedures for determining and proclaiming that an
92 emergency situation exists within or without the city, and to make and carry out all
93 reasonable provisions deemed necessary to deal with or meet such an emergency for the
94 protection, safety, health, or well-being of the citizens of the city.
- 95 (h) Environmental Protection. To protect and preserve the natural resources, environment,
96 and vital areas of the city, the region, and this state through the preservation and
97 improvement of air quality, the restoration and maintenance of water resources, the control
98 of erosion and sedimentation, the management of storm water and establishment of a
99 storm-water utility, the management of solid and hazardous waste, and other necessary
100 actions for the protection of the environment.
- 101 (i) Fire Regulations. To fix and establish fire limits and from time to time to extend,
102 enlarge, or restrict the same; to prescribe fire safety regulations not inconsistent with general
103 law relating to both fire prevention and detection and to fire fighting; and to prescribe
104 penalties and punishment for violations thereof.
- 105 (j) Garbage Fees. To levy, fix, assess, and collect a garbage, refuse, and trash collection and
106 disposal, and other sanitary service charge, tax, or fee for such services as may be necessary
107 in the operation of the city from all individuals, firms, and corporations residing in or doing
108 business therein benefiting from such services; to enforce the payment of such charges, taxes,
109 or fees; and to provide for the manner and method of collecting such service charges, taxes,
110 or fees.
- 111 (k) General Health, Safety, and Welfare. To define, regulate, and prohibit any act, practice,
112 conduct, or use of property which is detrimental to health, sanitation, cleanliness, welfare,
113 and safety of the inhabitants of the city, and to provide for the enforcement of such standards.
- 114 (l) Gifts. To accept or refuse gifts, donations, bequests, or grants from any source for any
115 purpose related to powers and duties of the city and the general welfare of its citizens, on
116 such terms and conditions as the donor or grantor may impose.
- 117 (m) Health and Sanitation. To prescribe standards of health and sanitation and to provide
118 for the enforcement of such standards.
- 119 (n) Jail Sentences. To provide that persons given jail sentences in the city's court may work
120 out such sentences in any public works or on the streets, roads, drains, and other public
121 property in the city; to provide for commitment of such persons to any jail; to provide for the
122 use of pretrial diversion and any alternative sentencing allowed by law; or to provide for
123 commitment of such persons to any county work camp or county jail by agreement with the
124 appropriate county officials.
- 125 (o) Motor Vehicles. To regulate the operation of motor vehicles and exercise control over
126 all traffic, including parking upon or across the streets, roads, alleys, and walkways of the
127 city.

- 128 (p) Municipal Agencies and Delegation of Power. To create, alter, or abolish departments,
129 boards, offices, commissions, and agencies of the city, and to confer upon such agencies the
130 necessary and appropriate authority for carrying out all the powers conferred upon or
131 delegated to the same.
- 132 (q) Municipal Debts. To appropriate and borrow money for the payment of debts of the city
133 and to issue bonds for the purpose of raising revenue to carry out any project, program, or
134 venture authorized by this charter or the laws of the State of Georgia.
- 135 (r) Municipal Property Ownership. To acquire, dispose of, lease, and hold in trust or
136 otherwise, any real, personal, or mixed property, in fee simple or lesser interest, inside or
137 outside the property limits of the city.
- 138 (s) Municipal Property Protection. To provide for the preservation and protection of
139 property and equipment of the city and the administration and use of same by the public; and
140 to prescribe penalties and punishment for violations thereof.
- 141 (t) Municipal Utilities. To acquire, lease, construct, operate, maintain, sell, and dispose of
142 public utilities, including, but not limited to, a system of waterworks, sewers and drains,
143 sewage disposal, storm-water management, gas works, electric light plants, cable television
144 and other telecommunications, transportation facilities, public airports, and any other public
145 utility; and to fix the taxes, charges, rates, fares, fees, assessments, regulations, and penalties;
146 and to provide for the withdrawal of service for refusal or failure to pay the same.
- 147 (u) Nuisance. To define a nuisance and provide for its abatement whether on public or
148 private property.
- 149 (v) Penalties. To provide penalties for violation of any ordinances adopted pursuant to the
150 authority of this charter and the laws of the State of Georgia.
- 151 (w) Planning and Zoning. To provide comprehensive city planning for development by
152 zoning and to provide subdivision regulation and the like as the city council deems necessary
153 and reasonable to ensure a safe, healthy, and aesthetically pleasing community.
- 154 (x) Police and Fire Protection. To exercise the power of arrest through duly appointed
155 police officers, and to establish, operate, or contract for a police and a fire-fighting agency.
- 156 (y) Public Hazards: Removal. To provide for the destruction and removal of any building
157 or other structure which is or may become dangerous or detrimental to the public.
- 158 (z) Public Improvements. To provide for the acquisition, construction, building, operation,
159 and maintenance of public ways, parks and playgrounds, recreational facilities, cemeteries,
160 markets and market houses, public buildings, libraries, public housing, airports, hospitals,
161 terminals, docks, parking facilities, or charitable, cultural, educational, recreational,
162 conservation, sport, curative, corrective, detentional, penal, and medical institutions,
163 agencies, and facilities; and to provide any other public improvements, inside or outside the
164 corporate limits of the city; to regulate the use of public improvements; and for such

165 purposes, property may be acquired by condemnation under Title 22 of the O.C.G.A. or such
166 other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.

167 (aa) Public Peace. To provide for the prevention and punishment of loitering, disorderly
168 conduct, drunkenness, riots, and public disturbances.

169 (bb) Public Transportation. To organize and operate such public transportation systems as
170 are deemed beneficial.

171 (cc) Public Utilities and Services. To grant franchises or make contracts for or impose taxes
172 on public utilities and public service companies; and to prescribe the rates, fares, regulations,
173 and standards and conditions of service applicable to the service to be provided by the
174 franchise grantee or contractor, insofar as not in conflict with valid regulations of the Public
175 Service Commission.

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

181 (ee) Retirement. To provide and maintain a retirement plan and other employee benefit
182 plans and programs for officers and employees of the city.

183 (ff) Roadways. To lay out, open, extend, widen, narrow, establish, or change the grade of,
184 abandon or close, construct, pave, curb, gutter, adorn with shade trees, or otherwise improve,
185 maintain, repair, clean, prevent erosion of, and light the roads, alleys, and walkways within
186 the corporate limits of the city; and to grant franchises and rights of way throughout the
187 streets and roads, and over the bridges and viaducts for the use of public utilities.

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

195 (hh) Solid Waste Disposal. To provide for the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish,
196 and refuse, and to regulate the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish, and refuse by
197 others; and to provide for the separate collection of glass, tin, aluminum, cardboard, paper,
198 and other recyclable materials, and to provide for the sale of such items.

199 (ii) Special Areas of Public Regulation. To regulate or prohibit junk dealers; the
200 manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; to regulate the transportation, storage, and use
201 of combustible, explosive, and inflammable materials; the use of lighting and heating

202 equipment; and any other business or situation which may be dangerous to persons or
203 property; to regulate and control the conduct of peddlers and itinerant traders, theatrical
204 performances, exhibitions, and shows of any kind, by taxation or otherwise; to license and
205 tax professional fortunetelling, palmistry, and massage parlors; and to restrict adult
206 bookstores to certain areas.

207 (jj) Special Assessments. To levy and provide for the collection of special assessments to
208 cover the costs for any public improvements.

209 (kk) Taxes: Ad Valorem. To levy and provide for the assessment, valuation, revaluation,
210 and collection of taxes on all property subject to taxation.

211 (ll) Taxes: Other. To levy and collect such other taxes as may be allowed now or in the
212 future by law.

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

217 (nn) Urban Redevelopment. To organize and operate an urban redevelopment program.

