

The City of Snellville
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AGENDA

WORK SESSION
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

Publication Date: 1/4/2024

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

DATE: January 8, 2024

PLACE: City Hall Conference Room 145

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

III. REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

IV. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]
- b) Discussion on City Participation with Neighborhood Flock Cameras [Bender]
- c) Update on Property Tax Collection [Bender]

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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- To authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in subsequent public vote, which is excluded from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- Upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, which is excluded pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(2).

VII. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Date: January 8, 2024

Prepared by: Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

Agenda Item: Update on Property Tax Collections

Background: Due to changes in the Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner's Office in 2020, the City decided to start collecting property tax and stormwater fees internally. The collection percentage for property taxes and stormwater for each year is as follows:

2021 – 101%

2022 – 97.5%

2023 – 95%

We have an overall collection rate of approximately 98%.

The amounts collected for prior years include penalty, interest, and lien fees for past due payments. This accounts for the 2021 percentage being larger than originally anticipated.

Liens have been filed on all past due 2021 and 2022 properties. 30-day lien letters will be sent out later this month for delinquent 2023 taxes.

Attachments: Tax Reconciliation Report for all years



Snellville, GA

Payment History Summary

Tax Year 2023

Date Range: 01/01/2021 Through 01/01/2024

Tax Type Parcel Type	Assessment Year	Tax	Interest	Amortized Interest	Penalty	Additional Costs	Total Payment
Tax							
UT - Utility	2021	\$34,739.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,739.40
UT - Utility	2022	\$31,501.93	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,501.97
Utility Tax Total:		\$66,241.33	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,241.37
RE - Real Estate	2021	\$4,203,462.47	\$16,592.68	\$0.00	\$17,198.85	\$0.00	\$4,237,254.00
RE - Real Estate	2022	\$4,569,095.48	\$6,403.29	\$0.00	\$3,414.17	\$16,290.99	\$4,595,203.93
RE - Real Estate	2023	\$4,719,246.59	\$362.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,719,609.26
Real Estate Tax Total:		\$13,491,804.54	\$23,358.64	\$0.00	\$20,613.02	\$16,290.99	\$13,552,067.19
PP - Personal Property	2021	\$324,355.61	\$2,048.98	\$0.00	\$2,709.29	\$0.00	\$329,113.88
PP - Personal Property	2022	\$264,720.02	\$482.29	\$0.00	\$237.85	\$2,015.00	\$267,455.16
PP - Personal Property	2023	\$258,219.54	\$18.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$258,238.49
Personal Property Tax Total:		\$847,295.17	\$2,550.22	\$0.00	\$2,947.14	\$2,015.00	\$854,807.53
Tax Total:	Stormwater Fees	\$14,405,341.04	\$25,908.90	\$0.00	\$23,560.16	\$18,305.99	\$14,473,116.09
Special							
RE - Real Estate	2021	\$848,016.63	\$5,443.06	\$0.00	\$13,975.14	\$25.00	\$867,459.83
RE - Real Estate	2022	\$868,344.67	\$1,085.60	\$0.00	\$606.83	\$130.00	\$870,167.10
RE - Real Estate	2023	\$810,963.95	\$51.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$811,015.47
Real Estate Special Total:		\$2,527,325.25	\$6,580.18	\$0.00	\$14,581.97	\$155.00	\$2,548,642.40
Special Total:		\$2,527,325.25	\$6,580.18	\$0.00	\$14,581.97	\$155.00	\$2,548,642.40
Non Generic Charges Total:		\$16,932,666.29	\$32,489.08	\$0.00	\$38,142.13	\$18,460.99	\$17,021,758.49
Grand Total For Payment History with Penalty Summary:		\$16,932,666.29	\$32,489.08	\$0.00	\$38,142.13	\$18,460.99	\$17,021,758.49

