

House Bill 67

By: Representative Kidd of the 145th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County; to provide for
2 boundaries and districts; to provide for powers and duties; to provide for organization,
3 qualifications, election, terms, and filling of vacancies; to provide for associated offices,
4 departments, and agencies; to provide for budgets and financial matters; to provide for a
5 transition period; to provide for the repeal of certain Acts; to provide for a referendum; to
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 ARTICLE I
9 Power of Unified Government
10 UNIFICATION, CREATION, BOUNDARIES, STATUS,
11 AND POWERS OF UNIFIED GOVERNMENT

12 **SECTION 1-101.**
13 Unification of county and city; creation of unified government.

14 (a) The new government shall be known as the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Unified
15 Government. This unification shall result in the creation and establishment of a single
16 government with powers and jurisdiction throughout the territorial limits of Baldwin County,
17 which single government shall supersede and replace the governments of the City of
18 Milledgeville and Baldwin County. Such county-wide government shall be a new political
19 entity, a body politic and corporate, and a political subdivision of the state, to be known as
20 "Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia," having all the governmental and corporate
21 powers, duties, and functions heretofore held by and vested in the City of Milledgeville and
22 Baldwin County, and also the powers, duties, and functions provided in this charter. The
23 unified government shall be a public corporation; shall have perpetual existence; shall adopt
24 a common seal; shall, without the necessity or formality of a deed, bill of sale, or other
25 instrument of transfer, own, possess, and hold all the properties of whatsoever kind or nature,

26 assets, contracts, franchises, things, rights, privileges, immunities, and real and personal
 27 property theretofore owned, possessed, enjoyed, or held by the City of Milledgeville or
 28 Baldwin County; and by the name of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall be
 29 capable of suing and being sued when authorized by this charter and by the Constitution and
 30 laws of the State of Georgia. From and after the effective date of this charter, the political
 31 subdivision known as Baldwin County, Georgia, and the municipal corporation known as the
 32 City of Milledgeville, Georgia, shall be unified into the said new political entity created in
 33 this charter.

34 (b) Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall encourage the meaningful involvement
 35 in its operations of all citizens of Milledgeville-Baldwin County. This government shall
 36 comply with the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 1972 as well as federal and state
 37 employment law where applicable. State of Georgia home rule statutes shall also apply
 38 where applicable.

39 (c) The unification of the governments of the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County is
 40 authorized pursuant to the provisions of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph II(a) of the
 41 Constitution of Georgia of 1983, as amended.

42 (d) When the term "Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission" or "commission" is used
 43 in this charter, unless a contrary meaning is clearly apparent from the context, such term shall
 44 include the mayor, vice mayor, and commissioners.

45 **SECTION 1-102.**

46 **Boundaries.**

47 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall embrace the total area included within the
 48 existing territorial limits of Baldwin County as such limits are fixed and established on the
 49 effective date of this charter. However, such limits may be altered and changed from time
 50 to time as provided by the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia pertaining to
 51 counties.

52 **SECTION 1-103.**

53 **Status as municipal corporation and county.**

54 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall be deemed to be both a municipal corporation
 55 and a county throughout the total territory of said government. It is the express intention of
 56 this section to declare as a city and as a part of the unified government all of the area of
 57 Baldwin County.

SECTION 1-104.

Powers.

60 (a) Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall have all powers of self-government
61 authorized by the Constitution and not otherwise prohibited by the laws of Georgia.

62 (b) In addition to the foregoing, the unified government shall have and be vested with, to the
63 same extent as if herein repeated, all rights, powers, duties, privileges, and authority that the
64 mayor and council of the City of Milledgeville or the Commission of Baldwin County, or
65 both, have under the Constitution and general and local laws of the State of Georgia at the
66 time of adoption of this charter. This authority shall include, but shall not be limited to, the
67 authority to adopt home rule ordinances and resolutions as provided in Article IX, Section II
68 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

69 (c) In addition to the foregoing, the unified government shall have all rights, powers, duties,
70 privileges, and authority herein conferred or herein enlarged, and such other rights, powers,
71 duties, privileges, and authority as may be necessary and proper for carrying the same into
72 execution, and also all rights, powers, duties, privileges, and authority, whether express or
73 implied, that may be now vested in or hereafter granted to counties or municipal
74 corporations, or both, by the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, including the
75 powers vested in the unified government by this charter.

76 (d) The unified government, in addition to the rights, duties, powers, privileges, and
77 authority expressly conferred upon it by this charter, shall have the right, duty, power,
78 privilege, and authority to exercise and enjoy all other powers, duties, functions, rights,
79 privileges, and immunities necessary and proper to promote or protect the safety, health,
80 peace, security, and general welfare of said government and its inhabitants and to exercise
81 all implied powers necessary to carry into execution all powers granted in this charter as fully
82 and completely as if such powers were fully enumerated herein and to do and perform all of
83 the acts pertaining to its property, affairs, and local government which are necessary or
84 proper in the legitimate exercise of its corporate powers and governmental duties and
85 functions.

86 (e) No enumeration of any right, power, privilege, or authority provided in other sections of
87 this charter shall be construed as limiting or abolishing any right, power, and privilege or
88 authority set forth in this section.

89 (f) In addition to and supplementary to all other powers which it may possess, and by way
90 of illustration and not of limitation, the unified government shall have the powers specifically
91 enumerated in Section 8-114 of this charter.

SECTION 1-105.

Taxing districts.

94 (a) The unified government shall divide the county into two or more taxing districts which
95 shall be known as "services districts"; provided, however, that at least one of such districts
96 shall be known as the general services district. The general services district shall embrace
97 the total geographic area of Milledgeville-Baldwin County. In addition, the board of
98 commissioners shall initially establish at least one urban services district which shall embrace
99 such territory for which provision is made by the commission for additional or higher levels
100 of services than are provided uniformly throughout the territory of the unified government.

101 (b) Taxes shall be assessed, levied, and collected in accordance with the kind, character,
102 type, degree, and level of services provided by the government within such services districts;
103 and the rate and manner of taxation may vary in any one district from that in another or other
104 districts.

105 (c) The unified government may also establish special services districts which shall embrace
106 such territory or territories for which provision is made by the commission for additional or
107 higher levels of services provided by the unified government.

108 (d) In the establishment of future services district or districts, the commission shall hold one
109 or more public hearings thereon at which all interested persons affected thereby shall have
110 an opportunity to be heard. Notice of the time, place, and date of such hearings shall be
111 published in the official legal organ of Milledgeville-Baldwin County at least once a week
112 during the two weeks immediately preceding the date of the hearing.

113 (e) The unified government shall be empowered to exercise and provide within the general
114 services district and within any urban and special services district established by this charter
115 or by ordinance of the commission those powers, functions, and services which have
116 previously been exercised and provided by Baldwin County or the City of Milledgeville, or
117 both; all powers, functions, and services authorized by this charter and any amendments
118 thereto; and all powers, functions, and services which counties or municipal corporations,
119 or both, are now or are hereafter authorized to exercise under the Constitution and laws of
120 the State of Georgia.

121 (f) The unified government shall perform within the general services district those
122 governmental duties, functions, and services which are generally available and accessible to
123 all residents throughout the total area of said government.

124 (g) The unified government shall perform within its urban services districts those additional,
125 more comprehensive and intensive, and higher levels of governmental duties, functions, and
126 services which benefit primarily the residents of such urban services districts.

127 (h) The unified government shall perform within its special services districts those
128 additionally selected, more comprehensive, intensive, and higher levels of governmental
129 duties, functions, and services which benefit primarily the residents of such special services
130 districts.

131 (i) Except as otherwise provided by this charter, urban and special services districts of the
132 unified government shall be created, expanded, merged, consolidated, or reduced only by an
133 ordinance duly adopted by the commission under such general rules, procedures, regulations,
134 requirements, and specifications as established by the commission; provided, however, that
135 no new urban or special services district shall be created or existing urban or special services
136 district expanded, abolished, merged, consolidated, or reduced without providing an
137 opportunity for interested persons to be heard by publishing a notice of a public hearing on
138 the proposed expansion, abolishment, merger, consolidation, reduction, or creation of an
139 urban or special services district in the official legal organ of Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
140 Georgia, at least once a week during the two weeks immediately preceding the date of
141 hearing. Such rules and regulations shall set forth the manner and method for the creation
142 of new urban and special services districts; the expansion, abolishment, consolidation,
143 reduction, or merger of existing urban or special services districts; requirements for defining
144 functions and policies for rendering services; changes in levels of services within existing
145 services districts; the transfer of territory from one services district to another; requirements
146 for defining boundaries of services districts; procedures for the expansion, abolishment,
147 reduction, or consolidation of existing services districts; and requirements for defining
148 boundaries of services districts.

149 (j) The unified government is empowered to create new services and eliminate existing
150 services by the same procedures and methods stated in this section.

151 (k) Citizens of any area in the county may request additional services by petitioning the
152 unified government according to the rules, procedures, and guidelines established by the
153 unified government. The unified government shall hold public hearings as outlined in the
154 services district modification procedure stated in this section and shall consider all comments
155 received prior to reaching a final decision.

156 **SECTION 1-106.**

157 **Construction.**

158 The powers of the unified government shall be construed liberally in favor of the unified
159 government. The specific mention or failure to mention particular powers in this charter
160 shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general powers of the unified government
161 as provided in this article. It is the intention hereof to grant to the unified government full

162 power and right to exercise all governmental authority authorized by the Constitution and
 163 laws of Georgia which is necessary for the effective operation and conduct of the unified
 164 government within its territory and for the conduct of all of its affairs.

165 **ARTICLE II**

166 **Legislative Make-up**

167 **UNIFICATION, CREATION, BOUNDARIES, STATUS,**
 168 **AND POWERS OF UNIFIED GOVERNMENT.**

169 **SECTION 2-101.**

170 **Organization, oath, rules, quorum, records; vice chair.**

171 (a)(1) The unified government provides for the creation of the Milledgeville-Baldwin
 172 County Commission as its governing body.

173 (2)(A) The commission shall be composed of five commissioners elected from districts
 174 and a mayor and vice mayor who shall be elected at large. For the purpose of electing
 175 members of the commission, Milledgeville-Baldwin County shall be divided into five
 176 commissioner districts. One member of the commission shall be elected from each
 177 such district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five
 178 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
 179 identified as "Plan: MillBaldCC-2015 Plan Type: Local Administrator: H145 User:
 180 Gina".

181 (B)(i) For the purposes of such plan:

182 (I) The term "VTD" shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
 183 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
 184 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a
 185 district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe
 186 individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the
 187 Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and
 188 (II) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
 189 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
 190 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
 191 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

192 (ii) Any part of Milledgeville-Baldwin County which is not included in any district
 193 described in subparagraph (a)(2)(A) of this section shall be included within that
 194 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the
 195 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

196 (iii) Any part of Milledgeville-Baldwin County which is described in
197 subparagraph (a)(2)(A) of this section as being included in a particular district shall
198 nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such
199 district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district
200 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
201 States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

202 (3) After the initial election of the mayor, vice mayor, and commission members as
203 provided in Section 6-301 of this charter, the mayor, vice mayor, and commission
204 members shall be elected to four-year terms of office and until their respective successors
205 are elected and qualified. The Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission (also referred
206 to as "commission", "board of commissioners", or "board") shall meet for organization
207 and swearing in purposes on the first Tuesday after January 1 following its election or as
208 soon thereafter practicable. At this meeting, the newly elected commissioners shall each
209 take the following oath of office, to be administered by the judge of the probate court:
210 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly perform the duties of
211 commissioner of the unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia,
212 and that I will support and defend the charter thereof, as well as the Constitution and
213 laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America, so help me God."

214 (b) The commission, by majority vote, shall adopt rules of procedure governing the
215 transaction of its business consistent with the provisions of this charter; shall set by ordinance
216 the time, date, and place for regular meetings, which will be held at least once each month;
217 and shall provide for keeping minutes of its proceedings by the clerk as provided for by the
218 charter. The commission may opt to hold more than one regular monthly meeting or may
219 choose to hold a regular monthly work session. In either case, the number and type of
220 meeting shall be established annually by majority vote.

221 (c) At its first organizational meeting, the commission shall select the date when it will hold
222 its regular monthly meetings.

223 (d) Four of the seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the
224 transaction of business; however, a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

225 (e) Special meetings of the commission may be called by the mayor or by a quorum of
226 commissioners upon no less than 24 hour notice. Written notice of such meeting shall be
227 served personally on each member or left at the usual place of business or residence of such
228 member. Such notice of a special meeting may be waived in writing either before or after
229 such meeting. Subject to subsection (d) of Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A., special
230 meetings may be held at any time without notice to all commissioners, upon attendance at
231 such meeting by all members of the commission, or by waiver of notice of those not in
232 attendance.

233 (f) All meetings of the commission, except for those exceptions provided for in general law,
 234 shall be public; and any citizen shall have access to the minutes and records thereof at
 235 reasonable times.

236 (g) In the absence of the mayor for any reason, the vice mayor shall preside over meetings
 237 and discharge the duties of mayor until either the return of the mayor or the election of a new
 238 mayor. While serving as the mayor, the vice mayor shall have the same powers as the
 239 mayor.

240 **SECTION 2-102.**

241 Powers of the commission.

242 (a) All legislative powers of the unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 243 Georgia, including any powers which may hereafter be conferred by law upon said
 244 government, shall be vested exclusively in the mayor and the commission in accordance with
 245 the provisions of this charter.

