

**CITY OF MORROW
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA; TO AMEND TITLE 2, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 2-1-1; TO PROVIDE FOR RULES GOVERNING THE CANCELLATION OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Morrow, Georgia (“City”) is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City are the Mayor and Council thereof;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary to provide further clarity on the process by which council meetings may be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, an amendment is necessary to promote clarity, efficiency and harmony relating to the rules of the governing body.

THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORROW:

SECTION 1. Section 2-1-1 of Chapter 1, Title 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Morrow, Georgia is hereby amended by striking the existing text in its entirety and inserting the following text, in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-1-1. Regular meetings; special meetings.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, regular meetings of the mayor and council shall be held at the Morrow Municipal Complex on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Work sessions shall begin at 6:30 p.m. preceding the regular meetings, except on the second Tuesday of each month when the work session may begin at 5:30 p.m.

- (b) Where the day for a regular meeting falls upon a day which is a legal holiday in this state, the meeting may be held upon a day and at an hour to be designated by the mayor at least four days before the legal holiday, at which meeting all matters shall be taken up which might have come before the meeting as regularly set.
- (c) Special meetings of the mayor and council may be held on call as provided in the city charter.
- (d) Only business stated in the call may be transacted at a special meeting.
- (e) Notice of any special meeting may be waived by a council member in writing before or after a special meeting, and attendance at the meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice on any business transacted in the council member's presence.
- (f) Any meeting of the mayor and council may be continued or adjourned from day to day, or for more than one day, but no adjournment shall be for a longer period than until the next regular meeting thereafter.
- (g) Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph (b), regular meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled at the request of the mayor or three members of the city council.
- (h) Mayor-initiated special meetings may only be cancelled by the mayor, and council-initiated special meetings may only be cancelled upon request by any three members of the city council, excluding the mayor.”

SECTION 2. The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be codified in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia and the City.

SECTION 4.

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are and were upon their enactment believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that to the greatest extent allowed by law each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this

Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

(c) In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the Ordinance and that to the greatest extent allowed by law all remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

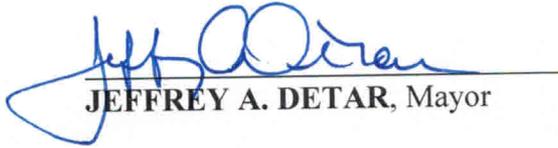
SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 6. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption unless otherwise stated herein.

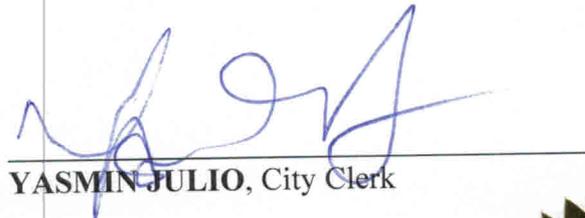
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ORDAINED this 13th day of December, 2016.

CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA


JEFFREY A. DETAR, Mayor

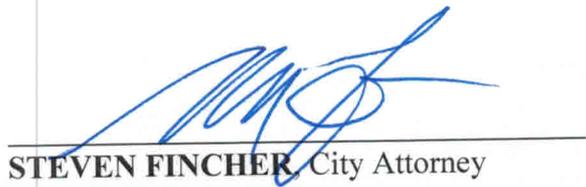
ATTEST:


YASMIN JULIO, City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


STEVEN FINCHER, City Attorney