

AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street
LaFayette, Georgia 30728

- Date:** Thursday, October 22, 2020
- Time:** Public Hearing 6:00 PM
- Invocation:** Given by Commissioner Shannon Whitfield
- Call to Order:** Commissioner Whitfield will call the meeting to order
- Pledge:** United States Flag and Georgia Flag

Open of Public Hearing New Business:

- I. Hagan Construction requests a rezone from C1 to PUD for property located at 180 Hutcheson Drive in Flintstone. Tax map & parcel number 0119-002. (First Public Hearing was at the Planning Commission meeting on October 15, 2020)
- II. Hagan Construction requests a rezone from R2 to PUD for property located at Hixson Drive in Flintstone. Tax map & parcel number 0101-001. (First Public Hearing was at the Planning Commission meeting on October 15, 2020)
- III. Tyler and Angela Anderson request a rezone from R1 to A1 for property located at 1581 Chattanooga Valley Road in Flintstone. Tax map & parcel number 0-064-007. (First Public Hearing was at the Planning Commission meeting on October 15, 2020)
- IV. Ordinance No. O-02-20, An Ordinance Amending Title 27, Article V, Chapter 30 of the Code of Walker County, Georgia Regarding the International Property Maintenance Code; Repeal of any and All Conflicting Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances; Provide for Severability; and Provide For Other Purposes

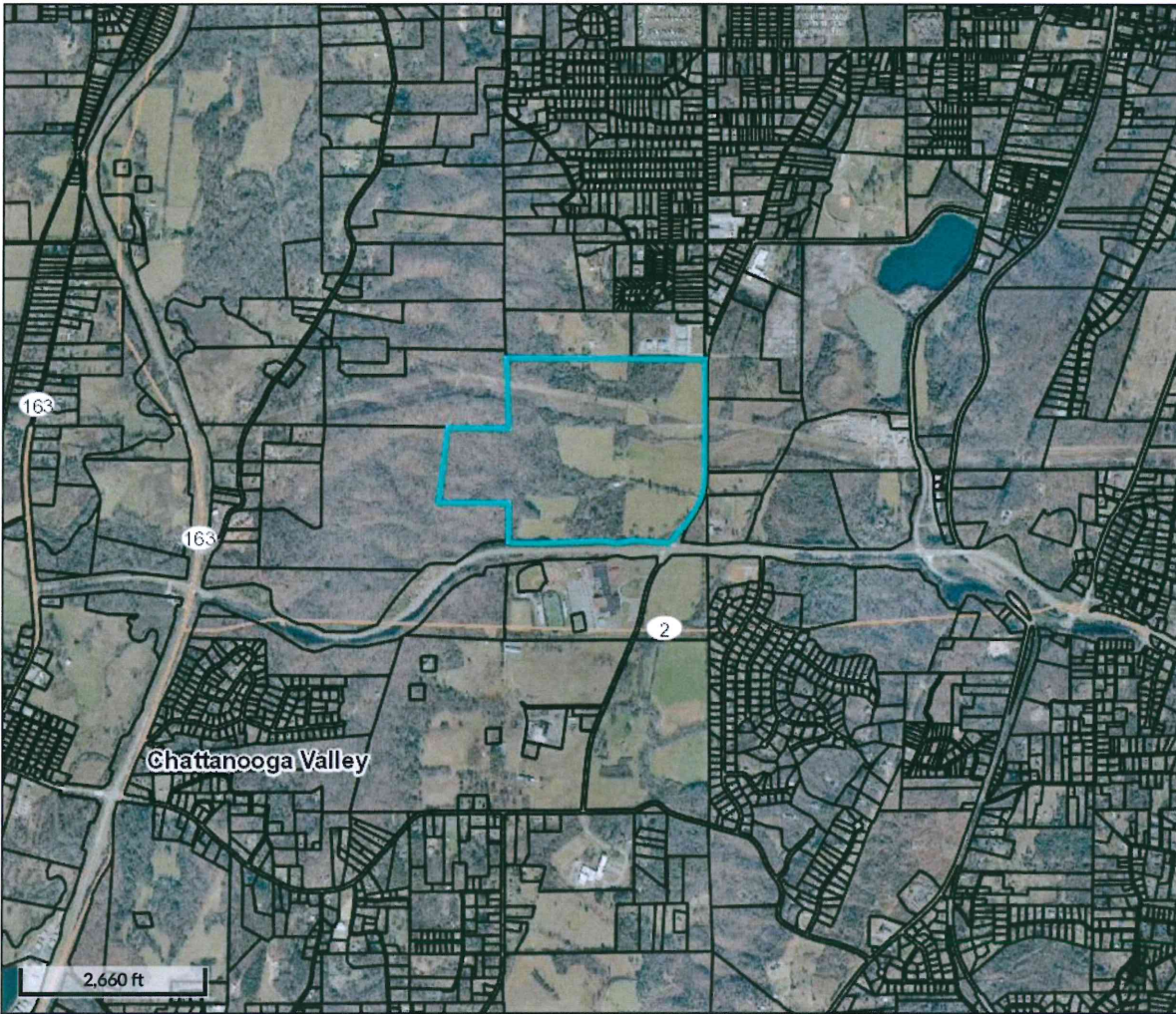
**OCTOBER 22, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING
AGENDA CONTINUED**

- V. Ordinance O-03-20, An Ordinance Adding Article VI to Chapter 14 of the Code of Walker County, Georgia Regarding the Walker County Business Code; Establishing a Special Events Permit

Speakers will be asked to come to the podium and state their name for the record. Please limit your comments to five minutes and keep them on the topic of the above proposed Ordinances.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Whitfield will adjourn the Public Hearing. There is no action to be taken on these proposed Ordinances on this date.