Additional Costs Summary		Original Charges	Total Payments Received	Percentage Collected
AMS PRE-LEVY	\$16,015.99	2021 - \$5,048,754.51	\$5,104,713.83	101.108%
FIFA	\$2,420.00	2022 - \$5,602,564.86	\$5,465,371.03	97.551%
NSF	\$25.00	2023 - \$5,834,440.81	\$5,530,624.73	94.793%
Additional Costs Total:	\$18,460.99	Total - \$16,485,760.18	\$16,100,709.59	97.664%

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **INVOCATION**
- III. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
- IV. **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**
PRO 2024-01 – 8th Annual Festival of Trees Winner
- V. **MINUTES**
Approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2023 Meetings
- VI. **INVITED GUESTS**
Battalion Chief Tommy Rutledge – Presentation about the Gwinnett County Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Program
- VII. **COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- VIII. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- IX. **PUBLIC HEARING**
None
- X. **CONSENT AGENDA (Please see *Note)**
None
- XI. **OLD BUSINESS**

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Municipal Court Associate Judge Rahn Gatewood [Bender]
- b) Mayor's Nomination and Council Confirmation of Municipal Court Associate Judge Jennifer White [Bender]
- c) RES 2024-01 – Consideration and Action on Local Amendment to Georgia Minimum Standard Plumbing Code – Metro Water District Water Efficiency Code Requirements [Bender]
- d) Consideration and Action on RES 2024-02 – City of Civility [Warner]
- e) Consideration and Action on Approval of a Contract for the City Manager [Bender]
- f) Consideration and Action on Election of Mayor Pro Tempore [Bender]

XIII. COUNCIL REPORTS

XIV. MAYOR'S REPORT

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Section 2-53
Each member of the public who wishes to address the Mayor and City Council in public session must submit their name, address and the topic (be as specific as possible) of their comments to the City Clerk prior to making such comments. Individuals will be allotted five minutes to make their comments and such comments must be limited to the chosen topic. Members of the public shall not make inappropriate or offensive comments at a City Council meeting and are expected to comply with our adopted rules of decorum.
- Decorum
You must conduct yourself in a professional and respectful manner. All remarks should be directed to the Chairman and not to individual Council Members, staff or citizens in attendance. Personal remarks are inappropriate.

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XVII. ADJOURNMENT

***Note: Items on the Consent Agenda may be read by title only. Upon the request of any Council Member, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda prior to the adoption of the Regular Agenda. The Consent Agenda, or the remainder thereof omitting the challenged items, shall be adopted by unanimous consent.**

CITY OF SNELLVILLE
MEETINGS AND LOCAL EVENTS
JANUARY 8, 2024

January 8

[Council Meeting](#)

Monday, January 8, 2024

6:30 pm Work Session – Conference Room 145, City Hall

7:30 pm Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall

January 9

[Planning Commission Special Called Meeting](#)

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:30 pm – Conference Room 145, City Hall

January 9

[Board of Appeals Meeting - Canceled](#)

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

7:30 pm – Council Chambers, City Hall

January 11

[Youth Basketball Clinic](#)

Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:15 pm to 7:45 pm – Snellville UMC 2428 Main Street, Snellville, GA
Register at Snellville.recdesk.com 770-985-3532

January 14

[Broadcast of 01/08/2024 Council Meeting](#)

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Watch the broadcast of the 01/08/2024 Council Meeting on Comcast Channel 25 at 6:30 pm

January 15

[Martin Luther King Day Holiday](#)

Monday, January 15, 2024

All City Offices will be closed on 01/15/2024 to observe the Martin Luther King Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 8:00 am. ALL EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL OPERATE AS NORMAL

January 17

[DDA Meeting](#)

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

4:00 pm – City Hall Room 259, Second Floor

January 18

[DAS & URA Joint Meeting](#)

