

FIRST READING April 19, 2022

SECOND READING May 17, 2022

PASSED May 17, 2022

AN ORDINANCE NO. BR2022-15

AN ORDINANCE (I) TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”), ARTICLE III (“DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS”), DIVISION 1 (“GENERALLY”), SECTION 2-52 (“DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION”) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA; (II) TO DELETE DIVISION 2 (“DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL”), DIVISION 3 (“DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE”), DIVISION 4 (“WATER MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT”), DIVISION 5 (“STREET MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT”), AND DIVISION 6 (“DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND BUILDING INSPECTION”) IN THEIR ENTIRETY; AND (III) TO RENUMBER DIVISION 7 (“CITY PLANNING COMMISSION”), DIVISION 8 (“BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS”), AND DIVISION 9 (“AREA PLANNING COMMISSION”).

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 (“Administration”), Article III (“Departments, Boards and Commissions”), Division 1 (“Generally”), Section 2-52 (“Departmental Organization”) of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia (“Code”) provides generally for the division of City services and employees into departments; and

WHEREAS, it appears that this organizational structure has not been modified for nearly twenty years; and

WHEREAS, City staff has recommended certain changes to the organizational structure of the City operations to reflect the recent re-organization plan and for other reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find it in the public interest to change the organizational structure of the City operations to bring it in conformity with the re-organization plan and for other reasons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the authority of the City Charter and general law: (i) that Chapter 2 (“Administration”), Article III (“Departments, Boards and Commissions”), Division 1 (“Generally”), Section 2-52 (“Departmental Organization”) of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia, is hereby amended, (ii) that Division 2 (“Department of Personnel”), Division 3 (“Department of Finance”), Division 4 (“Water Maintenance Department”), Division 5 (“Street Maintenance Department”), and Division 6 (“Department of Housing And Building Inspection”) are hereby deleted in their entirety, and (iii) that Division 7 (“City Planning Commission”), Division 8 (“Board of Zoning Appeals”), and Division 9 (“Area Planning Commission”) are renumbered, as follows:

SECTION 1.

**CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”), ARTICLE III
 (“DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND**

**COMMISSIONS”), DIVISION 1 (“GENERALLY”),
SECTION 2-52 (“DEPARTMENTAL
ORGANIZATION”) AMENDED**

Chapter 2 (“Administration”), Article III (“Departments, Boards and Commissions”), Division 1 (“Generally”), Section 2-52 (“Departmental Organization”) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-52. Departmental organization.

- (a) City Departments Created. For the purpose of systemically and efficiently administering the operations of the city, the following departments of government are hereby created: Administration, Finance, Legal, Public Safety, Public Works, Planning & Zoning, Municipal Court, and Utility.

Secs. 2-53—2-212. Reserved.

SECTION 2.

**DIVISION 2 (“DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL”),
DIVISION 3 (“DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE”),
DIVISION 4 (“WATER MAINTENANCE
DEPARTMENT”), DIVISION 5 (“STREET
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT”), AND DIVISION
6 (“DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND BUILDING
INSPECTION”) DELETED IN THEIR ENTIRETY**

Division 2 (“Department of Personnel”), Division 3 (“Department of Finance”), Division 4 (“Water Maintenance Department”), Division 5 (“Street Maintenance Department”), And Division 6 (“Department of Housing And Building Inspection”) of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia are hereby deleted in their entirety

SECTION 3.

**DIVISION 7 (“CITY PLANNING COMMISSION”),
DIVISION 8 (“BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS”),
AND DIVISION 9 (“AREA PLANNING
COMMISSION”) RENUMBERED**

Division 7 (“City Planning Commission”) is renumbered, as follows:

DIVISION 2. (“CITY PLANNING COMMISSION”)

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Division 8 (“Board of Zoning Appeals”) is renumbered, as follows:

DIVISION 3. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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Division 9 (“Area Planning Commission”) is renumbered, as follows:

DIVISION 4. AREA PLANNING COMMISSION

SECTION 4.

SEVERABILITY.

If any paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or any portion of this ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction or if the provisions of any part of this ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to effect the portions of this ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Council of the City of Blue Ridge to provide for separate and divisible parts, and it does hereby adopt any and all parts hereof as may not be held invalid for any reason.

SECTION 5.

REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES TO THE EXTENT OF THE CONFLICT.

All parts of prior ordinances, in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict; but it is hereby provided, that any ordinance, or any provision of any ordinance, or law which may be applicable hereto and aid in carrying out and making effective the intent, purpose and provisions hereof, is hereby adopted as a part hereof, and shall be legally construed to be in favor of upholding this ordinance on behalf of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia.

SECTION 6.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be upon its passage by the City Council.

SO ORDAINED this 17 day of May, 2022.

BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL

By: 
Mayor

Attest:


Amy Mintz, City Clerk