218 (oo) Other Powers. To exercise and enjoy all other powers, functions, rights, privileges, and
219 immunities necessary or desirable to promote or protect the safety, health, peace, security,
220 good order, comfort, convenience, or general welfare of the city and its inhabitants; and to
221 exercise all implied powers necessary or desirable to carry into execution all powers granted
222 in this charter as fully and completely as if such powers were fully stated herein; and to
223 exercise all powers now or in the future authorized to be exercised by other municipal
224 governments under other laws of the State of Georgia; and no listing of particular powers in
225 this charter shall be held to be exclusive of others, nor restrictive of general words and
226 phrases granting powers, but shall be held to be in addition to such powers unless expressly
227 prohibited to municipalities under the Constitution or applicable laws of the State of Georgia.

228 **SECTION 1.15.**

229 Exercise of powers.

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

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ARTICLE II
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE
SECTION 2.10.
City council creation; Number; Election.

238 (a) The legislative authority of the government of the city, except as otherwise specifically
239 provided in this charter, shall be vested in a city council to be composed of a mayor and six
240 councilmembers. The city council established shall in all respects be a successor to and
241 continuation of the governing authorities of the City of McRae and the City of Helena under
242 prior law. The mayor and councilmembers shall be elected in the manner provided by
243 general law and this charter.

244 (b) For purposes of electing members of the city council, other than the mayor, the city is
245 divided into three council districts. Two members of the council shall be elected from each
246 such district. One member shall hold Post One in the district and the other member shall
247 hold Post Two in the district. The three council districts shall be and correspond to those
248 three numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
249 identified as "Plan: McRae-Helena-p1-2014-import Plan Type: Local Administrator:
250 McRae-Helena User: Gina". The mayor shall be elected from the city at large.

251 (c)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

252 (A) The term "VTD" shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
253 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
254 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
255 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual
256 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
257 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

258 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
259 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
260 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
261 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

262 (2) Any part of the City of McRae-Helena which is not included in any district described
263 in subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such
264 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census
265 of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

266 (3) Any part of the City of McRae-Helena which is described in subsection (b) of this
267 section as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within

268 such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall
269 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least
270 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
271 Georgia.

272 (4) These initial council districts may be modified in the future as authorized or required
273 by law.

274 **SECTION 2.11.**

275 City council terms and qualifications for office.

276 The mayor and members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and until their
277 respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor
278 or councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the city for 12 months
279 prior to the date of election of mayor or members of the council and each shall continue to
280 reside therein during that member's period of service and to be registered and qualified to
281 vote in municipal elections of the city. In addition, no person shall be eligible to serve as a
282 councilmember representing a council district unless that person has been a resident of the
283 district such person seeks to represent at the time of the election for councilmember and
284 continues to reside in such district during that person's period of service.

285 **SECTION 2.12.**

286 Vacancy; Filling of vacancies.

287 (a) The office of mayor or councilmember shall become vacant upon the incumbent's death,
288 resignation, forfeiture of office, or occurrence of any event specified by the Constitution of
289 the State of Georgia, Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., or such other applicable laws as are or may
290 hereafter be enacted.

291 (b) A vacancy in the office of mayor or councilmember shall be filled for the remainder of
292 the unexpired term, if any, by appointment by the city council or those members remaining
293 if less than 12 months remain in the unexpired term. If such vacancy occurs 12 months or
294 more prior to the expiration of the term of that office, it shall be filled for the remainder of
295 the unexpired term by a special election, as provided for in Section 5.14 of this charter and
296 in accordance with Titles 21 and 45 of the O.C.G.A. or other such laws as are or may
297 hereafter be enacted.

298 (c) This provision shall also apply to a temporary vacancy created by the suspension from
299 office of the mayor or any councilmember.

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SECTION 2.13.

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Compensation and expenses.

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The mayor and councilmembers shall receive compensation and expenses for their services

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as provided by ordinance.

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SECTION 2.14.

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Holding other office; Voting when financially interested.

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(a) Elected and appointed officers of the city are trustees and servants of the residents of the

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city and shall act in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of such residents.

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(b) No elected official, appointed officer, or employee of the city or any agency or political

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entity to which this charter applies shall knowingly:

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(1) Engage in any business or transaction, or have a financial or other personal interest,

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direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of that person's official

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duties or which would tend to impair the independence of the official's judgment or action

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in the performance of those official duties;

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(2) Engage in or accept private employment, or render services for private interests when

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such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of that person's

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official duties or would tend to impair the independence of the official's judgment or

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action in the performance of those official duties;

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(3) Disclose confidential information, including information obtained at meetings which

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are closed pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., concerning the property,

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government, or affairs of the governmental body by which the official is engaged without

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proper legal authorization; or use such information to advance the financial or other

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private interest of the official or others;

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(4) Accept any valuable gift, whether in the form of service, loan, thing, or promise,

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from any person, firm, or corporation which to the official's knowledge is interested,

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directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever, in business dealings with the

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governmental body by which the official is engaged; provided, however, that an elected

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official who is a candidate for public office may accept campaign contributions and

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services in connection with any such campaign;

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(5) Represent other private interests in any action or proceeding against the city or any

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portion of its government; or

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(6) Vote or otherwise participate in the negotiation or in the making of any contract with

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any business or entity in which the official has a financial interest.

333 (c) Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee who shall have any financial
334 interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or matter pending before or within any
335 department of the city shall disclose such interest to the city council. The mayor or any
336 councilmember who has a financial interest in any matter pending before the city council
337 shall disclose such interest and such disclosure shall be entered on the records of the city
338 council, and that official shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any decision
339 or vote relating thereto. Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee of any agency
340 or political entity to which this charter applies who shall have any financial interest, directly
341 or indirectly, in any contract or matter pending before or within such entity shall disclose
342 such interest to the governing body of such agency or entity.

343 (d) No elected official, appointed officer, or employee of the city or any agency or entity to
344 which this charter applies shall use property owned by such governmental entity for personal
345 benefit or profit but shall use such property only in their capacity as an officer or employee
346 of the city.

347 (e) Any violation of this section which occurs with the knowledge, express or implied, of
348 a party to a contract or sale shall render such contract or sale voidable at the option of the city
349 council.

350 (f) Except where authorized by law, neither the mayor nor any councilmember shall hold
351 any other elective or appointive office in the city or otherwise be employed by such
352 government or any agency thereof during the term for which that official was elected. No
353 former mayor and no former councilmember of the City of McRae-Helena shall hold any
354 appointive office in the city until one year after the expiration of the term for which that
355 official was elected; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to former
356 mayors and councilmembers of the former City of McRae and City of Helena.

357 (g) No appointive officer of the city shall continue in such employment upon qualifying as
358 a candidate for nomination or election to any public office. No employee of the city shall
359 continue in such employment upon qualifying for or election to any public office in the city
360 or any other public office which is inconsistent, incompatible, or in conflict with the duties
361 of the city employee. Such determination shall be made by the mayor and council either
362 immediately upon election or at any time such conflict may arise.

363 (h) If the mayor or any councilmember is absent from three consecutive regular meetings
364 of the governing authority, the office of such person shall be vacated unless the person was
365 granted leave of absence by the council which shall be entered on the minute books of the
366 council.

367 (i) Penalties for Violation

368 (1) Any city officer or employee who knowingly conceals such financial interest or
 369 knowingly violates any of the requirements of this section shall be guilty of malfeasance
 370 in office or position and shall be deemed to have forfeited that person's office or position.

371 (2) Any officer or employee of the city who shall forfeit an office or position as
 372 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be ineligible for appointment or
 373 election to or employment in a position in the city government for a period of three years
 374 thereafter.

375 **SECTION 2.15.**

376 Inquiries and investigations.

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

383 **SECTION 2.16.**

384 General power and authority of the city council.

385 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law or this charter, the city council shall be vested with
 386 all the powers of government of the city.

387 (b) In addition to all other powers conferred upon it by law, the council shall have the
 388 authority to adopt and provide for the execution of such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and
 389 regulations, not inconsistent with this charter and the Constitution and the laws of the State
 390 of Georgia, which it shall deem necessary, expedient, or helpful for the peace, good order,
 391 protection of life and property, health, welfare, sanitation, comfort, convenience, prosperity,
 392 or well-being of the inhabitants of the City of McRae-Helena and may enforce such
 393 ordinances by imposing penalties for violation thereof.