Thursday, January 18, 2024

4:00 pm – City Hall Room 259, Second Floor

January 20

Extended Farmers' Market

Saturday, January 20, 2024

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

City Hall Parking Lot

January 22

Council Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2024

6:30 pm Work Session – Conference Room 145, City Hall

7:30 pm Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall



CITY OF SNELLVILLE

Proclamation

PRO 2024-01

**Recognition of St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church Winning
Best Tree with the Most Donated Items at the 8th Annual Snellville Festival of Trees
2023**

WHEREAS, the 8th Annual Festival of Trees was created by Experience Snellville to allow business owners, churches, schools and residents the opportunity to showcase their Christmas Trees in Snellville City Hall while helping the community Give Hunger the Boot; and

WHEREAS, all non-perishable food items, toiletries, toys and monetary donations were accepted and placed under the tree of choice, with each item registering as a vote. All non-perishable items were donated to the Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry and all toys were donated to Toys for Tots; and

WHEREAS, ten entries displayed trees throughout the halls of City Hall with a combined effort of 9,926 donations in a four week period. St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church "Vocation Ministry" tree received 4,881 votes, receiving the award for best tree; and

WHEREAS, St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church parishioners donated generously with a spirit of giving back to the community. Blue Advent bags filled the halls of City Hall on a regular basis throughout the 8th Annual Festival of Trees.

THEREFORE, I, Barbara Bender, Mayor of the City of Snellville, Georgia, Where Everybody's PROUD to be Somebody, do hereby join with our City Council, Experience Snellville and the Citizens of Snellville to recognize the faithful servants of St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church who are called to action by faithful giving and joyful witness to the community for their outstanding support in the 8th Annual Snellville Festival of Trees.

Proclaimed this 8th day of January 2024



Barbara Bender, Mayor

Tod Warner, Mayor Pro Tem

Norman A. Carter Jr., Council Member

Kerry Hetherington, Council Member

Cristy Lenski, Council Member

ATTEST:

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

Gretchen Schulz, Council Member



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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

REVIEW REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda was reviewed.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update of Ongoing Projects [Bender]

Assistant City Manager Pepper gave an update on the ongoing projects.

Mayor Bender gave Council and Assistant City Manager Pepper copies of the book "How to Win Friends and Influence People".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Emanuel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Schulz; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Barbara Bender, Mayor

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk
City of Snellville Administration Department



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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Cathy Hardin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Emanuel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Administer Oath of Office to Norman A. Carter Jr. for City Council Post 1

Judge Carla Brown administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Carter.

Mayor Bender recognized outgoing Council Member Dave Emanuel for his twelve (12) years of service. Mr. Emanuel stepped down from the dais and Council Member Carter took his seat.

Senior Center Volunteer of the Year Award

Mayor Bender recognized Ms. Joyce Green as the Senior Center Volunteer of the year for 2023 and presented her with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2023 Special Called Meetings and the November 27, 2023 Work Session

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023 Special Called Meetings and the November 27, 2023 Work Session, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

City of Snellville Administration Department

INVITED GUESTS

Adelma Stamford Brown

Ms. Brown, President of the Alpha Alpha Pi Omega chapter, spoke about the sorority and its mission.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Snellville Youth Commission

The following students spoke about the past months events as well as upcoming:
Abdul Kolawole, Daye Kebe, Mohamed Berte, and Intern Esther Ndewa.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item "h" Confirmation of Mayor Bender as the City Representative on the Evermore Community Improvement District Board, 2nd by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action on Ratification of the December 5, 2023 General Runoff Election

Results:

Mayor Bender announced that Gwinnett County Voter Registration and Elections advised the provisional ballot was eligible to be counted so the final official election results are as follows:

Council Post 1:

Norman A. Carter - 749

Catherine Hardrick – 688

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve ratification of the December 5, 2023 Runoff Election results, 2nd by Council Member Hetherington; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Surplus of City Park and Police Vehicles [Bender]

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve the surplus of the City Park and Police vehicles, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

The following vehicles are surplus:

Police Unit 190 - 2011 Dodge Charger - 2B3CL1CT8BH579240

Park 2007 Ford F240 Truck – 1FTSW20518EC76619

Consideration and Action on Award of Bid for Engineering and Architecture Firm for the Community Recreation Center at TW Briscoe Park [Bender]

Mayor Bender talked about the Park Master Plan that began back in early 2000's that has been implemented in phases. She advised that the Community Center is Phase 3 and gave a brief overview of the bid process used to arrive at the chosen firm.

