

1 **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY**
2 **BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND FULTON COUNTY FOR FUNDING**
3 **ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections ("Board") is
7 the entity empowered to supervise and conduct elections in Fulton County pursuant to
8 1989 Ga. Laws p. 4577; and

9 **WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(c) authorizes the governing authority of any
10 municipality to contract with the county within which that municipality wholly or partially
11 lies to conduct any or all elections; and

12 **WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(c) empowers a municipality to, by ordinance,
13 authorize a county to conduct such elections; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County is responsible for conducting multiple elections
15 annually; and

16 **WHEREAS**, an election cost sharing arrangement between Fulton County and its
17 municipalities has been utilized for conducting elections since the passage of
18 Resolution 17-0628 during at the August 2, 2017 meeting of the Board of
19 Commissioners of Fulton County; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the costs associated with conducting general, special and runoff
21 elections are increasing and demand greater commitment and provision of resources;
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes the need
24 to fairly apportion the costs of conducting elections to all citizens and voters of Fulton
25 County; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County desires to assist the

1 citizens and voters of its municipalities and school districts in assisting in funding all
2 future municipal and school district elections.

3 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** by the Board of
4 Commissioners of Fulton County that in even numbered years when Fulton County is
5 holding a regularly scheduled Primary, Primary runoff, General Election or General
6 Election runoff, the County will pay the costs of conducting municipal and school district
7 elections, and hereby waives the fees previously charged to municipalities and school
8 districts for administration of elections and for the reimbursement of overhead costs.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that in odd-numbered years when the
10 municipalities and school districts hold regularly scheduled and special elections, the
11 municipalities and school districts will pay for \$2.96 per registered voter for the election.
12 If a run off is required, the municipalities and school districts will pay \$2.46 per
13 registered voter. The payment of these per registered voter amounts is inclusive of the
14 provision of 10 early voting sites. Additional early voting sites could require additional
15 payment.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that in odd-numbered years, the municipalities,
17 and school districts will coordinate with Fulton County in setting the dates of elections
18 so as to mitigate the financial burden being shifted to Fulton County for the conduct of
19 elections.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** this policy shall be in place for all Fulton County
21 municipalities and school districts beginning with elections in 2019 and shall be used as
22 the basis for any agreement with a municipality for the County to conduct their elections.

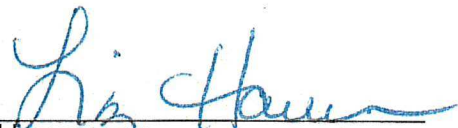
23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this policy will be revisited in the year 2020

1 because of the State of Georgia's implementation of a new voting system and
2 anticipated rising costs of elections.

3 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its
4 adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution
5 are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

6 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
7 Georgia this 7th day of August, 2019.

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9 **SPONSORED BY:**

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12 Liz Hausmann,
13 Commissioner, District 1

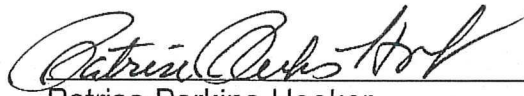


Bob Ellis
Commissioner, District 2

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16 **ATTEST:**

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19 Jesse A. Harris
20 Clerk to the Commission

16 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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19 Patrise Perkins-Hooker
20 County Attorney

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