246 (b) The unified government, in addition to the rights, duties and powers, privileges, and
 247 authority expressly conferred upon it by this charter, shall have the right, duty, power,
 248 privilege, and authority to exercise and enjoy all other powers, duties, functions, rights,
 249 privileges, and immunities necessary and proper to promote or protect the safety, health,
 250 peace, security, and general welfare of said government and its inhabitants and to exercise
 251 all implied powers necessary to carry into execution all powers granted in this charter as fully
 252 and completely as if such powers were fully enumerated in this charter to do and perform all
 253 the acts pertaining to its local affairs, property, and government that are necessary or proper
 254 in the legitimate exercise of its corporate powers and governmental duties and functions.

255 (c) No repeal of any law under which the unified government derives any right, power,
 256 privilege, or authority, except by amendment of this charter as provided in this charter, shall
 257 be construed as limiting or abolishing any such right, power, privilege, or authority set forth
 258 in this charter.

259 (d) The general laws of the State of Georgia of a criminal nature shall be applicable to and
 260 within the limits of the unified government. General laws of local application through
 261 classification by population not in conflict with this charter which, on the effective date of
 262 this charter, apply to the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County which are applicable to the
 263 unified government and which apply to the unified government as either a city or a county
 264 at the time of their enactment or thereafter shall be effective, but those which did not apply
 265 to the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County or the unified government at the time of their
 266 enactment shall not become applicable to the unified government except through the
 267 adoption of a resolution to that effect by the commission.

268 (e) Local Acts of the State of Georgia which apply specifically to Baldwin County, or the
269 City of Milledgeville, or both collectively, shall be applicable to the unified government.

270 (f) In construing the applicability of provisions of the Constitution and the general laws of
271 Georgia which apply in general terms to either counties or municipalities, or both, and local
272 Acts of the General Assembly that apply specifically to Baldwin County, the City of
273 Milledgeville, or all collectively, the following terms as used in such laws shall be construed
274 to include the unified government as follows:

275 (1) "Board of commissioners" shall be construed to include the commission of
276 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia;

277 (2) "City," "town," "municipal corporation," or "municipality" shall be construed to
278 include Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia;

279 (3) "Council," "mayor," "mayor and council," and "county commissioners" shall be
280 construed to include the commission of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia; and

281 (4) "County" means Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.

282 Any other terms and provisions as used in such Acts to refer specifically to Baldwin County
283 or the City of Milledgeville or both collectively shall include employees, departments, and
284 agencies of such entities.

285 (g) In construing the applicability of laws in force to the unified government, the following
286 order shall prevail:

287 (1) The Constitution of the State of Georgia;

288 (2) The general laws of uniform application now in force or hereafter enacted by the
289 General Assembly, as distinguished from general laws of local application through
290 classification by population, applicable to municipal corporations or counties or both;

291 (3) The general laws of local application through classification by population as and to
292 the extent provided in subsection (b) of this section;

293 (4) Special laws applicable to Baldwin County, not in conflict with this charter;

294 (5) Special laws applicable to the City of Milledgeville, not in conflict with this charter;

295 (6) This charter and all ordinances and resolutions passed pursuant thereto; and

296 (7) Existing ordinances and resolutions of the former City of Milledgeville and existing
297 ordinances and resolutions of the former County of Baldwin not in conflict with this
298 charter.

299 (h) The tort and nuisance liability of the unified government shall follow the law and rules
300 of tort liability applicable to counties in Georgia.

301 (i) For purposes of applicable laws, the unified government shall constitute a municipality
302 and a county, or both. Except as otherwise provided by this charter, if a law applicable to
303 municipalities and the same or another law applicable to counties are in conflict, the law
304 applicable to counties shall prevail.

305 (j) The unified government shall have the power and authority to participate in, cooperate
306 in, and take all necessary action with respect to any and all projects, programs, and
307 undertakings of any nature authorized by any statute, rule, or regulation of the United States,
308 the State of Georgia, or any federal or state agency or instrumentality, including, but not
309 limited to, community development, highways, aviation, aviation terminals, airports, airport
310 facilities, municipal area or regional development, water and sewage disposal, public
311 housing, housing for the aged, and transportation or mass transit or any phase thereof; to
312 borrow money and issue promissory notes, general obligation bonds, or revenue bonds, or
313 any combination thereof, for any such purposes in accordance with the provisions of this
314 charter; and to execute mortgages or deeds of trust in favor of any federal agency, secured
315 by property of which the restructured government is the legal or beneficial or equitable
316 owner, or in favor of any private agency where the loan is guaranteed by a federal agency.

317 (k) In addition to its legislative powers, the commission shall specifically have the power
318 to:

319 (1) Adopt and, as needed, amend the annual balanced budget by a majority vote;

320 (2) Approve or reject recommendations concerning the appointments of the manager and
321 attorney by a majority vote;

322 (3) Remove from office the manager, attorney, or auditor by majority vote; and

323 (4) Suspend the rules by a majority vote.

324 (l) In the exercise of its powers, the commission shall adopt and provide for the execution
325 of such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with the charter, as
326 may be necessary or proper for the purpose of carrying into effect the powers conferred by
327 this charter and for the promotion and protection of the safety, health, peace, security, and
328 general welfare of the inhabitants of the unified government and may enforce such
329 ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations by imposing penalties for violations thereof,
330 as prescribed by ordinance, by a fine that shall not to exceed \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment
331 for a period not to exceed six months.

332 (m) Except as otherwise provided by the Constitution, general or local law, or this charter,
333 the commission may by ordinance create, change, alter, combine, abolish, consolidate, and
334 redefine the manner of appointment, membership, powers, and duties of bureaus, boards,
335 commissions, departments, divisions, authorities, offices, and agencies of the unified
336 government, including positions of public office, and may transfer and delete functions and
337 assign additional functions to any bureaus, offices, agencies, departments, divisions, boards,
338 authorities, commissions, and positions of public employment existing under this charter.
339 The commission may by ordinance transfer all the assets, liabilities, and obligations thereof
340 to a department, a division, or other unit of a department of the unified government which
341 shall have the power and duty to perform and exercise all the functions and powers

342 previously performed and exercised by such previous board, commission, authority, division,
 343 agency, bureau, office, department, or position of public employment. This subsection shall
 344 not apply to any authorities or boards which were created by either a local constitutional
 345 amendment or by a local Act of the General Assembly.

346 (n) The commission shall have the power to conduct or cause to be conducted inquiries and
 347 investigations of the operations of any office, department, or agency or the conduct of any
 348 officer or employee thereof administering the affairs of the unified government. In
 349 conducting inquiries and investigations, the commission shall have the right to administer
 350 oaths; subpoena witnesses, documents, records or other evidence; take testimony; and require
 351 the production of evidence. The conduct of proceedings at commission inquiries and
 352 investigations shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the commission may prescribe
 353 by general ordinance.

354 (o) The commission shall provide for the form of oaths and the amount and condition of
 355 surety bonds as may be required of any officer or employee of the unified government.

356 (p) The commission shall have and exercise such other powers as conferred upon it by this
 357 charter and the laws of Georgia.

358 **SECTION 2-103.**

359 Filling of vacancies.

360 (a) In the event that the office of a member of the commission becomes vacant by reason of
 361 death, resignation, or any other cause, and the term will expire in less than 180 days, the
 362 vacant position shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the commission.
 363 Any individual so appointed shall have the same qualifications required for election to the
 364 office.

365 (b) If the term of the vacant commission position will continue for more than 180 days, a
 366 special election shall be held as provided in this charter and general state law to elect a new
 367 member of the commission to serve for the remainder of the term.

368 **SECTION 2-201.**

369 Legislation by ordinance.

370 Every official act of the commission which is to have the force and effect of law shall be by
 371 ordinance and shall begin with the words: "The Commission of Milledgeville-Baldwin
 372 County, Georgia, hereby ordains". All other acts of the commission shall be by resolution
 373 or shall take such other form as prescribed by its rules.

374 **SECTION 2-202.**

375 Introduction, consideration, and passage of ordinances and resolutions.

376 (a) Every proposed ordinance and every amendment shall contain not more than one subject
377 which shall be expressed clearly in its title.

378 (b) It shall be the duty of the attorney to review all ordinances prior to introduction to the
379 commission in order to discern the draftsmanship and impact of the proposed ordinance.
380 After such review, copies of such ordinance shall be prepared by the clerk of the commission
381 and distributed to each member of the commission.

382 (c) Every proposed ordinance shall be in writing, and each commissioner shall receive a
383 copy. Such proposed ordinance shall be introduced by reading the title thereof at a regular
384 monthly meeting or a properly called special meeting of the commission. Any new
385 ordinances or amended ordinances shall be introduced at one meeting and acted on at the
386 next or a later meeting. Rules may be suspended for exigent circumstances by majority vote.
387 Exigent circumstances shall be defined as natural disasters or any event affecting the public
388 order.

389 (d) The adoption of any ordinance shall require a majority vote.

390 (e) The passage of all ordinances shall be contingent upon the recording of the "ayes" and
391 "nays" of each person voting and the names of each person voting for and against each
392 proposed ordinance or amendment. The names of those abstaining and those absent shall be
393 entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of the commission.

394 **SECTION 2-203.**

395 Submission of ordinances to mayor; effective date.

396 Every ordinance or resolution adopted by the commission shall be certified by the clerk of
397 the commission and presented to the Milledgeville-Baldwin County mayor within two
398 business days following its adoption.

399 **SECTION 2-204.**

400 Authentication; recording.

401 The clerk of the commission shall authenticate by signature and record in full in a properly
402 indexed book kept for that purpose all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the
403 commission.

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SECTION 2-205.

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Codes of technical regulations.

406 (a) The commission may adopt any standard code of technical regulations by reference
407 thereto in an adopting ordinance. The procedure and requirements governing such adopting
408 ordinance shall be prescribed for ordinances generally, except that the requirements of
409 subsection (c) of Section 2-202 of this charter for distribution of copies of the ordinance to
410 each commission member shall be construed to include copies of the code of technical
411 regulations. Copies of the code of technical regulations shall be maintained in the clerk's
412 office, as well as the adopting ordinance, and shall be authenticated by the clerk as provided
413 in Section 2-204 of this charter.

414 (b) Copies of any adopted code of technical regulations shall be made available by the clerk
415 for public inspection and for purchase at a reasonable price as fixed by the commission.

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SECTION 2-206.

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Codification and printing of ordinances.

418 (a) The commission shall, within two years of the effective date of this charter, provide for
419 the preparation of general codification of all ordinances of a general or permanent nature.
420 Such code shall be adopted by the commission by ordinance and shall be published promptly
421 in loose-leaf form, together with all amendments thereto, this charter, and amendments
422 hereto, and such codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations as the
423 commission may specify. This compilation shall be known and cited officially as the "Code
424 of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia." As determined by the commission, copies of
425 the code shall be furnished to officers, departments, and agencies of the unified government;
426 placed in libraries and public offices for public reference; and made available for purchase
427 by the public at a reasonable price.

428 (b) Following publication of the first Code of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, from
429 time to time thereafter, the ordinances and charter amendments shall be printed in
430 substantially the same style as the code then in effect and shall be in a suitable form for
431 integration therein.

432 **SECTION 2-207.**

433 Prima facie evidence.

434 A record or entry made by the clerk of commission of a copy of such record or entry, duly
 435 certified by the clerk of commission, shall be prima facie evidence of the terms of every
 436 ordinance and its due adoption.

437 **SECTION 2-301.**

438 Conflict of interest.

439 No elected official, appointed officer, or employee of Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 440 Georgia, or any agency or political entity to which this charter applies shall knowingly:

441 (1) Engage in any business or transaction in which the person has a financial interest
 442 which is incompatible with the proper discharge of official duties;

443 (2) Disclose confidential information concerning the property, government, or affairs of
 444 the governmental body by which such person is engaged or is a member of without
 445 proper legal authorization or use that information to advance the financial or other private
 446 interest of such person or others;

447 (3) Accept any gift that has a value of \$100.00 or more from any person, firm, or
 448 corporation which to his or her knowledge is interested, directly or indirectly, in business
 449 dealings with the governmental body of which he or she is a member or by which such
 450 person is engaged; provided, however, that an elected official who is a candidate for
 451 public office may accept campaign contributions and services in connection with a
 452 campaign;

453 (4) Represent private interests other than his or her own in any action or proceeding
 454 against Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, or any portion of its government; or

455 (5) Vote or otherwise actively participate in the negotiation or the making of any contract
 456 between Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, and any business or entity in which he
 457 or she has a financial interest.

458 **SECTION 2-302.**

459 Disclosure.

460 Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee of the unified government or of any
 461 board, commission, authority, or agency thereof who has any private financial interest, direct
 462 or indirect, in any contract or matter pending before or within any department of the unified
 463 government shall disclose such private interest to the commission. Any commissioner who

464 has a private interest in any matter pending before the commission shall disclose such private
465 interest, and such disclosure shall be entered on the records of the commission; and he or she
466 shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any decision or vote relating thereto.
467 Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee of any board, commission, authority, or
468 agency of the unified government who has any private financial interest, direct or indirect,
469 in any contract or matter pending before or within such entity shall disclose such private
470 interest to the commission.

471 **SECTION 2-303.**

472 Testimony of public officials relating to public affairs.

473 Any officer or employee of the unified government or of any board, commission, authority,
474 or agency thereof who is duly and properly called a witness before any unified government,
475 state, or federal judicial or administrative tribunal, who before such tribunal fails to answer
476 any proper question concerning his or her performance, shall be guilty of a violation of this
477 charter; provided, however, that Garrity rights and fifth amendment constitutional protections
478 are honored.

