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CORRUPT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

What can residents do to change the actions of their corrupt government? The first thing that comes to mind is to change the elected officials. When that is not expedient or possible you go to court. What can the courts do to make a difference? It is too expensive and unrealistic to go to court every time there is a violation by the Mayor and Council or individuals on the Council. That is why the WRIT OF MANDAMUS exists. The State of Georgia provides relief for residents whose Municipal/County Governments **fail to comply with the FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL Constitution/Charter/Ordinances/Policies. Elected Officials MUST COMPLY with their Oaths of Office and all existing and legally created laws, legislation, statutes, ordinances, policies, regulations and resolutions. Failure to do so can result in charges being filed against them collectively and individually.**

WRIT OF MANDAMUS

What is the WRIT OF MANDAMUS? The Writ of Mandamus is a **legal civil court suit filed by any resident (s) requesting the court to compel “all official duties to be faithfully performed, and whenever, from any cause, a defect of legal justice would ensue from a failure to perform or from improper performance, the Writ of Mandamus may issue to compel a due performance if there is no other specific legal remedy for the legal rights” (Page 3 of 2024 CODE OF GEORGIA document provided.)** This simply means that all procedures **MUST** be observed in the performance of accounting for the expenditures of public funds, the creation of public agencies, the use of public properties and providing public services in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

FOUNDATIONS FOR A CIVIL SUIT

Residents cannot sue in criminal court when Mayor and Council fail to follow applicable laws and regulations concerning money withdrawn from the Budget. However, the Writ of Mandamus would compel the Mayor and Council to follow the applicable laws and regulations because of the harm

created by the spending of public funds for unintended or improper use and a lack of transparency would cause a defect in legal justice. Examples are listed below.

- 1) **The 2026 Fiscal Budget includes a \$400,000 Wind Down budget expenditure in a NOTE on page 403 from the Hotel/Motel tax under Administrative Allocation Dept. This is a prime example of misappropriation/misuse of public funds designated by the Hotel/Motel Tax. Also, there is no Ordinance/Policy that created an “Administrative Allocation” as a line-item expenditure in its own Department. The Budget should show how much Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue is to be collected in the General Fund and based on the distribution State equation how much is earmarked for each Expenditure.**
- 2) **There is no information in the Budget detailing the Capital Reserve for the annual \$600,000 from the Hote/Motel Tax for the renovation/rebuilding of the City Auditorium. This Reserve Account was set up in 2012 to begin in 2013.**
- 3) **The Mayor and Council have never voted on an Ordinance creating Equity, Inclusion, and Empowerment Department. Yet there is a \$1,232,158 line-item expenditure in the 2026 fiscal Budget.**
- 4) **The Mayor and Council have never voted to increase the Staff in the Mayor’s Office, yet there are two Part-time Positions listed for the Mayor’s Office. Expenditures for the Mayor’s Office Employees Salaries and Benefits including her \$20,000 annual salary and benefits total \$210,000.**
- 5) **According to the City Charter, the Mayor has no administrative authority so why are there Programs being administered by her Office with a Budget and Employees?**
- 6) **The 2026 Fiscal Budget states that there are 36 (thirty-six) employees in the “Executive Department”. The Mayor and Council have not passed an Ordinance creating an “Executive Department”. Under our City’s Council-Manager form of Government, no “Executive Department” consisting of the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney and any other entity can be created.**
- 7) **The Mayor and Council’s failure to fully implement and follow the guidelines of the Stormwater Utility Ordinance.**
- 8) **The Mayor and Council’s failure to enforce the guidelines for the Budget and Finance Committees. The failure of the Committees to elect a**

chairperson and having meetings for the past five months is gross negligence.

- 9) The Mayor and Council violation of the City Charter by approving the City Manager's contract that includes a super majority (6) vote to fire or evaluate him. No employee can nullify five votes of Mayor and Council.
- 10) Unsanctioned travel by Members of Council using the City's credit card. This is a double violation.
- 11) Unsanctioned Mayor and Council Members personal Budgets not identified in the Charter or by Ordinance.
- 12) The 2026 fiscal Budget contains Departments and line items expenditures that violates the State Budget Guidelines for Municipalities.

These twelve examples represent some of the most egregious of civil violations that can be addressed in the Writ of Mandamus. Although I have listed the civil violations dealing with the Mayor and Council's failure to perform or from improper performance of their official duties some of these violations could also result in criminal violations.

LEGAL JUSTICE

When the Mayor and Council fail to perform or from improper performance of their official duties the residents have the right to sue for legal justice. All financial and physical resources of the City belong to the residents. The residents have a legal right to know where and how their financial and physical resources are being used and by whose authority. This clarity is lacking in the 2026 Fiscal Budget and the performance of the Mayor and Council at Council or Special Call Meetings. Due to the lack of clarity, residents are denied access to funds that could impact their utilities, housing code enforcement, recreational and life planning pursuits. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are allocated in the 2026 Budget for events, illegally created agencies, departments, Mayor and Council Members personal accounts (excluding travel and training, and Ward Expense Accounts), and administrative allocations. The residents demand legal justice! The 2026 Budget can be amended now to reflect the changes needed to make sure that LEGAL JUSTICE IS DONE! The WRIT OF MANDAMUS WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!

The information provided here, and in the attachment, (2024 CODE OF GEORGIA, Title 9- CIVIL PRACTICE, Chapter 6- EXTRAORDINARY WRITS) should help residents understand why action needs to be taken NOW.

It is going to take hiring an Attorney and filing a lawsuit to accomplish what is needed. Therefore, I am requesting the residents who want to see change by this and future Mayors and Councils to contribute to the fund for the lawsuit. For those residents who want to be identified in the lawsuit, please contact me. For those who wish to contribute anonymously, I will provide more information after the residents who wish to be identified meet and organize. This lawsuit needs to be filed as soon as possible and if any resident has any information that may assist with the lawsuit, please email it to me or call.

Please see the attachment below. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.