RESOLUTION #2024-01: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO CHANGE THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SANDERSVILLE, GEORGIA TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENTAND TO STAGGER ELECTION TERMS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.24 of the City of Sandersville Charter states that the City Council may by ordinance establish the office of City Administrator and may assign to the City Administrator such executive and administrative duties as prescribed by section 3.22 of this Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined the need to hire a profession manager to oversee and manage the operations of the City government; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have also determined the need to stagger the election terms of all council members to ensure stability for the City government; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that these changes to the City Charter will provide for professional management and improved operations of the City government; and

WHEREAS, implementing these changes to provide for the Council-Manager form of government and to stagger the election terms will require an amendment to the City’s Charter; and

WHEREAS, in order to amend the City Charter to provide for a change in the form of government and to stagger the election terms, the governing body must request that legislation be introduced in the Georgia General Assembly allowing for these changes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandersville, Georgia in regular session assembled this 16th day of January, 2024, as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to have legislation introduced in the Georgia General Assembly to amend the City Charter of Sandersville, Georgia to provide for a Council-Manager form of government and to stagger election terms of the City Council as follows:

1. On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2027, there shall be elected a Mayor and a Council member from District Two and a Council member from District Four to each serve two years and, there shall be elected a Mayor Pro tem and a Council member from District One and a Council member from District Three to each serve four years. Persons so elected shall take office on the first day of January following their election and serve until their respective successors are elected and qualified.
2. On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2029, there shall be elected a Mayor and a Council member from District Two and a Council member from District Four to each serve four years. Thereafter, all Council members shall serve alternating staggard four-year terms.
3. On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2031, there shall be elected Mayor Pro tem and a Council member from District One and a Council member from District Three to each serve four years.

Section 2. All sections of the City Charter of the City of Sandersville in conflict with this resolution shall be amended or repealed to provide for a Council-Manager form of government and to stagger the election terms of the Mayor, Mayor Pro tem and Council members for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be and remain in full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of January, 2024.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF SANDERSVILLE, GEORGIA

By:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jimmy Andrews, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kandice Hartley, City Clerk