

1 A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV)
2 CHARGING STATIONS IN ALL FULTON COUNTY OWNED FACILITIES WHERE
3 FEASIBLE; REQUIRING DEVELOPERS TO INCLUDE EV CHARGING STATIONS IN
4 ALL NEW DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN UNINCORPORATED FULTON COUNTY;
5 URGING ALL MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WITHIN FULTON COUNTY TO ADOPT
6 SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE EV CHARGING STATIONS IN THEIR
7 FACILITES AND DEVELOPERS TO INCLUDE EV CHARGING STATIONS IN NEW
8 DEVELOPMENTS WITNIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

9 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has a duty to protect its environment, economy, and
10 the health of its citizens; and

11 **WHEREAS**, pollutants from operation of internal combustion powered motor
12 vehicles contribute to air pollution which can lead to citizens respiratory distress, trigger
13 heart attacks, and increase the risk of lung cancer; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the American Lung Association (“ALA”) published a report which
15 states that increased exposure to air pollution can lead to negative health outcomes such
16 as: wheezing and coughing, shortness of breath, asthma attacks, worsening COPD, and
17 lung cancer; and

18 ~~**WHEREAS**, The ALA estimates that reduction in criteria air pollutant emissions~~
19 ~~due to adoption of electric vehicles can cumulatively save Georgians \$1320.9 billion in~~
20 ~~health care costs per year by 2050; and~~

21 **WHEREAS**, electric vehicles (“EV”) do not emit such pollutants into the air and,
22 therefore, reduce the risk of negative health outcomes to Fulton citizens; and

23 **WHEREAS**, most EV vehicle owners charge their electric vehicles while either at
24 work or at home; and

25 **WHEREAS**, as of 2021, there are 8,123,100 gasoline powered vehicles registered
26 in Georgia, but there are only 34,000 plug-in electric vehicles registered in Georgia; and

27 **WHEREAS**, according to the Department of Energy, there are 1,481 electric
28 vehicle charging stations and 3,935 Electronic Vehicle Supply Equipment (“EVSE”) ports
29 in Georgia; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Federal, State, and local leaders have identified that a challenge to
31 further growth of EV ownership is the availability of charging stations; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law No: 117-58,
33 has allocated \$7.5 billion in funding for EV infrastructure, including funds for charging
34 stations; and

35 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that Fulton County, as part
36 of a long-range plan, is beginning to provide charging stations at its parking facilities; and

37 **WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2019, as Agenda Item #19-0449, the Fulton County Board
38 of Commissioners approved the *Fulton County 2019-2025 Sustainability Plan* (the
39 “Sustainability Plan”), which evidenced a commitment by Fulton County to obtain
40 sustainability by identifying the most salient internal and external challenges or
41 opportunities and to provide solutions that connect to Fulton County’s Strategic Plan; and

42 **WHEREAS**, the Sustainability Plan focuses on and sets goals for climate change
43 mitigation; social equity and smart transit; high-performance County infrastructure;
44 education, outreach, and green jobs training and placement; fostering partnership for the
45 implementation of the Sustainability Plan; and budgetary appropriation for implementation
46 of the Sustainability Plan; and

47 **WHEREAS**, as part of the Sustainability Plan, the Board of Commissioners
48 approved the installation of “new EV charging stations at libraries and the North and South
49 Fulton Service Centers”; and

50 **WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2022, as Agenda Item #22-0096, the Fulton County
51 Board of Commissioners approved updates to the Sustainability Plan through 2030, which
52 furthers the commitment by Fulton County to obtain sustainability by identifying the most
53 salient internal and external challenges or opportunities and to provide solutions that
54 connect to Fulton County’s Strategic Plan, including expanding the County’s charging
55 station infrastructure; and

56 **WHEREAS**, priority item number two of the Sustainability Plan specifies the
57 following goal: “Transition 25% or all light-duty administrative vehicles to electric vehicles
58 and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles by 2030 utilizing lease and purchase models and
59 install Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment at all viable facilities for public and employee
60 use, and encourage municipalities to expand public and private EV charging
61 infrastructure”; and

62 **WHEREAS**, the majority of Fulton County has been incorporated resulting in the
63 municipalities located within Fulton County being responsible for the majority of zoning
64 and permitting decisions and regulations within their jurisdictions; and

65 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Fulton County Code § 1-117, the Board of Commissioners
66 has exclusive jurisdiction and control over “making such rules and regulations for the
67 support of the poor of the county, and for the promotion of health, as are not inconsistent
68 with law; [and] . . . exercise such other powers as are granted by law, or are indispensable
69 to their jurisdiction over county matters and county finances.”

70 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
71 Commissioners hereby approves the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations
72 in all Fulton County owned facilities where feasible, and directs the Fulton County

Department of Real Estate Asset Management (DREAM) and the Department of Public Works to implement this initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Fulton County's development regulations shall be modified or revised to require developers and other responsible parties to include EV charging stations in all new developments within unincorporated Fulton County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners urges the City Councils of the municipalities located within Fulton County to adopt similar policies within their respective jurisdictions in support of sustainability goals regarding EV charging stations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective when adopted, and that all resolutions and provisions of the Code of Laws in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SO PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 195th day of October, 2022.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sponsored by:

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney

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