- Legend**
-  Parcels
 -  Roads

Parcel ID	0119002	Owner	HUTCHESON JOHN L JR	Last 2 Sales			
Class Code	Agricultural		PO BOX 729	Date	Price	Reason	Qual
Taxing District	COUNTY		ROSSVILLE, GA 30741	1/2/1972	0	W	U
Acres	182.62	Physical Address	180 HUTCHESON DR	1/1/1972	0	W	U
		Assessed Value	Value \$515175				

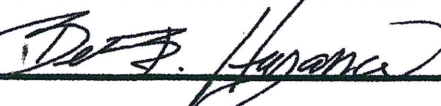
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WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Application for Re-Zoning Amendment

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE		Date <u>9-16-2020</u>
		FEE \$ <u>400.00</u>
		Case No.
Owner's Name <u>Hagaman Construction</u>	Mailing Address <u>735 Broad St., Ste 305</u> <small>INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED</small>	
City/Zip <u>Chattanooga, 37402</u>	Phone <u>423-718-5530</u>	
Tax Parcel # <u>0119 002</u>	Street Name and Number <u>180 Hutcheson Dr.</u>	
Current Zoning <u>C-1</u>	Requested Zoning <u>PUD Residential Planned Unit Development</u>	
Reason for Change (Be Specific): <u>See Attached</u>		
Lessee's Name <u>None</u>	IF APPLICABLE Lessee's Address	
<u>10-15-2020 Planning Commission - approved</u>		
IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET		
LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS		
CURRENT	FUTURE	
I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.		
Owner's Signature 	Date: <u>09/16/20</u>	
Date Received by the Planning Office:		
Planning Commission Decision/Date		

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Applicant: Hagaman Construction

Map & Parcel: 0119 002 Rezone from: C-1 to: Residential PUD

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

10-15-2020 APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

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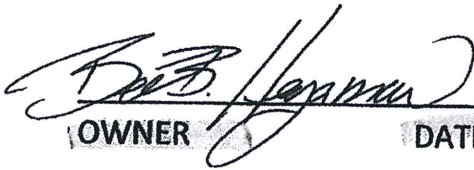
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Within the past two years, have you made either campaign contributions totaling \$250.00 or more and/or given gifts having value of \$250.00 or more to a local government official who will be responsible for making a recommendation or decision on the application? YES () NO (X) If so, then on a separate page, please furnish the following information.

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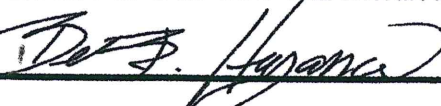
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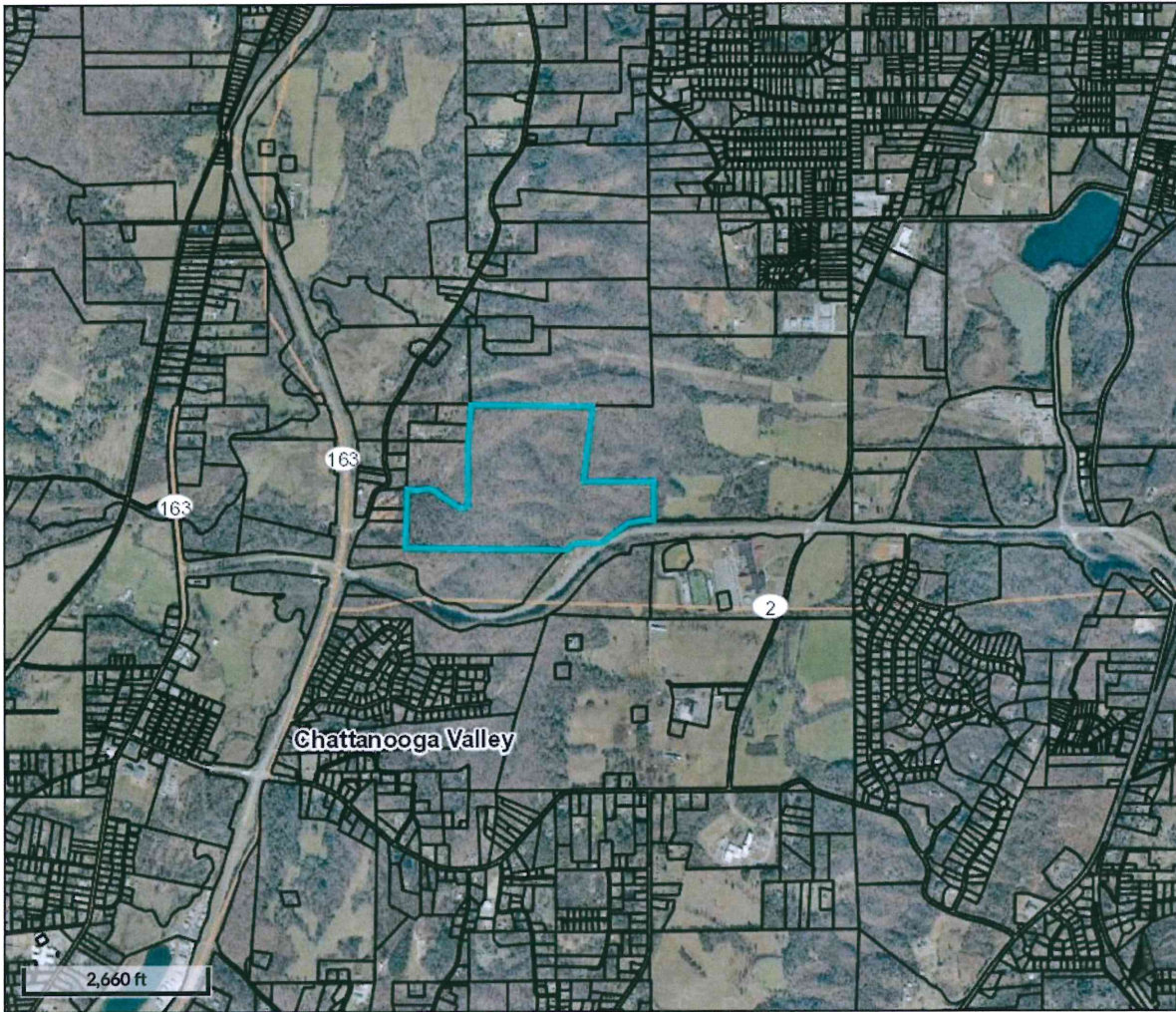
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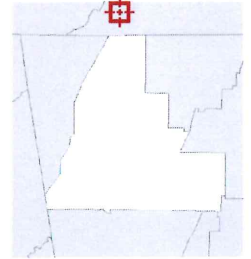
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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE		FEE \$ 400.00	Date 9-16-2020
Owner's Name Hagaman Construction		Mailing Address 735 Broad St., Ste 305 <small>INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED</small>	
City/Zip Chattanooga, 37402		Phone 423-718-5530	
Tax Parcel # 0101 001		Street Name and Number Hixson Dr.	
Current Zoning R-2		Requested Zoning PUD Residential Planned Unit Development	
Reason for Change (Be Specific): See Attached			
Lessee's IF APPLICABLE Name None		Lessee's Address	
10-15-2020 - Planning Commission - approved			
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Overview



Legend

-  Parcels
-  Roads

Parcel ID	0101001	Owner	F FLINTSTONE LLC	Last 2 Sales			
Class Code	Residential		537 MARKET ST STE 202	Date	Price	Reason	Qual
Taxing District	COUNTY		CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402	12/15/2011	\$207180	LM	Q
Acres	103.59	Physical Address	HIXSON DR	7/26/1999	\$112000	LM	Q
		Assessed Value	Value \$121267				

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Applicant: Hagaman Construction

Map & Parcel: 0101 001 Rezone from: R-2 to: Residential PUD

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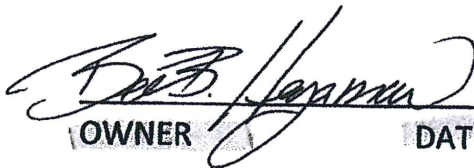
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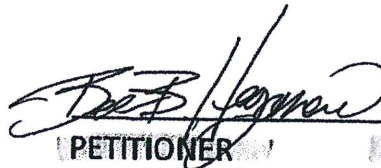
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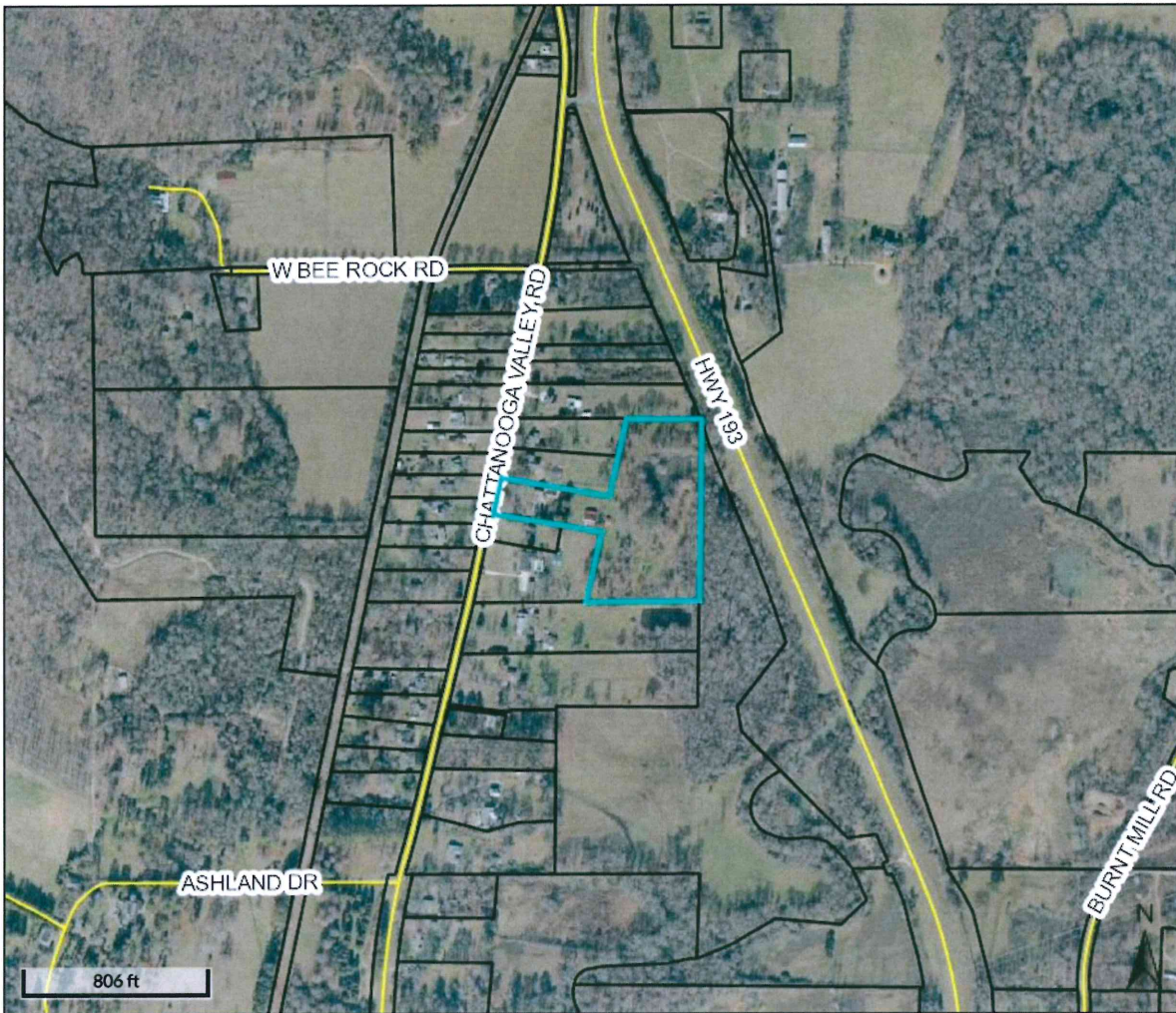
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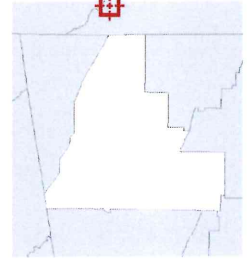
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE			Date <u>09/09/2020</u>
		FEE \$	Case No.
Owner's Name <u>Tyler and Angela Anderson</u>		Mailing Address <u>1581 Chattanooga Valley RD</u>	
City/Zip <u>Flintstone GA 30725</u>		Phone <u>303-993-9402</u>	
Tax Parcel # <u>0-064-007</u>		Street Name and Number <u>1581 Chattanooga Valley RD</u>	
Current Zoning <u>R1</u>		Requested Zoning <u>A1</u>	
Reason for Change (Be Specific): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to agricultural zoned land and meets all requirements for A1 zoning. Property contains a six stall barn, goat house and chicken coop. Back 6 acres can be improved to pasture animals.			
Lessee's IF APPLICABLE Name		Lessee's Address	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES			
1.			
2. <u>10-15-2020 - Planning Commission approved</u>			
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8. IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET			
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Owner's Signature <u>Angela Anderson</u>		Date: <u>09/15/2020</u>	
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The Owner/Applicant must notify each adjoining property owner by providing them a copy of this application. Proof of notification must be provided to the Planning Office. Additionally, a sign, furnished by the Planning Commission will be posted on the subject front property line at least 15 days prior to the meeting date. Written notification must be mailed at least 15 days prior to the meeting date. This application must be fully complete prior to filing.



Overview



Legend

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Parcel ID	0064 007	Owner	BOLDT JOHN WESLEY JR & CARLA D	Last 2 Sales			
Class Code	Residential		LARRY COPPIT & ALICE F COPPIT	Date	Price	Reason	Qual
Taxing District	COUNTY		1581 CHATTANOOGA VALLEY RD	7/11/2006	\$143014	9	U
Acres	7.95		FLINTSTONE, GA 30725	7/26/2005	\$384900	W	U
		Physical Address	1581 CHATTANOOGA VALLEY RD				
		Assessed Value	Value \$217386				

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Applicant: Tyler and Angela Anderson

Map & Parcel: D-064-007 **Rezone from:** R1 **to:** A1

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Signature of Petitioner / Owner:

Angela Anderson
PETITIONER DATE

Tyler and Angela Anderson 09/09/2020
OWNER DATE



Walker County Planning Commission

MINUTES

October 15, 2020

Walker County Civic Center

6:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Planning Commission Members

Phillip Cantrell
Scott McNabb
Sam Bowman
Gerald Cook
Sid Adams
Susan Tankersley
Moe Gass
Daryl Brooks
Terry Newberry
Jack Mullinax
Kristine Bubrig

Walker County Planning Staff

David Brown, Director of Codes, Inspections & Planning
Kristy Parker, Planning Commission Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Phillip Cantrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. READING & APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2020 MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Cantrell asked if there were any questions or changes to the minutes and if not was there a motion to approve. Kristine Bubrig stated that she made a motion to deny the request from HBL Properties and that the minutes stated that it died from a lack of a second but that she thought it was seconded. The Planning Office stated that they had listened to the tape and they did not hear a second. Everyone was then asked if anyone seconded her motion and everyone said no. Daryl Brooks then made a motion to approve the minutes. Kristine Bubrig seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to approve carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Variance:

1. Dustin Ryan: Mr. Ryan came forward and stated that he would like to build a Quonset Hut Home to reside in. Chairman Cantrell stated that he did not know of one of these type homes being in Walker County and that they were a little different. There were some questions on the look, where it would sit and the stability of the structure. Chairman Cantrell asked if anyone in the audience had any questions. One gentleman came forward and stated that he was for this type of structure. Chairman Cantrell then asked if there was a motion. Kristine Bubrig made a motion to approve contingent that it meet all current building codes when built. Sam Bowman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to approve carried.

B. Rezone:

1. Tyler & Angela Anderson: Mr. & Mrs. Anderson came forward and stated that they would like to rezone the property they just bought from R-1 to A-1 so they could have some animals for their children. He stated this had come before the board in August by the previous owner and was tabled. He was asked what kind of animals they were wanting and he said maybe some horses, chickens and maybe a goat. One neighbor asked could it be rezoned to RA. Because of the setbacks in RA they would not be able to have horses. Kristine Bubrig asked if they were ok with stating they would have no more than five large animals, twelve chickens and five goats and no swine. The Andersons agreed that they would be ok with those restrictions. Chairman Cantrell then asked if there was a motion. Kristine Bubrig made a motion to approve the rezone to A-1 with restrictions that there would not be more than five large animals, twelve chickens, five goats and no swine. Moe Gass seconded the motion. Nine members voted in favor of the motion to approve with restrictions. Jack Mullinax and Susan Tankersley abstained. Motion to approve with restrictions carried.

2. John Hutcheson Property / F Flintstone LLC: Chairman Cantrell stated that because of the next two rezone request being part of the same development they would be voted on at the same time. Mr. Hagaman came forward and explained that they were asking for partial rezone of both properties to PUD. He explained about the subdivision that they would like to build. He talked about the traffic study and the subdivision and restrictions such as the HOA. There were a couple of neighbors that came forward asking about setbacks, road issues and number of houses. Mr. Hagaman answered all their concerns and questions. Chairman Cantrell asked if the board had any questions. The concern about the number of vehicles at each house was addressed due to the setback on the road frontage. The lot sizes were also addressed. Chairman Cantrell then asked if there was a motion on the partial rezone of the Hutcheson and F Flintstone properties. Kristine Bubrig made a motion to approve. Gerald Cook seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to approve a partial rezone on the two properties carried.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Susan Tankersley made a motion to adjourn. Terry Newberry seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Date Submitted

Planning Commission Chairman

Date Submitted

Kristy Parker, Planning Commission Secretary

Date Submitted

David Brown, Director of Codes, Inspection & Planning

These minutes are also available in the Planning Office

Kemp reopening Georgia elderly-care facilities for first time since COVID-19

By Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Gov. Brian Kemp late Tuesday, Sept. 15, lifted restrictions on elderly long-term care facilities that have been in effect in Georgia since the coronavirus pandemic hit the state in March.

Effective at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, nursing homes, personal-care homes, assisted-living communities, hospices and other elderly-care facilities were allowed to reopen subject to continuing measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19.

"The state has collaborated with appropriate agencies, long-term care associations

and other stakeholders on how to responsibly ease restrictions in long-term care facilities while COVID-19 remains in communities across the state," Kemp wrote in an executive order.

Under Kemp's order, elderly-care facilities will be allowed to reopen by progressing through three phases, the third phase being the least restrictive.

Decisions on which phase to implement at any given time must be based on considerations including the number of coronavirus cases in the local community or inside the facility, access to personal protective equipment (PPE), whether a facility's staffing is adequate

and hospital capacity in the local community.

The governor issued a state-wide shelter-in-place order in March with the coronavirus pandemic taking hold across Georgia. He has since lifted the order as it applied to most residents and businesses but left it in place for elderly-care facilities, as they were being hit particularly hard by the virus.

The governor emphasized in his order that the number of COVID-19 cases in Georgia continues to grow and that the virus remains "a severe threat to public health."

Under the Phase I restrictions, visitation to an elderly-care facility will not be

allowed in most instances. Non-medically necessary trips should be avoided, while screening of residents and staff will be conducted three times daily under both phases 1 and 2.

Visitation will be allowed under phases 2 and 3, with outside visits preferred. Limited non-medically necessary trips also will be permitted under the second and third phases. Screening of residents and staff will only be required once a day under Phase 3.

The elderly-care facilities order will remain in effect until the conclusion of the public health state of emergency Kemp declared in Georgia back in mid-March.



Fifty residents and 34 employees at NHC HealthCare facility in Rossville have recovered from COVID-19, the nursing home's website reported Sept. 16. Ten residents have died from the virus.

SCHOOLS

From A1

employees but not mandatory" in the Walker school district, Raines said. Chickamauga schools do not require masks but are encouraging them.

Staff members are expected to wear their masks whenever they are in common areas of the school outside their classrooms, and on a bus, during class transition, in a dugout and in other situations when social distancing is difficult, students may be required to wear a mask, Day said.

For extra-curricular activities, bleachers are mapped for social distancing, and participants and spectators are asked to wear a mask. Once seated, they may be removed if they feel they are adequately social distanced, she said.

Parents have the ability this year to transport their own children to and from extra-curricular activities and to allow them to stay in their hotel room if it is an overnight activity, she said. No more than two students will be allowed to stay in a hotel room.

Social distancing

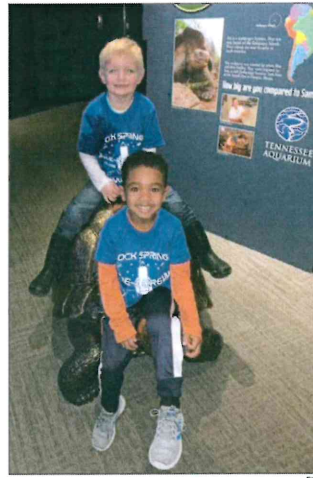
The school systems have prioritized social distancing, including signage. Day described some of the steps Chickamauga schools have taken.

Field trips, assemblies and any unnecessary gatherings are suspended for first semester and may be extended through second semester, Day said.

All students kindergarten through grade 12 have been given assigned seating to minimize the number of students exposed if a student does become positive for COVID-19, Day said.

"This also enables us to be extremely accurate in determining who would need to quarantine if a positive case occurs," she explained.

Extra classroom furniture has been removed to allow for more space in each classroom and social distancing. In classrooms that are full, pie-shaped divid-



In this March 4, 2020, file photo, Rock Spring Elementary School pre-kindergarten students Sawyer Reynolds and Kingstley Whitley enjoy their field trip to the Tennessee Aquarium. COVID-19 has forced schools to alter or to cancel some traditional learning activities.

ers are placed on student tables, she said, and individual shields are placed on some group reading tables with elementary students.

Chickamauga Schools instituted a no-visitors policy, and shields are in place for the school secretary/receptionist, the cashiers in the cafeterias and special circumstances, such as testing or speech therapy, she said. Each school has reworked the lunch schedule to minimize the number of students eating at one time.

The one grade level elementary sits in the cafeteria at a time, with the students sitting only on one side of the tables and leaving spaces between each student, she explained.

The middle and high schools have each added sections of lunch to create smaller groups eating at one time, according to Day. The students have spaces between them and the next student, and their seating is staggered so that no one is sitting directly across from

them. Middle school students also have assigned lunch seats.

On the playground, each class is being divided into two sections with half playing on one area of the playground today, then switching out to play on the other side of the playground tomorrow, thereby limiting the number of students in any area, she said.

Cleaning

In addition to sanitation precautions, schools are also responding after a diagnosis.

"We have multiple cleaning protocols in place for deep cleaning when a case is confirmed," Raines explained. "We fog and re-sanitize the classroom (and typically, the entire building) and/or bus, the air filters feeding the classroom are immediately changed, and everything is wiped down to make sure no

WHAT YOU CAN DO

The superintendents of Chickamauga City and Walker County school systems share steps parents and the public can take to support schools and to protect students and staff.

Educators advise encouraging students to exercise the same discipline in virtual classes as they do when in the classroom.

"If they (students) are virtual (learners), encourage them to treat this just as if they are sitting in a physical classroom; be there, be prepared, and engage in the lessons," Walker County Schools Superintendent Damon Raines said. "If they are attending in person, be on time, be prepared, be safe, and engage in the lessons."

Melody Day, superintendent of Chickamauga City Schools, said all distance learners need a responsible adult at home to assist them and to ensure that they complete and submit their lessons on time.

"Teachers are being inundated with unnecessary emails and phone calls asking questions that are already answered in their posts," she explained, adding most questions can be answered by watching the video-recorded lessons before contacting the

teachers.

Teachers respond to emails and phone calls during their planning periods, which can be as short as 40 minutes per day. Day advised not calling or emailing again if teachers do not respond immediately; they will respond as soon as they are available to do so.

"I would like to encourage retired teachers or others who might be interested in working as a substitute teacher to bring the process," she said. Schools have difficulty recruiting subs, particularly during the winter, and she would love to have some extra subs already approved and ready when needed.

"Continue to encourage our students to do everything they can do to keep themselves safe during this unusual time period," Raines said.

Day shared that "social distancing, wearing masks when you can't social distance, and washing hands are the three things that are of utmost importance and will help keep the spread of the virus from school."

She cautioned parents to stay home and to keep their children home if they are experiencing any symptoms that could be related to COVID-19.



Walker County Schools buses are stored at the system's bus barn on Osborn Road in Chickamauga. The school system is fogging and cleaning buses to combat COVID-19.

residue remains."

"We do not have a school nurse in every building; however, they work on a rotating schedule and every school has access to a nurse," Raines stated. "Some schools do have a full-time nurse on staff due to other health issues being dealt with each day."

One nurse serves the Chickamauga school district's three schools, Day said.

Educators want students and their parents to know the school systems are following the guidance of the Georgia departments of Education and Public Health.

Raines said, "Above all, we want every student to know we love them, we care for them, and want them to not only be safe but to be the amazing students we know they can and will be for us!"

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PUBLIC NOTICE
WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, October 15th, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
Walker County Civic Center
Rock Spring, GA 30739

The Walker County Planning Commission will meet and review the following requests:

- New Business:**
- Rezoning:**
1. John L. Hutcheson Jr. / Hagaman Construction requests a partial rezoning from C-1 to PUD for property located at 180 Hutcheson Drive Rossville, GA. 30741. Tax map & parcel number 0-119-002
 2. F Flintstone LLC / Hagaman Construction requests a partial rezoning from R-2 to PUD for property located at 0 Hixson Drive Rossville, GA. 30741. Tax map & parcel number 0-101-001
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- Variance:**
1. Dustin D. Ryan requests a variance for property located at 3891 Chattahoochee Valley Road Flintstone, GA. 30725. Tax map & parcel number 0-050-099
- Amendments to Land Development Regulations:**
1. Proposed Amendment to Sec.34-105 Building permit application contents Residential (b) (2)
 2. Proposed Amendment to Sec. 34-266 Buffer Areas
- The second hearing on the rezones & proposed amendment requests will be held on October 22, 2020 at 6:00PM at the Walker County Courthouse Annex II located at 201 S. Main Street LaFayette, GA. 30728
- For further information please call Walker County Planning & Development at 706-638-4048.

CONFIRMED CASES

As of Sept. 11, Walker County Schools reported 45 active COVID-19 cases (5% of enrolled students) with 538 close contact quarantines since classes began Aug. 13, while Chickamauga City Schools reported three students (0.2% of enrolled students) have tested positive since school began Aug. 12, necessitating 16 total contacts being quarantined, according to the school systems.

This year the Chickamauga system has 1,262 students, with 431 students at Gordon Lee High School, 322 at Gordon Lee Middle School and 509 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 5 at Chickamauga Elementary School.

Of those, 108 are distance learners. Chickamauga City Schools Superintendent Melody Day stated, while the remaining 1,154 face-to-face learners are following a regular class schedule. The average student teacher ratio is 15 students per teacher.

Day reported that two high school students and one elementary school student in the Chickamauga system have tested positive, and no positive cases have been found among teachers. None of the 16 quarantined individuals developed the

virus.

On the 15th day of the school year, 8,259 students were enrolled in Walker County schools, Walker County Schools Superintendent Damon Raines reported. The system has 3,901 elementary students, 1,932 middle school students and 2,426 high school students; of those, 2,201 — more than one quarter — chose distance learning, rather than attending in-person classes.

Schedules for in-person students are the same during as a normal school year, the Walker school chief said. "Class sizes are definitely down due to virtual students; however, we do not have a breakdown of all class sizes at this point."

In Walker schools, four elementary, 12 middle and 14 high school students, as well as three students at Saddle Ridge and 12 school system employees, have tested positive for the virus, according to Raines. Forty-four employees and 494 students were quarantined for possible exposure.

Aug. 12, the start of the academic year, Walker County had 24 confirmed cases (or 1,090 per 100,000), of which six were patients age kindergarten through

grade 12. Aug. 31 the county had two confirmed cases (or 1,500 per 100,000), none of which were children. Sept. 11 the county had 21 confirmed cases (or 1,789 per 100,000), according to the Georgia Department of Public Health.

Areas with larger populations are likely to have more cases because of their greater population. For accuracy health officials determine the rate by looking at the number of cases per 100,000 residents, rather than looking only at totals.

The school systems are following Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines for quarantining close contacts.

The Walker Schools system posts every Friday by 5 p.m. information on confirmed and quarantined cases on its weekly COVID tracker on the school system's website at www.walkerschools.org/wcs-covid-19-case-status-report/weekly-case-report, as well as on the school system's Facebook and Twitter social media pages.

The Chickamauga school system posts updates on virtual learning, COVID-19 cleanings at schools and other relevant information on its website at www.chickamaugacityschools.org.

COUNTY OF WALKER
STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDINANCE NO. O-02-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 27, ARTICLE V, CHAPTER 30 OF THE CODE OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; REPEAL OF ANY AND ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDE FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Walker County, Georgia desires to amend its ordinances regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in the unincorporated areas of Walker County, Georgia; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; repealing all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Walker County Sole Commissioner that the Code of Walker County Georgia is amended as follows:

1.

Sec. 302.8 of the International Property Maintenance Code adopted by Walker County is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 302.8 – Motor Vehicles.

~~Motor vehicles. Except as provided for in other regulations, no more than 2 inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles shall be parked, kept or stored outside on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.~~

~~Exception: A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes.~~

Motor vehicles. Except as provided for in other regulations, no more than two (2) inoperable or unlicensed motor vehicles shall be parked, kept or stored outside on any premises; such vehicles must be covered with a tarp or vehicle covering and parked behind a building, home or other structure obstructing the view from the road. All vehicles of any type are permitted to undergo major overhaul, including mechanical and body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure, such as a garage, or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such

purposes. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an *approved* spray booth.

2.

Sec. 308.2 of the International Property Maintenance Code adopted by Walker County is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 308.2 – Disposal of rubbish.

~~Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of all rubbish in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such rubbish in approved containers.~~

Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of all rubbish in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such rubbish in a plastic or galvanized trash container with a lid until removed from the structure and disposed of at a rubbish storage facility or garbage facility.

3.

Sec. 308.3 of the International Property Maintenance Code adopted by Walker County is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 308.3 – Disposal of garbage.

~~Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of garbage in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such garbage in an approved garbage disposal facility or approved garbage containers.~~

Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of garbage in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such garbage in a plastic or galvanized trash container with a lid until removed from the premises for disposal at a garbage disposal facility.

4.

Upon its adoption, this ordinance is effective December 1, 2020. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

5.

If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

Shannon K. Whitfield
Sole Commissioner
Walker County, Georgia

ATTEST:

Rebecca Wooden
Clerk of Walker County, Georgia

**COUNTY OF WALKER
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. O-03-20

AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE VI TO CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING THE WALKER COUNTY BUSINESS CODE; ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

WHEREAS, special event permits are in place across the state of Georgia and the United States, and there is in existence in counties neighboring Walker County a permitting system for special events; and

WHEREAS, consistent practice with communities of similar size lessens confusion for event planners and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, information about the existence of special events occurring in unincorporated Walker County is necessary to safeguard public health and safety by providing for effective emergency preparedness and response;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Walker County Sole Commissioner that the Code of Walker County Georgia is amended, effective December 1, 2020, as follows:

ARTICLE VI: SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

Sec. 14-90. - Definitions:

The following definitions shall apply to the interpretation and enforcement of this article:

Director: The Governing authority of Walker County, Georgia, or a designee for the administration of this article.

Producer: Any person, group of persons, organizations, association, club, or other entity responsible for planning, producing and conducting an event. See also section on Identification of Producer.

Sheriff: The Sheriff of Walker County, Georgia.

Special Event: The term “special event” or “event” shall mean any organized activity having as its purpose entertainment or recreation, such as a festival, celebration, foot race, vehicle race, horse race, barrel race, rodeo, concert, parade or march, tour, rally or assembly which takes place on a public street, sidewalk or right-of-way, or occurs on private property and impacts government services on public rights-of-way or may impact the health, safety or welfare of the public generally because of the nature of the assembly or the size of the assembly. The term “special event” or “event” does not include an

organized activity having as its purpose entertainment, recreation or education which occurs on county or school board property or in the county public use buildings.

Vendor: Any person or persons or entity engaging in the sale to the public of any food or food products, including beverages, goods, services, or merchandise of whatever nature from any location, either mobile or stationary, on a temporary itinerant basis in connection with a special event. The definition of vendor, as used in this ordinance, shall not be construed to include or prohibit a permanent business, operating under the provisions of business license ordinances and other applicable laws, from displaying goods or merchandise on a public sidewalk immediately in front of and adjacent to the permanent business structure so long as such displays do not impede the normal flow of pedestrian traffic and so long as other laws and ordinances pertaining to such business or displays are complied with.

Sec. 14-91. - Permits.

- (a) *Required.* It shall be unlawful for any person, group, organization, association, club or other entity to conduct or cause to be conducted any special event in unincorporated Walker County without having obtained a valid permit for such event.
- (b) *Geographic limitation; responsibility for police and sanitation service.* A special event shall be limited to the specific geographic area(s) within which the event is to take place and the producer of a special event shall be responsible for the provision of security and sanitation services within the boundaries of the event for a period of two hours past the conclusion of the event or until the area is cleared of all activities and structures related to such event.
- (c) *Time limitation.* Except for the clearing of the area, no special event shall be allowed to continue beyond the time approved on the permit for the event. All permits issued pursuant to this article shall be temporary and shall not vest in the holder any permanent property rights in a permit. 24 hours is permitted for clean-up. Exceptions may be considered by the director, or designee, on a case by case basis prior to the event.
- (d) *Site plan and delineation of boundaries; preservation of areas for circulation.* The outermost boundaries of the special event shall be fully and clearly delineated on a map, which shall be no smaller than 8.5 inches x 11 inches in size, and attached to the application for a permit.

Sketches must include traffic patterns, curb cuts, proposed parking plan and entrance/exit points for emergency vehicles. All public streets and/or sidewalks within and adjacent to such area(s) or public rights-of-way on which government services are impacted shall be

clearly identified. The Fire Marshal requires that all entries, exits and fire lanes be maintained.

The director, or designee, shall require, as part of the approval for the event, that areas no less than five feet in width shall be designated and preserved for public circulation and access to adjoining business establishments outside the area(s) delineated for the event.

- (e) *Maps for walks, runs, rides or races.* The producer of a special event such as a walk, run, ride or race, as to which the provisions of subsection (d) above would not be practicable, shall submit with the application for a permit a map, which shall be no smaller than 8.5 inches x 11 inches in size, showing the exact route of the course for the event.

Sec. 14-92. - Application; fee.

- (a) A producer of a special event shall make an application for a permit for such event at the Walker County Planning Office on a form prescribed by the director. Application forms may be obtained from the Planning Office.
- (b) An application for a special event shall be filed with the director at least 60 days prior to the date the event is scheduled to occur. However, no application shall be accepted earlier than one year prior to the date of the event.
- (c) A nonrefundable *application* fee, as set in the Planning Office fee schedule, shall be paid at the time the application for a permit is filed. Such fee shall be payable to Walker County Planning Office.

Sec. 14-93. - Identification of producer.

The producer of an event, if a group or organization, shall be fully identified on the application. However, a special event permit shall be issued only to an individual person, who may be the actual producer or a designated agent of the producer, and such individual person shall be solely and fully responsible for compliance with all provisions, including all financial requirements, of this article and other applicable laws.

Sec. 14-94. - Administrative review.

The director shall cause the application to be circulated to each government department and/or other agency whose services the director determines would be affected by the nature and activities of the proposed event. Each such department or agency shall review the application and

note the services which it will be required to perform, the number of personnel to perform such services, the length of time to perform such services, the cost to perform such services, and any other information which would assist the director in facilitating the event and services required.

Sec. 14-95. - Special conditions on permit.

Each department of the government reviewing an application may recommend in writing certain conditions or restrictions as deemed necessary to facilitate the event, to comply with other laws or regulations, and/or to ensure the safety, health and welfare of the community. In reviewing the recommendations of the departments, the director may impose such conditions or restrictions as part of the permit and such special conditions so imposed shall be construed to have the full force and effect of law as a provision of this article. A violation of such conditions or restrictions shall be deemed a violation of this article.

Sec. 14-96. - Final approval of permit; minimum review period.

- (a) The director is authorized to approve and issue a permit for a special event after considering all comments and conditions of the reviewing departments and agencies as well as other information pertaining to the proposed event as described on the application, and after the payment of all applicable fees and costs.
- (b) A minimum of 30 working days shall be allowed for the administrative review of an application and the issuance of a permit.
- (c) The government shall either issue or deny the permit no later than 30 working days following the date the completed application is filed. If the permit is denied, the producer shall be notified of the denial; on a written request by the producer for the reason(s) for the denial, the reason(s) for the denial shall be given in writing.
- (d) A special events permit is not transferable. The producer identified on the application is the responsible party for any event. Should the producer of record no longer have an affiliation with a permitted event, a new permit with a new producer must be sought.

Sec. 14-97. - Emergency issuance of permit.

In extraordinary circumstances, the director shall be authorized to waive or otherwise expedite any or all of the review process and to issue a special event permit upon payment by the producer of all applicable fees and costs for such event.

Sec. 14-98. - Permit fees.

- (a) The fee for a permit to conduct a special event shall be based on all services to be provided by the government for such an event and shall be equal to the estimated actual cost to the government to provide such services. The initial permit fee shall be aggregate of the estimated costs of such services calculated by each government department. The director may require a security bond be provided by a producer or a cash deposit, if he determines that a security bond or deposit is necessary to provide for unanticipated expenses in connection with the event. If, at the conclusion of the event, the cost of government services is greater than the initial payment, the producer of the event shall be billed for the difference. Failure to pay the outstanding amount within 30 days of the billing date shall be a violation of this article.
- (b) The initial permit fee must be paid in full at least five (5) business days prior to the date of the event.
- (c) The fees required in this section shall be in addition to the *application* fee and any other fees which may be required by any other ordinances or regulations that might be applicable.
- (d) No producer of any special event, except as otherwise provided for, shall be exempt from the payment of the appropriate fees and charges required under this article. The Board of Commissioners may exempt all or a portion of the fee upon petition of the producer.

Sec. 14-99. - Liability.

The producer of any special event shall indemnify and hold harmless the government of Walker County, Georgia, its officers, departments, constitutional officers, employees and agents from liability of damages arising from any acts or omissions emanating from a special event. An indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall be filed with, and made a part of, the application form. The producer shall be responsible for providing liability insurance that may be necessary for any special event. The insurance requirement is a minimum of \$300,000.00 personal injury per person, \$1,000,000.00 maximum, and \$100,000.00 property damage against all claims arising from permits issued pursuant to this article. The county shall be designated as an additional insured.

Sec. 14-100. - Vendors.

- (a) *Sales permitted.* The sale of food or any merchandise or services of any type by a vendor shall be allowed as a component of a special event provided such vendor is approved and authorized in writing by the producer of the event and shall be conducted in accordance with such conditions and limitations as shall be imposed in writing by the producer and submitted as part for the application for a permit and in accordance with such conditions and limitations as shall be imposed by county, state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.
- (b) *Authorization of vendors.* The producer of a special event shall have sole responsibility and authority to allow or disallow sidewalk or street vending as a component of an event and to designate the location and activities of such vendors. It shall be unlawful for any vendor to engage in such business at any location or in any manner not authorized by the producer of the event. A list of authorized vendors should be provided to the Walker County Planning Office at least three (3) days prior to the event.
- (c) *Identification required.* Any vendor authorized by the event producer shall be required to prominently display on his or her person a badge identifying the vendor as an authorized participant in the event. Such identification shall be not less than three inches by three inches, shall state that the bearer is an official participant in the event, and shall bear the signature of the producer of the event. The producer is responsible for providing all badges to vendors.
- (d) *Permit not required.* Vendors authorized by the producer of an event as a component of the event shall not be required to obtain any separate business license or vendor permit to operate during the period of the event, with the exception of vendors selling or serving beer, wine or distilled spirits. All other vendors, of whatever nature, not authorized as a participant in the special event shall obtain the appropriate licenses and permits as required under other applicable ordinances.
- (e) *Unauthorized vending prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any vendor not authorized by the producer of a special event as provided under this section to engage in such business within a distance of 25 yards of such event from one hour before until one hour after the event.
- (f) *Exemption.* Whether or not approved by an event producer, a vendor that has been assigned a fixed location for the purpose of conducting business within Walker County may continue to engage in such business at that assigned location during any special event in accordance with other applicable laws.

- (g) *Food sales.* The vendor of any food, whether hot or cold, as a part of a special event shall be subject to all rules and regulations of the Walker County Health Department. It shall be the responsibility of the producer of an event to assure compliance with this section by any such vendors.

Sec. 14-101. - Glass containers prohibited.

The use of glass containers for consumption of food or beverage by attendees within the delineated boundaries of a special event shall be prohibited.

Sec. 14-102. - Law Enforcement Services.

Traffic and crowd control shall be provided by the Walker County Sheriff's Office and the number of officers and/or special arrangements shall be determined by the sheriff. The sheriff and his lawful deputies, and other law enforcement agencies including deputies not assigned to the special event, shall be allowed access to the special event property at all times.

Sec. 14-103. - Emergency Medical Services.

At the discretion of law enforcement and emergency services, an ambulance(s) may be required on site. If required, the producer is responsible for contracting with an ambulance service to provide this public safety provision.

Sec. 14-104. - Toilet facilities.

The director of the Walker County Planning Office, upon consideration of the health safety, and welfare of the attendees of the special event and the community, may require the producer of a special event to provide temporary outdoor toilet facilities at any event. The number of toilets and their locations shall be determined by the director of the Walker County Planning Office.

Sec. 14-105. - Entertainment.

Musical entertainment shall be provided in a manner consistent with the peace and good order of the community. Musical entertainment shall not commence before 10 a.m. and must cease before 11:30 p.m., unless granted a special exception by the director, or designee.

Sec. 14-106. - Fireworks.

Any producer of an event desiring to conduct a public exhibition or display of fireworks shall first obtain a permit from the judge of Probate Court in accordance with the provisions set forth under state law and county ordinances.

Sec. 14-107. - Tents, stages, etc.

Tents, arbors, stages, grandstands or other temporary facilities constructed or erected as a part of a special event shall be approved by the director of the Walker County Planning Office and the Fire Marshal's Office.

Sec. 14-108. - Street closing.

The complete or partial closure of any street, sidewalk or public way of a special event shall be approved by the director in consultation with the sheriff and emergency services. As part of the application, the producer must submit a list of all closures being requested for their event.

Sec. 14-109. - Banners, signs, etc.

Temporary, non commercial banners or signs may be permitted overhead across public streets for the purpose of designating starting and finish lines for a race. Small banners, pennants, signs or other decorations which do not interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and which do not damage or deface any tree or public structure, may be allowed as part of a special event. Approval of the Walker County Planning Office shall be obtained by the event producer for any banners or signs permitted in this section. The producer of the event shall be responsible for the removal of such banners, pennants or decorations within 24 hours after the close of the event.

Sec. 14-110. - Duration of permit.

No permit issued under this article shall be valid prior to or past the date of the special event for which it is issued.

Sec. 14-111. - Cessation of activities.

The safety, health, welfare and good order of all citizens and the community shall be first and foremost and every special event shall be conducted in such a manner, The sheriff or his lawful deputies may terminate any activity, whether a part of or the entire event, which does not meet this community standard. Upon notification of the event producer in person by the sheriff or his lawful deputies to cease any activity, it shall be unlawful for such producer and/or participant to permit such activity to continue.

Sec. 14-112. - Picketing and demonstrations, etc.

Any person, group or organization engaged in any picketing, demonstrations, assembly, gathering procession or other activity protected by the U.S. Constitution shall be prohibited from blocking the ingress of any public or private place. Any person, group or organization engaged in such activities are required to make an application as set forth in this ordinance. However, any such person, group, or organization shall be exempt from the permit requirements in section 14-91 and the fees set forth in section 14-92.

Sec. 14-113. - Funeral processions.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to any parade or procession conducted under the supervision and direction of a funeral director in conjunction with any funeral.

Sec. 14-114. - Sidewalk cafes; displays.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to any sidewalk cafes or displays as regulated by other laws or ordinances.

Sec. 14-115. - Punishment.

Any violation of the provisions of this article shall be punished as provided in the Official Code of Walker County, Georgia. In addition to the aforementioned fines, the court may impose court costs for each offense.

Sec. 14-116. - Special exclusions.

This article shall not apply to meetings or events of church or religious services or assemblies or county sponsored events. This article shall not apply to regular meetings of the members and guests of civic clubs or organizations or non-profit corporations which hold 501(c)(3) status, but shall apply to any organized activity of such club or organization having as its purpose fundraising and to which the general public is invited to attend.

- (a) Individual or community yard sales are exempt from the permit if they do not exceed four (4) days.
- (b) Children's events such as lemonade stands, etc. are exempt from the permit.
- (c) Private parties hosted by an individual are exempt provided that no monies are exchanged.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

Shannon K. Whitfield
Sole Commissioner
Walker County, Georgia

ATTEST:

Rebecca Wooden
Clerk of Walker County, Georgia