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ARTICLE I: IN GENERAL

2-101 Adoption of State Rules and Regulations

The rules and regulations promulgated by the State Election Board which pertain to municipal elections, together with the provisions of the Georgia Municipal Election Code contained in Title 21, Chapter 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, are hereby adopted as the rules, regulations, and provisions that shall govern the conduct of municipal general and special elections in this City.

2-102 Expenses

Such funds as are necessary for the conduct of elections and for the performance of the duties that are specified by this Chapter shall be budgeted and appropriated annually, and from time to time.

ARTICLE II: REGISTRAR

2-201 Designation of Registrar

The designation of the county registrar shall be made pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §21-3-122.

ARTICLE III: CANDIDATES

2-301 Notice of Candidacy

1. Filing. Each candidate desiring to have his or her name placed on the ballot for an office to be filled by a municipal general or special election shall file personally or by agent, notice of his or her candidacy in the manner required by O.C.G.A. §21-3-91. The notice shall be accompanied by the documents and information required by said Code section. The time for qualification shall be as follows: in even numbered years, the notice of qualification shall be filed no more than sixty-four (64) and no less than fifty (50) days prior to the November general election. In odd numbered years, the notice shall be filed no more than fifty-two (52) and less than twenty-two (22) days from the date of the general election. Qualification fees for each office are hereby set at 3% of the annual salary of the office, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-3-90.

2. Designation of Office Sought. In the event that a candidate seeks two or more public offices of the City having the same title, the office he is seeking shall be designated by the candidate he seeks to succeed.

2-302 Qualification Fees

The qualification fee for candidates filing a notice of candidacy in any general or special election shall be paid as provided in O.C.G.A. §21-3-90 as amended.

2-303 Campaign Financing Disclosure

All candidates for municipal public office shall keep all such records and file all such records as are required by the Georgia Campaign and Financial Disclosure Act.

ARTICLE IV: VOTING

2-401 **Election Officials**

1. **Appointment.** The City Clerk shall be designated the Municipal Election Superintendent. The Chief Manager shall be designated by the City Council and shall select the Two Assistant Managers.

2. **Qualifications and Powers.** The Municipal Election Superintendent and all poll officers shall meet such qualifications and exercise all such powers and duties as are provided in Title 21, Chapter 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

2-402 **Election Districts**

The area comprising the corporate limits of the City, as the same is now or shall hereafter exist, shall constitute the sole election district of the City.

2-403 **Polling Places**

The polling place within the City shall be the City Hall located at the Lawrenceville Municipal Building of the City.

2-404 **Date of Election**

Up to and including 1992, all municipal elections shall be held on the first Monday in November in each election year. Any runoff shall be held two weeks from the aforementioned date.

After 1992, all municipal elections shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November in each election year in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 21-3-51(b). Any runoff shall be held two weeks from the aforementioned date.

2-405 **Write-in Votes**

Write-in votes shall be permitted in municipal elections, except that no write-in votes shall be counted in a primary, runoff primary, or runoff election.

2-406 **Absentee Ballots**

Absentee ballots shall be used in all municipal elections, and such use shall be governed by the provisions of Title 21, Chapter 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

2-407 Vote Required for Election

Candidates for nomination for any public municipal office in any primary, and candidates for any public municipal office in any election shall be nominated or elected by a majority of the votes cast to fill such nomination or public office.

2-408 Contested Elections

Contested Elections shall be governed by the provisions of O.C.G.A. §21-3-420, §21-3-421 and §21-3-422.