394 **SECTION 2.17.**

395 Eminent domain.

396 The city council is hereby empowered to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain public
 397 ways, parks, public grounds, cemeteries, markets, market houses, public buildings, libraries,

398 sewers, drains, sewage treatment, waterworks, electrical systems, gas systems, airports,
 399 hospitals, and charitable, educational, recreational, sport, curative, corrective, detentional,
 400 penal and medical institutions, agencies, and facilities, and any other public improvements
 401 inside or outside the city, and to regulate the use thereof, and for such purposes, property
 402 may be condemned under procedures established under general law applicable now or as
 403 provided in the future.

404 **SECTION 2.18.**

405 Organizational meetings.

406 The city council shall hold an organizational meeting at the first council meeting in each
 407 even-numbered year. The meeting shall be called to order by the city clerk and the oath of
 408 office shall be administered to the newly elected members by a judicial officer authorized to
 409 administer oaths and shall, to the extent that it comports with federal and state law, be as
 410 follows:

411 "I do solemnly (swear)(affirm) that I will faithfully perform the duties of
 412 (mayor)(councilmember) of this city and that I will support and defend the charter thereof
 413 as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of
 414 America.

415 "I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state or any political
 416 subdivision or authority thereof. I am not the holder of any office of trust under the
 417 government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws
 418 of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding. I am otherwise qualified to hold
 419 such office according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia. I have been
 420 a resident of my district and the City of McRae-Helena for the time required by the
 421 Constitution and laws of this state and by the municipal charter. I will perform the duties
 422 of my office in the best interest of the City of McRae-Helena to the best of my ability
 423 without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof."

424 **SECTION 2.19.**

425 Regular and special meetings.

426 (a) The city council shall hold regular meetings at such times and places as shall be
 427 prescribed by ordinance.

428 (b) Special meetings of the city council may be held on call of the mayor or four members
 429 of the city council. Notice of such special meetings shall be served on all other members
 430 personally, or by telephone personally, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Such

431 notice to councilmembers shall not be required if the mayor and all councilmembers are
 432 present when the special meeting is called. Such notice of any special meeting may be
 433 waived by a councilmember in writing before or after such a meeting, and attendance at the
 434 meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice on any business transacted in such
 435 councilmember's presence. Only the business stated in the call may be transacted at the
 436 special meeting.

437 (c) All meetings of the city council shall be public to the extent required by law and notice
 438 to the public of special meetings shall be made fully as is reasonably possible as provided by
 439 Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A. or other such applicable laws as are or may hereafter
 440 be enacted.

441 (d) With the approval of a majority of the council, a councilmember may attend a council
 442 meeting by teleconference or other similar means such as a telephone conference call, a
 443 two-way interactive closed circuit television or satellite television signal, or any other similar
 444 method which allows such member of the city council participating in the meeting by such
 445 means to hear and speak to the other members participating in the meeting. The council shall
 446 be authorized to enact council policies and ordinances governing the attendance at council
 447 meetings by such electronic means.

448 **SECTION 2.20.**

449 Rules of procedure.

450 (a) The city council shall adopt its rules of procedure and order of business consistent with
 451 the provisions of this charter and shall provide for keeping a journal of its proceedings, which
 452 shall be a public record.

453 (b) All committees and committee chairpersons and officers of the city council shall be
 454 appointed by the mayor and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The mayor shall have
 455 the power to appoint new members to any committee at any time.

456 **SECTION 2.21.**

457 Quorum: voting.

458 (a) Four councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact
 459 business of the city council. The mayor shall not be counted in determining if a quorum
 460 exists. Voting on the adoption of ordinances shall be by voice vote and the vote shall be
 461 recorded in the journal, but any member of the city council shall have the right to request a
 462 roll call vote and such vote shall be recorded in the journal. Except as otherwise provided
 463 in this charter, four affirmative votes shall be required for the adoption of any ordinance,

464 resolution, or motion; provided, however, that the mayor, or mayor pro tem when acting as
 465 mayor, shall not vote except to break a tie.

466 (b) No member of the city council shall abstain from voting on any matter properly brought
 467 before the council for official action except when such councilmember has a conflict of
 468 interest which is disclosed in writing prior to or at the meeting and made a part of the
 469 minutes. Any member of the city council present and eligible to vote on a matter and
 470 refusing to do so for any reason other than a properly disclosed and recorded conflict of
 471 interest shall be deemed to have acquiesced or concurred with the members of the majority
 472 who did vote on the question involved.

473 **SECTION 2.22.**

474 Ordinance form; Procedures.

475 (a) Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in writing and in the form required for
 476 final adoption. No ordinance shall contain a subject which is not expressed in its title. The
 477 enacting clause shall be "It is hereby ordained by the governing authority of the City of
 478 McRae-Helena" and every ordinance shall so begin.

479 (b) An ordinance may be introduced by any councilmember and be read at a regular or
 480 special meeting of the city council. Ordinances shall be considered and adopted or rejected
 481 by the city council in accordance with the rules which it shall establish; provided, however,
 482 an ordinance shall not be adopted the same day it is introduced, except for emergency
 483 ordinances provided in Section 2.24 of this charter. Upon introduction of any ordinance, the
 484 clerk shall as soon as possible distribute a copy to the mayor and to each councilmember and
 485 shall file a reasonable number of copies in the office of the clerk and at such other public
 486 places as the city council may designate.

487 **SECTION 2.23.**

488 Action requiring an ordinance.

489 Acts of the city council which have the force and effect of law shall be enacted by ordinance.

490 **SECTION 2.24.**

491 Emergencies.

492 (a) To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or public peace, the city
 493 council may convene on call of the mayor or four councilmembers and promptly adopt an
 494 emergency ordinance, but such ordinance may not levy taxes; grant, renew, or extend a

495 franchise; regulate the rate charged by any public utility for its services; or authorize the
 496 borrowing of money except for loans to be repaid within 30 days. An emergency ordinance
 497 shall be introduced in the form prescribed for ordinances generally, except that it shall be
 498 plainly designated as an emergency ordinance and shall contain, after the enacting clause,
 499 a declaration stating that an emergency exists, and describing the emergency in clear and
 500 specific terms. An emergency ordinance may be adopted, with or without amendment, or
 501 rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced, but the affirmative vote of at least five
 502 councilmembers shall be required for adoption. It shall become effective upon adoption or
 503 at such later time as it may specify. Every emergency ordinance shall automatically stand
 504 repealed 30 days following the date upon which it was adopted, but this shall not prevent
 505 reenactment of the ordinance in the manner specified in this section if the emergency still
 506 exists. An emergency ordinance may also be repealed by adoption of a repealing ordinance
 507 in the same manner specified in this section for adoption of emergency ordinances.

508 (b) Such meetings shall be open to the public to the extent required by law and notice to the
 509 public of emergency meetings shall be made as fully as is reasonably possible in accordance
 510 with Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A. or such other applicable laws as are or may
 511 hereafter be enacted.

512 **SECTION 2.25.**

513 Codes of technical regulations.

514 (a) The city council may adopt any standard code of technical regulations by reference
 515 thereto in an adopting ordinance. The procedure and requirements governing such adopting
 516 ordinance shall be as prescribed for ordinances generally except that:

517 (1) The requirements of subsection (b) of Section 2.22 of this charter for distribution and
 518 filing of copies of the ordinance shall be construed to include copies of any code of
 519 technical regulations, as well as the adopting ordinance; and

520 (2) A copy of each adopted code of technical regulations, as well as the adopting
 521 ordinance, shall be authenticated and recorded by the clerk pursuant to Section 2.26 of
 522 this charter.

523 (b) Copies of any adopted code of technical regulations shall be made available by the clerk
 524 for inspection by the public.

