

STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-02-13

COUNTY OF FULTON

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND APPROVE CHAPTER 3, ELECTIONS, FOR THE INCLUSION AND IDENTIFICATION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GA TO BE REFERENCED IN THE FUTURE AS CHAPTER 3 AS ATTACHED HERETO**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia while in regular session on February 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the Ordinance relating to Elections is hereby adopted and approved; and is attached hereto as if fully set forth herein; and,

**SECTION 2.** That this Ordinance shall be designated as Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sandy Springs, GA; and,

**SECTION 3.** That the first reading of this Ordinance was on February 7, 2006; and

**SECTION 4.** That this Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

**ORDAINED** this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2006.

Approved:

  
Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

  
Jeanette Marchiafava, City Clerk

(Seal)



## **Chapter 3: Elections**

### **Article 1: General Provisions.**

#### ***Section 1: Compliance with State Law.***

All elections and challenges thereto shall be in compliance with the Georgia Election Code codified at O.C.G.A. Chapter Two, Title Twenty-One.

#### ***Section 2: General Elections.***

In accordance with Section 2.02 of the Charter, general municipal elections shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November.

#### ***Section 3: Special Elections:***

Special elections shall held as needed according to the City Charter Section 2.03 shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2, Title 21 of O.C.G.A.

#### ***Section 4: Superintendents.***

The City Manager shall appoint the Municipal Superintendent in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-70.1. The Council shall provide for the Superintendent in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-71.

#### ***Section 5: Conducting Elections.***

The City of Sandy Springs shall coordinate all elections with the Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration. The City may contract or otherwise decide by agreement with the Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration for that Board to coordinate and conduct all elections in the City of Sandy Springs.

### **Article 2: Candidate Qualifications.**

#### ***Section 1: Candidate Requirements.***

- (a) ***Residency:*** In accordance with Section 2.02 of the Charter, candidates for Mayor and City Council must have been a resident of the City for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of election. Council Members must have resided in their particular district for at least 6 months immediately prior to the date of the election. Council Members must continually reside in such district during that person's period of service. The Mayor must continually reside in the City during the period of service.
- (b) ***Age:*** All candidates for elected municipal office must be at least 18 years of age at the time of qualification.

*Section 2: Notice of Candidacy.*

Filing of notice of candidacy for municipal office shall be conducted in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132 as amended. The qualifying period shall commence no earlier than 8:30 a.m. on the last Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30 p.m. on the following Friday. In special elections, the qualifying period shall commence no earlier than the date of the call and shall end no later than 25 days prior to the election.

*Section 3: Fees.*

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) below, each candidate shall pay a fee of 3 percent of the total salary of the office sought. Such fee shall be deposited into the City Treasury.
- (b) A pauper's affidavit may be filed in lieu of the qualifying fee in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132.

*Section 4: Withdrawal.*

Any candidate may withdraw his name as a candidate prior to October 15<sup>th</sup> of the election year. No refund will be made to any candidate for the fee remitted to qualify for office.

Article 3: Voting.

*Section 1: Electors To Be Registered By County.*

The City Council shall provide by contract for the use of the County voter registration list. Any person who is a resident of the City and who is registered as an elector with the County shall be eligible to vote in any municipal primary or election. O.C.G.A. 21-2-227.

*Section 2: Absentee Ballots.*

Voting by absentee ballots in a method consistent with Georgia law shall be permitted in municipal elections.

Article 4: Voting Records.

To the extent required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-72, voting records and documents shall be made available in accordance with that statute. The maintenance of said records shall be kept in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-73.