

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER(S) 2, 46, 58 & 70 OF THE CODE OF ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-201 of Article IV, Part I of the Rockdale County Code of Ordinances, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to create, abolish, or consolidate county departments as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the structure and function of the existing county departments, the Board of Commissioners finds that the following amendments are appropriate in order to advance the proper and efficient administration of county government for the benefit of the public in which it serves.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County, Georgia, and it is, hereby, ordained by the authority of same, as follows:

Section 1

Sec. 2-69(c) of Division 2, Article II, Chapter 2 of Part 1 entitled, "Appointment, removal and compensation of county officials, employees, attorneys, the executive assistant and employees of elected officials" is hereby amended both to delete "the executive assistant" and replace the language "finance director" with "Chief Financial Officer".

Section 2

Section 2-202(a) of Article IV, Chapter 2 of Part 1 entitled, "Department of finance" is hereby amended to replace the language "finance director" with "Chief Financial Officer".

Section 3

Section 2-61 of Article III, Chapter 2 of Subpart A entitled, "Chief of staff" is hereby amended to replace the title with "Chief Operating Officer" and replace all references to "chief of staff" in section 2-61(a) with "Chief Operating Officer". Furthermore, section 2-61(b) shall be deleted in its entirety.

Section 4

Section 2-62 of Article III, Chapter 2 of Subpart A entitled, "County attorney" is hereby amended to replace the language in 2-62 (a)(1) and 2-62 (a)(2) from "executive assistant" to "Chief Operating Officer."

Section 5

Section 2-93 of Article IV, Chapter 2 of Subpart A entitled, "Department of fire and rescue" is hereby modified to add a new section 2-93(a) "A department of fire and rescue is hereby created for the county. The department of fire and rescue shall be composed of a Fire Chief and any other employees as may be necessary. Subject to the direction of the county chairperson, the supervision and control of the Department of Fire and Rescue is vested in the Fire Chief". Consequently, the subsections "(a)" through "(d)" are amended to "(b)" through "(e)" accordingly, to accommodate the new subsection (a).

Section 6

Section 2-94 of Article IV, Chapter 2 of Subpart A entitled, "Department of general services" is hereby modified to replace the language in subsection (a) with "A Department of General Services is hereby created for the county. The Department of General Services shall be composed of a director and any other employees as may be deemed necessary. Subject to the direction of the county chairperson, supervision and control of the Department of General Services is vested in the director". Furthermore, the subsection (b) shall be deleted, subsection "(c)" becomes subsection "(b)," and subsection "(d)" becomes "(c)".

Section 7

Section 2-95 of Article IV, Chapter 2 of Subpart A entitled, "Department of planning and development" is hereby modified to delete the sentence "This section is hereby further amended to include the division of community compliance that was previously assigned to the department known as recreation and maintenance."

Section 8

Section 2-96 of Article IV, Chapter 2, of Subpart A entitled, "Law department" is hereby modified to be deleted in its entirety.

Section 9

Section 2-97 of Article IV, Chapter 2 of Subpart A entitled, "Department of finance" is hereby amended to replace the title of "director" with "Chief Financial Officer". Furthermore, the language shall be modified to include a final sentence; "All references in the Code, whenever and in whatever context they may occur, to the director of finance are hereby amended to read "Chief Financial Officer".

Section 10

Section 2-101 of Article IV, Chapter 2 of Subpart A entitled, "Department of human resources" is hereby amended to replace the title with "Department of Talent Management".

Section 11

There shall be created a new section 2-107 of Article IV, Chapter 2 of Subpart A entitled, "Department of Stormwater" and is hereby to include descriptive language thereof; "A Department of Stormwater is hereby created for the county. The department of stormwater shall be composed of a director and any other employees as may be deemed necessary. Subject to the direction of the county chairperson, supervision and control of the department of stormwater is vested in the director.

Section 12

Section 46-2, Chapter 46 of Subpart A entitled, "Definitions" is hereby modified to replace the language "Fire official means the assistant director of the department of emergency services over the fire department or the county fire marshal" with "Fire official means the Fire Chief."

Section 13

Section 46-4, Chapter 46 of Subpart A entitled, "Rules and regulations authorized for fire department" is hereby modified to replace the language "assistant director of the department of emergency services over the fire department" with "Fire Chief."

Section 14

Section 46-5, Chapter 46 of Subpart A entitled, "Authority at fires" is hereby modified to replace subsection (a) in its entirety to "The Fire Chief shall have full control over all fire apparatus of the fire department in service at any fire. It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief or his/her designee to superintend the fire department while performing any public duty in fighting fire and to give general and specific directions as to the manner of fighting fires, the use of hose and apparatus, and the specific duties and assignments of the various members of the fire department in attendance at a fire. The Fire Chief may immediately suspend any member of the fire department for insubordination at any fire". Furthermore, subsection (b) language "assistant director of the department of emergency services over the fire department or his" shall be replaced with "Fire Chief or his/her"

Section 15

Section 46-6, Chapter 46 of Subpart A entitled, "Records of fires" is hereby amended to replace the language "assistant director of the department of emergency services over the fire department or his" with "Fire Chief or his/her".

Section 16

Chapter 58 of Subpart A, entitled "Human Resources" is hereby modified to change the title to "Department of Talent Management". Furthermore, the footnoted cross reference is amended to replace the language "Department of Human Resources" with "Department of Talent Management".

Section 17

Section 58-1(a), Chapter 58 of Subpart A, entitled "Rules and regulations; classification and pay plans" is hereby amended to remove the language "Human Resources" and replace "the office of the human resources director" with "the office of the Director of Talent Management".

Section 18

Chapter 70 of Subpart A entitled "Recreation and Maintenance" is hereby modified to change the title to "Parks and Recreation".

Section 19

Section 70-1, Chapter 70 of Subpart A entitled, "Recreation and maintenance director; powers and duties" is hereby modified to replace the title with "Parks and Recreation Director; powers and duties". Furthermore, replace the language "Recreation and Maintenance" in subsection (4) with "Parks and Recreation".

Section 20

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2024.

Rockdale County, Georgia
Board of Commissioners

By: [Signature]
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First Reading: 8/27/2024
Second Reading: waive

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