525 **SECTION 2.26.**

526 Signing; Authenticating; Recording; Codification; Printing.

527 (a) The clerk shall authenticate by the clerk's signature and record in full in a properly
528 indexed book kept for that purpose all ordinances adopted by the council.

529 (b) The city council shall provide for the preparation of a general codification of all the
530 ordinances of the city having the force and effect of law. The general codification shall be
531 adopted by the city council by ordinance and shall be published promptly, together with all
532 amendments thereto and such codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations
533 as the city council may specify. This compilation shall be known and cited officially as "The
534 Code of the City of McRae-Helena, Georgia." Copies of the code shall be furnished to all
535 officers, departments, and agencies of the city, and made available for purchase by the public
536 at a reasonable price as fixed by the city council.

537 (c) The city council shall cause each ordinance and each amendment to this charter to be
538 printed promptly following its adoption, and the printed ordinances and charter amendments
539 shall be made available for purchase by the public at reasonable prices to be fixed by the city
540 council. Following publication of the first code under this charter and at all times thereafter,
541 the ordinances and charter amendments shall be printed in substantially the same style as the
542 code currently in effect and shall be suitable in form for incorporation therein. The city
543 council shall make such further arrangements as deemed desirable with reproduction and
544 distribution of any current changes in or additions to codes of technical regulations and other
545 rules and regulations included in the code.

546 **SECTION 2.27.**

547 City Manager; Appointment; Qualifications; Compensation.

548 The city council may appoint a city manager for an indefinite term and fix the city manager's
549 compensation. The city manager shall be appointed solely on the basis of executive and
550 administrative qualifications.

551 **SECTION 2.28.**

552 Removal of city manager.

553 (a) The city council may remove the manager from office in accordance with the following
554 procedures:

555 (1) The city council shall adopt by affirmative vote of a majority of all its members a
556 preliminary resolution which must state the reasons for removal and may suspend the

557 manager from duty for a period not to exceed 45 days. A copy of the resolution shall be
558 delivered promptly to the manager.

559 (2) Within five days after a copy of the resolution is delivered to the manager, the
560 manager may file with the city council a written request for a public hearing. This
561 hearing shall be held within 30 days after the request is filed. The manager may file with
562 the council a written reply not later than five days before the hearing.

563 (3) If the manager has not requested a public hearing within the time specified in
564 paragraph (2) of this subsection, the city council may adopt a final resolution for removal,
565 which may be made effective immediately, by an affirmative vote of a majority of all its
566 members. If the manager has requested a public hearing, the city council may adopt a
567 final resolution for removal, which may be made effective immediately, by an affirmative
568 vote of a majority of all its members at any time after the public hearing.

569 (b) The manager may continue to receive a salary until the effective date of a final resolution
570 of removal.

571 **SECTION 2.29.**

572 Acting city manager.

573 By letter filed with the city clerk, the city manager may designate, subject to approval of the
574 city council, a qualified city administrative officer to exercise the powers and perform the
575 duties of city manager during the city manager's temporary absence or physical or mental
576 disability. During such absence or disability, the city council may revoke such designation
577 at any time and appoint another officer of the city to serve until the city manager shall return
578 or the city manager's disability shall cease.

579 **SECTION 2.30.**

580 Powers and duties of the city manager.

581 If so appointed, the city manager shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of
582 the city. The city manager shall be responsible to the city council for the administration of
583 all city affairs placed in the city manager's charge by or under this charter. As the chief
584 executive and administrative officer, the city manager shall:

585 (1) Appoint and, when the city manager deems it necessary for the good of the city,
586 suspend or remove any city employees or administrative officers the city manager
587 appoints, except as otherwise provided by law or personnel ordinances adopted pursuant
588 to this charter. The city manager may authorize any administrative officer who is subject

- 589 to the city manager's direction and supervision to exercise these powers with respect to
 590 subordinates in that officer's department, office, or agency;
- 591 (2) Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of
 592 the city, except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law;
- 593 (3) Attend all city council meetings except for closed meetings held for the purposes of
 594 deliberating on the appointment, discipline, or removal of the city manager and have the
 595 right to take part in discussion but not vote;
- 596 (4) See that all laws, provisions of this charter, and acts of the city council, subject to
 597 enforcement by the city manager or by officers subject to the city manager's direction and
 598 supervision, are faithfully executed;
- 599 (5) Prepare and submit the annual operating budget and capital budget to the city
 600 council;
- 601 (6) Submit to the city council and make available to the public a complete report on the
 602 finances and administrative activities of the city as of the end of each fiscal year;
- 603 (7) Make such other reports as the city council may require concerning the operations
 604 of city departments, offices, and agencies subject to the city manager's direction and
 605 supervision;
- 606 (8) Keep the city council fully advised as to the financial condition and future needs of
 607 the city, and make such recommendations to the city council concerning the affairs of the
 608 city as the city manager deems desirable; and
- 609 (9) Perform other such duties as are specified in this charter or as may be required by the
 610 city council.

611 **SECTION 2.31.**

612 Council interference with administration.

613 Except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations under Section 2.15 of this charter, the
 614 city council or its members shall deal with city officers and employees who are subject to the
 615 direction and supervision of the city manager solely through the city manager, and neither
 616 the city council nor its members shall give orders to any such officer or employee, either
 617 publicly or privately.

618 **SECTION 2.32.**

619 Selection of mayor and mayor pro tem.

620 (a) The voters of the city shall elect a mayor at large for a term of four years. The mayor
 621 shall be elected and serve for a term of four years and until a successor is elected and

622 qualified. The mayor shall be a qualified elector of the city and shall have been a resident
 623 of the city for 12 months prior to the election. The mayor shall continue to reside in the city
 624 during the period of service. The mayor shall forfeit the office on the same grounds and
 625 under the same procedure as for councilmembers. The compensation of the mayor shall be
 626 established in the same manner as for councilmembers.

627 (b) By a majority vote, the city council shall elect from among its members a mayor pro tem
 628 who shall act as mayor during the absence or disability of the mayor, and if a vacancy occurs,
 629 shall become mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. When acting as mayor, the
 630 mayor pro tem shall not vote on matters before the council except to break a tie.

631 **SECTION 2.33.**

632 Powers and duties of mayor.

633 The mayor shall:

- 634 (1) Preside at all meetings of the city council;
- 635 (2) Be the head of the city for the purpose of service of process and for ceremonial
 636 purposes, and be the official spokesperson for the city and the chief advocate of policy;
- 637 (3) Have power to administer oaths and to take affidavits;
- 638 (4) Sign as a matter of course on behalf of the city all written and approved contracts,
 639 ordinances, and other instruments executed by the city which by law are required to be
 640 in writing;
- 641 (5) Not vote on matters before the city council except to break a tie and shall not be
 642 counted toward a quorum;
- 643 (6) If no city manager has been appointed, prepare and submit to the city council a
 644 recommended annual operating budget and recommended capital budget; and
- 645 (7) Fulfill such other executive and administrative duties as the city council shall by
 646 ordinance establish.

647 **SECTION 2.34.**

648 Position of mayor pro tem.

649 During the absence or physical or mental disability of the mayor for any cause, the mayor
 650 pro tem, or in the mayor pro tem's absence or disability for any reason, any one of the
 651 councilmembers chosen by a majority vote of the city council, shall be clothed with all the
 652 rights and privileges of the mayor and shall perform the duties of the office of the mayor so
 653 long as such absence or disability shall continue. Any such absence or disability shall be
 654 declared by majority vote of all councilmembers. The mayor pro tem or selected

655 councilmember shall sign all contracts and ordinances in which the mayor has a disqualifying
 656 financial interest as provided in Section 2.14 of this charter. When acting as mayor, the
 657 mayor pro tem shall not vote on matters before the council except to break a tie.

