CITY OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA ORDINANCE NO. 18

AN ORDINANCE

Pertaining to municipal elections.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia and it is hereby ordained:

Section 1. Whenever the term "election code" appears herein, it shall refer to the Georgia Municipal Election Code, Title 34-A of the Code of Georgia of 1933, as amended, and all words and phrases used herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in said election code, unless otherwise clearly apparent from the context hereof.

Section 2. Any person who has been or will have been, as of the date of the primary or election, a resident of the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia during the preceding six (6) months, and otherwise meets the requirements of Section 34A-501 of the election code, shall be entitled to register as an elector with the Board of Registers of Walker County and after registration shall be eligible to vote in a municipal primary or election.

Section 3. At the regular meeting of the Council in October, 1969 or at an adjourned meeting thereof, to be held in said month and annually thereafter, the Council shall elect, by ballot, a municipal superintendent, a municipal registrar, a chief manager, two assistant managers, and as many clerks as the Council in its discretion deems necessary to aid and assist the aforementioned officials in the conduct of any election. Said persons shall be upright and intelligent electors in said City who are entitled to register and vote in the next ensuing election to be held in said City, shall meet the qualifications of said

election code, and so far as possible, shall be non-partisan.

Said persons, before entering upon their duties, shall take and subscribe the following oath:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge, to the best of my ability, the duties imposed upon me by law as ______ of the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia."

Said oath shall be filed with the City Clerk and entered upon the minute book. All such officials shall serve at a rate of compensation, if any, to be set by the Council by resolution.

Section 4. The entire City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, shall constitute a single election district and there shall be no precincts within the City.

Section 5. The polling place within the election district shall be Fairyland School, or in the event of the unavailability or unusability thereof, the polling place shall be City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, in said City.

Section 6. The closing date for filing notice of candidacy for any candidate seeking public office in the City shall be fifteen (15) days prior to the election date in the case of a general election and ten (10) days prior to the election date in the case of a special election.

Section 7. In the case of a candidate seeking the office of councilman, there shall be no necessity for such candidate to specify the particular duty, such as Police Councilman or Fire Councilman in his notice, the duties of councilman being readily reallocable among the various councilmen.

Section 8. Nominating petitions, as provided for under the City Charter, shall contain the signature of at least 40 persons who shall be upright and intelligent electors of said City

entitled to register and vote in the next ensuing election to be held in said City.

Section 9. The City Council herewith approves and adopts the use of absentee ballots, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 34-A-13 and the Municipal Registrar is herewith given the additional duty of serving as Absentee Ballot Clerk.

Section 10. A candidate nominated by primary election may be nominated by a plurality of the votes cast to fill such nomination. A candidate may be elected for public office by a plurality of the votes cast to fill such public office, and in the case of candidates for two or more public offices with the same title (such as, but not limited to "councilman"), the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Section 11. Severability:

If any section, subsection, sentence, or clause in this Ordinance or of the Chapter of the City Code hereby adopted be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance or Code as a whole or of any section, subsection, sentence, or clause hereof or thereof not adjudged invalid.

Section 12. Part of Code of Ordinances:

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 Ordinances of the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

Section 13. Effective Date:

This ordinance shall be effective ten days after its adoption and approval by at least three members of the Council of this City after two readings at least one week apart.

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