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to award the contract for Engineering and Architecture to Goodwyn Mills Cawood, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Approval of the Intergovernmental Contract and Assignment of Lease for the Second Floor of the Gwinnett County Library [Bender]

Mayor Bender advised the City already has an agreement with Gwinnett County for use of the second floor of the library and that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has a lease for that space with Thrive Coworking. This contract will assign the lease for the second floor to the DDA.

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Contract and Assignment of Lease for the Second Floor of the Gwinnett County Library, 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Warner; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Award of Bid for the Annual Resurfacing & Paving Bid PW231018 [Bender]

Council Member Lenski made a motion to approve award of the bid to ER Snell Contractors in the amount of \$1,471,983.64, 2nd by Council Member Schulz.

Mayor Bender gave a brief overview of the annual bid process for paving.

The motion was voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on Award of Bid for the Traffic Calming Project on Tanglewood Drive [Bender]

Mayor Bender said Tanglewood Drive would be a test case for the new small traffic-calming island because the grade of the roadway makes it impossible to install speed humps or for the Police to run radar on the road. If this project is successful then the City will explore other locations in the future.

Council Member Schulz made a motion to approve award of the bid to Backbone Infrastructure in the amount of \$348,213.60, 2nd by Council Member Lenski; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Consideration and Action on RES 2023-13 - Transmittal of the Draft Snellville 2045 Comprehensive Plan to the Atlanta Regional Commission for Regional and State Review [Bender]

Mr. Jim Summerbell with Jacobs gave an overview of the adoption timeline and the process used to create the 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Warner made a motion to approve RES 2023-13 for the transmittal of the draft Snellville 2045 Comprehensive Plan to the Atlanta Regional Commission for Regional and State Review, 2nd by Council Member Lenski.

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Mayor Bender opened the floor to public comments and no one came forward.

The motion was voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. (A copy of RES 2023-13 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Confirmation of Mayor Bender as the City Representative on the Evermore Community Improvement District (CID) Board

Mayor Bender explained that former Council Member Emanuel was the City Representative on the Board and a new person is needed to fill his empty seat.

Council confirmed Mayor Bender as the City Representative on the Evermore CID board 6 in favor and 0 opposed, confirmation approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Members Carter, Hetherington, Lenski, Schulz, and Mayor Pro Tem Warner each gave a report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender gave a report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizen spoke:

Kurt Schulz, 2027 Tanglewood Drive, Snellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Schulz made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Carter; voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Barbara Bender, Mayor

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk



Agenda Item Summary

TO: The Mayor and Council

FROM: Jason Thompson, Director
Department of Planning and Development

DATE: January 8, 2024

RE: #RES 24-01 – Local Amendment to Georgia Minimum Standard Plumbing Code – Metro Water District Water Efficiency Code Requirements

Resolution to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to adopt, as a local amendment to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Plumbing Code, the Metro Water District-Water Efficiency Code Requirements per Action Item: Water Supply Water Conservation-8 (page 5-55 of the Plan). Under this Action Item, local governments must adopt and maintain the Metro Water District-Water Efficiency Code Requirements, without modification, as a local amendment to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Plumbing Code.

The local amendment will replace Article 3 (Flow Rate Restriction on Plumbing Fixtures) Chapter 300 (Buildings) of the Snellville Unified Development Ordinance.