479 **SECTION 2-304.**

480 Contracts voidable and rescindable.

481 Any contract between the unified government or any board, commission, authority, agency,
482 or entity thereof made in violation of the provisions of this charter shall be voidable or
483 rescindable at the option of the commission at any time if any elected official, appointed
484 officer, or employee of such unified government or board, commission, authority, or agency
485 thereof has any interest in such contract and does not disclose such interest in accordance
486 with Section 2-302 of this charter.

487 **SECTION 2-305.**

488 Hearings and determinations; penalties for violation.

489 (a) Upon the sworn complaint of any person alleging facts which, if true, would constitute
490 a violation of this charter, the commission shall appoint an ethics committee consisting of
491 three persons to consider such complaint. Such committee shall be selected by the
492 commission from the following public officers of Milledgeville-Baldwin County: the clerk
493 of superior court, the judge of the probate court, the tax commissioner, the district attorney,
494 and the solicitor of the state court. The ethics committee may conduct a public hearing at

495 which the accused shall be given an opportunity to be heard, either personally or through
 496 counsel. At the conclusion, based thereon, the committee shall make a determination
 497 concerning the propriety of the conduct of the official or employee in question and shall
 498 report such determination to the commission. If the ethics committee finds a violation, then
 499 the commission may impose such sanctions as it deems appropriate under this charter.

500 (b) Any officer or employee of the unified government or of any board, commission,
 501 authority, or agency thereof who is found to have knowingly concealed his or her personal
 502 financial interest, or who is found to have knowingly violated any of the requirements of this
 503 charter, shall be deemed guilty of malfeasance in office or position. If such decision is
 504 upheld after all reviews and appeals provided by the unified government have been
 505 exhausted, the officer or employee shall be subject to such punishment as may be deemed
 506 appropriate by the commission and which may include forfeiture of office or position.

507 (c) Any officer or employee of the unified government or of any board, commission,
 508 authority, or agency thereof who forfeits his or her office or position as described in
 509 subsection (b) of this section shall be ineligible for appointment or election to or employment
 510 in a position in the unified government or of any board, commission, authority, or agency
 511 thereof for a period of three years thereafter.

512 **SECTION 2-306.**

513 Recall of elected officials.

514 Upon adoption of this charter, a process for recall of elected officials shall be established in
 515 accordance with state law.

516 **SECTION 2-307.**

517 Code of ethics.

518 Within three months after taking office, the initial Milledgeville-Baldwin County
 519 Commission shall adopt a code of ethics for elected officials.

520 **ARTICLE III**

521 **UNIFIED GOVERNMENT HEAD**

522 **SECTION 3-101.**

523 Head of government; election; term of office; qualification; disqualification.

524 (a) There is hereby created the office of Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission
 525 chairperson who shall be known as the mayor. Except as otherwise provided for an initial

526 term of office, this position shall be elected at large by the voters of the unified government
527 and shall serve for a term of four years and until a successor is qualified and elected.

528 (b) Except as otherwise provided for initial terms of office, the term of office of all members
529 of the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission shall be four years and until their
530 successors are elected and qualified, except that a person appointed to fill a vacancy on the
531 commission shall serve only for the balance of the unexpired term as provided in
532 Section 2-103 of this charter. All terms of office shall commence at the first regular meeting
533 in January following the election.

534 **SECTION 3-102.**

535 Salary and expenses.

536 (a) The salary of each commissioner, other than the mayor and vice mayor, shall be
537 \$15,000.00 per year, payable in equal monthly installments. The vice mayor's salary shall
538 be \$20,000.00 per year, payable in equal monthly installments.

539 (b) In addition to their salaries, commissioners shall be reimbursed for all direct expenses
540 incurred in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the unified government.

541 (c) The salary and expenses of members of the commission may be changed by ordinance,
542 subject to the following conditions:

543 (1) No action to increase the salary or expenses of commissioners shall be taken until
544 notice of intent to take the action has been published in the official legal organ of
545 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, at least once a week for three successive weeks
546 immediately preceding the week during which the action is taken;

547 (2) Salary increases shall not take effect until after the next commission is elected and
548 seated; and

549 (3) Increases in expense reimbursements shall take effect upon the affirmative action of
550 the commission.

551 **SECTION 3-103.**

552 Qualifications of office.

553 (a) To be eligible for election to the office of mayor or vice mayor, a person, on the date of
554 his or her election, shall:

555 (1) Have attained the age of 25 years;

556 (2) Have resided in the territory of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, for at least
557 one year immediately preceding the date of election and shall continue such residence
558 therein during the term of office;

- 559 (3) Be a registered voter of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia; and
560 (4) Meet any other requirements as established by law.
- 561 (b) To be eligible for election to the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission, a person,
562 on the date of his or her election, shall:
- 563 (1) Have attained the age of 21 years;
564 (2) Have resided in the territory of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, for at least
565 one year immediately preceding the date of election and shall continue such residence
566 therein during the term of office and shall have resided in their election district for at least
567 one year;
- 568 (3) Be a registered voter of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia; and
569 (4) Meet any other requirements as established by law.
- 570 (c) No person elected to the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission or as mayor or vice
571 mayor shall, during that person's term of office, hold any other federal, state, or local elective
572 government office.

573 **SECTION 3-104.**
574 Compensation for mayor.

- 575 (a) The mayor shall receive as compensation for the services of the office an annual salary
576 of \$35,000.00, payable in equal monthly installments.
- 577 (b) In addition to such salary, the mayor shall be reimbursed for all direct expenses incurred
578 in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the unified government.
- 579 (c) The salary and expenses of the mayor may be changed by ordinance, subject to the
580 following conditions:
- 581 (1) No action to increase the salary shall be taken until notice of intent to take the action
582 has been published in the official legal organ of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia,
583 at least once a week for three successive weeks immediately preceding the week during
584 which the action is taken;
- 585 (2) Salary increases shall not take effect until after the next commission is elected and
586 seated; and
- 587 (3) Increases in expense reimbursement shall take effect upon the affirmative action of
588 the commission.

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SECTION 3-105.

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Powers and duties of mayor.

591 The mayor shall:

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(1) Serve as the official representative of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, including serving as the unified government's representative to federal, state, and local governmental bodies and officials;

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(2) Appoint a county manager, who shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the commission;

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(3) Initiate the process, with the involvement of commissioners and appropriate staff, to search and screen candidates for the positions of attorney, auditor, and commission clerk and appoint candidates for such positions subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the entire commission;

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(4) Remove the county manager, attorney, commission clerk, and auditor for cause subject to the concurrence by a majority of the entire commission;

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(5) Set the agenda, after receiving input from members of the commission, the county manager, and the public, for meetings of the commission;

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(6) Make committee appointments; provided, however, that all standing and appointed committees shall be recommending bodies with the ability to recommend actions to the commission with the full commission retaining the authority to act;

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(7) Present the annual budget and the capital improvements budget, which shall be prepared by the county manager with the assistance of all department and agency heads and all others who supervise the implementation of a budget that uses funds of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, for approval by the commission;

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(8) Be authorized to vote on any issue before the commission and shall vote in the event of a tie vote by the commission;

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(9) Call special meetings of the commission as provided by this charter and by rules of the commission;

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(10) Execute all deeds, contracts, and obligations of the unified government, provided such execution shall be attested to by the county manager;

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(11) Recommend to the commission the adoption of such measures as deemed necessary or expedient;

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(12) Perform any other duties and exercise any other powers required by state or federal law or authorized by a duly adopted ordinance that is not in conflict with this charter; and

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(13) Preside over meetings of the commission.

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SECTION 3-106.

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Vacancy in office of mayor.

625 (a) In the event that the office of mayor becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, or
 626 any other means, the vice mayor shall serve as the mayor with all the powers of the mayor
 627 for the unexpired term of office of the mayor if there are 180 days or less remaining in such
 628 term of office.

629 (b) If there are more than 180 days remaining in the mayor's term of office, a special election
 630 shall be held as soon as practicable as provided by general law to elect a new mayor for the
 631 remainder of the vacant term. The vice mayor shall serve as the mayor until such special
 632 election is held and a successor for the mayor is elected and qualified.

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ARTICLE IV

634

ADMINISTRATION SECTION

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SECTION 4-101.

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Milledgeville-Baldwin county manager; appointment;

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qualifications; compensation.

638 (a) There may be a professional manager who shall be known as the county manager of
 639 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia. If appointed, the county manager shall be the
 640 full-time administrative officer of the unified government. A county manager may be
 641 appointed by the mayor recommending a candidate to the commission for the office of
 642 county manager and the commission confirming such recommendation. No person holding
 643 an elective office on the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission shall be eligible for this
 644 appointment until two years after leaving elective office. Such recommendation shall
 645 become effective when confirmed by a majority vote of the total membership of the
 646 commission. The county manager shall be prohibited from engaging in any political activity
 647 and shall not be eligible to qualify as a candidate for an elective office in the
 648 Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission for one year after leaving office. The county
 649 manager at any time may be removed from office by a majority vote of the entire
 650 commission.

651 (b) Whenever the office of the manager is vacant, the mayor may recommend a person to
 652 serve as acting manager until a new manager is appointed, subject to approval by a majority
 653 vote of the entire commission and subject to reappointment thereafter. The acting manager
 654 at any time may be removed by a majority vote of the entire commission.

655 (c) The county manager need not be a resident of the county at the time of his or her
 656 appointment but shall establish residence therein within six months of such appointment and

657 continue to reside therein throughout such appointment. The qualifications and
658 compensation of the county manager shall be fixed by the commission.

659 **SECTION 4-102.**

660 County manager; powers and duties.

661 (a) If appointed, the county manager shall be responsible for:

662 (1) The management and coordination of the operations and activities of the various
663 departments and agencies of the unified government;

664 (2) The appointment and removal of all department heads with the exception of the city
665 attorney, auditor, and clerk of commissioners;

666 (3) The preparation of the proposed annual budget with the assistance of all department
667 heads for approval by the commission and the mayor;

668 (4) Keeping the commission at all times fully advised as to the financial condition and
669 needs of the unified government;

670 (5) Conducting studies and investigations and making reports thereon to the commission
671 concerning the operation of the departments, offices, and agencies of the unified
672 government;

673 (6) Requiring any department, board, commission, or agency under the county manager's
674 jurisdiction to submit written reports and to provide other information as deemed
675 necessary;

676 (7) Prescribing, requiring, publishing, and implementing standards of administrative,
677 management, and operating practices and procedures to be followed and adhered to by
678 all offices, departments, boards, commissions, authorities, and other agencies of the
679 unified government which are subject to the county manager's supervision and
680 jurisdiction;

681 (8) Acting as the purchasing agent of the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission as
682 provided for in Section 8-105 of this charter;

683 (9) Maintaining all required records of the operations and activities of the
684 Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission; and

685 (10) Developing and implementing an ongoing strategic plan for Milledgeville-Baldwin
686 County, Georgia, and providing annual progress updates to the commission.

687 (b) Except for the purpose of inquiry and investigation, the mayor and commission shall deal
688 with employees of the unified government who are subject to appointment and removal by
689 the county manager solely through the county manager and shall not give orders or directions
690 to any such employee, either publicly or privately, directly or indirectly.

691 (c) The county manager shall obtain the approval and authorization of the commission for
692 all expenditures in excess of \$25,000.00 and all transfers of investments in excess
693 of \$100,000.00.

694 **SECTION 4-103.**

695 County finance manager; appointment; qualifications; duties; compensation.

696 (a) There shall be a professional finance manager who shall be known as the county finance
697 manager of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia. The mayor shall recommend a
698 candidate to the commission for the office of county finance manager. No person holding
699 an elective office on the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission shall be eligible for this
700 appointment until two years after leaving elective office. Such recommendation shall
701 become effective when confirmed by a majority vote of the total membership of the
702 commission. The county finance manager shall be prohibited from engaging in any political
703 activity and shall not be eligible to qualify as a candidate for an elective office in the
704 Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission for one year after leaving office. The county
705 finance manager at any time may be removed from office by a majority vote of the total
706 membership of the commission.

707 (b) Whenever the office of the county finance manager is vacant, the mayor may recommend
708 a person to serve as acting county finance manager until a new county finance manager is
709 appointed, subject to approval by a majority vote of the total membership of the commission
710 and subject to reappointment thereafter. The acting county finance manager at any time may
711 be removed by a majority vote of the total membership of the commission.

712 (c) The county finance manager need not be a resident of the county at the time of his or her
713 appointment but shall establish residence therein within six months of such appointment and
714 continue to reside therein throughout such appointment. The qualifications and
715 compensation of the county finance manager shall be fixed by the commission.

716 **SECTION 4-104.**

717 Attorney; appointment; qualifications; duties; compensation.

718 (a) The mayor shall make nonbinding recommendations to the commission for the attorney
719 of the unified government (referred to at times in this charter as the "attorney"). The
720 recommendations shall become effective when confirmed by a majority vote of the total
721 membership of the commission. The attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and
722 may be removed from office by the mayor for cause with confirmation of the majority vote
723 of the commission.

724 (b) The attorney shall be an active member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing and
725 shall satisfy any other qualifications established by ordinance.

726 (c) The attorney shall be the legal counsel to the unified government and shall perform such
727 other duties as may be required by this charter or by ordinance.

728 (d) The compensation of the attorney shall be as prescribed by a duly adopted ordinance.

729 **SECTION 4-105.**

730 Auditor; appointment; qualifications; duties; compensation.

731 (a) There shall be an auditor who shall be known as the county auditor of
732 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia. The mayor shall recommend a candidate to the
733 commission for the office of county auditor. No person holding an elective office on the
734 Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission shall be eligible for this appointment until two
735 years after leaving elective office. Such recommendation shall become effective when
736 confirmed by a majority vote of the total membership of the commission. The county auditor
737 shall be prohibited from engaging in any political activity and shall not be eligible to qualify
738 as a candidate for an elective office in the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission for
739 one year after leaving office. The county auditor at any time may be removed from office
740 by a majority vote of the total membership of the commission.

741 (b) Whenever the office of the county auditor is vacant, the mayor may recommend a person
742 to serve as acting county auditor until a new county auditor is appointed, subject to approval
743 by a majority vote of the total membership of the commission and subject to reappointment
744 thereafter. The acting county auditor at any time may be removed by a majority vote of the
745 total membership of the commission.

746 (c) The qualifications and compensation of the county finance manager shall be fixed by the
747 commission.

748 **SECTION 4-106.**

749 Sheriff.

750 The sheriff of Baldwin County in office on the effective date of this charter shall be the
751 sheriff of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, and shall be the chief law enforcement
752 officer for the unified government. The sheriff shall serve for the same term as provided by
753 law, and the compensation shall be fixed as provided by law. Subsequent elections for
754 sheriff shall be on the same basis as provided by law for the election of sheriffs generally.
755 The sheriff shall have such other or different powers and duties as provided by the
756 Constitution and laws of Georgia. The sheriff shall be authorized to shift funds within the

757 categories budgeted for his or her office to meet the needs of the office. The sheriff shall
758 meet with the mayor, vice mayor, county manager, and finance committee chairperson of the
759 commission every six months to review the budget of the office of the sheriff.

760 **SECTION 4-107.**

761 Judge of the probate court.

762 The judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County in office on the effective date of this
763 charter shall be the judge of the Probate Court of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.
764 The judge of the probate court shall serve for the same term as provided by law, and the
765 compensation shall be fixed as provided by law. Subsequent elections for the judge of the
766 probate court shall be on the same basis as provided by law for the election of probate judges
767 generally and shall be conducted nonpartisan. The judge of the probate court shall perform
768 the same duties and exercise the same powers as conferred on probate judges generally by
769 the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

770 **SECTION 4-108.**

771 Clerk of superior court.

772 The clerk of the Superior Court of Baldwin County in office on the effective date of this
773 charter shall be the clerk of the Superior Court of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.
774 The clerk of superior court shall serve for the same term as provided by law, and the
775 compensation shall be fixed as provided by law. Subsequent elections for the clerk of
776 superior court shall be on the same basis as provided by law for the election of clerks of
777 superior court generally. The clerk of superior court shall perform the same duties and
778 exercise the same powers as conferred on clerks of superior court generally by the
779 Constitution and laws of Georgia.

780 **SECTION 4-109.**

781 Tax commissioner.

782 The tax commissioner of Baldwin County in office on the effective date of this charter shall
783 be the tax commissioner of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia. The tax commissioner
784 shall serve for the same term as provided by law, and the compensation shall be fixed as
785 provided by law. Subsequent elections for tax commissioner shall be on the same basis as
786 provided by law for the election of tax commissioners generally. The tax commissioner shall

787 perform the same duties and exercise the same powers as conferred on tax commissioners
788 generally by the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

789 **SECTION 4-110.**

790 Coroner.

791 The coroner of Baldwin County in office on the effective date of this charter shall be the
792 coroner of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia. The coroner shall serve for the same
793 term as provided by law, and compensation shall be fixed as provided by law. Subsequent
794 elections for coroner shall be on the same basis as provided by law for the election of
795 coroners generally. The coroner shall perform the same duties and exercise the same powers
796 as conferred on coroners generally by the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

797 **SECTION 4-111.**

798 Clerk.

799 The clerk of the commission shall be responsible for:

- 800 (1) Maintaining all required records of the operations and activities of the
801 Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission, including the minutes of all meetings of the
802 Milledgeville-Baldwin County Commission;
- 803 (2) Certifying ordinances upon adoption for presentation to the mayor for approval or
804 veto and certifying as to the authenticity of ordinances which have become law;
- 805 (3) Attesting the mayor's signature on deeds, contracts, agreements, and any other
806 obligations on the part of government and the signature of any other officer pursuant to
807 Section 7-501 of this charter on any such document;
- 808 (4) Keeping and affixing the seal;
- 809 (5) Providing administrative support to the commission, the mayor, and the county
810 manager of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia; and
- 811 (6) Carrying out such other duties as may be directed by the commission.

812 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND SERVICE DEPARTMENTS**

813 **SECTION 4-201.**

814 Creation and functions; generally.

815 Except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law, the administrative and service
816 departments of the unified government shall be created and established by ordinance and

817 shall perform such functions, duties, services, and responsibilities as enumerated in such
818 ordinances and as prescribed by administrative regulations.

819 **SECTION 4-202.**

820 Administrative reorganization.

821 The commission may, by ordinance, reorganize, combine, consolidate, or discontinue any
822 department or agency of the unified government subject to the jurisdiction of the commission
823 and may, by ordinance, prescribe the functions and duties thereof and may establish, abolish,
824 or alter any nonelective offices and positions of employment as necessary for the proper
825 administration of the unified government.

826 **SECTION 4-203.**

827 Appointment of directors of departments.

828 All directors of departments under the supervision and direction of the
829 Milledgeville-Baldwin county manager shall be appointed by the Milledgeville-Baldwin
830 county manager. The directors of all such departments shall serve at the pleasure of the
831 Milledgeville-Baldwin county manager.

832 **SECTION 4-204.**

833 Departments under state law.

834 (a) All departments which are created pursuant to state or federal law and which administer
835 various state and federal programs and services shall continue their operations without
836 interruption resulting from the adoption of this charter.

837 (b) For employees hired by the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County after the approval
838 of this charter by the electors voting in the referendum pursuant to Section 9-112 of this
839 charter, whether to continue to offer a program of health care benefits, the nature and
840 structure of such a program, the benefits provided in such a program, and the premiums to
841 be paid by employees for their participation or the participation of their families or
842 dependents, if offered, shall be subject to change from time to time in the sound discretion
843 of the mayor and commission.

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SECTION 4-301.

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Certain commissions, boards, and authorities continued.

846 (a) All existing commissions, boards, and authorities are continued without interruption on
847 the effective date of this charter. As used in the Acts and amendments creating the existing
848 commissions, boards, and authorities, the terms "Milledgeville City Council" and "Baldwin
849 County Board of Commissioners" shall mean the Board of Commissioners of
850 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, and the terms "mayor of the City of Milledgeville"
851 and "Chairperson of the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners" shall mean the mayor
852 of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.

853 (b) The Board of Commissioners of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall have the
854 authority to examine all existing boards, commissions, and authorities of the former City of
855 Milledgeville and Baldwin County for the purpose of determining whether any such boards,
856 commissions, and authorities should be reorganized or reconstituted for the purpose of
857 increasing their efficient operation; provided, however, that this authority shall not be
858 construed to authorize the commission to affect any board, commission, and authority created
859 by general law or by local constitutional amendment.

860 (c) The Georgia Military College Board of Trustees shall consist of the mayor and six
861 members who shall be elected from the former City of Milledgeville city commission
862 districts as such districts exist on the effective date of this charter within the urban services
863 district (commonly referred to as the City of Milledgeville) and shall serve four-year terms
864 as provided in Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A. The qualifications for these
865 positions shall be the same as those in place upon adoption of this charter.

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SECTION 4-401.

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Employees.

868 Employees who are terminated from their employment shall have the right to appeal such
869 termination to the commission. Such appeal process shall be initiated by filing a written
870 appeal with the mayor within seven days of termination. The mayor shall present the appeal
871 to the commission for review, and the commission shall act upon such appeal within 30 days
872 following the receipt of the written appeal by the mayor. Failure by the commission to act
873 within 30 days shall result in the reinstatement of such employee.

900 **SECTION 5-105.**

901 Magistrate court; unaffected by charter; redesignation.

902 The Magistrate Court of Baldwin County shall continue its operations without interruption
 903 resulting from the adoption of this charter, and nothing herein shall be construed as affecting
 904 the status of such court. The court shall be known as the Magistrate Court of
 905 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.

906 **SECTION 5-106.**

907 Municipal Court of the City of Milledgeville; abolishment of
 908 operations in the unified government:

909 Six months after the effective date of this charter, the Municipal Court of the City of
 910 Milledgeville shall stand abolished. Any cases pending before the municipal court on that
 911 date shall be transferred to the State Court of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.
 912 Thereafter, all jurisdiction of the former Municipal Court of the City of Milledgeville shall
 913 be transferred to either the Magistrate Court or the State Court of Milledgeville-Baldwin
 914 County, Georgia.

915 **ARTICLE VI**

916 **ELECTIONS**

917 **SECTION 6-101.**

918 Applicability of general laws.

919 Except as otherwise provided by this charter, general and special primaries and elections
 920 shall be conducted in accordance with provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A.,
 921 the "Georgia Election Code."

922 **SECTION 6-102.**

923 Regular election, time of holding; voting.

924 (a) Except for the initial elections under this charter, regular elections for the unified
 925 government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall be held on the Tuesday after
 926 the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year.

927 (b) Only the electors of each of the election districts defined in Section 6-201 of this charter
 928 shall be entitled to vote in the election for the commissioner to be elected from such district.

929 **SECTION 6-103.**

930 Special elections.

931 All special elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with applicable provisions
932 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

933 **SECTION 6-201.**

934 Number of districts; boundaries.

935 The territory of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall consist of five single member
936 election districts to be designated respectively as Commissioner Districts 1 through 5 as
937 provided in Section 2-101 of this charter. The mayor and vice mayor of
938 Milledgeville-Baldwin County shall be elected at large.

939 **SECTION 6-202.**

940 Reapportionment of election districts.

941 (a) The election district boundaries of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall be
942 reapportioned following the publication of each official federal decennial census of the
943 population of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.

944 (b) The reapportionment of election districts shall comply with the following specifications:

945 (1) The county shall be divided into five districts to as closely as possible reflect the
946 population of Milledgeville-Baldwin County; and

947 (2) The Milledgeville-Baldwin County Unified Government shall rely upon the
948 Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly of the
949 State of Georgia to draw those districts that reflect the goal of the unified government.

950 (c) Any reapportionment of election districts shall apply to officials of the unified
951 government elected at the next regular election following such reapportionment; provided,
952 however, any reapportionment ordinance shall not apply.

953 **SECTION 6-301.**

954 Special election of first officials.

955 (a) If the referendum for the approval of the unification of the governments of the City of
956 Milledgeville and Baldwin County is held in July, 2015, then the initial election for members
957 of the Milledgeville-Baldwin County governing authority shall be held on the Tuesday
958 immediately following the first Monday in November, 2015. Otherwise, the initial election

959 for members of the Milledgeville-Baldwin County governing authority shall be held on the
960 date of the 2016 presidential preference primary. The superintendent of elections for
961 Baldwin County shall publish notice of the initial election of members of the unified
962 government in the legal organ of Milledgeville-Baldwin County once a week for four weeks
963 immediately preceding the election.

964 (b) In all other respects, the election shall be held in accordance with the provisions of
965 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

966 (c) The qualifications for office for such initial election shall be as prescribed by applicable
967 provisions of this charter.

968 (d) Any elected official of Milledgeville-Baldwin County or of any municipality who is
969 otherwise qualified under this charter shall be entitled to qualify and run for an office of the
970 unified government.

971 **SECTION 6-302.**

972 Initial terms of office.

973 If elected in November, 2015, the initial terms of the mayor, vice mayor, and commissioners
974 of the unified government shall be from July 1, 2016, until December 31, 2018, and until
975 their respective successors are elected and qualified. If elected in 2016, the initial terms of
976 the mayor, vice mayor, and commissioners of the unified government shall be from
977 January 1, 2017, until December 31, 2020, and until their respective successors are elected
978 and qualified. After the initial elections, all commissioners shall be elected for four-year
979 terms and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

980 **SECTION 6-303.**

981 Elections in general.

982 All elections for seats on the Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, commission shall be
983 nonpartisan.

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ARTICLE VII

985

REVENUE AND FINANCE

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SECTION 7-101.

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Taxation and other revenues; levies and collection of

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taxes, fees, charges, and assessments; appropriations.

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(a) For the purpose of raising revenue for the support and maintenance of the government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, the commission shall have full power and authority to levy and collect taxes to the extent hereinafter provided and to appropriate funds and expend money:

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(1) For the purposes authorized by this charter;

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(2) For the discharge of the powers, duties, obligations, liabilities, and functions specified in this charter;

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(3) For any and all purposes and any and all subjects of taxation for which the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County may have been authorized and in accordance with those authorizations to levy and collect taxes and to appropriate and expend funds under the Constitution or any general or special law of Georgia applicable to the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County on the effective date of this charter; and

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(4) For any purpose authorized by the Constitution or any general or special law of Georgia applicable to municipal corporations and counties generally now in force or hereafter enacted.

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(b) The commission shall have full power and authority to levy and collect the following taxes, charges, and assessments:

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(1) Ad valorem taxes on all real and personal property situated within Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, which is subject to taxation for state, county, and municipal purposes, or for any other public purpose, to the full extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of Georgia, whether local (of the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County) or general;

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(2) Occupation and business license taxes that are not prohibited by the Constitution and general laws of Georgia which may be levied upon any person, firm, partnership, company, or corporation which has a location or office within Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, at which a business, profession, or occupation is conducted;

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(3) Subject to the restrictions imposed by general law, the commission may also impose a regulatory fee, whether designated as a license fee or permit fee or other name, on those businesses, professions, or occupations that the unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia regulates;

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- 1019 (4) An excise tax on rooms, lodgings, or accommodations as now or hereafter provided
 1020 by law for counties and municipalities;
- 1021 (5) License fees and taxes on insurance companies as authorized by Code Sections
 1022 33-8-8 through 33-8-8.6 of the O.C.G.A.;
- 1023 (6) A public utility franchise tax, fee, or both on each electric light and power company,
 1024 gas company, telephone and telegraph company, and other public utility making use of
 1025 the roads, streets, alleys, or other public ways of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia;
- 1026 (7) Franchise fees on cable television systems as now or hereafter provided by law;
 1027 provided, however, that, upon the completion of transition activities funded by the
 1028 franchise fees collected from the unincorporated area of Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1029 these franchise fees may be used to reasonably reduce taxes in the services districts;
- 1030 (8) Fees, assessments, and charges for the cost of constructing, reconstructing, widening,
 1031 or improving any public way, street, sidewalk, curbing, gutters, storm sewers, drainage
 1032 structures, or other utility mains and appurtenances from the abutting property owners
 1033 under any terms and conditions as provided by ordinance;
- 1034 (9) Fees, assessments, charges, and tolls for sanitary and health services or any other
 1035 services rendered within and without the limits of the unified government under such
 1036 terms and conditions as provided by ordinance;
- 1037 (10) All other such taxes, charges, or assessments as the City of Milledgeville or
 1038 Baldwin County were authorized and empowered to make and collect upon the effective
 1039 date of this charter, which powers may be exercised throughout the area of the unified
 1040 government, or appropriate portions thereof, including any tax now or hereafter
 1041 authorized by state law, and the specific mention of any right, power, or authority in this
 1042 charter shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general powers of the
 1043 commission to govern its local affairs. When authorized by this charter or a statute or the
 1044 Constitution of the State of Georgia, the commission shall have full power and authority
 1045 to assess, levy, charge, and collect taxes, rentals, interest, fees, penalties, fines, and costs;
 1046 to receive income on investments; to accept funds, services, or property from other
 1047 political subdivisions and public agencies, either local, state, or national, and from private
 1048 persons, firms, or corporations; and to contract with them for any public purpose;
- 1049 (11) An excise tax upon the sale of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage
 1050 purposes by the drink as now or hereafter provided by law for counties and
 1051 municipalities;
- 1052 (12) An excise tax upon the sale, transfer, or dispensing of malt beverages and alcoholic
 1053 beverages within Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, by wholesale or retail dealers
 1054 as now or hereafter provided by law for counties and municipalities. In addition, the
 1055 Commission shall have the authority to impose, assess, levy, and collect an excise tax

1056 upon the sale, transfer, or dispensing of wine by wholesale or retail dealers within
 1057 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, as now or hereafter provided by law for counties
 1058 and municipalities;

1059 (13) One mill of taxes shall be collected from the urban services district for Georgia
 1060 Military College as is presently provided by law; and

1061 (14) Such other taxes and charges as provided by law.

1062 (c) Not later than the beginning of its eighth year of operation, the commission shall create
 1063 and fully fund and maintain an emergency fund in an amount equal to one mill of taxes for
 1064 the immediately preceding fiscal year. Funds in such account may only be used in the event
 1065 of a fiscal emergency, as determined to exist by an affirmative vote of five or more members
 1066 of the commission. In such event, the funds may be used to deal with such fiscal emergency,
 1067 but such fund shall be replenished as soon as practicable and reasonable.

1068 (d) The commission shall create and maintain an unassigned fund balance equal to one-sixth
 1069 of the preceding audited fiscal year's total general fund operating expenses. This minimum
 1070 balance shall be established not later than the beginning of the eighth year of operation of the
 1071 unified government. The adopted budget for each fiscal year shall not appropriate
 1072 unassigned general funds which would cause this minimum balance to fall below an amount
 1073 equal to one-sixth of the preceding audited fiscal year's total general fund operating expenses.
 1074 In the event of a fiscal emergency, as determined by an affirmative vote of five or more
 1075 members of the commission, the budget may be amended to temporarily utilize such
 1076 unassigned general fund balance.

1077 **SECTION 7-102.**

1078 Collection of delinquent taxes and fees.

1079 The collection of delinquent taxes and fees shall be as provided by state law for the collection
 1080 of delinquent property taxes by counties.

1081 **SECTION 7-103.**

1082 Homestead exemptions.

1083 The homestead exemptions provided under the Constitution and laws of Georgia presently
 1084 in force or as hereafter amended shall be applicable to all such property subject to ad valorem
 1085 taxes within Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.

1086 **SECTION 7-104.**

1087 Tax and services districts; taxation therein.

1088 (a) The general services district as defined and authorized in paragraph (1) of subsection (a)
 1089 of Section 7-301 of this charter shall constitute a general services tax district wherein the
 1090 commission shall levy and collect taxes and shall appropriate money to perform and
 1091 discharge those powers, functions, and services provided therein by the unified government
 1092 of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.

1093 (b) The urban services district as authorized in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section
 1094 7-301 of this charter, together with any enlargement or modification thereof pursuant to the
 1095 provisions of this charter, shall constitute an urban tax district, as the case may be, wherein
 1096 the commission may levy and collect additional taxes and may appropriate additional money
 1097 therefrom to perform and discharge those additional powers, functions, and additional
 1098 services provided therein by the unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1099 Georgia.

1100 (c) The assessment of real and personal property for ad valorem tax purposes shall be upon
 1101 a uniform basis throughout the entire area of the unified government; provided, however, that
 1102 the rate and manner of additional taxation of services districts may vary in any services tax
 1103 district from that in another or other services tax districts in such a way as to reflect
 1104 reasonably the kind, character, type, degree, and level of services afforded to such services
 1105 tax district or districts.

1106 **BORROWING AND INDEBTEDNESS**

1107 **SECTION 7-201.**

1108 Issuance of general obligation bonds.

1109 (a) The commission shall be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds, after
 1110 approval of the qualified voters, under the provisions of the Constitution and general laws
 1111 of Georgia for any public purpose for the benefit of the unified government or any tax area
 1112 or services district thereof; provided, however, that for the purpose of issuing and selling
 1113 such general obligation bonds, the unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1114 Georgia, shall be deemed a county, and the provisions of the Constitution and laws of
 1115 Georgia governing the limitations, terms, and procedures for the issuance and sale of bonds
 1116 by counties shall apply to the unified government unless otherwise provided by this charter.

1117 (b) All general obligation bonds shall be issued in the name of Milledgeville-Baldwin
 1118 County, Georgia, and shall be an obligation thereof, and the full faith and credit of the
 1119 unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall be pledged for all

1120 general obligation bonds issued thereunder which are payable from ad valorem taxes, and,
 1121 for such purpose, the commission shall have the authority to levy and collect ad valorem
 1122 taxes without limit as to rate or amount on all taxable property within the territorial limits of
 1123 the unified government.

1124 **SECTION 7-202.**

1125 Debt limitation; general obligation bonds.

1126 The total general obligation bond indebtedness of the unified government of
 1127 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, payable from ad valorem taxes, including all
 1128 outstanding general obligation bonds of the former City of Milledgeville and Baldwin
 1129 County on the effective date of this charter, shall not exceed 10 percent of the assessed value
 1130 of all taxable property within the territorial limits of the unified government.

1131 **SECTION 7-203.**

1132 Revenue bonds.

1133 The commission shall be empowered and authorized to issue revenue bonds for the purposes
 1134 and in the manner as now or hereafter provided by Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the
 1135 O.C.G.A., the "Revenue Bond Law."

1136 **SECTION 7-204.**

1137 Use of bond proceeds.

1138 All revenue derived by Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, from the issuance and sale
 1139 of bonds shall be used exclusively for the purposes for which such bonds were issued, and
 1140 all ad valorem taxes collected for the purpose of servicing or retiring such bonds shall be
 1141 used exclusively for the payment of principal and interest thereof.

1142 **SECTION 7-205.**

1143 Allocation of indebtedness.

1144 (a) All general indebtedness of Baldwin County, whether represented by general obligation
 1145 bonds or otherwise, which may be outstanding upon the effective date of this charter, shall
 1146 be allocated to the general services area as defined in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of
 1147 Section 7-301 of this charter, and is hereby recognized as the obligation of the general
 1148 services district of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia. All general indebtedness of the

1149 City of Milledgeville, whether represented by general obligation bonds or otherwise which
1150 may be outstanding upon the effective date of this charter, shall be allocated to the urban
1151 services area as defined in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 7-301 of this charter.
1152 The commission is hereby authorized to levy taxes and otherwise provide for the retirement
1153 thereof, subject to the terms of this charter. Any funds in the control of the previously
1154 existing City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County, now consolidated into
1155 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, by this charter, which had been allocated to the
1156 retirement of any bonded indebtedness of such municipality and county shall be so applied
1157 by the commission.

1158 (b) All general obligation bonds issued prior to the effective date of this charter by Baldwin
1159 County and all bonds authorized but unissued by Baldwin County on the effective date of
1160 this charter and thereafter issued by Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall be
1161 allocated to the general services district, and the principal of and interest on such bonds shall
1162 be paid from ad valorem taxes or other revenues collected in the general services district.

1163 All general obligation bonds issued prior to the effective date of this charter by the City of
1164 Milledgeville and all bonds authorized but unissued by the City of Milledgeville on the
1165 effective date of this charter and thereafter issued by Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
1166 Georgia, shall be allocated to the urban services district, and the principal and interest on
1167 such bonds shall be paid from ad valorem taxes or other revenues collected in the urban
1168 services district.

1169 (c) Any revenue bonds issued prior to the effective date of this charter by the City of
1170 Milledgeville or Baldwin County under Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.,
1171 the "Revenue Bond Law," and any such revenue bonds authorized but unissued by the said
1172 city or county on the effective date of this charter and thereafter issued by
1173 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall be payable as to principal and interest from
1174 the revenues or sources and in the manner provided in the proceedings which authorized the
1175 issuance of such revenue bonds.

1176 (d) Neither the allocation of bonds to the general services district nor any of the other
1177 provisions of this charter shall impair or diminish any of the rights, revenues, or security and
1178 source for payment of any of such bonds or revenue bonds issued by the City of
1179 Milledgeville or by Baldwin County prior to the effective date of this charter, or authorized
1180 but unissued by the City of Milledgeville or by Baldwin County on the effective date of this
1181 charter and thereafter issued by Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia; and such holders
1182 of such bonds or revenue bonds shall have and be entitled to enforce any and all rights,
1183 remedies, and security and sources for payment granted such holders by the proceedings
1184 which authorized the issuance of such bonds or revenue bonds as fully and to the same extent
1185 as if this charter had not been adopted.

SECTION 7-301.

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Financing of services; general and urban services districts.

1188 (a) In Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, there shall be:

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(1) A general services district which shall consist of the total area of Baldwin County as fixed and established upon the effective date of this charter or as hereafter modified according to law;

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(2) An urban services district which shall consist of the area embraced within the corporate limits of the City of Milledgeville as the same exists upon the day immediately preceding the effective date of this charter or as such area may be hereafter expanded as herein provided; and

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(3) Such special services districts as the commission may hereafter establish.

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(b) All other tax districts existing in the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County immediately prior to the effective date of this charter shall be continued in effect by this charter.

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(c) Such services districts shall be tax districts wherein taxes and other assessments shall be assessed, levied, and collected by the unified government in accordance with the kind, character, type, and degree of services actually provided therein and may vary in any one services district from that of another or other areas in accordance with the provisions of this charter. The powers, authority, duties, liabilities, services, and functions of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, may vary in any services district from that in another or other services district.

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(d) The unified government is hereby empowered to exercise and provide within the general services district and within any urban services district established by this charter or by ordinance of the commission those powers, functions, and services which have theretofore been exercised and provided by Baldwin County or the City of Milledgeville, or both; all powers, functions, and services authorized by this charter, and any amendments thereto; and all powers, functions, and services which counties and municipal corporations, or both, are now or hereafter authorized to exercise under the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

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(e) The unified government shall perform or procure the performance within the general services district of those governmental duties, functions, and services which are generally available and accessible to all residents throughout the total territory of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.

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(f) The unified government shall perform within its urban services districts those additional, more comprehensive and intensive, and higher levels of governmental duties, functions, and services which benefit primarily the residents of such urban services districts.

1221 **SECTION 7-302.**

1222 Creation of services districts by ordinance.

1223 Except as otherwise provided by this charter, services districts of the unified government
 1224 shall be created, expanded, merged, unified, or reduced only by ordinance duly adopted by
 1225 the commission under such general rules, procedures, regulations, requirements, and
 1226 specifications as are established by the commission and this charter. Such rules and
 1227 regulations shall set forth the manner and method for the creation of new services districts
 1228 and the expansion, unification, reduction, or merger of existing services districts; set forth
 1229 requirements for defining functions and policies for rendering services, for changing levels
 1230 of services within existing services districts, and for transferring territory from one services
 1231 district to another; and set forth requirements for defining boundaries of services districts.

1232 **SECTION 7-303.**

1233 Requirements for defining boundaries.

1234 Whenever in this charter it is required that the boundaries of a services district be set out, it
 1235 shall suffice if the boundaries are described in such a way as to convey an intelligent
 1236 understanding of the location of the land. In the discretion of the commission, the boundaries
 1237 may be described:

1238 (1) By reference to a map;

1239 (2) By metes and bounds;

1240 (3) By general description referring to roads or natural boundaries or to the boundaries
 1241 of particular tracts or parcels of land; or

1242 (4) By any combination of the above methods.

1243 **SECTION 7-304.**

1244 Notice of hearing prior to adoption of ordinance.

1245 Before adopting any ordinance authorized or described in Sections 7-301 through 7-303 of
 1246 this charter, the commission shall give notice of its intention to consider the ordinance and
 1247 shall provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard as is provided for in
 1248 subsection (d) of Section 1-105 of this charter.

1249 **SECTION 7-401.**

1250 Financial administration; fiscal year.

1251 If the initial members of the governing authority are elected in November, 2015, the initial
 1252 fiscal year of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall begin on July 1, 2016, and shall
 1253 end on June 30, 2017. If the initial members of the governing authority are elected in 2016,
 1254 the initial fiscal year of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall begin on
 1255 January 1, 2017, and shall end on June 30, 2017. Subsequent fiscal years shall begin on
 1256 July 1 and end on the following June 30. The fiscal year shall constitute the budget year and
 1257 the year for financial accounting and reporting of each and every office, department,
 1258 institution, agency, and activity of the unified government, unless otherwise provided by
 1259 state or federal law. The commission may adopt a different fiscal year by ordinance, which
 1260 shall not be effective until at least six months after the date of adoption thereof.

1261 **SECTION 7-402.**

1262 Preparation of budgets.

1263 The preparation of an annual budget shall be as prescribed by ordinance and provisions of
 1264 this charter. In addition, the unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia,
 1265 may adopt budgets as are permitted by general law, including, but not limited to, project
 1266 budgets for major capital projects and fund budgets.

1267 **SECTION 7-403.**

1268 Scope of budgets.

1269 (a) The annual budget shall apply to the operating and capital improvement expenses of the
 1270 unified government.

1271 (b) The annual operating budget shall contain funds of the government of
 1272 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, to which they are applicable:

1273 (1) A reasonable estimate of cash revenues to be received during the ensuing year,
 1274 classified according to source;

1275 (2) Proposed expenditures detailed by each department, commission, board, office,
 1276 agency, and activity in accordance with an established classification of accounts,
 1277 including those capital outlays which are to be financed from the revenues of the ensuing
 1278 year and including all debt service requirements in full for such fiscal year; and

1279 (3) Such other information as may be considered necessary or desirable by the mayor or
 1280 the commission.

1281 (c) In no event shall the total proposed expenditures from any fund exceed the total
 1282 anticipated revenues plus the estimated unappropriated surplus or fund balance and
 1283 applicable reserves less any estimated deficit at the end of the current fiscal year.

1284 **SECTION 7-404.**

1285 Submission of budgets to the commissioners.

1286 (a) In advance of initiating preparations of the annual budget, the mayor, with participation
 1287 of the commission, shall develop a statement of the general fiscal policies of
 1288 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia; the important features of the budget; explanations
 1289 of major changes recommended for the next fiscal year; a general summary of the budget;
 1290 and such other comments and information as may be deemed pertinent.

1291 (b) On or before a date fixed by the commission but not later than 60 days prior to the
 1292 beginning of each fiscal year, the Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, county manager
 1293 in consultation with the department heads shall prepare an operating budget to submit to the
 1294 mayor.

1295 (c) The mayor shall submit to the commission a proposed operating budget for the ensuing
 1296 fiscal year. The budget shall be accompanied by a message from the mayor containing a
 1297 statement of the general fiscal policies of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia; the
 1298 important features of the budget; explanations of major changes recommended for the next
 1299 fiscal year; a general summary of the budget; and such other comments and information as
 1300 may be deemed pertinent. A summary of the budget and the mayor's message shall be
 1301 published in a newspaper of general circulation designated as the legal organ of the unified
 1302 government. The operating budget, the budget message, and all supporting schedules shall
 1303 be filed in the Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, county manager's office and shall be
 1304 open to public inspection.

1305 **SECTION 7-405.**

1306 Adoption of budgets.

1307 (a) The commission shall approve, reject, or amend the proposed balanced operating budget.
 1308 The budget as finally adopted shall provide for all expenditures required by law or by other
 1309 provisions of this charter and for all debt service requirements for the ensuing fiscal year.
 1310 The total appropriations from any fund shall not exceed the estimated fund balance, reserves,
 1311 and revenues constituting the resources available of such fund.

1312 (b) The commission shall adopt the final annual operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year
 1313 not later than the 30th day of June of each year, and such budget shall be effective for the

1314 fiscal year beginning on the first day of July. In the event the commission fails to adopt the
 1315 budget by such date, the amounts appropriated for current operation for the current fiscal
 1316 year shall be deemed adopted for the ensuing fiscal year, with appropriate items prorated
 1317 accordingly, until such time as the commission shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal
 1318 year. Adoption of the annual operating budget shall take the form of an appropriation
 1319 ordinance setting out estimated revenues in detail by source and making appropriations
 1320 accordingly to fund organizational units, purposes, or activities as set forth in the budget
 1321 document.

1322 (c) The amount set out in the adopted operating budget for each organizational unit, purpose,
 1323 or activity shall constitute the annual appropriation for such item, and no expenditure shall
 1324 be made or encumbrance created in excess of the otherwise unencumbered balance of the
 1325 appropriation, or allotment thereof, to which it is chargeable.

1326 (d) The commission shall adopt by ordinance the capital improvements program and capital
 1327 budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than the 30th day of June of each year. The
 1328 capital budget ordinance shall show in detail the capital expenditures intended to be made
 1329 or incurred in the ensuing fiscal year that are to be financed from funds subject to control or
 1330 appropriation by the commission and shall be in full conformity with that part of the capital
 1331 program applicable to the year which it covers. Amounts specified as intended to be spent
 1332 out of new appropriations shall, upon enactment of the capital budget ordinance, constitute
 1333 appropriations of such amounts.

1334 **SECTION 7-406.**

1335 Property tax levies.

1336 Following the adoption of the operating and capital improvements budgets for each fiscal
 1337 year, the commission shall levy by ordinance a general services district tax on all real and
 1338 personal property within the general services tax district as provided by this charter. The tax
 1339 rate set by such ordinance shall be such that a reasonable estimate of cash revenues from
 1340 such levy shall be at least sufficient, together with other anticipated revenues, fund balances,
 1341 and applicable reserves, to equal the total amount appropriated for each of the several funds
 1342 set forth in the annual operating budget for defraying the expenses of the general services
 1343 district for services to be rendered throughout the entire area of Milledgeville-Baldwin
 1344 County, Georgia. Such services shall include those functions set forth in subsections (c) and
 1345 (d) of Section 7-301 of this charter, and such other purposes, functions, and services as may
 1346 be authorized by the laws of Georgia, by this charter, or by ordinance of the commission.
 1347 The commission shall levy by ordinance a special services district tax on all real and personal
 1348 property within any special services tax district as authorized by this charter. The tax rates

1349 set by such ordinance for each district shall be such that a reasonable estimate of cash
 1350 revenues from such levy shall be at least sufficient, together with other anticipated revenues,
 1351 fund balances, and applicable reserves, to equal the total amount appropriated for each of the
 1352 several funds set forth in the annual operating budget for defraying the expenses of a higher
 1353 level of services to be rendered in a special services district.

1354 **SECTION 7-407.**

1355 Limitation of funds.

1356 Upon certification by the Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, county manager that the
 1357 revenues or other resources actually realized with respect to any fund will be less than was
 1358 anticipated and will be insufficient to meet the amounts appropriated from such fund, it shall
 1359 be the duty of the Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, county manager upon the
 1360 instruction of the mayor of the unified government to limit such appropriations or to transfer
 1361 other available funds between departments as may be necessary to prevent deficit operation.

1362 **SECTION 7-408.**

1363 Transfer of funds.

1364 Upon recommendation of the Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, county manager and
 1365 approval of a majority vote of the commission, the commission may make interfund or
 1366 interdepartmental transfers in the current operating budget or capital improvements budget
 1367 at any regular or special meeting called for such purpose, provided funds are also available.

1368 **SECTION 7-409.**

1369 Lapse of appropriations.

1370 All unencumbered balances of appropriations in the current operating budget at the end of
 1371 the fiscal year shall lapse into the unappropriated surplus or reserves of the fund or funds
 1372 from which such appropriations were made.

1373 **SECTION 7-410.**

1374 Continuing audit.

1375 The auditor shall conduct a continuing internal audit of the fiscal affairs and operations of
 1376 every department, office, and agency of the unified government.

1377 **SECTION 7-411.**

1378 Post-audit.

1379 (a) The commission shall provide annually for an independent audit of the accounts and
 1380 other evidences of financial transactions of the government of Milledgeville-Baldwin
 1381 County, Georgia, and of every office, department, board, commission, authority, or other
 1382 agency. The audit shall be made by a certified public accountant who shall have no personal
 1383 interest, direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, or
 1384 of any of its departments, boards, offices, commissions, authorities, or agencies. The
 1385 commission shall by competitive bids, taking into consideration the most responsive and
 1386 reasonable bid, designate such accountant or firm annually or for a period not exceeding
 1387 three years.

1388 (b) The audit may be conducted on a quarterly or continuing basis, and the final report of
 1389 the annual audit shall be completed as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal year,
 1390 and in no event later than six months after the close of the fiscal year. The audit report shall
 1391 be filed with the Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, county manager and made
 1392 available to the public.

1393 (c) The commission may at any time order an examination or special audit of any office,
 1394 department, board, commission, or other agency of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.

1395 **PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

1396 **SECTION 7-501.**

1397 Contracting procedures.

1398 The commission shall prescribe by ordinance rules and regulations which shall be followed
 1399 in the making of contracts in order to bind the government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1400 Georgia. Except where otherwise provided by law or by ordinance, all contracts of the
 1401 government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall be signed by the mayor and
 1402 authenticated by the Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, county manager.

1403 **SECTION 7-502.**

1404 Sale and disposition of property.

1405 (a) The commission is authorized to sell any real or personal property owned or held by
 1406 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, and not needed for governmental or other public
 1407 purposes in such manner as is required in state law for counties, as provided for in Code
 1408 Sections 36-9-2 and 36-9-3 of the O.C.G.A.

1409 (b) Whenever in opening, extending, or widening any street, avenue, alley, or public place
 1410 of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, a small parcel or tract of land is cut off or
 1411 separated by such work from a larger tract of land owned by Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1412 Georgia, the commission may authorize the execution and deliverance in the name of the
 1413 government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, of a deed conveying said cut-off or
 1414 separated parcel or tract of land to an abutting or adjoining property owner or owners in
 1415 exchange for rights of way in said street, avenue, alley, or public place, or in settlement of
 1416 any alleged damages sustained by said abutting or adjoining property owner. All deeds and
 1417 conveyances so executed and delivered shall convey all title and interest the unified
 1418 government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, has in such property.

1419 **ARTICLE VIII**

1420 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1421 **SECTION 8-101.**

1422 Application of laws; laws in force.

1423 (a) The general laws of the State of Georgia of a criminal nature shall be applicable to and
 1424 within the limits of the unified government. General laws of local application through
 1425 classification by population, not in conflict with this charter, which, on the effective date of
 1426 this charter, apply to the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County, Georgia, shall be
 1427 applicable to the unified government, and which apply to Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1428 Georgia, as either a city or a county at the time of their enactment or thereafter shall be
 1429 effective; provided, however, that those laws which did not apply to the City of Milledgeville
 1430 or Baldwin County or the unified government at the time of their enactment shall not become
 1431 applicable to the unified government except through the adoption of a resolution to that effect
 1432 by the commission.

1433 (b) Local Acts of the State of Georgia which apply specifically to either Baldwin County or
 1434 the City of Milledgeville, or both, shall be applicable to the unified government.

1435 (c) In construing the applicability of provisions of the Constitution and the general laws of
 1436 Georgia which apply in general terms to either counties or municipalities, or both, and local
 1437 Acts of the General Assembly that apply specifically to Baldwin County or the City of
 1438 Milledgeville, or both, the following terms as used in such laws shall be construed to include
 1439 the unified government as follows:

1440 (1) "City," "town," "municipal corporation," or "municipality" shall be construed to
 1441 include Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia;

1442 (2) "Council," "mayor," "mayor and council," "aldermen," and "commission of
 1443 aldermen" shall be construed to include the Board of Commissioners of
 1444 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia;

1445 (3) "County" shall be construed to include Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia;

1446 (4) "Mayor" shall be construed to include the mayor of Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1447 Georgia; and

1448 (5) Any other terms and provisions as used in such Acts to refer specifically to Baldwin
 1449 County or the City of Milledgeville, or both, and the officers, employees, departments,
 1450 and agencies thereof shall be construed to mean Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia,
 1451 and its officers, employees, departments, and agencies.

