FIRST READING January 17, 2023

SECOND READING February 21, 2023

PASSED February 21, 2023

AN ORDINANCE NO. BR2023-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE II ("CITY OFFICIALS"), SECTION 2-25 ("MEETING TIMES") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO CHANGE THE TIME OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FROM 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article II ("City Officials"), Section 2-25 ("Meeting Times") of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia ("Code") provides for the date, time, and place for the regular scheduled meetings of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article II ("City Officials"), Section 2-25 ("Meeting Times") of the Code currently provides for the City Council meetings to begin at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City has received input from the public, and there seems to be a general consensus supporting a change in the meeting time for the regular scheduled meetings of the City Council from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the public interest to change the meeting time for the regular scheduled meetings of the City Council from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the authority of the City Charter and general law, that Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article II ("City Officials"), Section 2-25 ("Meeting Times") of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia, is hereby amended as set forth herein:

SECTION 1.

CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE II ("CITY OFFICIALS"), SECTION 2-25 ("MEETING TIMES") AMENDED

Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article II ("City Officials"), Section 2-25 ("Meeting Times") of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-25. - Meeting times.

- (a) The regular scheduled meetings of the city council shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 56:00 p.m. at city hall. At any meeting of the city council, the city council may vote to change the meeting date and time for the next scheduled meeting.
- (b) All meetings shall be governed by the meeting procedures attached to the ordinance from which this section is derived as Exhibit "A" and is on file in the office of the city clerk.

(Ord. No. BR2020-28, § 1, 11-30-2020; Ord. No. BR2021-10, § 1, 7-13-2021)

SECTION 2. <u>SEVERABILITY.</u>

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 3. 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 4. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u>

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

SO ORDAINED this 21 day of <u>February</u>, 2023.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BLUE RIDGE

Mayor, City of Blue Ridge

Clerk, City of Blue Ridge