658 **ARTICLE III**

659 **ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS**

660 **SECTION 3.10.**

661 Administrative and service departments.

662 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the city council, by ordinance, shall
 663 prescribe the functions or duties, and establish, abolish, alter, consolidate, or leave vacant all
 664 nonelective offices, positions of employment, departments, and agencies of the city, as
 665 necessary for the proper administration of the affairs and government of the city.

666 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law, the directors of departments and
 667 other appointed officers of the city shall be appointed solely on the basis of their respective
 668 administrative and professional qualifications.

669 (c) All appointive officers and directors of departments shall receive such compensation as
 670 prescribed by ordinance or resolution.

671 (d) There shall be a director of each department or agency who shall be its principal officer.
 672 Each director shall, subject to the direction and supervision of the mayor or, if a city manager
 673 has been appointed, the city manager, be responsible for the administration and direction of
 674 the affairs and operations of that director's department or agency.

675 (e) All appointive officers and directors under the supervision of the mayor or, if a city
 676 manager has been appointed, the city manager shall be nominated by the mayor or the city
 677 manager, as applicable, with confirmation of appointment by the city council. All appointive
 678 officers and directors shall be employees at-will and subject to removal or suspension at any
 679 time by the mayor or city manager, as applicable, unless otherwise provided by law or
 680 ordinance.

681 **SECTION 3.11.**

682 Boards, commissions, and authorities.

683 (a) The city council shall create by ordinance boards, commissions, and authorities to fulfill
 684 any investigative, quasi-judicial, or quasi-legislative function the city council deems
 685 necessary, and shall by ordinance establish the composition, period of existence, duties, and
 686 powers thereof.

687 (b) All members of boards, commissions, and authorities of the city shall be appointed by
688 the city council for such terms of office and in such manner as shall be provided by
689 ordinance, except where other appointing authority, terms of office, or manner of
690 appointment is prescribed by this charter or by law.

691 (c) The city council, by ordinance, may provide for the compensation and reimbursement
692 for actual and necessary expenses of the members of any board, commission, or authority.

693 (d) Except as otherwise provided by charter or by law, no member of any board,
694 commission, or authority shall hold any elective office in the city.

695 (e) Any vacancy on a board, commission, or authority of the city shall be filled for the
696 unexpired term in the manner prescribed herein for original appointment, except as otherwise
697 provided by this charter or by law.

698 (f) No member of a board, commission, or authority shall assume office until that person has
699 executed and filed with the clerk of the city an oath obligating himself or herself to faithfully
700 and impartially perform the duties of that member's office, such oath to be prescribed by
701 ordinance and administered by the mayor.

702 (g) All board members shall serve at-will and may be removed at any time by a vote of a
703 majority of the members of the city council unless otherwise provided by law.

704 (h) Except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law, each board, commission, or
705 authority of the city shall elect one of its members as chairperson and one member as vice
706 chairperson, and may elect as its secretary one of its own members or may appoint as
707 secretary an employee of the city. Each board, commission, or authority of the city
708 government may establish such bylaws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this
709 charter, ordinances of the city, or law, as it deems appropriate and necessary for the
710 fulfillment of its duties or the conduct of its affairs. Copies of such bylaws, rules, and
711 regulations shall be filed with the clerk of the city.

712 **SECTION 3.12.**

713 City attorney.

714 (a) The city council shall appoint a city attorney, together with such assistant city attorneys
715 as may be authorized, and shall provide for the payment of such attorney or attorneys for
716 services rendered to the city. The city attorney shall be responsible for providing for the
717 representation and defense of the city in all litigation in which the city is a party; may be the
718 prosecuting officer in the municipal court; shall attend the meetings of the council as
719 directed; shall advise the city council, mayor, and other officers and employees of the city
720 concerning legal aspects of the city's affairs; and shall perform such other duties as may be
721 required by virtue of the person's position as city attorney.

722 (b) The city attorney is not a public official of the city and does not take an oath of office.
 723 The city attorney shall at all times be an independent contractor. A law firm, rather than an
 724 individual, may be designated as the city attorney.

725 **SECTION 3.13.**

726 City clerk.

727 The city council shall appoint a city clerk who shall not be a councilmember. The city clerk
 728 shall be custodian of the official city seal and city records; maintain city council records
 729 required by this charter; and perform such other duties as may be required by the city
 730 council.

731 **SECTION 3.14.**

732 Position classification and pay plans.

733 The mayor or, if a city manager has been appointed, the city manager shall be responsible
 734 for the preparation of a position classification and pay plan which shall be submitted to the
 735 city council for approval. Such plan may apply to all employees of the city and any of its
 736 agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or authorities. When a pay plan has been
 737 adopted, the city council shall not increase or decrease the salary range applicable to any
 738 position except by amendment of such pay plan. For purposes of this section, elected and
 739 appointed city officials are not city employees.

740 **SECTION 3.15.**

741 Personnel policies.

742 All employees shall serve at-will and may be removed from office at any time unless
 743 otherwise provided by ordinance.

744 **ARTICLE IV**

745 **JUDICIAL BRANCH**

746 **SECTION 4.10.**

747 Creation; Name.

748 There shall be a court to be known as the Municipal Court of the City of McRae-Helena.

749

SECTION 4.11.

750

Chief judge; associate judge.

751 (a) The municipal court shall be presided over by a chief judge and such part-time, full-time,
752 or standby judges as shall be provided by ordinance.

753 (b) No person shall be qualified or eligible to serve as a judge on the municipal court unless
754 that person shall have attained the age of 21 years, shall be a member of the State Bar of
755 Georgia, and shall possess all qualifications required by law. All judges shall be appointed
756 by the city council and shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.

757 (c) Compensation of the judges shall be fixed by ordinance.

758 (d) Judges shall serve at-will and may be removed from office at any time by the city council
759 unless otherwise provided by ordinance.

760 (e) Before assuming office, each judge shall take an oath, given by the mayor, that the judge
761 will honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of the office to the best of that person's
762 ability and without fear, favor, or partiality. The oath shall be entered upon the minutes of
763 the city council journal required in Section 2.20 of this charter.

764

SECTION 4.12.

765

Convening.

766 The municipal court shall be convened at regular intervals as provided by ordinance.

767

SECTION 4.13.

768

Jurisdiction; Powers.

769 (a) The municipal court shall have jurisdiction and authority to try and punish violations of
770 this charter, all city ordinances, and such other violations as provided by law.

771 (b) The municipal court shall have authority to punish those in its presence for contempt,
772 provided that, such punishment shall not exceed \$200.00 or ten days in jail.

773 (c) The municipal court may fix punishment for offenses within its jurisdiction not
774 exceeding a fine of \$1,000.00, imprisonment for 180 days, or both such fine and
775 imprisonment; or may fix punishment by fine, imprisonment, or alternative sentencing as
776 now or hereafter provided by law.

777 (d) The municipal court shall have authority to establish a schedule of fees to defray the cost
778 of operation, and shall be entitled to reimbursement of the cost of meals, transportation, and
779 caretaking of prisoners bound over to superior courts for violations of state law.

780 (e) The municipal court shall have authority to establish bail and recognizances to ensure
781 the presence of those charged with violations before such court, and shall have discretionary
782 authority to accept cash or personal or real property as surety for the appearance of persons
783 charged with violations. Whenever any person shall give bail for that person's appearance
784 and shall fail to appear at the time fixed for trial, the bond shall be forfeited by the judge
785 presiding at such time, and an execution issued thereon by serving the defendant and the
786 defendant's sureties with a rule nisi at least two days before a hearing on the rule nisi. In the
787 event that cash or property is accepted in lieu of bond for security for the appearance of a
788 defendant at trial, and if such defendant fails to appear at the time and place fixed for trial,
789 the cash so deposited shall be on order of the judge declared forfeited to the city, or the
790 property so deposited shall have a lien against it for the value forfeited which shall be
791 enforceable in the same manner and to the same extent as a lien for city property taxes.

792 (f) The municipal court shall have the same authority as superior courts to compel the
793 production of evidence in the possession of any party; to enforce obedience to its orders,
794 judgments, and sentences; and to administer such oaths as are necessary.