1452 **SECTION 8-102.**

1453 Limitation on claims and service.

1454 (a) All contractual claims against the unified government shall be presented within
 1455 12 months after they accrue or become payable or the same as claimed, unless held by
 1456 minors or other persons laboring under disabilities, who are allowed 12 months after the
 1457 removal of such disability.

1458 (b) Service on the unified government of any suit, process, or order of court shall be served
 1459 upon the mayor.

1460 **SECTION 8-103.**

1461 Competitive bidding.

1462 (a) All departments and agencies of the unified government shall utilize competitive bidding
 1463 procedures, as specified in an ordinance of the commission, for all purchases in excess of an
 1464 amount provided for in an ordinance of the commission, unless such purchase shall be
 1465 otherwise approved by four of the seven commissioners.

1466 (b) A vendor located in Milledgeville-Baldwin County whose bid is within 20 percent of the
 1467 lowest bidder on a purchase shall be given the opportunity to rebid and match the lowest
 1468 bidder for such purchase if such bid meets all other stated criteria for such bid.

1469 **SECTION 8-104.**

1470 Execution of assessments.

1471 Whenever any tax or special assessment is authorized or empowered to be levied or imposed
 1472 by this charter which is required to be collected by the unified government and such is not

1473 paid within the time period specified by the commission and no specific provision is
1474 elsewhere provided in this charter for its collection, then the county manager shall issue
1475 execution in the name of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, against such person, firm,
1476 or entity liable therefore or property subject thereto for such sums as may be due with interest
1477 at the legal rate from the due date, and penalties and costs. The unified government shall
1478 have the right to enforce payment of such execution by levy and sale as in the case of county
1479 taxes, and the purchaser at such sale shall acquire the same title and rights as a purchaser at
1480 a sale for county taxes. Executions issued by the county manager of Milledgeville-Baldwin
1481 County, Georgia, and the levy and sale thereunder shall be governed by general law.

1482 **SECTION 8-105.**

1483 Authority to deal with federal and state agencies.

1484 The unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall have the power and
1485 authority to participate in, cooperate in, and take all necessary action with respect to any and
1486 all projects, programs, and undertakings of any nature authorized by any statute, rule, or
1487 regulation of the United States, the State of Georgia, or any federal or state agency or
1488 instrumentality, including, but not limited to, community development, highways, aviation,
1489 aviation terminals, airports, airport facilities, municipal area or regional development, sewer
1490 and sewage disposal, public housing, housing for the aged, and transportation or mass transit
1491 or any phase thereof; to borrow money and issue promissory notes, general obligation bonds,
1492 or revenue bonds or a combination thereof for any such purposes in accordance with
1493 provisions of this charter; and to execute mortgages or deeds of trust in favor of any federal
1494 agency, secured by property of which the unified government is the legal or beneficial or
1495 equitable owner, or in favor of any private agency where the loan is guaranteed by a federal
1496 agency.

1497 **SECTION 8-106.**

1498 Federal and state aid.

1499 The unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall be deemed a
1500 county but shall also be deemed an incorporated city or municipality for the purpose of
1501 determining its right to receive and for the purpose of receiving state aid or grant-in-aid from
1502 the State of Georgia or from the United States or from any agency or instrumentality thereof
1503 or from any other source, public or private. The unified government shall be entitled to
1504 receive as state aid or as grant-in-aid from the State of Georgia or from the United States or
1505 from any agency or instrumentality thereof or from any other source, public or private, all

1506 funds to which a county is, or may hereafter be, entitled, and also all funds to which an
 1507 incorporated city or municipality is or may be hereafter entitled, and to receive the same
 1508 without diminution or loss by reason of unification.

1509 **SECTION 8-107.**

1510 Budgets of county officers and agencies.

1511 All elected officers and all agencies not under the direct control and jurisdiction of the county
 1512 manager, such as the Board of Health and the Board of Family and Children Services, which
 1513 receive appropriations from the commission, shall, on the same date as is applicable to
 1514 budgets submitted by department heads, submit to the Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1515 Georgia, county manager annual operating and capital budget requests for the ensuing fiscal
 1516 year. Such budget requests, after any revisions therein by the Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1517 Georgia, county manager and the Milledgeville-Baldwin County mayor, shall be
 1518 incorporated into the overall unified government budget for submission by the
 1519 Milledgeville-Baldwin County mayor to the commission, which shall grant a hearing to any
 1520 such officer or agency on such proposed budgets.

1521 **SECTION 8-108.**

1522 Existing pension rights protected.

1523 (a) Persons who, at the time this charter takes effect, are employed by any office,
 1524 department, board, commission, or agency of the former City of Milledgeville shall retain
 1525 all pension rights which have accrued to them under any existing pension system.
 1526 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall continue in force and effect any existing
 1527 pension system for city employees covered thereby who are employed by the unified
 1528 government, and the services of such employees shall not be deemed to have been
 1529 interrupted by the adoption of this charter.

1530 (b) Persons who, at the time this charter takes effect, are employed by any office,
 1531 department, board, commission, or agency of the former Baldwin County shall retain all
 1532 rights which have accrued to them under any existing pension system.
 1533 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall continue in force and effect any existing
 1534 pension system for county employees covered thereby who are employed by the unified
 1535 government, and the services of such employees shall not be deemed to have been
 1536 interrupted by the adoption of this charter.

1537 (c) No employee seniority, salary, or benefit shall be diminished or eliminated as a result of
 1538 unification.

1539 **SECTION 8-109.**

1540 Establishment of new pension systems; merging of existing systems.

1541 The commission is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a new
 1542 pension system or pension systems or retirement plan or plans affecting new employees and
 1543 such other employees as desire to be covered thereby and to revise, combine, and consolidate
 1544 any pension system in effect on the effective date of this charter; provided, however, that in
 1545 no event shall any revision, combination, or unification of any existing pension system in
 1546 effect when this charter is adopted result in the curtailment or diminishment of any right
 1547 accrued under any existing pension system to any person heretofore employed by the City
 1548 of Milledgeville, Baldwin County, or of any agency of such former governments.

1549 **SECTION 8-110.**

1550 Amending charter.

1551 This charter may be modified, rescinded, changed, or amended by only the following
 1552 methods:

- 1553 (1) An Act of the General Assembly of Georgia; or
 1554 (2) An ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Milledgeville-Baldwin
 1555 County, Georgia, as provided for in Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I of the Constitution
 1556 of the State of Georgia.

1557 **SECTION 8-111.**

1558 Fidelity bonds.

1559 All officers of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, both elected and appointed, shall
 1560 execute such official bonds in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the law
 1561 or the commission may require.

1562 **SECTION 8-112.**

1563 Examples of powers.

1564 The powers of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall include, but shall not be limited
 1565 to, the following powers:

- 1566 (1) Ad valorem taxation: to levy, assess, and collect ad valorem taxes on all taxable
 1567 property;

- 1568 (2) Other taxes: to levy, assess, and collect other taxes allowed by general law and in
1569 accordance therewith;
- 1570 (3) Business regulation and taxation: to levy, assess, and collect occupation taxes and to
1571 license and regulate occupations and businesses;
- 1572 (4) Appropriations: to make appropriations and expend funds for support of the unified
1573 government and any other lawful purpose;
- 1574 (5) Debts: to borrow money and issue bonds as authorized by general law;
- 1575 (6) Property: to own property and interests in property;
- 1576 (7) Gifts: to accept gifts and grants for any purpose related to the powers and duties of
1577 the unified government on such terms as the donor may impose;
- 1578 (8) Condemnation: to condemn property inside the unified government for present or
1579 future use;
- 1580 (9) Public utilities: to acquire, lease, operate, and dispose of public utilities;
- 1581 (10) Franchises: to grant franchises or make contracts for public utilities and to prescribe
1582 the conditions of such franchises and contracts;
- 1583 (11) Roadways: to open, maintain, improve, and close streets and roads and to grant
1584 franchises and rights of way thereon;
- 1585 (12) Public facilities: to acquire, operate, and dispose of public buildings, public projects,
1586 parks, cemeteries, recreational facilities, and other public improvements inside the unified
1587 government;
- 1588 (13) Building regulation: to regulate the building trades and the construction of buildings
1589 and to adopt and enforce building, housing, plumbing, electrical, gas, heating, and air
1590 conditioning codes;
- 1591 (14) Planning and zoning: to adopt land, use plans, and exercise the power of zoning,
1592 subdivision regulation, and the like;
- 1593 (15) Police power: to exercise the police power for the public safety and well-being of
1594 the citizens of the unified government;
- 1595 (16) Roadside regulation: to prohibit or regulate signs, billboards, and other items upon
1596 or adjacent to streets and roads;
- 1597 (17) Health: to prescribe and enforce health and sanitation standards;
- 1598 (18) Pollution: to regulate emissions which pollute the air and water;
- 1599 (19) Fire safety: to fix fire limits and to prescribe and enforce fire safety regulations;
- 1600 (20) Public hazards: to provide for the destruction or removal of public hazards;
- 1601 (21) Waste disposal: to provide for and regulate the collection, disposal, and recycling
1602 of garbage and wastes;
- 1603 (22) Water and sewer fees: to fix and collect water and sewer fees;
- 1604 (23) Garbage fees: to fix and collect garbage fees;

- 1605 (24) Nuisances: to define and provide for the abatement of nuisances;
 1606 (25) Property protection: to preserve and protect the property of the unified government;
 1607 (26) Prisoners: to provide for public work by prisoners and for their confinement;
 1608 (27) Animal control: to regulate or prohibit the keeping of animals;
 1609 (28) Motor vehicles: to regulate the operation and parking of motor vehicles;
 1610 (29) Taxicabs: to regulate vehicles operated for hire in the unified government;
 1611 (30) Pensions: to provide and maintain a system of pensions and retirement for
 1612 employees and officers of the unified government;
 1613 (31) Special assessments: to levy, assess, and collect special assessments to cover the
 1614 cost of public improvements;
 1615 (32) Contracts: to enter into lawful contracts and agreements;
 1616 (33) Agencies: to create, alter, or abolish departments, boards, offices, commissions,
 1617 authorities, and agencies of the unified government and to confer appropriate authority
 1618 upon them;
 1619 (34) Penalties: to provide penalties for violations of ordinances of the unified
 1620 government;
 1621 (35) Law enforcement and fire protection: to exercise the power of arrest through
 1622 appointed deputies and to operate a fire department;
 1623 (36) Emergencies: to provide for the determination, proclamation, and combating of
 1624 emergencies;
 1625 (37) Urban redevelopment: to organize and operate an urban redevelopment program;
 1626 (38) Public transportation: to organize and operate public transportation programs; and
 1627 (39) General health, safety, and welfare: to define, regulate, and prohibit any act,
 1628 practice, conduct, or use of property which is detrimental to the health, sanitation,
 1629 cleanliness, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of the unified government.

1630 **SECTION 8-113.**

1631 Provision of services.

- 1632 When determining services to be provided, the unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin
 1633 County, Georgia, shall always attempt:
- 1634 (1) To efficiently allocate resources to increase the quality of life for all citizens of
 1635 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia;
- 1636 (2) To provide the highest quality services to all citizens of Milledgeville-Baldwin
 1637 County, Georgia;
- 1638 (3) To ensure efficient utilization of community resources;

- 1639 (4) To promote equity for all citizens in the delivery of governmental services throughout
 1640 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia; and
 1641 (5) To recognize and consider the advantages of the provision of services through
 1642 contractual arrangements with other governments and private enterprises.

1643 **SECTION 8-114.**

1644 Historic items.

1645 It shall be the responsibility of the unified government to collect, preserve, and display
 1646 documents and other items of historical significance to the City of Milledgeville, Baldwin
 1647 County, and Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.

1648 **SECTION 8-115.**

1649 Section captions.

1650 The captions to the several sections of this charter are informative only and are not to be
 1651 construed as a part thereof.

1652 **SECTION 8-116.**

1653 Effect of repeals.

1654 No law heretofore repealed, expressly or by implication, shall be revived by the repeal herein
 1655 of the repealing Act or by any provision of this charter that disclaims an intention to repeal
 1656 or affect enumerated laws.

1657 **SECTION 8-117.**

1658 Severability clause.

1659 If any provision of this charter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is
 1660 held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this charter
 1661 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application; and to this end, the
 1662 provisions of this charter are declared to be severable.

1696 (b) No permanent full-time employee of the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County shall
 1697 lose employment or suffer any diminution of compensation resulting from the adoption of
 1698 this charter. The definition of compensation includes, but is not limited to, salary, retirement
 1699 benefits, and annual and sick leave. This provision shall not apply to any position which
 1700 requires appointment by the mayor and confirmation by a majority of the commission under
 1701 paragraph (2) of Section 3-105 of this charter.

1702 (c) Within 12 months of the effective date of this charter, the unified government shall have
 1703 begun implementation of a plan that ensures that all employees performing the same
 1704 functions and having the same responsibilities receive uniform compensation by the end of
 1705 the second year of operation of the unified government. This requirement that there be a
 1706 uniform level of compensation throughout Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, by the
 1707 end of the fourth year shall not require that there be any freeze on employee compensation.

1708 (d) Elimination of the duplication of functions shall be addressed through attrition and
 1709 reassignment. Therefore, no permanent full-time employee of the City of Milledgeville or
 1710 Baldwin County, Georgia, at the time of unification shall suffer any diminution of
 1711 compensation resulting from the adoption of this charter. This provision shall not apply to
 1712 any position which requires appointment by the mayor and confirmation by a majority of the
 1713 commission under paragraph (2) of Section 3-105 of this charter.

