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ORDINANCE NO. 70

JOINT ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AND THE MAYORS AND COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF VALDOSTA, DASHER, HAHIRA, LAKE PARK, AND REMERTON, GEORGIA, CONTINUING THE GREATER LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION, AND ADDING THE CITY OF REMERTON TO ITS MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Great Lowndes Planning Commission was established by Joint Ordinance of Lowndes County, the City of Valdosta, the City of Dasher, the City of Hahira, and the City of Lake Park, Georgia in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the City of Remerton has formally petitioned the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission to become a member; and;

WHEREAS, the member governments adopting this ordinance desire to perdure a Joint Ordinance continuing the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED jointly by Lowndes County, the City of Valdosta, the City of Dasher, the City of Hahira, the City of Lake Park, and the City of Remerton, herein referred to as member governments, that:

Section 1. Continuation of the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission. The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, herein referred to as the Commission, shall be continued as herein provided. All actions heretofore made by the Commission as created in 1996 are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Any unfinished business of the Commission as created in 1996 shall be assumed and continued by the Commission as continued by this Joint Ordinance.

Section 2. Membership. The Commission shall consist of twelve (12) members, herein referred to as Commission members; four (4) appointed by Lowndes County, four (4) appointed by the City of Valdosta, one (1) appointed by the City of Dasher, one (1) appointed by the City of Hahira, one (1) appointed by the City of Lake Park, and one (1) appointed by the City of Remerton.

Section 3. Terms. All Commission members shall be appointed for a term of five years. Any Commission member may be then reappointed to succeed himself or herself. If at the end of any term of any Commission member a successor thereto has not been appointed, the Commission member whose term has expired shall continue to serve as a Commission member until his or her successor is appointed; provided, however, the term of any such successor shall be deemed to begin on the day following the expired term of the Commission member then holding office.

Section 4. Eligibility. Each Commission member shall be a resident of Lowndes County at the time of his or her appointment and shall remain a resident of Lowndes County in order to continue serving as a Commission member. It is recommended that appointees to the Commission live within the jurisdictional boundaries of the appointing government. Commission members shall hold no elected office.

Section 5. Vacancy. Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the member government that appointed the Commission member whose

resignation or ineligibility resulted in such vacancy. The Commission member so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 6. Officers, Meetings, Rules. The Commission shall elect from its members a Chairman, to serve a term of two calendar years and until a successor is elected, and a Vice-Chairman, to serve a term of two calendar years and until a successor is elected. The Commission shall meet once a month at the call of the Chairman except as otherwise determined by the Commission and at such other times as the Chairman or a majority of Commission members shall determine. The Commission shall adopt rules and procedures for the conduct of its meetings and the transaction of its business and shall cause minutes of its meetings and records of its actions to be kept, which minutes and records shall be public in accordance with Georgia law.

Section 7. Duties and Responsibilities. It shall be the function and duty of the Planning Commission, subject to the direction and control of the respective member governments, to make surveys and studies of existing conditions and future developments and to prepare or recommend such plans for community growth and development, as will best promote the public health, safety, morals, convenience, prosperity, general welfare, efficiency and economy of the member governments. In particular, the Planning Commission shall have the power and duty, subject to the control and direction of the member governments, to:

(a) oversee and maintain a local Comprehensive Plan collectively or for each member government, that is in accordance with the State of Georgia

requirements and guidelines and make recommendations on any amendments thereto.

(b) provide each member government advice and recommendations upon proposed amendments to its respective zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, and other ordinances and regulations as requested by such member government,

(c) provide each member government advice and recommendations on such other matters as requested from time to time by such member government.

Section 8. Conflicts of Interest. A Commission member shall have a conflict of interest when he or she:

- (a) has a financial interest directly affected by advice or recommendation under consideration by the Commission,
- (b) has a financial interest in any business entity that has a financial interest directly affected by advice or recommendation under consideration by the Commission, or
- (c) has an immediate family member having any financial interest described in subsection (a) or (b) of this section.

Any Commission member having a conflict of interest shall immediately disclose the nature and extent of such interest to the Commission. The Commission member who has such an interest shall be disqualified from discussing and voting upon and shall not attempt to influence the advice or recommendation of the Commission under consideration which gave rise to the conflict of interest.

Section 9. Meeting Space. Lowndes County shall provide the Commission a regular meeting room in which to hold its meetings.

Section 10. Training. Each Commission member shall attend at least one training session within one year of appointment, and then at least one training session every two years.

Section 11. Expenses. The member governments shall provide funding for expenses incurred by the Commission, which may include the purchase of journals and other publications and plaques or similar mementos provided to Commission members at the end of a final 5-year term as a member of the Commission.

Section 12. Administrative Assistance. The Lowndes County Planning Office shall provide administrative assistance to the Commission necessary for the performance of the Commission's duties and responsibilities, including making arrangements for Commission members to attend training seminars, coordinating and overseeing the provision of local training opportunities for Commission members, preparing meeting agenda, taking and preparing minutes of Commission meetings, maintaining and distributing journals and other publications to Commission members, and keeping various records for the Commission.

Section 13. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances or resolutions, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 14. Effective Date. This Joint Ordinance shall become effective upon approval of each of the member governments.

LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA

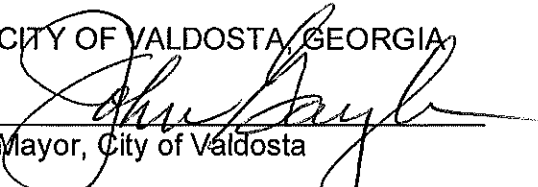
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County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: 
County Clerk

CITY OF VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

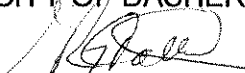
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Mayor, City of Valdosta

ATTEST: Jessica S. Bolden
Clerk of Council

CITY OF DASHER, GEORGIA

Date: 12/19/19



Mayor, City of Dasher

ATTEST: Donna P. Harker
City Clerk

CITY OF HAHIRA, GEORGIA

Date: 12-5-19


Mayor, City of Hahira

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

CITY OF LAKE PARK, GEORGIA


Date: 12-10-19

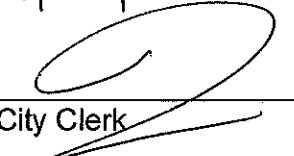

Mayor, City of Lake Park

ATTEST: Tabatha Baker
City Clerk

CITY OF REMERTON, GEORGIA

Date: 11/26/19


Mayor, City of Remerton

ATTEST: 
City Clerk