

1 A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV)
2 CHARGING STATIONS IN 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 ENCOURAGE EV CHARGING STATIONS IN THEIR
7 FACILITIES AND DEVELOPERS TO INCLUDE EV CHARGING STATIONS IN NEW
8 DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN 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**, electric vehicles (“EV”) do not emit such pollutants into the air and,
19 therefore, reduce the risk of negative health outcomes to Fulton citizens; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

47 **WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2022, as Agenda Item #22-0096, the Fulton County
48 Board of Commissioners approved updates to the Sustainability Plan through 2030, which
49 furthers the commitment by Fulton County to obtain sustainability by identifying the most

50 salient internal and external challenges or opportunities and to provide solutions that
51 connect to Fulton County's Strategic Plan, including expanding the County's charging
52 station infrastructure; and

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

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

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

67 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
68 Commissioners hereby approves the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations
69 in Fulton County owned facilities where feasible, and directs the Fulton County
70 Department of Real Estate Asset Management (DREAM) and the Department of Public
71 Works to implement this initiative.

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

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

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

82 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 19th day of October, 2022.

83 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
84 **COMMISSIONERS**

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Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

101 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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