1714 (e) All new employees hired by the governing authorities of Baldwin County and the City
 1715 of Milledgeville following the ratification of this charter by the voters shall be deemed
 1716 temporary employees until such employment is ratified by the unified government of
 1717 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia.

1718 **SECTION 9-103.**

1719 Effective date of charter.

1720 This charter shall become fully effective in accordance with Section 9-112 of this charter
 1721 upon the election of a mayor, vice mayor, and board of commissioners for
 1722 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, and their taking office as the governing authority
 1723 of the unified government.

1724 **SECTION 9-104.**

1725 Initial budget.

1726 The first full 12 month budget of the unified government shall not exceed an amount equal
 1727 to the combined fiscal year general operating budgets of the City of Milledgeville and
 1728 Baldwin County from the immediately preceding fiscal year of the City of Milledgeville and

1729 Baldwin County, plus increases due to inflation as specified in the Consumer Price Index
 1730 from the United States government, if approved, but not including capital road improvements
 1731 and other special revenue funds under special purpose local option sales taxes or additional
 1732 transfer tax fees.

1733 **SECTION 9-105.**

1734 Number of employees.

1735 For a period of 24 months from the effective date of this charter, the total number of
 1736 employees of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall not exceed the combined
 1737 number of employees authorized for the governments of the former City of Milledgeville and
 1738 Baldwin County on the effective date of this charter except as otherwise mandated by law.

1739 **SECTION 9-106.**

1740 Cooperation of former governments.

1741 (a) All officers, officials, and employees of the former City of Milledgeville and Baldwin
 1742 County shall cooperate with and assist the mayor; the board of commissioners; the
 1743 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, county manager; and other officers of
 1744 Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia:

1745 (1) In planning the unification of departments, boards, commissions, authorities, and
 1746 agencies of such former governments and in transferring the functions, duties, and
 1747 responsibilities of such departments, boards, commissions, authorities, and agencies to
 1748 the appropriate agencies of the unified government of Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1749 Georgia; and

1750 (2) In all other respects in order that the merger of the governments be accomplished in
 1751 the most orderly manner possible. The officers of the unified government shall be
 1752 entitled to examine all records, files, and other data in the possession of the former
 1753 governments and of all officers, officials, employees, and departments thereof. The
 1754 former governments shall, to the extent possible, provide working areas and facilities for
 1755 the officers of the unified government.

1756 (b) During the time period beginning upon the ratification of this charter by the voters and
 1757 extending until this charter becomes fully effective, it shall be illegal for any member of the
 1758 governing authority of Baldwin County or the governing authority of the City of
 1759 Milledgeville to violate the terms of this charter.

1760 (c) During the time period beginning upon the ratification of this charter by the voters and
 1761 extending until this charter becomes fully effective, the governing authority of the City of

1762 Milledgeville and the governing authority of Baldwin County shall not be authorized to
 1763 increase their respective budgets by more than 10 percent above the budget level existing on
 1764 the date of the ratification of this charter by the voters.

1765 **SECTION 9-107.**

1766 Existing ordinances and resolutions continued in effect.

1767 (a) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, existing ordinances and resolutions of the Board
 1768 of Commissioners of Baldwin County and existing rules and regulations of county
 1769 departments or agencies, not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter, shall continue
 1770 in effect as ordinances, resolutions, rules, or regulations of Milledgeville-Baldwin County,
 1771 Georgia, or the appropriate department or agency thereof until they have been repealed,
 1772 modified, or amended.

1773 (b) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, existing ordinances and resolutions of the City
 1774 of Milledgeville, not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter, shall continue in effect
 1775 as ordinances and resolutions of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, and shall apply
 1776 only to the area included within the urban services district until they have been repealed,
 1777 modified, or amended.

1778 (c) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, in the event of a conflict between any of the
 1779 ordinances or resolutions continued by this section, the provisions thereof shall apply only
 1780 to the territory of the unified government that such ordinance or resolution applied prior to
 1781 the effective date of this charter and until such ordinance or resolution is repealed, changed,
 1782 or amended to eliminate the conflict.

1783 (d) Twenty-four months after the effective date of this charter, all ordinances and resolutions
 1784 shall apply uniformly throughout the area of the unified government. Prior to this date, the
 1785 commission shall review all ordinances and resolutions and take whatever action is needed
 1786 to remove any conflicts between ordinances and resolutions continued by this section in
 1787 order to produce a uniform body of ordinances and resolutions, free of any conflicts or
 1788 contradictions between such provisions.

1789 **SECTION 9-108.**

1790 Contracts and obligations.

1791 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this charter, all contracts, orders, leases, bonds, and
 1792 other obligations or instruments entered into by Baldwin County or for its benefit prior to the
 1793 effective date of this charter shall continue in effect according to the terms thereof as
 1794 obligations and rights of the unified government; provided, however, that any obligation

1795 created by Baldwin County to become effective after the date of approval of this charter and
 1796 prior to the effective date of this charter shall be subject to ratification and approval by the
 1797 Board of Commissioners of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, within six months
 1798 following the effective date of this charter.

1799 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this charter, contracts, orders, leases, bonds, and other
 1800 obligations or instruments entered into by the City of Milledgeville or for its benefit prior to
 1801 the effective date of this charter shall continue in effect according to the terms thereof as
 1802 obligations and rights of the unified government; provided, however, that any obligation
 1803 created by the City of Milledgeville to become effective after the date of approval of this
 1804 charter and prior to the effective date of this charter shall be subject to ratification and
 1805 approval by the Board of Commissioners of Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, within
 1806 six months following the effective date of this charter.

1807 (c) No pending action or proceeding of any nature, whether civil, criminal, judicial,
 1808 administrative, or other, by or against the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County or an
 1809 agency or department thereof, shall be abated or otherwise affected by the adoption of this
 1810 charter, and Milledgeville-Baldwin County, Georgia, shall stand substituted as a party in lieu
 1811 thereof.

1812 **SECTION 9-109.**

1813 Dissolution of existing governments.

1814 On the effective date of this charter, the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County and the
 1815 mayor and council of the City of Milledgeville and all the officers thereof and the offices
 1816 thereof not continued under this charter shall be repealed and abolished, and all emoluments
 1817 appertaining thereto shall cease. Thereupon, the governments of Baldwin County and the
 1818 City of Milledgeville shall terminate as separate political entities, and all powers, functions,
 1819 duties, and obligations thereof shall be transferred to and vested in the unified government
 1820 created by this charter.

1821 **SECTION 9-110.**

1822 Transfer of records and equipment.

1823 When an agency of the City of Milledgeville or of Baldwin County is abolished or unified
 1824 by this charter, all books, papers, maps, charts, plans, records, other equipment, and personal
 1825 property in possession of such agency shall be delivered to the agency to which its rights,
 1826 powers, duties, and obligations are transferred.

1827 **SECTION 9-111.**

1828 Officers serve until successors qualify.

1829 Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, any officer performing duties under the
 1830 government of the City of Milledgeville or Baldwin County may continue to perform the
 1831 duties thereof until a successor, whether under the same title or office of another, shall be
 1832 elected or appointed and qualified to perform the duties, it being the intention hereof that no
 1833 duty or service shall lapse or be abandoned because of lack of an officer to perform such duty
 1834 or service.

1835 **SECTION 9-112.**

1836 Referendum on the charter.

1837 (a) If it is permissible under Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. to conduct a special
 1838 election to submit a referendum to the voters on the third Tuesday in July, 2015, it shall be
 1839 the duty of the Baldwin County Board of Elections to call an election for approval or
 1840 rejection of the proposed charter to be held on such date; otherwise, it shall be the duty of the
 1841 Baldwin County Board of Elections to call an election for approval or rejection of the
 1842 proposed charter to be held on the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in
 1843 November, 2015. The board shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published
 1844 once a week for two calendar weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official
 1845 legal organ of Baldwin County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the
 1846 following:

1847 "() YES Shall the charter unifying the governments of the City of Milledgeville and
 1848 () NO Baldwin County and creating a single county-wide government to supersede
 1849 and replace those governments be approved?"

1850 (b) All persons desiring to vote for approval of the charter shall vote "Yes," and those
 1851 persons desiring to vote for rejection of the charter shall vote "No." If more than one-half
 1852 of the votes cast by the qualified voters of Baldwin County residing within the corporate
 1853 limits of the City of Milledgeville are for approval of the charter and if more than one-half
 1854 of the total votes cast by all the qualified voters of Baldwin County are for approval of the
 1855 charter, then the charter shall become effective for the purposes of electing the mayor and
 1856 commission and for transition activities immediately and for all purposes on July 1, 2016,
 1857 if the election is held in July, 2015, or on January 1, 2017, if the election is held on the
 1858 Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November, 2015. Otherwise, it shall be
 1859 void and of no force and effect and shall stand repealed by operation of law. The expense
 1860 of such election shall be borne equally by the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County.

1861 (c) The special election shall be conducted pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the
1862 O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," except to the extent specifically provided otherwise
1863 by this charter.

1864 (d) A qualified voter, as used herein, shall mean a voter of Baldwin County qualified to vote
1865 for members of the General Assembly of Georgia. The board shall certify the returns to the
1866 Secretary of State. The board shall also furnish a certified copy of the charter to the
1867 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall issue a proclamation showing and declaring
1868 the result of the election on the approval or rejection of the charter. One copy of the
1869 proclamation shall be attached to the copy of the charter certified to the Secretary of State.
1870 One copy of the proclamation shall be delivered to the clerk of the governing authority of the
1871 City of Milledgeville who shall attach the same to the copy of the charter previously certified
1872 to him or her. One copy of the proclamation shall be delivered to the clerk of the governing
1873 authority of Baldwin County who shall attach the same to the copy of the charter previously
1874 certified to him or her.

1875 (e) Whenever a charter for the unification of the governments of the City of Milledgeville
1876 and Baldwin County has been accepted, the certified copies thereof as provided for in this
1877 section, with the proclamation of the Secretary of State of Georgia attached thereto, shall be
1878 deemed duplicate original copies of the charter of the unified government for all purposes.
1879 The certified copy of the charter and proclamation deposited with the clerk of the governing
1880 authority of the City of Milledgeville and the certified copy of the charter and proclamation
1881 deposited with the clerk of the governing authority of Baldwin County shall subsequently be
1882 delivered by them to the successor government. The successor government may issue
1883 certified copies of the charter, and any copy so certified shall be deemed a duplicate original
1884 copy of the charter of the unified government for all purposes. The Secretary of State is
1885 authorized to issue certified copies of the charter on file, and copies so certified shall be
1886 deemed duplicate original copies of the charter of the unified government for all purposes.

1887 (f) Upon the approval of this charter, a transition team shall be established and initially
1888 composed of two members appointed by the member of the Senate who represents Baldwin
1889 County, two members appointed by the member of the House of Representatives who
1890 represents Baldwin County, the mayor of the City of Milledgeville, and the chairperson of
1891 the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County. Upon their election, the members of the
1892 Milledgeville-Baldwin County unified government shall become members of the transition
1893 team. In the event that one or more newly elected members are already serving on the
1894 transition team, no additional member shall be added to replace such person.

1895 (g) Funding for transition activities shall come from the additional franchise fees that will
1896 become available from the unincorporated areas of Baldwin County upon adoption of the
1897 unified charter.

- 1898 (h) The transition team may make recommendations for revisions of the charter through the
 1899 state legislative process prior to the actual implementation of the charter.
- 1900 (i) The following shall be the transition operational timeline:
- 1901 2015 The charter shall be submitted to the General Assembly requesting that local
 1902 legislation allowing a vote on the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Unified
 1903 Government Charter take place in July, 2015, if permissible under Code
 1904 Section 21-2-540, or in conjunction with the November, 2015, municipal general
 1905 election. If the referendum is approved in July, 2015, elect commissioners for the
 1906 Milledgeville-Baldwin County Unified Government in November, 2015.
- 1907 2016 Merge all city and county departments and request the General Assembly to enact
 1908 local legislation authorizing the formation of a Milledgeville-Baldwin County
 1909 Water and Sewer Authority. If the referendum on the approval of the charter is
 1910 held in conjunction with the 2015 November municipal general election, elect
 1911 mayor, vice mayor, and commissioners for the Milledgeville-Baldwin County
 1912 Unified Government at the 2016 presidential preference primary. If the mayor,
 1913 vice mayor, and commissioners were elected in November, 2015, the unified
 1914 government shall begin on July 1, 2016.
- 1915 2017 If the mayor, vice mayor, and commissioners are elected at the 2016 presidential
 1916 preference primary, then the unified government shall begin on January 1, 2017.
 1917 All remaining departments and offices of the Baldwin County government and the
 1918 City of Milledgeville government shall be merged as soon as practicable following
 1919 the initiation of the new unified government.

1920 ARTICLE X

1921 REPEALS

1922 **SECTION 10-101.**

1923 Specific repeals.

- 1924 (a) Upon this charter becoming fully effective, an Act providing for a new charter for the
 1925 City of Milledgeville, approved December 15, 1900 (Ga. L. 1900, p. 345), and all
 1926 amendatory Acts thereto, is repealed.
- 1927 (b) Upon this charter becoming fully effective, an Act creating the Board of Commissioners
 1928 of Baldwin County, approved December 26, 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 286), and all amendatory
 1929 Acts thereto, is repealed.

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SECTION 10-102.

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Repeal of conflicting laws.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this charter are hereby repealed.

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Administrator: H145
User: Gina

District 001

Baldwin County

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District 002

Baldwin County

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