795 (g) The municipal court may compel the presence of all parties necessary to a proper
796 disposal of each case by the issuance of summonses, subpoenas, and warrants which may be
797 served as executed by any officer as authorized by this charter or by law.

798 (h) Each judge of the municipal court shall be authorized to issue warrants for the arrest of
799 persons charged with offenses against any ordinance of the city, and each judge of the
800 municipal court shall have the same authority as a magistrate of the state to issue warrants
801 for offenses against state laws committed within the city.

802 **SECTION 4.14.**

803 Certiorari.

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

808 **SECTION 4.15.**

809 Rules for court.

810 With the approval of the city council, the judge shall have full power and authority to make
811 reasonable rules and regulations necessary and proper to secure the efficient and successful
812 administration of the municipal court; provided, however, that the city council may adopt in

813 part or in toto the rules and regulations applicable to municipal courts. The rules and
814 regulations made or adopted shall be filed with the city clerk, shall be available for public
815 inspection, and upon request, a copy shall be furnished to all defendants in municipal court
816 proceedings at least 48 hours prior to such proceedings.

817 **ARTICLE V**

818 **ELECTIONS AND REMOVAL**

819 **SECTION 5.10.**

820 Applicability of general law.

821 All primaries and elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of
822 Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter amended.

823 **SECTION 5.11.**

824 Election of the city council and mayor.

825 (a) There shall be a municipal general election biennially in the odd years on the Tuesday
826 next following the first Monday in November, beginning in 2015.

827 (b) There shall be elected the mayor and three councilmembers at one election and at every
828 other regular election thereafter. The remaining city council seats shall be filled at the
829 election alternating with the first election so that a continuing body is created. Terms shall
830 be for four years and until a successor is elected and qualified.

831 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this charter to the contrary, the initial members of the
832 city council and the mayor shall be elected on the Tuesday next following the first Monday
833 in November in 2014. Each person qualifying for the city council shall designate the district
834 and post for which such person is offering for election. The mayor and the councilmembers
835 from Post One in each district shall be elected to serve three-year terms of office beginning
836 on the first day of January immediately following such election and until successors are
837 elected and qualified. The councilmembers from Post Two in each district shall be elected
838 to serve one-year terms of office beginning on the first day of January immediately following
839 such election and until successors are elected or qualified. Thereafter, successors to the
840 mayor and members of the city council shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday
841 in November immediately preceding the end of their respective terms of office and shall
842 serve terms of four years beginning on January 1 immediately following such election and
843 until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Such initial election shall be
844 conducted by the election superintendent of Telfair County and the results of such election
845 shall be certified by the election superintendent of Telfair County to the Secretary of State.

846 **SECTION 5.12.**

847 Vacancies upon qualifying for other offices, exceptions.

848 The office of the mayor or a councilmember shall be declared vacant upon such official
 849 qualifying, in a general primary or general election, or special primary or special election,
 850 for another state, county, or municipal elective office or qualifying for the House of
 851 Representatives or the Senate of the United States if the term of the office for which such
 852 official is qualifying for begins more than 30 days prior to the expiration of such official's
 853 present term of office. The vacancy created in any such office shall be filled as provided by
 854 this charter. This provision shall not apply to the mayor or a councilmember who is seeking
 855 or holding more than one elective office when the holding of such offices simultaneously is
 856 specifically authorized by law.

857 **SECTION 5.13.**

858 Reserved.

859 **SECTION 5.14.**

860 Special elections; Vacancies.

861 In the event that the office of mayor or councilmember shall become vacant as provided in
 862 Section 2.12 of this charter, the city council or those councilmembers remaining shall order
 863 a special election to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such official; provided,
 864 however, if such vacancy occurs within 12 months of the expiration of the term of that office,
 865 the city council or those councilmembers remaining shall appoint a successor for the
 866 remainder of the term. In all other respects, the special election shall be held and conducted
 867 in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," as
 868 now or hereafter amended.

869 **SECTION 5.15.**

870 Other provisions.

871 Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the city council shall, by ordinance, prescribe
 872 such rules and regulations it deems appropriate to fulfill any obligations and duties under
 873 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter
 874 amended.

875 **SECTION 5.16.**

876 Removal of officers.

877 (a) The mayor, councilmembers, or other appointed officers provided for in this charter shall
 878 be removed from office for any one or more of the causes provided in Title 45 of the
 879 O.C.G.A. or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted.

880 (b) Removal of an officer pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be accomplished
 881 by one of the following methods:

882 (1) Following a hearing at which an impartial panel shall render a decision. In the event
 883 an elected officer is sought to be removed by the action of the city council, such officer
 884 shall be entitled to a written notice specifying the ground or grounds for removal and to
 885 a public hearing which shall be held not less than ten days after the service of such
 886 written notice. The city council shall provide by ordinance for the manner in which such
 887 hearings shall be held. Any elected officer sought to be removed from office as herein
 888 provided shall have the right of appeal from the decision of the city council to the
 889 Superior Court of Telfair County. Such appeal shall be governed by the same rules as
 890 govern appeals to the superior court from the probate court.

891 (2) By an order of the Superior Court of Telfair County following a hearing on a
 892 complaint seeking such removal brought by any resident of the City of McRae-Helena.

893 **ARTICLE VI**894 **FINANCE**895 **SECTION 6.10.**

896 Property tax.

897 The city council may assess, levy, and collect an ad valorem tax on all real and personal
 898 property within the corporate limits of the city that is subject to such taxation by the state and
 899 county. This tax is for the purpose of raising revenues to defray the costs of operating the
 900 city government, of providing governmental services, for the repayment of principal and
 901 interest on general obligations, and for any other public purpose as determined by the city
 902 council in its discretion.

903 **SECTION 6.11.**

904 Millage rate; Due dates; Payment methods.

905 The city council, by ordinance, shall establish a millage rate for the city property tax, a due
 906 date, and the time period within which these taxes must be paid. The city council, by

907 ordinance, may provide for the payment of these taxes by two installments or in one lump
 908 sum, as well as authorize the voluntary payment of taxes prior to the time when due.

909 **SECTION 6.12.**

910 Occupation and business taxes.

911 The city council by ordinance shall have the power to levy such occupation or business taxes
 912 as are not denied by law. The city council may classify businesses, occupations, or
 913 professions for the purpose of such taxation in any way which may be lawful and may
 914 compel the payment of such taxes as provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

915 **SECTION 6.13.**

916 Regulatory fees; Permits.

917 The city council by ordinance shall have the power to require businesses or practitioners
 918 doing business within the city to obtain a permit for such activity from the city and pay a
 919 reasonable regulatory fee for such permit as provided by general law. Such fees shall reflect
 920 the total cost to the city of regulating the activity, and if unpaid, shall be collected as
 921 provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

922 **SECTION 6.14.**

923 Franchises.

924 (a) The city council shall have the power to grant franchises for the use of the city's streets
 925 and alleys for the purposes of railroads, street railways, telephone companies, electric
 926 companies, electric membership corporations, cable television and other telecommunications
 927 companies, gas companies, transportation companies, and other similar organizations. The
 928 city council shall determine the duration, terms, whether the same shall be exclusive or
 929 nonexclusive, and the consideration for such franchises; provided, however, no franchise
 930 shall be granted for a period in excess of 35 years and no franchise shall be granted unless
 931 the city receives just and adequate compensation therefor. The city council shall provide for
 932 the registration of all franchises with the city clerk in a registration book kept by the clerk.
 933 The city council may provide by ordinance for the registration within a reasonable time of
 934 all franchises previously granted.

935 (b) If no franchise agreement is in effect, the city council has the authority to impose a tax
 936 on gross receipts for the use of the city's streets and alleys for the purposes of railroads, street
 937 railways, telephone companies, electric companies, electric membership corporations, cable

938 television and other telecommunications companies, gas companies, transportation
939 companies, and other similar organizations.

