

1 **A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINDINGS ON PROPOSED LOCAL AMENDMENT**  
2 **TO PLUMBING CODE FOR WATER EFFICIENCY; DIRECTING THE**  
3 **SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GEORGIA**  
4 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR REVIEW; AND FOR OTHER**  
5 **PURPOSES.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, the current minimum water efficiency requirements for  
8 buildings in the Fulton County’s jurisdiction is the Georgia State Minimum Standard  
9 Plumbing Code (“Georgia Plumbing Code”) as approved and adopted by the  
10 Georgia Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) from time to time; and

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

16 **WHEREAS**, the long-term availability, reliability, and resiliency of water  
17 supplies is a critical need of Fulton County and water efficiency is essential to  
18 meeting this need; and

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

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

28 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has become aware  
29 that more water efficient technologies have become widely available at  
30 comparable prices and performance to the water efficient technologies currently  
31 required as the minimum in the Georgia Plumbing Code.

32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the governing body of  
33 Fulton County finds that, based on local climatic, geographic, topographic, and

1 public safety factors included in the Metro Water District's plans, it is justified in  
2 adopting local water efficiency requirements more stringent than the Georgia  
3 Plumbing Code.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Fulton County Board of  
5 Commissioners is considering codifying these water efficiency requirements in the  
6 local code as an amendment to Georgia Plumbing Code in the form of the Local  
7 Amendment to Plumbing Code shown in Attachment A.

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Fulton County Board of  
9 Commissioners directs its staff to submit this resolution and the Local  
10 Amendments to Plumbing Code to DCA for review and comment within 60 days as  
11 required by O.C.G.A. § 8-2-25(c)(1).

12 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that this Resolution shall take effect upon its  
13 adoption, and all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution  
14 are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

15 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton  
16 County, Georgia, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2023.

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18 **FULTON COUNTY**  
19 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
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25 Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

26 **ATTEST:**  
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30 Tonya R. Grier  
31 Clerk to the Commission

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33 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
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37 Y. Soo Jo  
38 County Attorney

Attachment A

LOCAL AMENDMENT TO PLUMBING CODE FOR WATER EFFICIENCY