

Oxford Mayor and Council
Work Session
Monday, February 16, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.
Oxford City Hall
110 W. Clark Street, Oxford, Georgia
Agenda

1. **Mayor's Announcements:** Review of the FY 2027 Budget Calendar to confirm Council availability and to discuss a date for a Budget Retreat.
2. **Committee Reports:** The Trees, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, and the Sustainability Committee.
3. ***Review of the Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) Ordinance Map:** Representatives of AtkinsRéalis will be present to answer any questions and assist us in refining the map.
4. ***Discussion of the Independence Day Festivities and the City Holiday Schedule:** Please see attached materials.
5. ***Resolution in Support of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Water Line Replacement:** This project will replace lines on portions of Asbury Street, Bonnell Street, Cindy Court, Coke Street, Dowman Avenue, Emory Street, Queen Ann Street, Stone Street, Watson Street, Wesley Street and Williams Street. The application is for \$1,000,000 in grant funds and \$250,000 in local matching funds.
6. ***Update on Bucket Truck Order:** Please see attached notes for information. Staff is seeking direction on whether to move forward with our order since the truck is now available this fiscal year.
7. ***Oxford Citizens Police Academy:** Chief Anglin will give an overview of the Oxford Citizens Police Academy
8. ***GMA Model Right of Way (ROW) Ordinance:** Please see attached documents.
9. ***Discussion of Possible Annexations:** Please see attached memo.
10. ***Other Business:** Questions or concerns on the (010a) City Manager and (010b) Police Chief Update. Please note, Chief Anglin has an Annual Report for 2025.
11. **Work Session Meeting Review:** The Mayor will review all the items discussed during the meeting.
12. **Executive Session:** An Executive Session could potentially be held for Land Acquisition/Disposition, Addressing Pending or Potential Litigation, and/or Personnel.

*Attachments

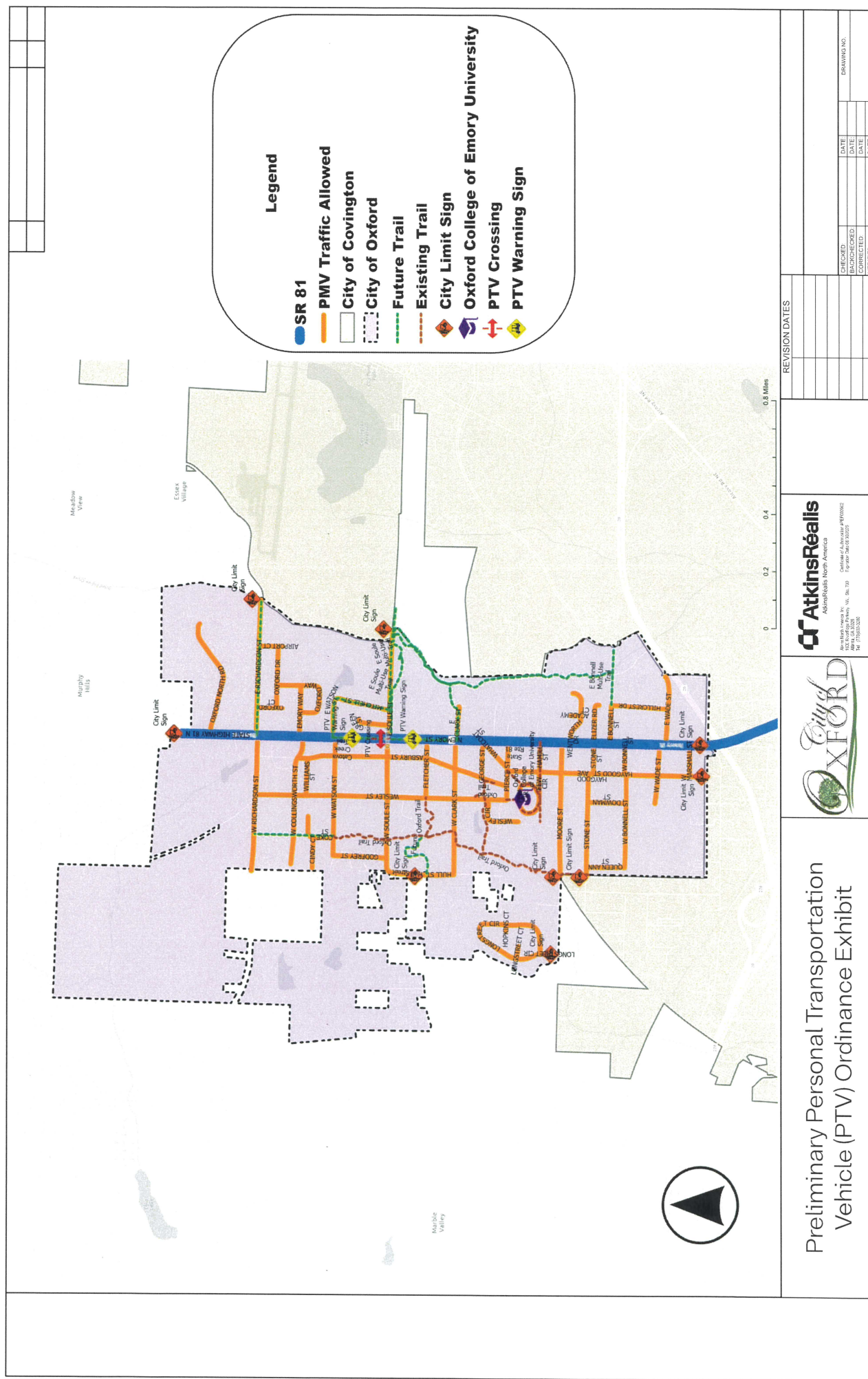
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Budget Calendar for FY2027 (**DRAFT**)

Wed., February 11, 2026	Capital Budget forms and Operations Budgets distributed to department heads
Wed., February 25, 2026	Department budget requests submitted to City Manager
March 9 - 13, 2026	Budget reviews individually with Department Heads and City Manager
Friday, March 13, 2026	Operations Budget Distributed to Council for their review
Thursday, March 19, 2026	8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Special Called Council work session review of budget with focus on operations
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Capital Budget Distributed to Council for their review
Thursday, April 16, 2026	8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Special Called work session review of budget with focus on capital projects
Sunday, May 10, 2026	Combined advertisement appears in <i>Covington News</i> for presentation to council, public hearing, and adoption. (At least a week must intervene between the ad & public hearing.)
Monday, May 18, 2026	Public Hearing – 6:00 p.m. and work session (At least a week must intervene between the public hearing and budget adoption.) Remind Council about adopting the millage rate.
Monday, June 1, 2026	Adopt Budget - 7:00 p.m. (Decision point if there is not a full rollback of the millage rate.)
Friday, July 10, 2026	Receive Tax Digest from County Tax Commissioner. Note: If Council does not increase millage or adopts the rollback rate, we will have the advertisement of the city's Five-Year History ready for publication.
Sunday, July 19, 2026	Five-Year History Ad with notice of public hearing published.
Monday, July 27, 2026	Hold Two (2) public hearings for Council to adopt millage rate. 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Monday, August 3, 2026	Hold Third and final public hearing 6:00 p.m. for millage rate. Council adopts new millage rate at regular session meeting.
Monday, August 17, 2026	Tear sheet and PT38 to Tax Commissioner.
Friday, August 21, 2026	Tax Commissioner delivers report to State by this date.

Notice: If the millage rate is increased above the rollback rate, law requires (3) three public hearings and advertising seven days apart from each other prior to final adoption.





Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Bill Andrew, City Manager

Date: December 31, 2025

Action Requested: Clarification and Review of July 4th Holiday Policy and Event Format

Introduction

The purpose of this memo is to address a discrepancy in the Employee Handbook regarding the July 4th paid holiday. Currently listed as a paid day off, staff are still required to work for the city's parade and park festivities. This creates a problem in offering the holiday but not recognizing the issues caused by the July 4th events.

Background: Current Discrepancy

- Oxford provides 11 paid holidays annually.
- **The Issue:** July 4th is listed as a paid holiday in the Employee Handbook, which represents it as a vacation day.
- **The Conflict:** Due to the annual July 4th parade and activities at Asbury Street Park, staff must work and this negates the holiday.
- **Action Required:** A policy change is needed to align the Employee Handbook with operational reality and ensure fairness to all employees.

Comparative Data: Paid Holidays

While Georgia law does not mandate private sector paid holidays, government entities offer a clear benchmark.

- **Private Sector (Georgia Average):** 7–10 paid holidays.
- **Federal Government (2025):** 11 paid holidays.
- **Georgia State Government:** 13 paid holidays.

Oxford's current 11 paid holidays are competitive with federal standards but below the state government average.

Proposed Options for Resolution

Option 1: Clarify July 4th as a Recognized Holiday

- Officially recognize July 4th as a city holiday for all employees.
- Move the July 4th parade to the last Saturday of June to avoid conflict with the actual holiday. Or eliminate the parade entirely and replace it with a smaller celebration at Asbury Street Park on the last Saturday in June.

Option 2: Revise Handbook

- Remove July 4th as a paid holiday in the handbook, continuing with the current parade schedule but providing an alternative floating holiday for staff required working the event.

Operational Considerations: Parade vs. Park Celebration

Several staff members have suggested replacing the parade with a park-only celebration due to declining participation and logistical burdens.

- **Benefits of eliminating the parade:**
 - Significant decrease in security expenses.
 - Elimination of traffic disruption on Emory Street.
 - Savings in staff time previously used for participant registration.
 - Addresses the decline in volunteers and parade entries over recent years.

Action: Please review these options. Management is proposing a decision on the preferred approach either at the January 5, 2026 council meeting or this could be taken up at the work session on January 26, 2026, to allow for timely updates to the Employee Handbook and event planning for 2026.



Please note: This would be the schedule for 2026 if we patterned it on 2025.

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS 2026

January 1, Thursday	New Year's Day
January 19, Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
May 25, Monday	Memorial Day
June 19, Friday	Juneteenth
July 3, Friday	Independence Day
September 7, Monday	Labor Day
November 11, Wednesday	Veterans Day
November 26, Thursday	Thanksgiving
November 27, Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24, Thursday	Christmas Eve
December 25, Friday	Christmas Day

Georgia State Holidays 2026

The following is the list of state holidays when the Capitol and state agencies will be closed in 2026.

New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday: Monday, January 19

Washington's Birthday: Monday, February 16 - *will be observed Thursday, December 24*

State Holiday: Observed on Good Friday, April 3

Memorial Day: Monday, May 25

Juneteenth: Friday, June 19

Independence Day: Friday, July 3

Labor Day: Monday, September 7

Columbus Day: Monday, October 12

Veterans Day: Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 26

State Holiday: Observed on Friday, November 27

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25



OBSERVED HOLIDAYS 2026

Please note: This would be the schedule for 2026 if we incorporated the State Holidays. As yet, I am not sure how to handle Independence Day

January 1, Thursday

New Year's Day

January 19, Monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

April 3, Friday

Spring Holiday

May 25, Monday

Memorial Day

June 19, Friday

Juneteenth

July 3, Friday

Independence Day¹

September 7, Monday

Labor Day

October 12, Monday

Indigenous People's Day

November 11, Wednesday

Veterans Day

November 26, Thursday

Thanksgiving

November 27, Friday

Day after Thanksgiving

December 24, Thursday

Christmas Eve

December 25, Friday

Christmas Day

¹ If we were to continue with a July 4th event, it has been suggested that holiday could be substituted with a Floating Holiday the employee may use on any other day of the year besides what is needed from the staff to support the July 4th event.

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council and City Leadership

From: Oxford Staff

Date: 1/23/26

Subject: Staff Survey Summary and Recommendations – July 4th Celebration

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize staff feedback collected through the July 4th Celebration Survey and to outline key findings related to staffing, safety, workload, and sustainability of the current parade and festival format.

Survey Overview

Survey respondents represent employees with direct involvement in the July 4th celebration, including parade operations, festival operations, and planning and logistics. Responses reflect firsthand experience managing the event both in preparation and on the day of the celebration.

Key Findings

1. Staffing & Operational Capacity

- The majority of respondents do **not** believe the City has adequate staffing to safely and effectively manage the July 4th parade & celebration.
- The current parade route is widely viewed as **unmanageable** with existing staffing levels.
- The most frequently identified understaffed areas include:
 - Route monitoring and crowd control
 - Traffic control and barricades
 - Setup and breakdown
 - Check-in and line-up areas
 - Vendor coordination and emergency response

Staff consistently report being spread across too many critical roles, creating operational strain and increasing risk.

2. Safety Concerns

- Most respondents feel staff safety is **not adequately protected**, particularly during the parade.
- Heat-related illness and exhaustion were commonly reported.

- The length of the parade route was identified as a significant contributor to safety risk.

Additional recurring safety concerns include:

- Extreme heat with insufficient shade, cooling, or breaks
- Children entering the roadway for candy
- Unauthorized vehicles bypassing barricades
- Communication breakdowns due to limited personnel
- Insufficient preparedness for emergency or mass-casualty incidents

Many respondents expressed concern about growing liability risks for the City if current conditions remain unchanged.

3. Workload, Morale & Work-Life Balance

- Staff overwhelmingly agree that the July 4th event requires **months of preparation** and creates prolonged stress.
- Working on the July 4th holiday negatively impacts work-life balance for most respondents.
- The lack of a compensatory day off significantly affects morale and job satisfaction.
- Expectations to work the holiday are generally viewed as **unreasonable given current staffing levels**.

4. Parade vs. Festival

- The parade is most frequently identified as the **most difficult and highest-risk component** of the event.
- Many respondents believe neither the parade nor the festival provides sufficient benefit relative to staff effort.
- When a preference is stated, the **festival** is more often viewed as valuable and manageable compared to the parade.

5. Sustainability & Staff Preferences

When asked what is most sustainable if staffing constraints remain the same:

- A strong majority support **eliminating the parade**, and many support eliminating both the parade and festival.
- If the City continues to host a celebration, the most commonly supported options include:
 - Festival-only format

- Scaled-back event
- Moving the event off July 4th to allow staff to observe the holiday

Support for discontinuing the parade is significantly higher than support for discontinuing the festival.

Suggested Considerations Based on Staff Feedback

Staff responses consistently indicate that meaningful changes are needed to improve safety, morale, and sustainability. Commonly suggested actions include:

- Eliminating the parade component
- Moving any remaining celebration to a non-holiday date
- Providing a compensatory or floating holiday if work on July 4th continues
- Increasing staffing through contractors or additional support
- Implementing stronger heat mitigation and safety measures

Conclusion

The survey results reflect strong, consistent concern among staff regarding the safety, staffing, and long-term sustainability of the current July 4th celebration—particularly the parade. In addition, a clear majority of respondents indicated that they **do not support holding the event on the actual July 4th holiday**, citing negative impacts on work-life balance, morale, and the expectation to work a federal holiday without adequate compensation or staffing support.

Overall, the feedback indicates that the existing model places excessive strain on staff and presents ongoing safety and liability risks. Staff broadly support reevaluating not only the event format and scale, but also its **timing**, to better align with operational capacity, employee well-being, and responsible use of City resources.

Please consider these findings as part of any future discussions or decisions regarding the City's July 4th celebration.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES:

Q: What are the biggest safety concerns you observe during the parade?