940 **SECTION 6.15.**

941 Service charges.

942 The city council by ordinance shall have the power to assess and collect fees, charges,
943 assessments, and tolls for sewers, sanitary, and health services, or any other services
944 provided or made available within and without the corporate limits of the city. If unpaid,
945 such charges shall be collected as provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

946 **SECTION 6.16.**

947 Special assessments.

948 The city council by ordinance shall have the power to assess and collect the cost of
949 constructing, reconstructing, widening, or improving any public way, street, sidewalk,
950 curbing, gutters, sewers, or other utility mains and appurtenances from the abutting property
951 owners. If unpaid, such charges shall be collected as provided in Section 6.18 of this charter.

952 **SECTION 6.17.**

953 Construction; Other taxes and fees.

954 The city shall be empowered to levy any other tax or fee allowed now or hereafter by law,
955 and the specific mention of any right, power, or authority in this charter shall not be
956 construed as limiting in any way the general powers of the city to govern its local affairs.

957 **SECTION 6.18.**

958 Collection of delinquent taxes and fees.

959 The city council, by ordinance, may provide generally for the collection of delinquent taxes,
960 fees, or other revenue due the city under Sections 6.10 through 6.17 of this charter by
961 whatever reasonable means as are not precluded by law. This shall include providing for the
962 dates when the taxes or fees are due; late penalties or interest; issuance and execution of
963 fi. fas.; creation and priority of liens; making delinquent taxes and fees personal debts of the
964 persons required to pay the taxes or fees imposed; revoking city permits for failure to pay any
965 city taxes or fees; and providing for the assignment or transfer of tax executions.

966 **SECTION 6.19.**

967 General obligation bonds.

968 The city council shall have the power to issue bonds for the purpose of raising revenue to
 969 carry out any project, program, or venture authorized under this charter or the laws of this
 970 state. Such bonding authority shall be exercised in accordance with the laws governing bond
 971 issuance by municipalities in effect at the time such issue is undertaken.

972 **SECTION 6.20.**

973 Revenue bonds.

974 Revenue bonds may be issued by the city council as state law now or hereafter provides.
 975 Such bonds are to be paid out of any revenue produced by the project, program, or venture
 976 for which they were issued.

977 **SECTION 6.21.**

978 Short-term loans.

979 The city may obtain short-term loans and must repay such loans not later than December 31
 980 of each year, unless otherwise provided by law.

981 **SECTION 6.22.**

982 Lease-purchase contracts.

983 The city may enter into multiyear lease, purchase, or lease-purchase contracts for the
 984 acquisition of goods, materials, real and personal property, services, and supplies provided
 985 the contract terminates without further obligation on the part of the municipality at the close
 986 of the calendar year in which it was executed and at the close of each succeeding calendar
 987 year for which it may be renewed. Contracts must be executed in accordance with the
 988 requirements of Code Section 36-60-13 of the O.C.G.A. or other such applicable laws as are
 989 or may hereafter be enacted.

990 **SECTION 6.23.**

991 Fiscal year.

992 The city council shall set the fiscal year by ordinance. This fiscal year shall constitute the
 993 budget year and the year for financial accounting and reporting of each and every office,

994 department, agency, and activity of the city government unless otherwise provided by state
995 or federal law.

996 **SECTION 6.24.**

997 Preparation of budgets.

998 The city council shall provide an ordinance on the procedures and requirements for the
999 preparation and execution of an annual operating budget, a capital improvement plan, and
1000 a capital budget, including requirements as to the scope, content, and form of such budgets
1001 and plans.

1002 **SECTION 6.25.**

1003 Submission of operating budget to city council.

1004 On or before a date fixed by the city council but not later than 45 days prior to the beginning
1005 of each fiscal year, the mayor or, where a city manager has been appointed, the city manager
1006 shall submit to the city council a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The
1007 budget shall be accompanied by a message from the mayor or city manager, as appropriate,
1008 containing a statement of the general fiscal policies of the city, the important features of the
1009 budget, explanations of major changes recommended for the next fiscal year, a general
1010 summary of the budget, and other pertinent comments and information. The operating
1011 budget and the capital budget provided for in this charter, the budget message, and all
1012 supporting documents shall be filed in the office of the city clerk and shall be open to public
1013 inspection.

1014 **SECTION 6.26.**

1015 Action by city council on budget.

1016 (a) The city council may amend the operating budget proposed by the mayor or the city
1017 manager, as the case may be; except that the budget as finally amended and adopted shall
1018 provide for all expenditures required by state law or by other provisions of this charter and
1019 for all debt service requirements for the ensuing fiscal year, and the total appropriations from
1020 any fund shall not exceed the estimated fund balance, reserves, and revenues.

1021 (b) The city council by ordinance shall adopt the final operating budget for the ensuing fiscal
1022 year not later than the fifteenth day of December of each year. If the city council fails to
1023 adopt the budget by this date, the amounts appropriated for operation for the current fiscal
1024 year shall be deemed adopted for the ensuing fiscal year on a month-to-month basis, with all

1025 items prorated accordingly until such time as the city council adopts a budget for the ensuing
1026 fiscal year. Adoption of the budget shall take the form of an appropriations ordinance setting
1027 out the estimated revenues in detail by sources and making appropriations according to fund
1028 and by organizational unit, purpose, or activity as set out in the budget preparation ordinance
1029 adopted pursuant to Section 6.24 of this charter.

1030 (c) The amount set out in the adopted operating budget for each organizational unit shall
1031 constitute the annual appropriation for such, and no expenditure shall be made or
1032 encumbrance created in excess of the otherwise unencumbered balance of the appropriations
1033 or allotment thereof to which it is chargeable.

1034 **SECTION 6.27.**

1035 Tax levies.

1036 The city council shall levy by ordinance such taxes as are necessary. The taxes and tax rates
1037 set by such ordinances shall be such that reasonable estimates of revenues from such levy
1038 shall at least be sufficient, together with other anticipated revenues, fund balances, and
1039 applicable reserves, to equal the total amount appropriated for each of the several funds set
1040 forth in the annual operating budget for defraying the expenses of the general government
1041 of the city.

1042 **SECTION 6.28.**

1043 Changes in appropriations.

1044 The city council by ordinance may make changes in the appropriations contained in the
1045 current operating budget at any regular meeting or special or emergency meeting called for
1046 such purpose, but any additional appropriations may be made only from an existing
1047 unexpended surplus.

1048 **SECTION 6.29.**

1049 Capital budget.

1050 (a) On or before the date fixed by the city council but no later than 45 days prior to the
1051 beginning of each fiscal year, the mayor or, if a city manager has been appointed, the city
1052 manager shall submit to the city council a proposed capital improvements plan with a
1053 recommended capital budget containing the means of financing the improvements proposed
1054 for the ensuing fiscal year. The city council shall have power to accept, with or without
1055 amendments, or reject the proposed plan and proposed budget. The city council shall not

1056 authorize an expenditure for the construction of any building, structure, work, or
 1057 improvement unless the appropriations for such project are included in the capital budget,
 1058 except to meet a public emergency as provided in Section 2.24 of this charter.

1059 (b) The city council shall adopt by ordinance the final capital budget for the ensuing fiscal
 1060 year not later than the fifteenth day of December of each year. No appropriation provided
 1061 for in a prior capital budget shall lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation was
 1062 made shall have been accomplished or abandoned; provided, however, the mayor or the city
 1063 manager, as the case may be, may submit amendments to the capital budget at any time
 1064 during the fiscal year, accompanied by recommendations. Any such amendments to the
 1065 capital budget shall become effective only upon adoption by ordinance.

1066 **SECTION 6.30.**

1067 Independent audit.

1068 There shall be an annual independent audit of all city accounts, funds, and financial
 1069 transactions by a certified public accountant selected by the city council. The audit shall be
 1070 conducted according to generally accepted auditing principles. Any audit of any funds by
 1071 the state or federal governments may be accepted as satisfying the requirements of this
 1072 charter. Copies of annual audit reports shall be available at printing costs to the public.

