

RESOLUTION 2025 - ____

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Chamblee wish to adopt guidelines for communications between the Mayor, Council members, City Manager, staff, and members of the public, including guidelines for social media use by the Mayor and Council members;

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3, “Home Rule,” grants authority to the Mayor and Council to adopt reasonable ordinances, resolutions and regulations relating to its property, affairs, and local government for which no provision has been made by general law and which is not inconsistent with the Georgia Constitution or City of Chamblee Charter;

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 42 of the Charter authorizes the Mayor and Council to adopt all reasonable and necessary ordinances, resolutions and by-laws for the purpose of giving effect to the rights and powers conferred to them by the Charter or to supply any deficiency in prescribed forms and procedures not inconsistent with the law and provisions of the Charter;

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1(e) of the Charter provides that the Mayor and Council shall deal with City officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager solely through the Manager, except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations as authorized by a majority vote of the Mayor and Council;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the City to promote consistency and continuity of communications between the Mayor, Council members, City Manager, staff, and members of the public;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council acknowledge the growing role of social media use by both government organizations and elected officials to communicate with the members of the public and other stakeholders;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the City of Chamblee to adopt the City of Chamblee Communication and Social Media Guidelines, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A, to ensure consistency and clarity for internal and external communications and social media outreach;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are empowered by Home Rule and the City Charter to adopt the attached City of Chamblee Communication and Social Media Guidelines, which relate to the affairs of the City and are not inconsistent with applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Chamblee as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The recitals set forth above are adopted by the City and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Adoption of Communication and Social Media Guidelines. The Chamblee Communication and Social Media Guidelines attached as Exhibit A are hereby adopted and approved as the policy of the City.

Section 3. Applicability. The Chamblee Communication and Social Media Guidelines shall apply to the Mayor, Council members, City Manager and all City officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager, as set forth in the Guidelines.

Section 4. Partial Invalidity. In case any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof unless expressly so held, but this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein, and this resolution shall be construed to adopt but not to enlarge upon, all applicable provisions of Georgia law, and, if any provisions hereof conflict with any applicable provision of such law, the latter as duly adopted by the General Assembly of Georgia and as interpreted by the courts of this state shall prevail and shall be substituted for any provision hereof in conflict or not in harmony therewith.

Section 5. Repealer. Any and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution shall be and the same are hereby repealed (but solely as and to the extent of such conflict).

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____ 2025.

Brian Mock
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherron Bouie
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Irene B. Vander Els, Wilson Morton & Downs, LLC
City Attorney