Per Georgia code, 60-days prior to local government adoption, the amendment is to be submitted to the DCA for review and comment. Following the 60-day review period, the proposed amendment will be considered at two-consecutive public hearings of the Mayor and Council, with final adoption by ordinance anticipated on March 25, 2024.

Draft Findings Resolution: Attached

Draft Local Amendment: Attached

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01
OF
THE CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA
FINDINGS ON PROPOSED LOCAL AMENDMENT TO PLUMBING CODE FOR WATER EFFICIENCY
SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DCA

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The governing body of the City of Snellville, Georgia finds that, based on local climatic, geographic, topographic, and public safety factors included in the Metro Water District’s plans, it is justified in adopting local water efficiency requirements more stringent than the Georgia Plumbing Code;
2. The City of Snellville, Georgia is considering codifying these water efficiency requirements in local code as an amendment to Georgia Plumbing Code in the form of the Local Amendments to Plumbing Code shown in the redline in Attachment A; and
3. The City of Snellville, Georgia is directing its staff to submit this resolution and the Local Amendments to Plumbing Code to DCA for review and comment within 60 days as required by O.C.G.A. § 8-2-25(c)(1).

RESOLVED this 8th day of January, 2024.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

Barbara Bender, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tod Warner, Mayor Pro Tem

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

Norman A. Carter, Jr., Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kerry Hetherington, Council Member

W. Charles Ross, City Attorney
Powell & Edwards, Attorneys At Law, P.C.

Cristy Lenski, Council Member

Gretchen Schulz, Council Member

Attachment A
LOCAL AMENDMENT TO PLUMBING CODE FOR WATER EFFICIENCY

Metro Water District – Water Efficiency Code Requirements
Local Amendment to Plumbing Code

[NOTE: The redlines in this local amendment show the changes included in the Metro Water District – Water Efficiency Code Requirements compared to the current Georgia State Minimum Standard Plumbing Code. To adopt this local ordinance, the tracked changes should all be accepted.]

Amendment to local code of ordinances Chapter 300, Article 3 Unified Development Ordinance. Effective January 1, 2024, the Georgia State Minimum Standard Plumbing Code has been amended by the City of Snellville, Georgia as follows:

Chapter 2, Section 202 General Definitions. Add in alphabetical order and revise, as applicable, the following definitions:

KITCHEN FAUCET OR KITCHEN FAUCET REPLACEMENT AERATOR. A kitchen faucet or kitchen faucet replacement aerator that allows a flow of no more than 1.82-0 gallons of water per minute at a pressure of 60 pounds per square inch and conforms to the applicable requirements in ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1.

LAVATORY FAUCET OR LAVATORY FAUCET REPLACEMENT AERATOR. A lavatory faucet or lavatory faucet replacement aerator that allows a flow of no more than 1.25 gallons per minute at a pressure of 60 pounds per square inch and is listed to the WaterSense High Efficiency Lavatory Faucet Specification.

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION.

Flow sensor. An inline device in a landscape irrigation system that produces a repeatable signal proportional to flow rate.

Lawn or Landscape Irrigation system. An assembly of component parts that is permanently installed for the controlled distribution of water to irrigate landscapes such as ground cover, trees, shrubs, and other plants. Lawn and Landscape Irrigation System refer to the same system.

Master shut-off valve. An automatic valve such as a gate valve, ball valve, or butterfly valve) installed as part of the landscape irrigation system capable of being automatically closed by the WaterSense controller. When this valve is closed water will not be supplied to the landscape irrigation system.

Pressure regulating device. A device designed to maintain pressure within the landscape irrigation system at the manufacturer’s recommended operating pressure and that protects against sudden spikes or drops from the water source.

Rain sensor shut-off. An electric device that detects and measures rainfall amounts and overrides the cycle of a landscape irrigation system so as to turn off such system when a predetermined amount of rain has fallen.

WaterSense irrigation controller. Is a weather-based or soil moisture-based irrigation controllers labeled under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense program, which includes standalone controllers, add-on devices, and plug-in devices that use current weather data as a basis for scheduling irrigation.