A: Traffic

A: heat or weather conditions

A: Parking

A: unauthorized vehicles entering parade- bypassing barricades; children running towards moving vehicles and floats attempting to retrieve candy/toys being handed out or thrown; participants (pedestrians) overwhelmed, struggling to get through the parade route due to its length, compounded with intense heat- especially those who are dressed in heavy garments/uniform, carrying band equipment, large flags, or other parade related items, as well as others who have to exit the route early due to exhaustion.

A: The biggest safety concerns are extreme heat exposure combined with chronic understaffing. Each year, employees and volunteers are expected to work long hours outdoors in very high temperatures with limited shade, cooling, or relief coverage. This creates a serious risk for heat exhaustion, heat stroke, dehydration, and other medical emergencies for employees, volunteers, and attendees. In the event of a medical or safety incident, response times may be delayed due to limited personnel. As summer temperatures continue to rise, these risks increase each year. Continuing the parade under these conditions presents liability concerns for the city and places everyone involved in potentially unsafe situations. Alternative formats, if any, should be considered to better prioritize safety for all.

A: Multiple heat related concerns with inadequate staff and volunteers the strain is greater per individual. This leads to faster onset of heat-related illnesses due to lack of downtime for breaks. Safety concerns with inadequate staffing and volunteers we are increasing our risk of something major happening during this event that we cannot handle. Crowd Control - We already have an issue with crowd control along the route. A good parade would have volunteers walking along the parade making sure no pedestrians enter the roadway. We do not need to wait for someone to be hit before making these changes. A good parade will also have the volunteers walking along the route to help monitor the floats ensuring participants are abiding by our rules, being safe, and continue moving. Currently one person is circling the route continuously to keep the route moving as best as possible. Barricades – each year, even with increased officers each year, pedestrians are moving/going around/ignoring barricades. Communication – communication is and continues to be a problem. Proper communication is essential to reduce safety concerns and to help lessen the severity of any safety issues that may arise. With each staff member pulled so tightly during this event – the communication tends to still breakdown due to radios and phones not being monitored and or not heard due to attention on multiple other things simultaneously. We also do not prepare enough for possible mass casualty situations or any safety issue that may happen. Even if we prepared and ran drills – we are not properly staffed and do not have the proper manpower to keep chaos down if something were to happen. Having the parade is a huge unnecessary risk we are taking every year.

A: Heat is the biggest issue as myself and others have suffered from heat problems. Another concern is the parade route is too long, and every year, you hear more and more about crazy people driving into parades/crowds to kill people. With it being on a major roadway, that is definitely a possibility.

A: someone in the parade will start shooting at parade attendees. Attendees against parade will act out. kids run out into street when they throw candy.

A: local residence that do not participate in the celebration needing to exit their homes and moving barricades to gain access to roadways. Citizens moving barricades to exit the parade leaving the roadway open to other vehicles. Heat exposure (no cooling tent)

A: Not enough police, check in issues with people bringing extra people and people not listening to directions or being rude about telling them where to go or asking them to turn down music. Also, it is so hot that people are at risk for heat related issues, plus not enough time to rehydrate. Plus safety issues with old equipment, horses, etc.

Q: If the city is required to continue doing something to celebrate the 4th of July, would you prefer to keep the parade, the festival, or something else?

A: Parade (3 people answered)

A: Festival (4 people answered)

A: I would prefer eliminating the parade and keeping a scaled-back festival only. The parade creates the greatest safety, staffing, and liability concerns, especially in extreme heat. A festival format is safer, more manageable, and more sustainable for employees and volunteers while still allowing the city to recognize the holiday.

A: If the council requires it then they need to be out there helping for the entirety. They need to be getting donations, rallying up volunteers, helping with all set-up and take-down. They are not more entitled to celebrate more than any other American. They can not use their age as an excuse either because half of us are older staff. One of the volunteers that has helped for 3 years and has had stage 4 cancer and still showed up. We have had other employees helping while having cancer. I believe 2 different employees had cancer this last parade. The council has no excuse. Again, council members are supposed to be leaders that manage public resources and make sure the city is effective and efficient. They are also supposed to represent staff and so far their decisions seem to be more about themselves. The continued choice of the parade route is a prime example. The staff is already extremely underpaid and underappreciated. It would be a better idea to not continue adding to the overall unsatisfactory work environment.

A: If we absolutely have to keep doing something, I would keep the festival, but move it to a Thursday night like how the farmers market is. That way, we can have off the holiday, it won't be as hot, and it's better to work a little extra (or come in later that day for those who don't need OT) than to come in an additional day. It also would allow people to still come participate since it'd be in the evening.

A: Something else, preferably making a post on social media and letting the staff actually enjoy the holiday, like most of the council members do as they do not help or volunteer with anything related to it therefore they are completely oblivious to how anything actually works in the city and the inconvenience it is to everyone that actually helps.

Q: Please share any additional comments or suggestions regarding the July 4th celebration.

A: Most people enjoy it

A: I definitely suggest proper staffing and/or contractor use. We don't have enough volunteers or employees to adhere the volume of work and preparation to be done with both the festival and parade.

A: The parade has experienced a reduction in attendance, participant numbers, and volunteer support over the last few years.

A: If the event must remain on July 4th, providing both holiday overtime compensation and a paid day off of the employee's choosing would be an appropriate and meaningful way to recognize the additional commitment required to work on a federal holiday. This approach would help support employee morale, fairness, and work-life balance while ensuring adequate staffing for the event.





A: Lets make a smart business decision, cancel it, and save tons of money. The parade does not generate revenue. It generates frustration, safety concerns, poor morale, feelings that several of our council think they are high-hatted individuals that live by the phrase "not my dumpster, not my fire". Except this is a fire that is controlled solely by the council. The City needs to compensate all employees that have worked the parade in previous years. Being that we were "forced" to work a listed holiday and never had the holiday off. Maybe add a floating holiday to all employees that have worked or add a bonus to each paycheck to show appreciation that has been overlooked and not considered for so many years now. The parade has caused us to miss out on our own family events, functions, vacations, and more, and we are all too worn out to do anything after working the event and then cleaning up the city after the event.

A: Unfortunately, the parade is a thing of the past. The route is over a mile long, so nobody wants to walk/bike in the parade. It's very strict making it unenjoyable for some. We've had consistently less participants each year. It's an absolute NIGHTMARE making people sign waivers. If all else, the parade at least needs to be removed. Sydney has built up the festival part of the celebration enough in her time here that it can be a stand alone event that people love coming to. So if the holiday has to be celebrated, I'd vote for the festival. However, with the lack of staff and volunteers, it is very hard work to put together, so asking staff to give up their holiday to work an event that already puts a strain on them for months, when the council members don't even come help on the holiday, is a bit hypocritical. If the festival continues, it needs to be on a different day than the holiday. Most big cities celebrate on a separate date, so there should be no problem for us to follow that same model.

A: Please just cancel it. Other bigger cities have celebrations that can handle it. Let the staff be happy and healthy instead of burdening them year after year with months, not weeks, months of prep and thousands of dollars that could be used to actually benefit the city instead of letting nostalgia by a few people who do not participate nor volunteer continue to force this to continue despite sufficient evidence that attendance is and has ben dwindling for many years and that the city is too small, not enough volunteers, it is unsafely hot, costs too much money, and is a burden for everyone and everything except the council members who do not care to volunteer/participate.




What is your level of involvement in the July 4th celebration? Check all that apply.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Parade only	0%	0	...
 Festival only	0%	0	...
 Parade and Festival	100.00%	14	...
 Planning and Logistics	50.00%	7	...
Total		14	











Do you feel the City has adequate staffing to safely and effectively manage the July 4th parade?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Yes	28.57%	4	***
 No	64.29%	9	***
 Unsure	7.14%	1	***
Total		14	




Which areas are most understaffed for the parade and festival? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Setup/breakdown	71.43%	10	***
 Route monitoring	50.00%	7	***
 Crowd control	50.00%	7	***
 Traffic control	42.86%	6	***
 Emergency response	21.43%	3	***
 Check-in booth	50.00%	7	***
 Line-up Area	42.86%	6	***
 Vendor Coordination at the park	42.86%	6	***
 Directing traffic/stopping from entering/exiting	57.14%	8	***
 Flag distribution	35.71%	5	***
 City swag giveaway/selling shirts	21.43%	3	***
Total		14	






In your opinion, is the current parade route manageable with existing staff levels?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Yes	21.43%	3	...
 No	50.00%	7	...
 Somewhat	28.57%	4	...




Would you agree or disagree with this statement? The planning and execution of the parade, including the months of preparation leading up to the event and the work required on the day of the parade, demands a significant amount of time and effort from staff. These extended hours often create additional burdens on other employees who are left to manage regular responsibilities during these periods. The level of commitment needed to host the parade and celebration impacts overall workload distribution causing a great strain and unnecessary stress on the staff for weeks.

Answered: 13 Skipped: 1

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Strongly agree	61.54%	8	...
 Somewhat agree	38.46%	5	...
 Neither agree nor disagree	0%	0	...
 Somewhat disagree	0%	0	...
 Strongly disagree	0%	0	...
Total		13	




Do you feel staff safety is adequately protected during the parade?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Yes	42.86%	6	...
 No	21.43%	3	...
 Somewhat	35.71%	5	...
Total		14	



Do you believe the length of the parade route increases safety risks for staff and attendees?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Yes	57.14%	8	***
 No	28.57%	4	***
 Unsure	14.29%	2	***
Total		14	






Have you experienced heat-related issues (exhaustion, dehydration, illness) while working the parade?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Yes	50.00%	7	***
 No	50.00%	7	***
Total		14	

How does working the July 4th holiday impact your work-life balance?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Very negatively	42.86%	6	***
 Somewhat negatively	21.43%	3	***
 Neutral	14.29%	2	***
 Somewhat positively	7.14%	1	***
 Very positively	14.29%	2	***
Total		14	

From a staff perspective, which part of the event is most difficult to manage?
Including all the planning leading up to the event and the duties on the day of the event.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
<div><div></div> Parade</div>	42.86%	6	...
<div><div></div> Festival</div>	7.14%	1	...
<div><div></div> Both Equally</div>	50.00%	7	...
Total		14	

Do you feel the expectations for working on July 4th are reasonable given staffing levels?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
<div><div></div> Yes</div>	21.43%	3	...
<div><div></div> No</div>	71.43%	10	...
<div><div></div> Unsure</div>	7.14%	1	...
Total		14	









Does working the July 4th event without receiving a compensatory day off negatively impact your morale or job satisfaction?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
<div><div></div> Yes</div>	78.57%	11	...
<div><div></div> No</div>	21.43%	3	...
<div><div></div> Somewhat</div>	0%	0	...
Total		14	






What changes would most improve staff experience and safety? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Shorter parade route	35.71%	5	***
 Additional staffing or contractors	85.71%	12	***
 Elimination of parade	14.29%	2	***
 Elimination of festival	7.14%	1	***
 Elimination of parade and festival	35.71%	5	***
 More volunteer support	64.29%	9	***
 Heat mitigation (shade, rotations, water)	50.00%	7	***
 Day off after working 4th of July	71.43%	10	***
Total		14	






Which component do you believe provides the most benefit to the community relative to staff effort?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Parade	0%	0	***
 Festival	21.43%	3	***
 Both	50.00%	7	***
 Neither	28.57%	4	***
 Unsure	0%	0	***
Total		14	





If staffing constraints remain the same, which option do you believe is most sustainable to continue?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Continue both parade and festival	21.43%	3	...
 Continue festival only	28.57%	4	...
 Continue parade only	14.29%	2	...
 Scale back parade route	0%	0	...
 Eliminate both parade and festival	35.71%	5	...
Total		14	





Do you support discontinuing the parade portion of the July 4th event?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Yes	64.29%	9	...
 No	21.43%	3	...
 Unsure	14.29%	2	...
 Other (please specify) Show responses	7.14%	1	...
Total		14	




Do you support discontinuing the festival portion of the July 4th event?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Yes	50.00%	7	...
 No	35.71%	5	...
 Unsure	14.29%	2	...
 Other (please specify) Show responses	7.14%	1	...
Total		14	






If the City continues to host a July 4th celebration, would you prefer the event to remain on July 4th or be held on a different date so staff can have the holiday off?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 No preference	14.29%	2	...
 Keep the event on July 4th	28.57%	4	...
 Move the event to a different date so staff can have July 4th off	57.14%	8	...
Total		14	



If the event were moved off of July 4th, which option would you prefer?

Answered: 11 Skipped: 3

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 July 3rd	27.27%	3	...
 The Sunday before July 4th	0%	0	...
 The Friday before July 4th	54.55%	6	...
 The Saturday before July 4th	18.18%	2	...
 Show comments			
Total		11	

If the City is required to continue hosting an event to celebrate, and the council decides not to move it from the 4th of July to another day, would a floating holiday (a day to take off of your choosing) be adequate for having to work on the holiday?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices ↓	Percentage ↓	Responses ↓	
 Yes	64.29%	9	...
 No	35.71%	5	...
Total		14	

CITY OF OXFORD

Resolution

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford desires to submit an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to finance Water System Improvements on portions of Asbury Street, Bonnell Street, Cindy Court, Coke Street, Dowman Avenue, Emory Street, Queen Ann Street, Stone Street, Watson Street, Wesley Street and Williams Street; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have requested the assistance of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission in preparing the CDBG application; and

And WHEREAS, certain actions are required by the City in support of the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Oxford by this resolution do hereby approve the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for \$1,000,000 with a match of \$250,000 to finance the Water System Improvements on Asbury Street, Bonnell Street, Cindy Court, Coke Street, Dowman Avenue, Emory Street, Queen Ann Street, Stone Street, Watson Street, Wesley Street and Williams Street;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and obtain the CDBG.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if awarded, the Mayor and Council designate the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission as the grant administrator, in accordance with local government requirements, the Common Rule Selection Process, and the Community Development Block Grant program guidelines.

Adopted, this 2nd day of March 2026.

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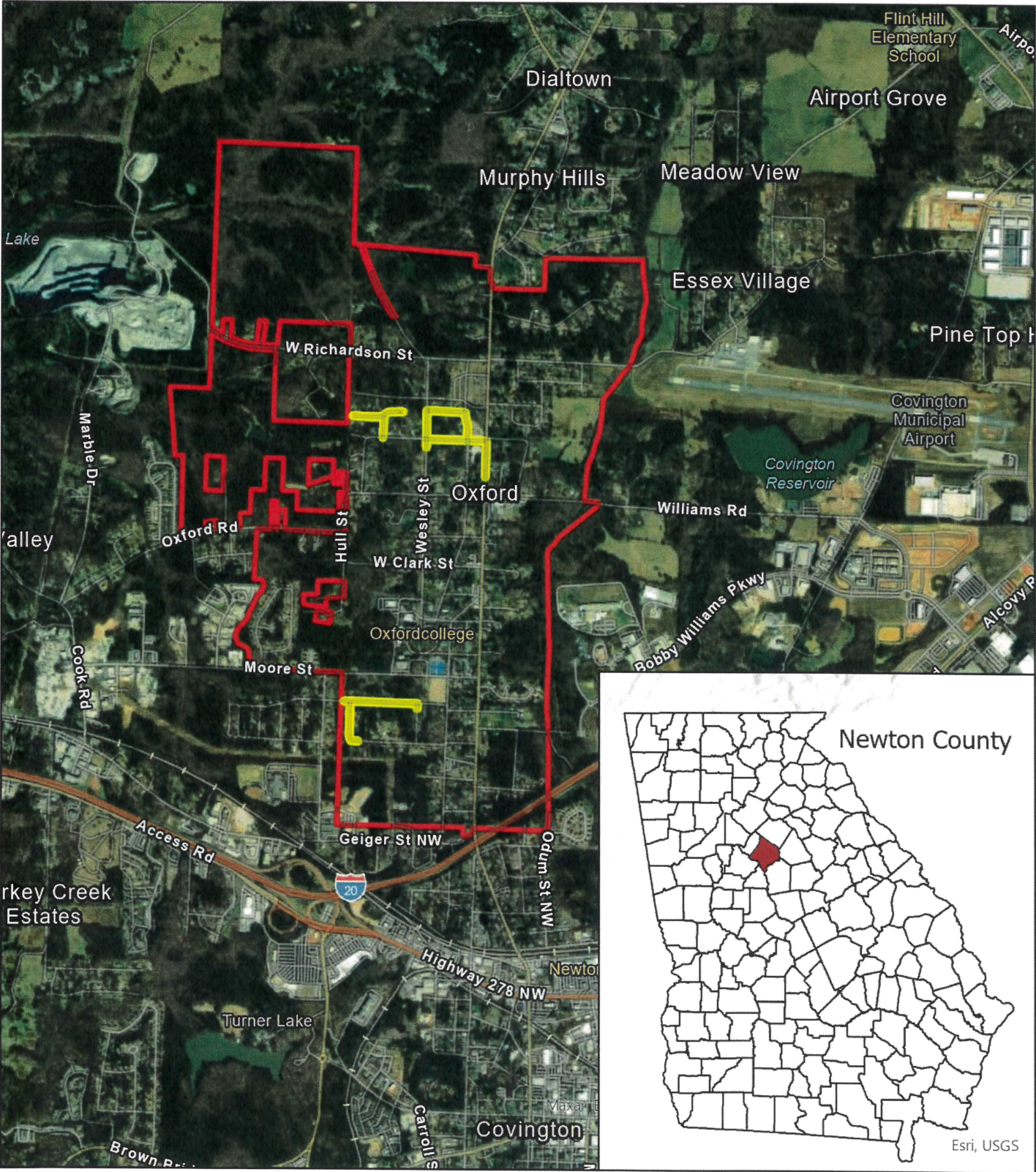
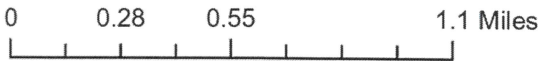
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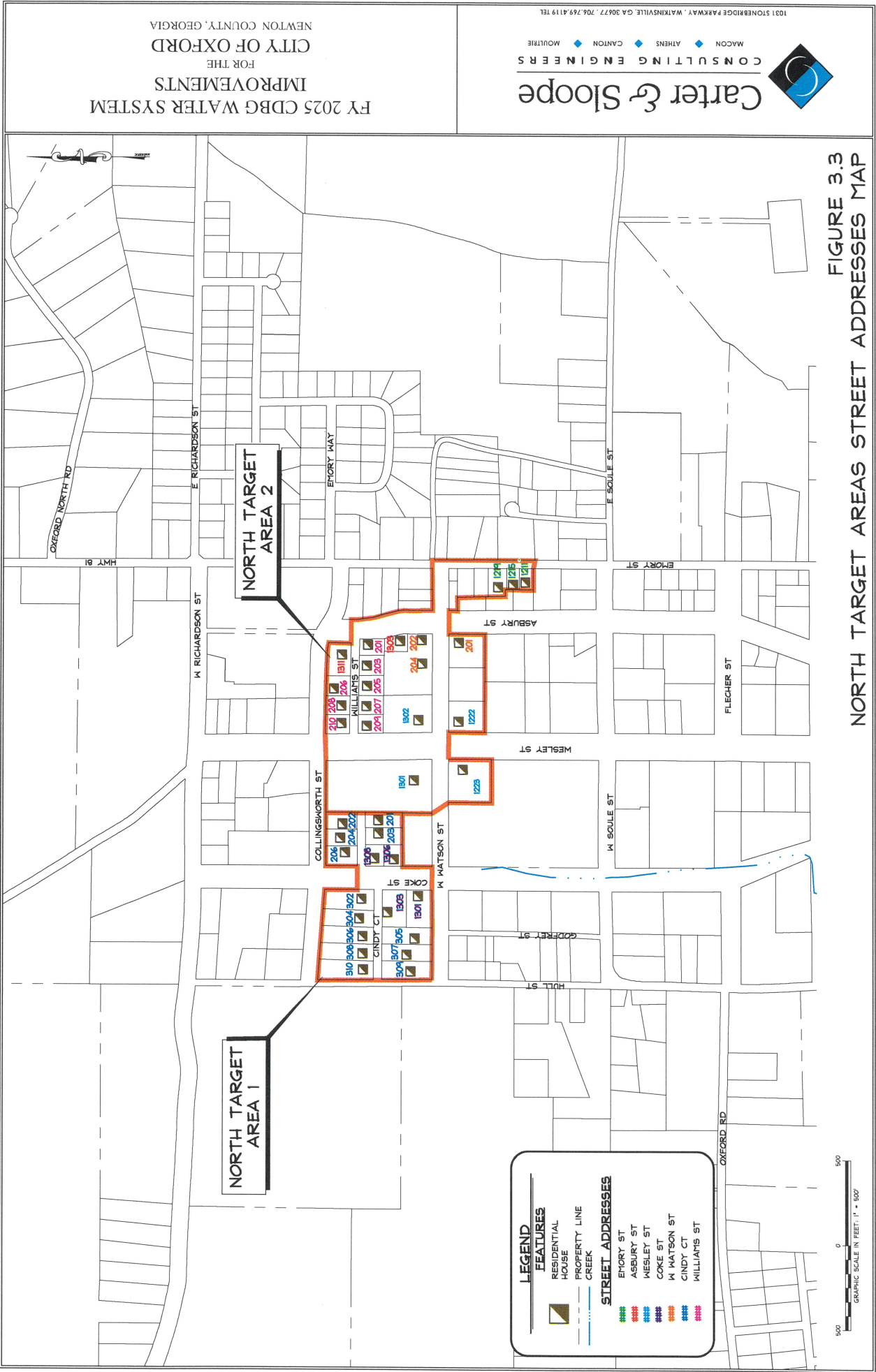
ATTEST:

Stacy Mullen, Interim City Clerk

Legend

- Area of Potential Effect:
 - Oxford, GA Water System Improvements
- Oxford City Limits



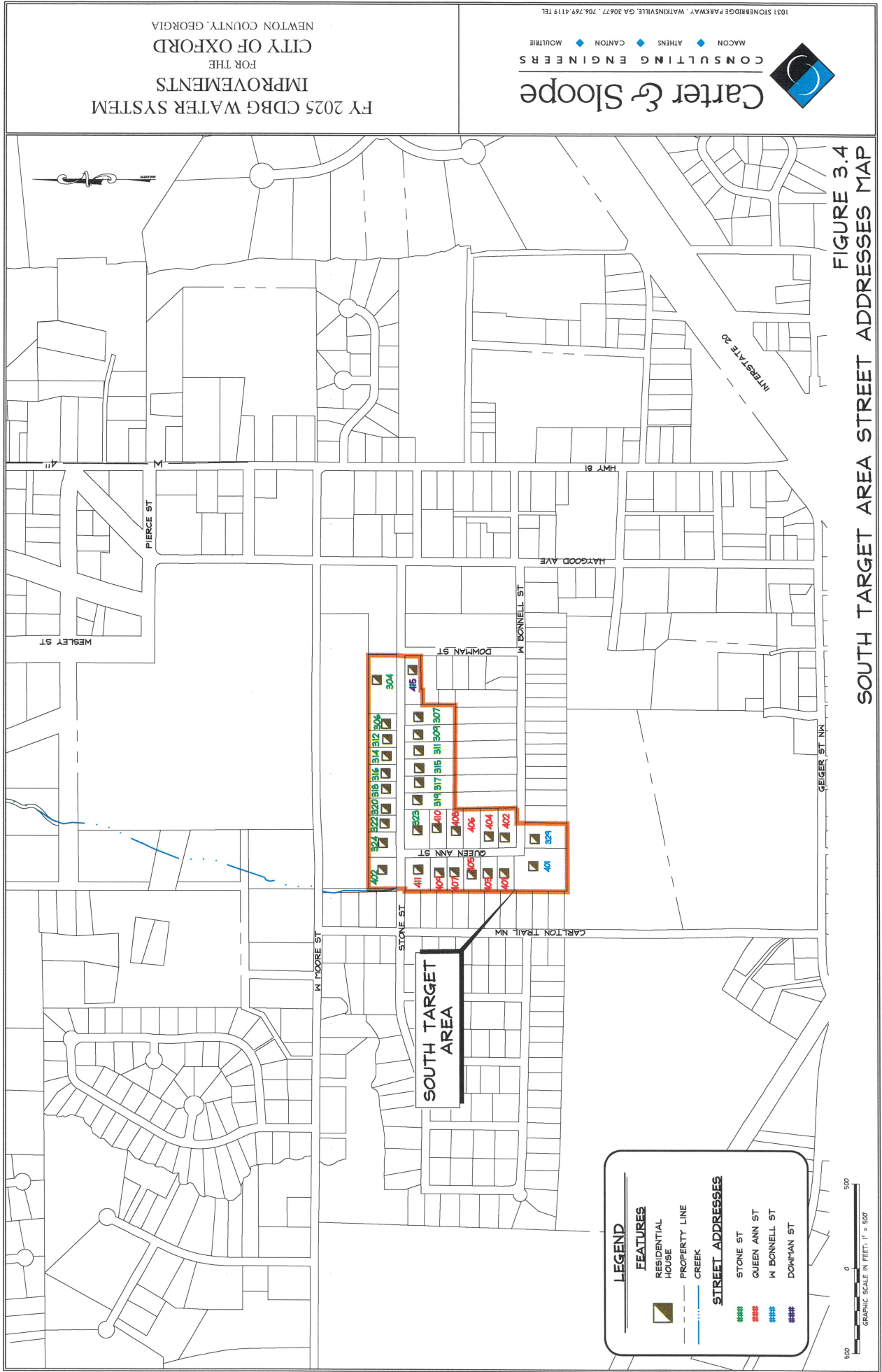


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Notes on the Bucket Truck Purchase

1. Due to liability issues, Altec will not service our bucket truck because of it being older than 25 years old.
2. Because staff had understood there was a more than one-year lag time to have this unit delivered, the Council decided to go ahead with placing the order in FY 2026 and to hopefully take delivery in FY 2027.
3. We now have a quote of \$233,053, which is under our FY 2027 budget number of \$247,500. We are being told it is likely that this price will not change by July 1. The supplier has units available now at this price and it is also likely that we could make an order in July and still have delivery within 3 months or earlier. However, there is no guarantee for either the price or the timeframe for delivery.
4. Should we place the order now or simply wait until after July 1, 2026?



Quote Number: 116202604
Opportunity Number:
Sourcewell Contract #: 040924-ALT
Date: 1/16/2026

Quoted for: City of Oxford (GA)
Quoted by: Jim Kenan
Phone: / Email: (205) 837-2440 / jim.kenan@altec.com

REFERENCE MODEL		Sourcewell Price	Commercial List Price	Discount %
AA55 4x2		\$191,234	\$197,148	3%
(A.) Sourcewell Options On Contract				
1				
2				
3				

SOURCEWELL OPTIONS TOTAL: \$191,234 \$197,148 3%

(A.) OPEN MARKET ITEMS (Customer Requested)			
1	UNIT		
2	UNIT & HYDRAULIC ACC		
3	BODY		
4	BODY & CHASSIS ACC		
5	ELECTRICAL		
6	FINISHING		
7	CHASSIS	Chassis and unit body to be 2025 model year in lieu of 2023	\$40,321
8	OTHER		
9			
OPEN MARKET OPTIONS TOTAL:			\$40,321

SUB-TOTAL FOR UNIT/BODY/CHASSIS: \$231,555
Delivery to Customer: \$1,498
TOTAL FOR UNIT/BODY/CHASSIS: \$233,053

(C.) ADDITIONAL ITEMS (items are not included in total above)			
1			
2			
3			
4			

Pricing valid for 45 days and may be subject to availability at time of order

NOTES

** Denotes FET fees were paid when unit was new. Global is not FET exempt.
All items listed subject to availability, quote provided at time of request detailing options
Delivery is \$3.50/ mile
Alternate year models may be available in addition to the ones shown here, they will be discounted / priced
Chassis model can be any standard chassis (Ford, Dodge, International, Freightliner, Peterbilt, etc.)
PAINT COLOR: White to match chassis, unless otherwise specified
TO ORDER: To order, please contact the Account Manager listed above.
CHASSIS: Per Altec Commercial Standard
DELIVERY: No later than _____ days ARO, FOB Customer Location
TERMS: Net 10 days
BEST VALUE: Altec boasts the following "Best Value" features: Altec ISO Grip Controls for Extra Protection, Only Lifetime Warranty on Structural Components in Industry, Largest Service Network in Industry, Altec SENTRY Web/CD Based Training, Dedicated/Direct Gov't Sales Manager, In-Service Training with Every Order.

*This quote does not include City, County, State or Federal taxes.

Citizens Police Academy

Hosted by the Oxford Police Department

The City of Oxford Police Department is excited to launch its **First Citizens Academy**, a new community-focused program designed to strengthen relationships between our officers and the residents we proudly serve.

This free, interactive academy will give Oxford community members an inside look at the daily operations of the Police Department. Participants will learn directly from our officers through hands-on activities, demonstrations, and discussions on topics such as:

- Patrol operations
- Criminal investigations
- Dispatch and communications
- Use of force and de-escalation
- Traffic enforcement
- Community policing initiatives
- And more!

Who Can Participate:

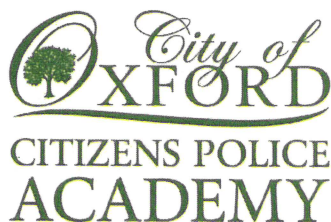
Residents, business owners, and anyone with a vested interest in the City of Oxford community.

When & Where:

- First class will begin on Tuesday, March 19th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and continue for nine (9) weeks to May 14th, 2026.
- Classes will be held at the Oxford City Hall City Council Room.

How to Register:

- Applications can be obtained from City Hall, the City of Oxford website, the City of Oxford Facebook page or the Oxford Police Department Facebook page.
- Deadline to apply is March 10, 2026.
- For more information contact Lieutenant S. Brooks at 770 788-1390 or gbrooks@oxfordgeorgia.org



GMA Model Right of Way (ROW) Ordinance

It has been almost Ten (10) years since GMA last distributed a model ROW ordinance for its Telecommunication and ROW members. A lot has changed in the last decade as there has been new legislation along with changes in the video and telecommunication industry that has prompted GMA to update and revise a new ROW ordinance that reflects those changes, especially for rural Georgia.

Due to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, there has been an influx of new Broadband companies that are coming to rural Georgia, to provide telecom services. It has come to our attention that a lot of our members do not have a ROW ordinance nor a permitting process. In addition, a lot of cities are not being compensated for use of the ROW.

In 2023 the State law regarding telecommunication services, O.C.G.A. § 46-5-1 was revised to address "Broadband" companies accessing the ROW and establishing rates of due compensation. Broadband companies should be compensating cities per a linear footage rate of \$0.05/ft when providing Retail Service within City limits.

The new ROW ordinance addresses Due Compensation for telecom/fiber, sets up a Permitting Process, incorporates GDOT's Rules and Regulations, establishes an Aesthetic Guideline for small cell deployment, contains penalties for companies that do not have a permit who are accessing the ROW, and Bond requirements for those companies that have been damaging the ROW, among other important provisions.

Please see the additional documents for our existing ROW Ordinance and a highlighted/annotated version of new model ordinance from GMA. Staff are seeking guidance from the Mayor and Council prior to Mr. Strickland putting the ordinance in a final form:

Note the highlighted portions of the model reflect new content, as compared to our current one.

Mr. Strickland has added comments confirming that we may designate the city clerk in various capacities as captioned or we may choose to add these responsibilities to the Superintendent of Public Works.

Please also see a comment as to whether we want to prefer underground throughout the city, just in Town Center or nowhere in city.

ARTICLE III. UTILITIES IN RIGHTS-OF-WAY

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 28-56. Scope.

The provisions of this article shall apply to all utilities and facilities occupying the rights-of-way as provided herein.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(1.2))

Sec. 28-57. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Construct means, but shall not be limited to, dig, bore, tunnel, trench, excavate, obstruct, install or remove signs, or facilities, other than landscaping or ornamental plantings, in, on, above, within, over, below, under, or through any part of the rights-of-way. The term "construct" shall also include the act of opening or cutting into the surface of any paved or improved surface that is any part of the right-of-way.

Construction means, but shall not be limited to, the act or process of digging, boring, tunneling, trenching, excavating, obstructing, installing or removing signs or facilities, other than landscaping or ornamental plantings, in, on, above, within, over, below, under, or through any part of the rights-of-way. Construction shall also include the act of opening, boring or cutting into the surface of any part of the right-of-way.

Emergency means a condition that poses a clear and immediate danger to life, health, or safety of a person, or of significant damage or loss of real or personal property.

Facility or facilities means any tangible thing, including but not limited to pipes, mains, conduits, cables, wires, poles, towers, traffic and other signals, and other equipment, appurtenances, appliances and future technology of any utility in, on, along, over, or under any part of the rights-of-way within the City.

Facilities representatives means the specifically identified agents/employees of a utility who are authorized to direct field activities of that utility and serve as official notice agents for facilities related information. Utility shall be required to make sure at least one of its facilities representatives available at all times to receive notice of, and immediately direct response to, facilities related emergencies or situations.

FCC means the federal communications commission or any successor thereto.

Permit means an authorization which grants permission to conduct specific regulated activities on, in, over, under or within any public right-of-way, and which may be subject to conditions specified in a written agreement with the City or in a related provision of this Code of Ordinances.

Rights-of-way means the surface and space in, on, above, within, over, below, under or through any real property in which the City has an interest in law or equity, whether held in fee, or other estate or interest, or as a trustee for the public, including, but not limited to any public street, boulevard, road, highway, freeway, lane, alley, court, sidewalk, parkway, or any other place, area, or real property owned by or under the legal or equitable

control of the City, now or hereafter, that consistent with the purposes for which it was dedicated, may be used for the purposes of constructing, operating, repairing or replacing facilities.

Service agreement means a valid license agreement, service agreement, franchise agreement, or operating agreement issued by the City or state pursuant to law and accepted by a utility or entered into by and between the City and a utility, which allows such utility to operate or provide service within the geographic limits of the City.

Services means the offering of any service by a utility for a fee directly to the public, or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public, or alternatively, the provision of any service by a utility between two or more points for a proprietary purpose to a class of users other than the general public.

Street or streets means the surface of, as well as the spaces above and below, any and all the streets, alleys, avenues, roads, bridges, tunnels and public places of the City within the corporate limits of the City, as the same now exist or may be hereafter extended or altered, and any location thereon, thereover or thereunder, and any portion thereof.

Transfer means the disposal by the utility, directly or indirectly, by gift, assignment, sale, merger, consolidation, or otherwise, of more than 50 percent at one time of the ownership or controlling interest in the facilities, or of more than 50 percent cumulatively over the term of a written approval of registration of such interests to a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trust, or association, or person or group of persons acting in concert.

Unused facilities means facilities located in the rights-of-way which have remained unused for 12 months and for which the utility is unable to provide the City with a plan detailing the procedure by which the utility intends to begin actively using such facilities within the next 12 months, or that it has a potential purchaser or user of the facilities who will be actively using the facilities within the next 12 months, or that the availability of such facilities is required by the utility to adequately and efficiently operate its facilities.

Utility or utilities means all privately, publicly, or cooperatively owned systems for producing, transmitting, or distributing communication, data, information, telecommunication, cable television, video services, power, electricity, light, heat, gas, oil, crude products, water, sewer, steam, fire and police signals, traffic control devices, and street lighting systems, and housing or conduit for any of the foregoing, which directly or indirectly serve the public or any part thereof. The term "utility" may also be used to refer to the owner, operator, utility, service, contractor or subcontractor, or any agent thereof, of any above-described utility or utility facility.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(1.3))

Secs. 28-58—28-87. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

Sec. 28-88. Permit required.

It is unlawful for any utility to excavate or to construct, install, maintain, renew, remove or relocate facilities in, on, along, over or under the public roads of the City without a utility permit from the City in accordance with the terms of this division.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(3.1))

Sec. 28-89. Permit procedure.

Utility permits shall be obtained from the City Manager (or such other person as the City Manager may designate) upon application made on forms prescribed by the City. The written application shall include the following:

- (1) The name and address of the utility;
- (2) The nature, extent, and location of any work proposed to be done, along with satisfactory plans as attachments showing in detail the location of the proposed facility or operations as described in the permit application. The plans shall show the size or capacity of facilities to be installed; their relationship to street features such as right-of-way lines, pavement edge, structures, etc., horizontal and vertical clearance to critical elements of the roadway and any other information necessary to evaluate the impact on the street and its operation;
- (3) The name and address of the person or firm who is to do such work;
- (4) The name, street address, email address, if applicable, and telephone and facsimile numbers of one or more facilities representatives;
- (5) The projected dates for the work to be started and finished;
- (6) An indemnity bond or other acceptable security in an amount to be set by the City to pay any damages to any part of the City road system or other city property or to any city employee or member of the public caused by activity or work of the utility performed under authority of the permit issued;
- (7) A copy, if requested, of the registrant's certificate of authority (or other acceptable evidence of authority to operate) from the state public service commission or the FCC and any other similar approvals, permits, or agreements; and
- (8) A copy, if requested, of the service agreement, if applicable, or other legal instrument that authorizes the utility to use or occupy the right-of-way for the purpose described in the application.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(3.2))

Sec. 28-90. Permit fees.

Fees shall be determined by the City Manager, subject to the approval by resolution of the City Council. A fee schedule shall be available at the office of the City Manager and open for public inspection.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(3.3))

Sec. 28-91. Issuance of permit.

If the City Manager determines the applicant has satisfied the following requirements, the City Manager may issue a permit based on the following criteria:

- (1) Whether issuing of the approval will be consistent with this chapter;
- (2) Whether applicant has submitted a complete application and has secured all certificates and other authorizations required by law, if applicable, in order to construct facilities in the manner proposed by the applicant; and
- (3) The impact on safety, visual quality of the streets, traffic flow, and other users of the right-of-way and the difficulty and length of time of the project, construction or maintenance.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(3.4))

Sec. 28-92. Emergency situations.

