

**CITY OF RINGGOLD
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 0727-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5 CAPTIONED “ELECTIONS AND REMOVAL” BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 5-14 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 5-14; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is authorized under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to adopt reasonable ordinances to protect and improve the public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetics of the citizens of the City of Ringgold, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is the Mayor and Council thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 5 captioned “Elections and Removal” by striking, deleting and repealing Section 5-14 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 5-14 which shall read as follows:

Sec. 5.14. - Special elections; vacancies.

In the event that the office of a councilmember shall become vacant as provided in Section 2.12 of this Charter, the city council or those remaining shall order a special election to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such official; provided, however, that, if such vacancy occurs within 6 months of the expiration of the term of that office, the city council or those remaining shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the term. In all other respects, the special election shall be held and conducted with the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the election shall be declared the winner of the vacant council position. When more than one city councilmember positions become vacant as provided in Section 2.12 of this Charter, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the election shall be declared the winners of the vacant council positions (for example, if there are two vacant council positions, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the election shall be declared the winners of the two vacant positions). In

In the event that there is a tie, there shall be a run-off between the two or more candidates receiving the identical number of votes. The run-off shall be held four weeks from the date of the election.

Section 2.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 3.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Ringgold that the section, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance.

Section 4.

The adoption date of this Ordinance shall be July 27, 2026. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be its adoption date

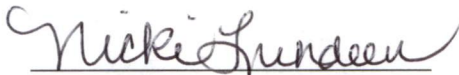
SO ORDAINED, this 27th day of July, 2026.

CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA



KELLY BOMAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK