

# 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, November 12, 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. Ordinance No. O-04-20, An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 34 of the Code of Walker County, Georgia Regarding Land Development; To Adopt Documents By Reference

***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 Ordinance.***

- Adjournment:** Commissioner Whitfield will adjourn the Public Hearing. There is no action to be taken on this proposed Ordinance on this date.

**COUNTY OF WALKER  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. O-04-20**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING LAND DEVELOPMENT; TO ADOPT DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**, Walker County, Georgia desires to amend its ordinances to adopt certain state minimum code standards for the purpose of public health, welfare and safety in the unincorporated areas of the county;

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Walker County Sole Commissioner that Chapter 34 of the Code of Walker County Georgia is amended to include:

**1.**

**Article I.**

**Section 34-2 Codes Adopted**

Each construction code listed in Section 34-2 (A) through (D) is hereby adopted by reference as if set forth in its entirety. The following minimum standard codes as approved by the State of Georgia include any attachments, future editions, indexes, supplements and amendments, including local amendments adopted by Walker County. Notwithstanding the above, none of the appendices to the standard codes are adopted, unless they are subsequently affirmatively approved by the Governing Authority of Walker County.

- A. International Building Code
- B. International Energy Conservation Code
- C. International Residential Code
- D. National Electrical Code

**2.**

The codes adopted in Section 34-2 shall apply, except such portions as may be deleted, modified or amended in this chapter. At least one copy of such codes is to be filed in the office of the County Clerk and is authenticated by his or her signature and by the seal of Walker County. The provisions thereof shall be controlling within the unincorporated limits of Walker County.

3.

Should any provision of the above adopted codes conflict with any provision of this Code of Ordinances, that provision which is most restrictive shall control.

4.

In the event Section 34-2, which had previously been Reserved, is unavailable, the above provisions will be labeled with the next available Section number.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.**

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Shannon K. Whitfield  
Sole Commissioner  
Walker County, Georgia

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Wooden  
Clerk of Walker County, Georgia

**Information on free COVID-19 testing in Northwest Georgia  
Catoosa, Dade, and Walker Region -- November 2020**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Catoosa	Catoosa	Dade Except for 11/11 Closed for Veterans Day	Walker Except for 11/26 All testing sites closed for Thanksgiving	Walker Except for 11/27 All testing sites closed for Thanksgiving	Catoosa: 11/28 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Test Sites:**

- **Catoosa:** Catoosa County Health Department, 145 Catoosa Circle, Ringgold, GA
- **Dade:** Dade County Health Department, 71 Case Ave., Ste., H-100, Trenton, GA
- **Walker:** Mount Zion Baptist Church, 289 Dunwoody Road, LaFayette, GA

**Hours (all sites):**  
9 a.m. to noon  
12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Drive-up, no appointment needed.  
Please note: test sites feature supervised self-collection.  
For more info: <https://nwgapublichealth.org>



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Governing Authority of Walker County, Georgia proposes to amend the county code of ordinances. O-04-20 adopts the following documents by reference: International Building Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Residential Code and the National Electrical Code.

Public hearings on the proposed ordinance will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 and Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street in LaFayette, GA. Copies of the documents are available for review at the Commissioner's Office (101 S Duke St, LaFayette) and online at [walkercountyga.gov](http://walkercountyga.gov).

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regarding the types of individuals who would be served by the facility, as well as information about assessment processes, referral sources and plans that would provide a "path to restoration" for participants.

Healthy Foundations officials have described the tax-exempt, nonprofit organization as an initiative of North Georgia Healthcare Center to meet the integrated primary health, behavioral health and social needs of Walker, Catoosa, Chattooga and Dade counties by providing counseling for behavioral health issues including depression, ADHD and PTSD.

The facility will offer affordable healthcare and housing for veterans, youth aging out

of foster care, and families and individuals needing assistance, as well as daycare and cognitive development for children, according to officials. Part of the campus will be open to the public and will have an artisan village, equestrian center, amphitheater, conference center and farmer's market meant to prepare residents for jobs off campus. The proposed 374-acre campus is on South Burnt Mill Road and will have roughly 950 beds for those it serves, as well as 150 for staff.

"While we aren't required to have multiple meetings with the community, we know this is absolutely the right thing to do," Healthy Foundations President Terry Tucker said. "With this in mind, neighbors who have property adjacent to ours will be receiving an invitation to join us for conversa-

tions regarding their specific concerns as they relate to their property. Our goal is to receive input that can be added into our planning, answer their questions and begin to build their trust in us. "As a healthcare company, our goal is making sure our meetings are conducted as safely as possible," said Tucker. "We appreciate the community's understanding as we host these conversations in very unusual circumstances."

The facility will not admit sex offenders or violent criminals, officials said.

Healthy Foundations will be funded by a variety of sources including private individuals and foundations, federal and state agencies, and capital campaigns; operating expenses will generally be funded by insurance, state and federal government contracts, and earned revenue, according to Healthy Foundations. No county tax dollars will be used for the project.

**Walker County Local Maintenance Asphalt Resurfacing Project 2021-01**

Walker County Government is now accepting sealed bids to resurface multiple roads in 2021.

The work involves roughly 50 miles of patching, asphalt overlay with tack coat, leveling and striping along 25 county roads.

Specifications for this project are available for download on the county's website ([walkercountyga.gov](http://walkercountyga.gov)) or at the Commissioner's Office (101 S Duke Street, LaFayette, GA) during regular business hours.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 11:45 a.m. on December 4, 2020 at the Commissioner's Office. Bids will be opened at the Commissioner's Office at 12:00 p.m. on December 4, 2020.

Contract will be awarded at the Commissioner's regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on December 10, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 South Main Street, LaFayette, GA.

Walker County Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!**

**Wise Staffing will be hosting 2 Job Fairs this week!**

**Wednesday, Nov. 4, 10am-2pm,**  
at the Trion Chamber of Commerce Civic Center

**Thursday, Nov. 5, 11am-3pm,**  
at the Trion Recreation Center!

**Immediate Start Dates!**  
Come by and apply!


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On Dec. 5, at 11 a.m., virtual visitors are encouraged to participate in an hour-long, live Q&A

session with park historian Jim Ogden concerning the siege and battles that took place in and around Chattanooga.

To participate in this Q&A session, join in on the park's Facebook page or on YouTube Channel.





## WELCOME SYED ABID, MD

### Palliative Care

Hamilton Physician Group welcomes board-certified palliative care physician Syed Abid, MD, to our medical staff. He completed medical training at Brown University in Rhode Island. As part of Hamilton Physician Group-Specialty Care, he helps to provide relief from the symptoms and stress of illnesses, improving the quality of life for both patients and their families.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Abid, call Hamilton Physician Group-Specialty Care at 706.529.3072.





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