1073 **SECTION 6.31.**

1074 Contracting procedures.

1075 No contract with the city shall be binding on the city unless:

1076 (1) It is in writing;

1077 (2) It is reviewed by the city attorney to the extent required by ordinances that may be
 1078 adopted by the council from time to time; and

1079 (3) It is made or authorized by the city council and such approval is entered in the city
 1080 council journal of proceedings pursuant to Section 2.20 of this charter.

1081 **SECTION 6.32.**

1082 Centralized purchasing.

1083 The city council shall by ordinance prescribe procedures for a system of centralized
 1084 purchasing for the city.

1085 **SECTION 6.33.**

1086 Sale and lease of city property.

1087 (a) The city council may sell and convey or lease any real or personal property owned or
1088 held by the city for governmental or other purposes as now or hereafter provided by law.

1089 (b) The city council may quitclaim any rights it may have in property not needed for public
1090 purposes upon report by the mayor or the city manager, as appropriate, and adoption of a
1091 resolution, both finding that the property is not needed for public or other purposes and that
1092 the interest of the city has no readily ascertainable monetary value.

1093 (c) Whenever in opening, extending, or widening any street, avenue, alley, or public place
1094 of the city, a small parcel or tract of land is cut off or separated by such work from a larger
1095 tract or boundary of land owned by the city, the city council may authorize the mayor or city
1096 manager, as appropriate, to sell and convey such cut-off or separated parcel or tract of land
1097 to an abutting or adjoining property owner or owners where such sale and conveyance
1098 facilitates the enjoyment of the highest and best use of the abutting owner's property.
1099 Included in the sales contract shall be a provision for the rights of way of such street, avenue,
1100 alley, or public place. Each abutting property owner shall be notified of the availability of
1101 the property and given the opportunity to purchase such property under such terms and
1102 conditions as set out by ordinance. All deeds and conveyances heretofore and hereafter so
1103 executed and delivered shall convey all title and interest the city has in such property,
1104 notwithstanding the fact that no public sale after advertisement was or is hereafter made.

1105 **ARTICLE VII**

1106 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1107 **SECTION 7.10.**

1108 Bonds for officials.

1109 The officers and employees of the city, both elective and appointive, shall execute such
1110 surety or fidelity bonds in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the city
1111 council shall from time to time require by ordinance or as may be provided by law.

1112 **SECTION 7.11.**

1113 Existing ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations.

1114 Existing ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations of the city not in conflict with this
1115 charter shall continue in force, unless repealed or amended, for two years from the effective
1116 date of this charter. During such two-year period, the city council shall review all such

1117 provisions and shall readopt, repeal, or amend each, so that a codification as provided by
 1118 subsection (b) of Section 2.26 of this charter is accomplished.

1119 **SECTION 7.12.**

1120 Existing personnel and officers.

1121 (a) The terms of all elected officials of the City of McRae and the City of Helena shall end
 1122 as of December 31, 2014, as a result of the revocation of the charters of such cities.

1123 (b) Except as specifically provided otherwise by this charter, all personnel and nonelective
 1124 officers of the City of McRae and the City of Helena shall continue to be employed by the
 1125 new City of McRae-Helena until and unless such personnel or nonelective officers are
 1126 terminated for cause.

1127 (c) All officers, officials, and employees of the former City of McRae and City of Helena
 1128 shall cooperate with and assist the city council, mayor, and other officers of the City of
 1129 McRae-Helena:

1130 (1) In planning the restructuring of departments, boards, commissions, and agencies of
 1131 such former governments and in transferring the functions, duties, and responsibilities of
 1132 such departments, boards, commissions, authorities, and agencies to the appropriate
 1133 agencies of the new City of McRae-Helena; and

1134 (2) In all other respects in order that the transfer of the governments be accomplished in
 1135 the most orderly manner possible. The officers of the new City of McRae-Helena shall
 1136 be entitled to examine all records, files, and other data in the possession of the former
 1137 governments and of all officers, officials, employees, and departments thereof. The
 1138 former governments shall to the extent possible provide working areas and facilities for
 1139 the officers of the City of McRae-Helena.

1140 **SECTION 7.13.**

1141 Pending matters.

1142 (a) Except as specifically provided otherwise by this charter, all rights, claims, actions,
 1143 orders, contracts, and legal or administrative proceedings shall continue and any such
 1144 ongoing work or cases shall be completed by such city agencies, personnel, or offices as may
 1145 be provided by the city council.

1146 (b) Except as specifically provided otherwise by this charter, all contracts, orders, leases,
 1147 bonds, and other obligations or instruments entered into by the City of McRae or for its
 1148 benefit prior to the effective date of this charter shall continue in effect according to the terms
 1149 thereof as obligations and rights of the City of McRae-Helena; provided, however, that, to

1150 be valid, any obligation created by the City of McRae to become effective after the date of
 1151 approval of this charter and prior to the effective date of this charter shall be ratified by the
 1152 city council of the City of McRae-Helena within six months following the effective date of
 1153 this charter.

1154 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this charter, contracts, orders, leases, bonds, and other
 1155 obligations or instruments entered into by the City of Helena or for its benefit prior to the
 1156 effective date of this charter shall continue in effect according to the terms thereof as
 1157 obligations and rights of the City of McRae-Helena; provided, however, that, in order to be
 1158 valid, any obligation created by the City of Helena to become effective after the date of
 1159 approval of this charter and prior to the effective date of this charter shall be ratified by the
 1160 city council of the City of McRae-Helena within six months following the effective date of
 1161 this charter.

1162 (c) No pending action or proceeding of any nature, whether civil, criminal, judicial,
 1163 administrative, or other, by or against the City of McRae or the City of Helena or an agency
 1164 or department thereof shall be abated or otherwise affected by the adoption of this charter,
 1165 and the City of McRae-Helena shall stand substituted as a party in lieu thereof.

1166 (d) On January 1, 2015, all assets, liabilities, funds, and property, real and personal, of the
 1167 former City of McRae and the former City of Helena shall become the assets, liabilities,
 1168 funds, and property of the new City of McRae-Helena.

1169 **SECTION 7.14.**

1170 Construction.

1171 (a) Section captions in this charter are informative only and are not to be considered as a part
 1172 thereof.

1173 (b) The word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.

1174 (c) The singular shall include the plural, the masculine shall include the feminine, and vice
 1175 versa.

1176 **SECTION 7.15.**

1177 Severability.

1178 If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or part thereof of this charter shall be
 1179 held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect
 1180 or impair other parts of this charter unless it clearly appears that such other parts are wholly
 1181 and necessarily dependent upon the part held to be invalid or unconstitutional, it being the

1182 legislative intent in enacting this charter that each article, section, subsection, paragraph,
 1183 sentence, or part thereof be enacted separately and independently of each other.

1184 **SECTION 7.16.**

1185 Specific repealer.

1186 (a) An Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts
 1187 incorporating the City of McRae in the County of Telfair and State of Georgia, and all
 1188 amendments in respect thereto, approved March 22, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 2482), and all
 1189 amendatory Acts thereto are hereby repealed in their entirety.

1190 (b) An Act to reincorporate the City of Helena, Georgia, and to grant a new charter to such
 1191 city, approved April 16, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p.5072), is hereby repealed in its entirety.

1192 **SECTION 7.17.**

1193 Effective date.

1194 For purposes of conducting elections under this charter for the initial mayor and city council
 1195 for the City of McRae-Helena, this charter shall become effective upon its approval by the
 1196 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. This charter shall become
 1197 effective for all other purposes on January 1, 2015.

1198 **SECTION 7.18.**

1199 General repealer.

1200 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

1201 **APPENDIX A**

1202 **CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF CITY OF MCRAE-HELENA**

1203 Plan: McRae-Helena-city-2014

1204 Plan Type: Local

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1206 User: Gina

1207 District MCRAE-HELENA

1208 Telfair County

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