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A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO WATER EFFICIENCY AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PLUMBING CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS the current minimum water efficiency requirements for buildings in the City of Powder Springs (the "City") is the Georgia State Minimum Standard Plumbing Code ("Georgia Plumbing Code") as approved and adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") from time to time; and

WHEREAS the City, like all local governments in the State of Georgia, is authorized under O.C.G.A. § 8-2-25(c) to adopt local requirements when needed that are more stringent than the Georgia Plumbing Code based on local climatic, geologic, topographic, or public safety factors; and

WHEREAS the long-term availability, reliability, and resiliency of water supplies is a critical need of Powder Springs and water efficiency is essential to meeting this need; and

WHEREAS the "Local Amendments to Plumbing Code" shown in the redline in Attachment A are more stringent than the Georgia Plumbing Code on water efficacy because the amendments require even more efficient uses of water and provide clarifications on existing allowable practices; and

WHEREAS based on its local climatic, geologic, topographic factors included in the regional water resources plan prepared by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District ("Metro Water District"), of which the City is a part, water conservation is especially important to the City and the Metro Water District; and

WHEREAS the City has become aware that more water efficient technologies have become widely available at comparable prices and performance to the water efficient technologies currently required as the minimum in the Georgia Plumbing Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council for the City of Powder Springs finds that, based on local climatic, geographic, topographic, and public safety factors included in the Metro Water District's plans, it is justified in adopting local water efficiency requirements more stringent that the Georgia Plumbing Code and is considering codifying these water efficiency requirements in local code as an amendment to Georgia Plumbing Code in the form of the Local Amendments to Plumbing Code shown in the redline in Attachment A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is authorized to submit this resolution and the Local Amendments to Plumbing Code to DCA for review and comment as required by O.C.G.A. § 8-2-25(c)(1).

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 15th day of April 2024.

Albert Thurman, Mayor

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Doris Dawkins, Council Member

Dwayne Green, Council Member

Dwight McMutry, Council Member

Absent
Patricia Wisdom, Council Member

Attest:

Celly Axt, City Clerk