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

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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

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

WHEREAS, as of 2021, there are 8,123,100 gasoline powered vehicles registered
in Georgia, but there are only 34,000 plug-in electric vehicles registered in Georgia; and
WHEREAS, according to the Department of Energy, there are 1,481 electric
vehicle charging stations and 3,935 Electronic Vehicle Supply Equipment ("EVSE") ports
in Georgia; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that Fulton County, as part of a long-range plan, is beginning to provide charging stations at its parking facilities; and WHEREAS, on June 5, 2019, as Agenda Item #19-0449, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners approved the *Fulton County 2019-2025 Sustainability Plan* (the "Sustainability Plan"), which evidenced a commitment by Fulton County to obtain sustainability by identifying the most salient internal and external challenges or opportunities and to provide solutions that connect to Fulton County's Strategic Plan; and

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

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

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salient internal and external challenges or opportunities and to provide solutions that
connect to Fulton County's Strategic Plan, including expanding the County's charging
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."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in 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.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Fulton County's development regulations shall
be modified or revised to encourage 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Sponsored by: Robert L. Pitts, Chairman Natalie Hall, Commissioner, District 4 MED ATTEST: Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission APPROVED AS TO FORM: Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney 108 P:\CALegislation\BOC\Resolutions\2022 Resolutions\Pitts\10.19.2022 Resolution Authorizing EV Charging Expansion AS AMENDED Final.docx

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