

**AN ORDINANCE  
TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
OF THE CITY OF PLAINS, GEORGIA, RELATED TO "PUBLIC OFFICIALS"  
SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURES FOR VOTING BY MEMBERS  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND FOR MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL;  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES,  
TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council members of the City of Plains (hereinafter "the governing body of the City"), and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, that Chapter 2, Article II of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plains, Georgia, (hereinafter the "City Code") shall be, and is hereby, amended by adopting a new Section thereto to be known as Chapter 2, Section 2-19 of the City Code relating to the procedures for voting on matters coming before the governing body of the City and before a committee of the governing body of the City by the members thereof, which shall provide as follows:

**Sec. 2-19. Voting on Questions; Mayor's Role; Obligation of City Council Members to Vote on Questions.**

(a) All questions to be voted on by the governing body shall be put by the presiding officer. The members of the governing body shall vote by a show of hands, with a majority of the members of the governing body present and voting determining all questions unless otherwise provided in the City Charter or in the City Code. The mayor may, but shall not be required to, vote on any question before the governing body, unless he or she is otherwise disqualified from voting. The mayor, at such officer's discretion, may call upon the mayor pro tem to take the chair, to allow the mayor to address the city council or make a motion.

(b) At any meeting of the governing body of the City, or any committee thereof, each council member present shall vote on each question that comes before the meeting unless a city council member is immediately and particularly interested in the question to the extent that such council member has a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, with respect to such question, or unless a council member is excused from

voting by a majority vote of the governing body. A motion to excuse a member from voting may be made by the council member seeking to be excused, or by another city council member, but such motion must be made before the question is put to the governing body for a vote, and shall be decided without debate, except that the council member making the motion may state briefly the reasons that the motion was made.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon the first day of the calendar month immediately following the calendar month during which this Ordinance is adopted by the governing body of the City.

SO ORDAINED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

**City of Plains**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Joey Recker, Mayor**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cindy Bagwell, City Clerk**

ACTION TAKEN

FIRST READING APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND READING APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

UNANIMOUS CONSENT FOR WAIVER

OF SECOND READING APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*January 15, 2026*