

1 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 101 (GENERAL PROVISIONS AND**  
2 **COUNTY GOVERNING AUTHORITY), ARTICLE 2 (COUNTY GOVERNING**  
3 **AUTHORITY), DIVISION 2 (RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE), SECTION 101-**  
4 **68 (DECORUM) OF THE FULTON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND FOR**  
5 **OTHER PURPOSES.**  
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8         **WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of Fulton County, Georgia (the  
9 “County”) is the Fulton County Board of Commissioners (the “BOC”); and

10         **WHEREAS**, the Board has the authority, pursuant to the Constitution of the State  
11 of Georgia, Article 9, Sec. 2 ¶ 1(a), to adopt reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or  
12 regulations relating to the County’s affairs for which no provision has been made by  
13 general law and which is not inconsistent with the Constitution or any local law  
14 applicable thereto; and

15         **WHEREAS**, in conformity with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act,  
16 O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 *et seq.*, the Board enacted certain provisions of its Rules of Order  
17 and Procedure (the “Rules”) at its Regular Meeting on January 5, 1994, with said  
18 regulations being codified in Chapter 101 (General Provisions and County Governing  
19 Authority), Article II (County Governing Authority), Division 2 (Rules of Order and  
20 Procedure) of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances (“Code”) as Section 101-61 *et*  
21 *seq.*; and

22         **WHEREAS**, on January 8, 2025, via Agenda Item 24-0908, the Board of  
23 Commissioners last modified its Rules of Order and Procedure, specifically the text of  
24 FCC Sec. 101-68 (Decorum), to specify additional conduct that it deems disruptive and  
25 inappropriate for commissioners and staff and to discourage such conduct by increasing  
26 the penalties imposed for violation of the Board’s decorum guidelines; and

27       **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners continues to recognize the need for  
28 clear and enforceable guidelines for what is appropriate conduct by each member of the  
29 Board of Commissioners during official meetings, as well as the need to enforce the  
30 penalties imposed for engaging in prohibited conduct by amending the penalties  
31 currently imposed for violation of the Board's decorum guidelines.

32       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Fulton County Board of  
33 Commissioners hereby amends Section 101-68 of the Fulton County Code of  
34 Ordinances by adding and striking language to the Code Section as follows:

35       "Sec. 101-68. – Decorum.

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37       (c) *Reserved*.

38       (d) *Penalties*.

39       (1) For each violation by a commissioner, the violator may be subject to the  
40 following penalties:

41           a. Administrative sanction.

42                   1. For a first violation by the violator of this section, the board may  
43 impose upon the violator an administrative sanction in an  
44 amount not to exceed ~~\$500.00~~, **\$1,000.00**.

45                   2. For a second violation by the violator of this section ~~that occurs~~  
46 ~~within 12 months after a first violation by him or her~~, the board  
47 may impose upon the violator an administrative sanction in an  
48 amount not to exceed ~~\$1,000.00~~, **\$3,000.00**.

3. For a third (or subsequent) violation by the violator of this section that occurs within 12 months after the first violation by him or her, the board may impose upon the violator an administrative sanction in an amount not to exceed ~~\$2,000.00,~~ **\$5,000.00.**

~~4. A second violation of this section by a violator that occurs more than 12 months after a prior violation by him or her shall be treated as a first violation under subsection (d)(1) a.1.~~

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4. The Finance Department shall deduct the monetary value of the administrative sanction from the violator's paycheck for the next pay period occurring after the imposition of the sanction.

**BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall become effective when passed and adopted, and that all ordinances and resolutions and parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPONSORED BY:**

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Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)

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Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

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Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney