

ORDINANCE NO. OR 14-359

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE RELATIVE TO BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCEDURES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation located within Henry County, Georgia duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, Section 6.23- Budget Ordinance of the City Charter provides that the City Council may provide an Ordinance on the procedures and requirements for the preparation and execution of an annual operating budget, a Capital Improvement Program, and a Capital Budget, including requirements as to the scope, contents and form of such budgets and programs;

WHEREAS, Section 6.27 (b) of the City Charter provides that the City Council by majority vote may make changes in the appropriations contained in the current operating budget at any regular meeting or special or emergency meeting called for such purposes;

WHEREAS, the City Council shall follow the guidelines as outlined in O.C.G.A 36-81-3, unless otherwise provided by Charter or local law;

WHEREAS, it is the express intent of the City Council to provide for enhanced transparency and clarity with respect to its budgetary policies and procedures;

WHEREAS, City Council finds procedures established herein will result in less confusion and uncertainty with respects to its budgetary policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that an Ordinance establishing criteria for budget amendments is necessary and beneficial to its citizens and to the proper use of City funds.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 3.04 of the Stockbridge Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the following new Section 3.04.060:

**"3.04.06 Required Documentation for Certain Budget Amendments.**

Whenever the City Council shall amend the budget to provide for a new employee position, the following documents shall be included as exhibits to an Ordinance providing for the new employee position:

- (a) A numbered budget amendment which indicates the budget line item where funding for the new employee position(s) is to be located within the budget and establishing the amount of funds within that line item allocated for the new employee position(s);
- (b) A restated organizational chart indicating the new employee position(s); and
- (c) A job description and salary range for the new employee position(s).”

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 3.04 of the Stockbridge Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the following new Section 3.04.070:

**“Section 3.04.070 Limited Authorization of Certain Fund Transfers.**

The Treasurer after consultation with the City Manager shall be authorized to reallocate departmental appropriations among various line item expenditures within that department as said the Treasurer believes necessary. The Treasurer shall also be authorized to effect interdepartmental transfers, in the same fund, not to exceed \$50,000. Any such transfers shall identify particular functions that will use the transferred funds, and shall be reported to the City Council at its next regular meeting and shall be entered in the minutes, as well as, reported in the monthly financial statements.”

**SECTION 3. Intention of the Governing Body.** It is the intention of the governing body, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Stockbridge, Georgia, and the sections of the ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

**SECTION 4. Approval of Execution.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. Attestation.** The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**SECTION 6. Codification and Severability.**

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are and were upon their enactment believed by the City Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

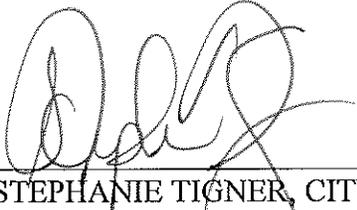
(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that to the greatest extent allowed by law each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the City Council that to the greatest extent allowed by law no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

(c) In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the City Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the ordinance and that to the greatest extent allowed by law all remaining Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

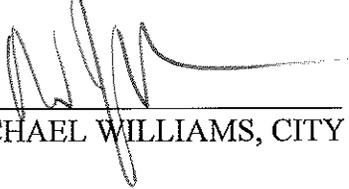
**SECTION 7. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.** Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 8. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Stockbridge as provided in the City Charter.

SO ORDAINED this 8 day of September, 2014.

  
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(SEAL)  
STEPHANIE TIGNER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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MICHAEL WILLIAMS, CITY ATTORNEY

  
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TIM THOMPSON, Mayor ATTEST:

