



## RESOLUTION R-004-23

### A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS

**WHEREAS**, that in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-295, *Terms of office; vacancies; removal by county governing authority*, members of the Walker County Board of Assessors shall serve terms of five (5) years. The terms shall be staggered so that only one member's term expires in any given calendar year, and terms shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of such calendar years; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution shall not have the effect of shortening or extending the terms of office of current members of the Walker County Board of Assessors, whose terms have not yet expired; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia hereby reaffirm and clarify the Walker County Board of Assessors, to be governed by the following provision:

**APPOINTMENT:** Each member shall be a resident of Walker County and be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. No individual may be appointed or reappointed to the Walker County Board of Assessors unless all of the following provisions are met:

- Must be 21 years of age or older
- Hold a high school diploma or its equivalent
- Able to complete 40 hours of state mandated training prior to or within 180 days of appointment
- Able to attend Board of Assessors meetings
- Does not hold any state, county or municipal office
- Not currently employed by the Walker County Assessors Office
- Not immediately related, per O.C.G.A. § 48-5-290(d), to any member of the Walker County Board of Commissioners

**TERMS:** The term of office of each member shall be for a five (5) year staggered term, with the following exception. Two existing terms expire on December 31, 2023. In order to stagger the board, one of these two terms will be set at three (3) years initially before becoming a five (5) year term.

| Current Term Ends | New Term Begins | New Term Ends     |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| December 31, 2022 | January 1, 2023 | December 31, 2027 |
| December 31, 2023 | January 1, 2024 | December 31, 2026 |
| December 31, 2023 | January 1, 2024 | December 31, 2028 |
| December 31, 2024 | January 1, 2025 | December 31, 2029 |
| December 31, 2025 | January 1, 2026 | December 31, 2030 |

**VACANCY:** In case of a vacancy on the board at any time, whether caused by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the vacancy shall be immediately filled by the recommendation of the Chair and approval of the appointment by the Board of Commissioners. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of office and shall possess the same qualifications required under this part for regular appointment to a full term of office. Said appointment shall take effect immediately and shall serve until the term of previous appointment expires.



If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this resolution 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 resolution.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Whitney Summey

Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk

Shannon K. Whitfield

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Passage from Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Askew, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.