

1 **ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-80 OF THE**
2 **FULTON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE**
3 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has, by ordinance, established a
7 Code of Ethics (Fulton County Code of Ordinances, § 2-66, *et seq.*) governing
8 minimum standards of conduct for County officers and employees; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Code of Ethics empowers the seven-member Board of
10 Ethics to render advisory opinions regarding the applicability of the Code of
11 Ethics and to hear and decide complaints regarding alleged violations of the
12 Code of Ethics; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Code of Ethics provides that the Board of Commissioners
14 shall appoint one member of the Board of Ethics and that certain local
15 organizations shall select the remaining members of the Board of Ethics, all of
16 which members shall serve three-year terms of office; and

17 **WHEREAS**, some of the above-referenced local organizations have failed
18 to take affirmative steps to nominate new members or re-nominate sitting
19 members of the Board of Ethics upon expiration of those members terms, despite
20 requests from the Office of the Clerk to the Commission; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds it necessary and
22 appropriate to amend the Code of Ethics regarding the Fulton County Board of
23 Ethics;

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that Fulton County Code of
25 Ordinances Section 2-80(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 (b) *Membership.* The Board of Ethics shall consist of the
2 following seven (7) members, who shall have been residents of
3 Fulton County for not less than three years preceding their
4 selection. The members for positions (1) through (6) shall be
5 subject to final appointment by the Board of Commissioners:
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- 7 (1) One member to be selected nominated by the
8 president of the Atlanta Bar Association from among
9 the Association's membership;
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11 (2) One member to be selected nominated by the
12 president of the Gate City Bar Association from
13 among the Association's membership;
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15 (3) One member to be selected nominated by the
16 president of the North Fulton Chamber of Commerce
17 from among the Chamber's membership;
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19 (4) One member to be selected nominated by the
20 president of the Atlanta Business League from among
21 the membership of the Atlanta Business League;
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23 (5) One member to be selected nominated by the
24 president of the Atlanta Airport Chamber of
25 Commerce from among the Chamber's membership;
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27 (6) One member to be selected nominated by the
28 Personnel Board of the county from its membership;
29 and
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31 (7) One member to be nominated and appointed by the
32 Board of Commissioners.
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34 In the event an organization with nominating power under
35 subparagraphs (1) through (6), above, fails to submit a nomination
36 following resignation or expiration of the term of its respective
37 nominee, the Clerk to the Commission shall send notice to the
38 organization requesting the name of a nominee. If no such nominee
39 is provided within thirty (30) days of the notice, the Board of
40 Commissioners may proceed to nominate and appoint a new
41 member of its own choosing to the relevant position on the Board of
42 Ethics.
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