WaterSense spray sprinkler bodies. A sprinkler body with integral pressure regulation, generating optimal water spray and coverage labeled under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense program.

SHOWER HEAD. A shower head that allows a flow of no more than the average of 2.05 gallons of water per minute at 80 pounds per square inch of pressure, and is listed in the WaterSense Specification for Showerheads, and meets the US Department Definition of Energy definition of showerhead.

Chapter 6, Section 604.4 Maximum Flow and Water Consumption. Revise Section 604.4 to read as follows:

Consistent with the general approach taken in Georgia, these Maximum Flow and Water Consumption requirements and related definitions in Section 604.4 of the plumbing code shall apply to all plumbing systems, including those in one- and two-family dwellings. The maximum water consumption flow rates and quantities for all plumbing fixtures and fixture fittings shall be in accordance with Table 604.4.

Exceptions:

1. Blowout design water closets having a water consumption not greater than 3¹/₂ gallons (13 L) per flushing cycle.
2. Vegetable sprays.
3. Clinical sinks having a water consumption not greater than 4¹/₂ gallons (17 L) per flushing cycle.
4. Laundry tray sinks and service sinks.
5. Emergency showers and eye wash stations.

TABLE 604.4
 MAXIMUM FLOW RATES AND CONSUMPTION FOR
 PLUMBING FIXTURES AND FIXTURE FITTINGS

PLUMBING FIXTURE OR FIXTURE FITTING	MAXIMUM FLOW RATE OR QUANTITY ^b
Lavatory <u>faucet and replacement aerators</u> , private	<u>WaterSense Labeled & 1.25</u> gpm at 60 psi ^f
Lavatory faucet, public (metering)	0.25 gallon per metering cycle
Lavatory, public (other than metering)	0.5 gpm at 60 psi
Showerhead ^a	<u>WaterSense Labeled & 2.5</u> 2.0 gpm at <u>80</u> 60 psi ^f
<u>Kitchen Sink faucet and replacement aerators</u>	<u>2.0</u> 1.8 gpm at 60 psi ^{f, g}
Urinal	0.5 gallon per flushing cycle ^f

Water closet	1.28 gallons per flushing cycle ^{c, d,} e, f
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For SI: 1 gallon = 3.785 L, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m,
1 pound per square inch = 6.895 kPa.

a. A hand-held shower spray is a shower head. [As point of clarification, multiple shower heads may be installed in a single shower enclosure so long as each shower head individually meets the maximum flow rate, the WaterSense requirements, and the US Department of Energy definition of showerhead. However, multiple shower heads are not recommended for water efficiency purposes.](#)

b. Consumption tolerances shall be determined from referenced standards.

c. For flushometer valves and flushometer tanks, the average flush volume shall not exceed 1.28 gallons.

d. For single flush water closets, including gravity, pressure assisted and electro-hydraulic tank types, the average flush volume shall not exceed 1.28 gallons.

e. For dual flush water closets, the average flush volume of two reduced flushes and one full flush shall not exceed 1.28 gallons.

f. See 2014 GA Amendment to Section 301.1.2 'Waiver from requirements of high efficiency plumbing fixtures'.

g. [Kitchen faucets are permitted to temporarily increase the flow above the maximum rate, but not to exceed 2.2 gpm \(8.3 L/m\) at 60 psi \(414 kPa\) and must revert to a maximum flow rate of 1.8 gpm \(6.8 L/m\) at 60 psi \(414 kPa\) upon valve closure.](#)

[604.4.1 Clothes Washers.](#) Residential clothes washers shall be in accordance with the Energy Star program requirements.

[604.4.2 Cooling Tower Water Efficiency.](#)

[604.4.2.1 Once-Through Cooling.](#) Once-through cooling using potable water is prohibited.

