

#### ORDINANCE No. 07-23-2024-001

## ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING IN THE CITY OF WALTHOURVILLE.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Walthourville ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is charged with preserving the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to eliminate illegal or unlawful disposal of garbage or refuse within the City; and

# THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTHOURVILLE HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

**Section 1:** The Code of the City of Walthourville, Chapter 16, Article II, Sec. 16-3, is hereby established and enacted as follows:

## **Chapter 16: Solid Waste**

## Article II. - Collection and Disposal

Sec. 16-3. – Illegal Disposal of Garbage or Refuse

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to dump or otherwise place on any property located within the City any garbage or refuse outside of city-provided disposal bin unless permission to do so is first obtained in writing from the owner of such property, or his agent. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any vacant property within the City, or his agent, to give permission to dump or otherwise place on any such property any garbage or refuse which contains any combustible substances or tin can or other things which may catch or retain water, or anything which will furnish food for or attract or harbor rodents, or which attracts flies or breeds mosquitoes, or otherwise become a fire hazard or health menace. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump or otherwise place on any property within the City, with or without the consent of the owner or his agent, any of the things prohibited by this section.
- (b) Conviction for violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine as follows, to-wit: upon a first conviction: \$150.00; upon a second conviction: \$300.00; upon a third conviction: \$500.00; upon a fourth conviction: \$700.00; and upon a fifth conviction: \$1000.00.

(c) No person convicted of violating this ordinance shall be punished by confinement for any period of time.

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## Section 2: Severability

The various clauses and subsections of this ordinance are intended to be severable. Should any of the provisions of this ordinance be deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intent of the City Council that the remaining provisions remain in full force and effect.

## Section 3: Repealer

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the subject matter of this ordinance.

### **Section 4: Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective upon its approval by the City Council, signature by the Mayor and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

The foregoing Ordinance No. 07-23-2024-001 was offered by Councilmember Bridgette Kelly, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Patrick Underwood, and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

	NAY
The Mayor only	votes if there is a tie
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THIS ORDINANCE adopted this  $23^{rd}$  day of July 2024. CITY OF WALTHOURVILLE, GEORGIA

SARAH B. HAYES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHANA T. MOSS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LUKE R. MOSES, CITY ATTORNEY