

**Subject Matter: Oath of Office**  
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**Meeting:** June 11, 2007  
**Date of Second Reading and**  
**Adoption:** July 2, 2007

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG  
COUNTY OF COWETA  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-08**  
**(as enacted)**  
**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG, GEORGIA**

**PREAMBLE AND FINDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sharpsburg (the “Town”) desires to enact an amendment to the Town Charter (the “Charter”) amending the oath of office for the Mayor and members of the Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia General Assembly enacted a Charter for the Town on March 24, 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, Code Section 36-35-3 of the Official Code of Georgia allows to a municipal corporation to amend its charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council have complied with all of the requirements of Code Section 36-35-3 in regards to amending the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-30 of the Charter states the oath of office for the Mayor and members of the Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council desire to enact the following ordinance thereby amending Article II of the Town of Sharpsburg Charter;

**WHEREFORE THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG HEREBY ADOPTS AND ORDAINS  
THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:**

**ARTICLE ONE**

The Town hereby enacts and ordains an amendment to Article II of the Town of Sharpsburg Charter by deleting Section 2-30 in its entirety and by enacting and ordaining the following language to be codified at Section 2-30 of the Town's Charter as follows:

*Section 2-30. Organizational Meeting.*

*The Town Council shall meet for organization on the first Monday in January following the municipal election. The meeting shall be called in order by the town clerk and the oath of office shall be administered to the newly elected members as follows:*

*"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear or affirm that:*

*I will well and truly perform the duties of Council Member (Mayor) of the Town of Sharpsburg, Georgia, to the best of my skill and ability, and as to me shall seem to me to be the best interest and welfare of said Town, without fear, favor or affection, so help me God;*

*I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due the state of Georgia or any political subdivision or authority thereof;*

*I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I am, by the laws of the State of Georgia, prohibited from holding;*

*I am otherwise qualified to hold office of Council Member (Mayor) of the Town of Sharpsburg according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia and the Town's Charter;*

*I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Georgia. Further, I do hereby attest that I am not now or never have been a member of any group or organization that would cause harm or be detrimental in any way, to this country, its government or its people."*

*Following the induction ceremonies of the new members, the council by majority vote of all the members thereof, shall elect one of their members to be mayor pro tem. Said mayor pro tem shall serve for a four year term.*

## **ARTICLE TWO**

This Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon its second reading and adoption by the Town Council.

## **ARTICLE THREE**

The Preamble of this Ordinance shall be construed to be, and is hereby incorporated by reference as is fully set out herein.

## **ARTICLE FOUR**

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared illegal by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such an illegality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

## **ARTICLE FIVE**

This Ordinance shall be codified at said Article II of the Town of Sharpsburg Charter.

## **ARTICLE SIX**

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

**[signatures on next page]**

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG** at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, by the following voting for adoption:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wendell L. Staley, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
J. Clay Cole, Council Member

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Larry W. Hyde, Council Member

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Derrick McElwaney, Council Member

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Standly D. Parten, Council Member

Attest:

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Donna M. Camp, Town Clerk