[604.4.2.2 Cooling Towers and Evaporative Coolers.](#) Cooling towers and evaporative coolers shall be equipped with makeup water and blow down meters, conductivity controllers and overflow alarms. Cooling towers shall be equipped with efficiency drift eliminators that achieve drift reduction to 0.002 percent of the circulated water volume for counterflow towers and 0.005 percent for crossflow towers.

[604.4.2.3 Cooling Tower Makeup Water.](#) Water used for air conditioning, cooling towers shall not be discharged where the hardness of the basin water is less than 1500 mg/L. **Exception:** Where any of the following conditions of the basin water are present: total suspended solids exceed 25 ppm, CaCO₃ exceeds 600 ppm, chlorides exceed 250 ppm, sulfates exceed 250 ppm, or silica exceeds 150 ppm.

[604.4.3 Landscape Irrigation System Efficiency Requirements.](#) The requirements in Section 604.4.3 apply to all new landscape irrigation systems connected to the public water system except those (a) used for agricultural operations as defined in the Official Code of Georgia Section 1-3-3, (b) used for golf courses, and (c) dependent

upon a nonpublic water source. Nothing in this Code or this Section 604.4.3 is intended to require that landscape irrigation systems must be installed at all premises. The landscape irrigation efficiency requirements in this Section 604.4.3 apply only when someone voluntarily chooses, or is otherwise required by some requirement beyond this Code, to install a landscape irrigation system on premises.

604.4.3.1 Avoiding Water Waste Through Design. All new landscape irrigation systems shall adhere to the following design standards:

1. Pop-up type sprinkler heads shall pop-up to a height above vegetation level of not less than four (4) inches above the soil level when emitting water.
2. Pop-up spray heads or rotary sprinkler heads must direct flow away from any adjacent surfaces and must not be installed closer than four inches from impervious surfaces.
3. Areas less than ten (10) feet in width in any direction shall be irrigated with subsurface irrigation or by other means that produces no overspray or runoff.
4. Narrow or irregular shaped landscaped areas, less than four (4) feet in any direction across opposing boundaries shall not be irrigated by any irrigation emission device except sub-surface or low flow emitters with flow rates not to exceed 6.3 gallons per hour.

604.4.3.2 Landscape Irrigation System Required Components. All new landscape irrigation systems shall include the following components:

1. A rain sensor shut-off installed in an area that is unobstructed by trees, roof over hangs, or anything else that might block rain from triggering the rain sensor shutoff.
2. A master shut-off valve for each controller installed as close as possible to the point of connection of the water but downstream of the backflow prevention assembly.
3. Pressure-regulating devices such as valve pressure regulators, sprinkler head pressure regulators, inline pressure regulators, WaterSense spray sprinkler bodies, or other devices shall be installed as needed to achieve the manufacturer’s recommended pressure range at the emission devices for optimal performance.
4. Except for landscape irrigation systems serving a single-family home, all other systems must also include:
 - (a) a WaterSense irrigation controller; and
 - (b) at least one flow sensor, which must be installed at or near the supply point of the landscape irrigation system and shall interface with the control system, that when connected to the WaterSense controller will detect and report high flow conditions to such controller and automatically shut master valves. The flow sensor serves to aid in detecting leaks or abnormal flow conditions by suspending irrigation. High flow conditions should be consistent with manufacturers’ recommendations and specifications.

Chapter 13 NONPOTABLE WATER SYSTEMS, Section 1304 Reclaimed Water Systems. Revise Section 1304.3.2 to read as follows:

1304.3.2 Connections to water supply. Reclaimed water provided from a reclaimed wastewater treatment system facility permitted by the Environmental Protection Division may be used to supply water closets, urinals, trap primers for floor drains and floor sinks, water features and other uses approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, in motels, hotels, apartment and condominium buildings, and commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings, where the individual guest or occupant does not have access to plumbing. Also, other systems that may use a lesser quality of water than potable water such as water chillers, carwashes or an industrial process may be supplied with reclaimed water provided from a reclaimed wastewater treatment

facility permitted by the Environmental Protection Division. The use of reclaimed water sourced from any new private reclaimed wastewater treatment system for outdoor irrigation shall be limited to golf courses and agriculture operations as defined in the Official Code of Georgia Section 1-3-3, and such reclaimed water shall not be approved for use for irrigating any other outdoor landscape such as ground cover, tree, shrubs, or other plants. These limitations do not apply to reclaimed water sourced from existing private reclaimed water systems or from existing or new, governmentally-owned reclaimed wastewater treatment systems.