- (a) Each utility shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, notify the City Manager of any event regarding its facilities which it considers to be an emergency. The utility may proceed to take whatever actions are necessary in order to respond to the emergency. A utility who engages in an emergency excavation shall take all reasonable precautions to avoid or minimize damage to any existing facilities.
- (b) In the event that the City becomes aware of an emergency regarding utility facilities, the City may attempt to contact the affected utility or facilities representative. The City may take whatever action it deems necessary in order to respond to the emergency, including cut or move any of the wires, cables, amplifiers, appliances, or other parts of the facilities. The City shall not incur any liability to the utility, for such emergency actions, and the cost of such shall be paid by each utility affected by the emergency.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(3.5))

Sec. 28-93. Effective period of permit.

Each permit shall have a set commencement and expiration date based on information provided in the applicant's permit application. The permit shall remain in place until construction is completed or until its expiration date, unless the utility is in default. The City Manager may give written notice of default to a utility if it is determined that a utility has:

- (1) Violated any provision or requirement of the issuance or acceptance of a permit application or any law of the city, state, or federal government;
- (2) Attempted to evade any provision or requirement of this chapter;
- (3) Practiced any fraud or deceit upon the City; or
- (4) Made a material misrepresentation or omission of fact in its permit application.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(3.6))

Sec. 28-94. Cancellation for cause.

If a utility fails to cure a default within 20 working days after such notice is provided to the utility by the City, then such default shall be a material breach and the City may exercise any remedies or rights it has at law or in equity to terminate the permit. If the City Manager decides there is cause or reason to terminate, the City shall serve a utility with a written notice of the reason or cause for proposed termination and shall allow a utility a minimum of 15 calendar days to cure its breach. If the utility fails to cure within 15 calendar days, the City may declare the permit terminated.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(3.7))

Sec. 28-95. Expiration of permit.

If work is not begun within six months of the date of issuance, the permit will automatically expire.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(3.8))

Sec. 28-96. Additional permits required.

The utility shall obtain all construction, building or other permits or approvals as according to city ordinance, state or federal law. In addition, a permittee shall comply with all requirements of laws, shall complete work in a way as to not cause any unnecessary or unauthorized obstructions of sidewalks, streets, waterways or railways, and is responsible for all work done in the rights-of-way, regardless of who performs the work. No rights-of-way obstruction or excavation may be performed when seasonally prohibited or when conditions are unreasonable for such work, except in the case of an emergency as outlined in section 28-92.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(7.1))

Secs. 28-97—28-120. Reserved.***DIVISION 3. REQUIRED MINIMUM STANDARDS*****Sec. 28-121. Utility accommodation manual adopted.**

The 2009 Utility Accommodation Policy and Standards manual, including all references contained therein to codes, rules, regulations, schedules, forms and appendix items, except Appendix B (permit forms and supporting documents), promulgated by the state department of transportation, is hereby adopted by reference and incorporated in the article as if fully set forth herein, subject to the amendments and modification contained in this chapter. A copy of the manual shall be maintained at the offices of the City Manager or his designee and open for public inspection. Any conflicts between the provisions of this division and the manual shall be resolved in favor of the manual. References to state personnel, agencies, and fees shall be interpreted, where required, as meaning the city municipal equivalents

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(4.1))

Sec. 28-122. Protection of traffic and roadway.

Unless specifically in the permit, no utility may occupy the city rights-of-way unless sufficient space is available so that the free flow and safety of traffic and other capacity considerations are not unduly impaired and the installation does not prevent the department from reasonably maintaining the streets, structures, traffic control devices and other appurtenant facilities, and further provided that maintenance and operations of the facilities do not jeopardize the traffic, street structure, other users of the right-of-way or the right-of-way itself.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(4.2))

Sec. 28-123. Grading.

If the grades or lines of any street within the city right-of-way are changed at any time by the City during the term of the permit and this change involves an area in which the utility's facilities are located, then the utility shall, at its own cost and expense and upon the request of the City upon at least ten business days notice, protect or promptly alter or relocate the facilities, or any part thereof, so as to conform with such new grades or lines. In the event the utility refuses or neglects to so protect, alter, or relocate all or part of the facilities, the City shall have the right to break through, remove, alter, or relocate all or any part of the facilities without any liability to the utility and the utility shall pay to the City the costs incurred in connection with such breaking through, removal, alteration, or relocation.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(4.3))

Sec. 28-124. Installation of poles and other wireholding structures and relocation.

Unless otherwise provided in a valid service agreement, no placement of any pole or wireholding structure of the utility is to be considered a vested interest in the right-of-way, and such poles or structures are to be removed, relocated underground, or modified by the utility at its own expense whenever the City determines that the public convenience would be enhanced thereby. The facilities shall be so located and installed as to cause minimum interference with the rights and convenience of property owners.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(4.4))

Sec. 28-125. Notice of excavation required.

As provided in O.C.G.A. § 25-9-6 (the state utility facility protection act) and other applicable state law, no utility shall commence, perform, or engage in blasting or in excavating with mechanized excavating facilities unless and until the utility planning the blasting or excavating has given 48 hours' notice by submitting a locate request to the utility protection center, beginning the next working day after such notice is provided, excluding hours during days other than working days.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(4.5))

Sec. 28-126. Notice of completion required.

When the construction under any permit is completed, the utility shall notify the department.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(6.3))

Sec. 28-127. Responsibility of utility for restoration.

A utility shall be liable, at its own cost and expense, to replace, restore or repair any street, facilities or property or structure thereon, thereunder, thereover or adjacent thereto that may become disturbed or damaged as a result of the construction or installation, operation, upgrade, repair or removal of facilities to a condition as good as or better than its condition before the work performed by the utility that caused such disturbance or damage. If the utility does not commence such replacement or repair after 20 working days following written notice from the City, the City or the owner of the affected structure or property may make such replacement or repair and the utility shall pay the reasonable and actual cost of the same.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(5.2))

Secs. 28-128—28-152. Reserved.

DIVISION 4. INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 28-153. Site to be open for inspection.

The utility shall make the construction site available to the City Manager and to all others as authorized by law for inspection at all reasonable times during the execution and upon completion of the construction.

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(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(6.1))

Sec. 28-154. Stop-work orders.

At any time, including the time of inspection, the City Manager may order the immediate cessation of any work which poses a serious threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public, violates any law, or which violates the terms and conditions of the permit or this article, or issue an order to correct work which does not conform to the permit or applicable standards, conditions or codes.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(6.2))

Sec. 28-155. Penalties.

Every utility convicted of a violation of any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 per violation. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the City may pursue other remedies, such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(8.1))

Sec. 28-156. Compliance.

No person shall be relieved of its obligation to comply with any of the provisions of this article by reason of any failure of city to enforce compliance.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(9.3))

Sec. 28-157. Appeal of administrative decisions.

All appeals provided for by this article and any notification to the City required by this article shall be in writing and sent via certified mail to the City Manager as specified in this article.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(9.4))

Sec. 28-158. Reservation of regulatory and police powers.

- (a) The City, by issuing a written approval of registration under this article, does not surrender or to any extent lose, waive, impair, or lessen the lawful powers and rights, which it has now or may be hereafter vested in the City under the city, state or federal law.
- (b) The utility, by applying for and being issued a written permit, is deemed to acknowledge that all lawful powers and rights, regulatory power, or police power, or otherwise, as are or the same may be from time to time vested in or reserved to the City, shall be in full force and effect and subject to the exercise thereof by the City at any time.
- (c) A utility is deemed to acknowledge that its interests are subject to the regulatory and police powers of the City to adopt and enforce general ordinances necessary to the safety and welfare of the public and is deemed to agree to comply with all applicable general laws enacted by the City pursuant to such powers. In particular, all utilities shall comply with city zoning and other land use requirements pertaining to the placement and specifications of facilities.

(Ord. of 8-3-2009(01), § 1(9.2))

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