Appendix E, Section E101.1.2. Revise Section E.101.1.2 to read as follows:

Because of the variable conditions encountered in hydraulic design, it is impractical to specify definite and detailed rules for sizing of the water piping system. Accordingly, other sizing or design methods conforming to good engineering practice standards are acceptable alternatives to those presented herein. Without limiting the foregoing, such acceptable design methods may include for multi-family buildings the Peak Water Demand Calculator from the IAPMO/ANSI 2020 Water Efficiency and Sanitation Standard for the Built Environment, which accounts for the demands of water-conserving plumbing fixtures, fixture fittings, and appliances. If future versions of the Peak Water Demand Calculator including other building types, such as commercial, such updated version shall be an acceptable design method.



RES 2024-02
PLEDGING TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE CIVILITY IN THE CITY OF
SNELLVILLE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Snellville (the “Council”), the governing body of the City of Snellville, Georgia (the “Municipality”), recognizes that robust debate and the right to self-expression, as protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, are fundamental rights and essential components of democratic self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further recognizes that the public exchange of diverse ideas and viewpoints is necessary to the health of the community and the quality of governance in the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the members of City Council, as elected representatives of the community and stewards of the public trust, recognize their special role in modeling open, free and vigorous debate while maintaining the highest standards of civility, honesty and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, City Council meetings are open to the public and thus how City officials execute their legal duties is on public display. In that regard, City officials pledge that during public meetings, they will not engage in texting, sending email or any other actions that display a lack of concern or attention to the city's business,

WHEREAS, civility by City officials in the execution of their legislative duties and responsibilities fosters respect, kindness and thoughtfulness between City officials, avoiding personal ill will which results in actions being directed to issues made in the best interests of residents; and

WHEREAS, civility between City officials presents an opportunity to set a positive example of conduct and promotes thoughtful debate and discussion of legislative issues, resulting in better public policy and a more informed electorate while also encouraging civil behavior between residents; and

WHEREAS, civility between City officials is possible if each member of the elected body remembers that they represent not only themselves, but the constituents of their district and city; and

WHEREAS, in order to publicly declare its commitment to civil discourse and to express its concern for the common good and well-being of all of its residents, the City Council has determined to adopt this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE

The City of Snellville pledges to practice and promote civility within the governing body as a means of conducting legislative duties and responsibilities.

SECTION TWO

The elected officials of the City Council enact this civility pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of the City of Snellville.

SECTION THREE

This pledge strives to ensure that all communication be open, honest, and transparent as this is vital for cultivating trust and relationships.

SECTION FOUR

This pledge strives to show courtesy by treating all colleagues, staff and members of the public in a professional and respectful manner whether in-person, online or in written communication, especially when we disagree.

SECTION FIVE

This pledge strives to ensure mutual respect to achieve municipal goals, recognizing that patience, tolerance and civility are imperative to success and demonstrates the Council's commitment to respect different opinions, by inviting and considering different perspectives, allowing space for ideas to be expressed, debated, opposed, and clarified in a constructive manner.

SECTION SIX

This pledge demonstrates our commitment against violence and incivility in all their forms whenever and wherever they occur in all our meetings and interactions.

SECTION SEVEN

The City of Snellville expects members of the public to be civil in its discussion of matters under consideration by and before the City Council, with elected officials, staff, and each other.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 20__.

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