

ELLIJAY CITY HALL

JULY 20, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO ZONING
ORDINANCE-DATA CENTER**

**WORKSHOP
5:30**

**REGULAR MEETING
6:00**

Call to Order

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes for June Meeting

Approval of June Financial Statement

Staff Reports

Citizen Input

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Action – Data Center Ordinance

Review and Action – Selection Of Architectural Firm From Proposals Submitted In Response To The City's Request For Qualifications

Review and Action – Agreement With Gilmer County and The Gilmer County Board Of Elections and Registration To Conduct Municipal Elections

Review and Action – Special Event Permit Devell Frady/Georgia High Country Builders Association, Location- Harrison Park, Timing- 10-3-2026, 9:30AM to 4:30PM.

Executive Session – Personnel, Pending Litigation, Land Acquisition

Adjourn

Mayors Report

- The Planning Commission has met and a recommendation is included in your packet regarding the Data Center Ordinance amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance. The Ordinance is on the agenda for adoption.
- The Park Advisory Committee has reviewed and scored, based on federal procurement standards, the submissions in response to the Request for Proposals for qualified professional architectural firms to assist with its implementation of various general recreation projects. A recommendation will be made by the Advisory Committee Chairman at Monday's meeting. Action is needed to select the firm.
- Per previous discussion there is an Agreement with Gilmer County and the Gilmer County Board of Elections and Registration to conduct Ellijay's municipal elections. The City Attorney has reviewed the agreement and it is on the agenda should you wish to take action.
- Devell Frady/Georgia High Country Builders Association has made application for a Special Event Permit (alcohol) for a fundraiser to be held at Harrison Park. A copy of the application is included in your packet for review and is on the agenda for action.

**City of Ellijay
June 15, 2026**

**Workshop
5:30pm**

**Pam Fox with Southern States Insurance presented the quotes for the renewal of the City's
Cyber Insurance and Property Liability Insurance.**

**Regular Meeting
Started at 6:00pm ended at 6:50pm**

Council Meeting Called to Order:

Welcome - Mayor Al Hoyle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer- Prayer was given by Councilmember Al Fuller

Pledge- Mayor Al Hoyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

Al Hoyle, Mayor - Present

Claudia Penland, Mayor Pro-Tem - Present

Tom Crawford, Councilmember - Present

Al Fuller, Councilmember - Present

Kevin Pritchett, Councilmember - Present

Thomas Griffith, Councilmember-Present

Kayann Hayden West, City Attorney - Present

Edward Lacey, Police Chief-Present

Lori Pierce, City Clerk-Present

Andrew Mathis, Code Enforcement - Present

Dustin Harper, Fire Chief – Absent

Approval of Agenda:

Councilmember Kevin Pritchett made a motion to approve the June agenda. Councilmember Al Fuller seconded the motion. All approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Penland made a motion to approve the minutes for the May meeting. Councilmember Al Fuller seconded the motion. All approved.

Approval of Financial Statement:

Councilmember Kevin Pritchett made a motion to approve the May Financial Statement. Councilmember Thomas Griffith seconded the motion. All approved.

Staff Reports:

Chief Edward Lacey reported that we received our Actuary Reports back for our GMA retirement. We would raise the retirement multiplier from 1% to 2% , regular employee's retirement age would stay the same, lower the minimum retirement age for public safety from 65 to 55 with 20 years of service. Current cost of the plan is \$57,424, total cost of the proposed plan is \$172,725, an annual increase of \$115,301.

Citizen Input:

Gerald D. Hodges, CEO and Founder of Appalachia Georgia Friends of The Bears. Handed out education information called Bear Wise.

Rocky Miller suggested a name change for Letch Drive.

New Business:

First Reading – Data Center Ordinance – No Action Needed

Review and Action: Property and Liability Insurance - Councilmember Tom Crawford made a motion to go with the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency, but to enter into a separate agreement with Lloyd's for the Cyber Policy. Councilmember Al Fuller seconded the motion. All approved.

Review and Action: Speed Bump Request Hipp Street and Sand Street - Frank Wilkerson spoke on behalf of the First Baptist Church of Ellijay. They are offering at their cost to put speed bumps on Sand Street and Hipp Street. Councilmember Tom Crawford made a motion to approve the Speed Bump request. Councilmember Thomas Griffith seconded the motion. All approved.

Review and Action: Bank Account Authorization CD Renewal - Councilmember Kevin Pritchett made a motion to approve the Bank Account Authorization CD Renewal. Mayor Pro-Tem seconded the motion. All approved.

Review and Action: Ninety-Day Moratorium On Short-Term Rental Applications To Provide The Council Opportunity To Preserve The Status Quo While Researching Update To Current Ordinance - Councilmember Kevin Pritchett made a motion to approve the Moratorium on Short-Term Rental Applications. Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Penland seconded the motion. All approved.

Review and Action: Resolution Of The City Council Of Ellijay Proposes The Introduction Of The Local Act To Be Known As The Local Homestead Option Sales Tax Bill –Councilmember Tom Crawford made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Thomas Griffith seconded the motion. All approved.

Review and Action: Appeal Of Denial Of A Short-Term Rental License And A Business License For The Residential Property Located At 98 Summit View Lane, Ellijay, GA 30540. Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Penland made a motion to up hold the Code Enforcement Officer decision to deny the Short-Term License and General Business License at 98 Summit View Lane Ellijay, GA 30540. Councilmember Al Fuller Seconded the motion. After discussion Councilmember Thomas Griffith made a motion to approve the appeal and it be grandfathered in. Councilmember Tom Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was 3-2, with Councilmembers, Griffith, Crawford and Pritchett to approve the appeal. Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Penland and Councilmember Al Fuller against. The appeal was approved.

Executive Session: Personnel, Pending Litigation, Land Acquisition,

Adjourn:

Councilmember Tom Crawford made a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm. Councilmember Al Fuller seconded the motion. All approved.

Lori Pierce/City Clerk

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Original Budget
For General Fund (100)
For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number		Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget Amount
Revenues						
100-0000-00-311100	Real Property Taxes-Current	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 262,348.00	\$ 78,208.80	\$ 184,139.20
100-0000-00-311110	Public Utilities Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,820.73	0.00
100-0000-00-311200	Real Property Tax-Prior Years	0.00	25.84	500.00	51,587.83	(51,087.83)
100-0000-00-311300	Personal Property Tax-Current	0.00	0.00	51,991.00	12,690.98	39,300.02
100-0000-00-311310	Motor Vehicle Tax	0.00	61.77	1,100.00	495.78	604.22
100-0000-00-311315	TAVT Tax	0.00	15,422.42	80,000.00	54,788.60	25,211.40
100-0000-00-311320	Mobile Home Tax	0.00	11.88	150.00	243.54	(93.54)
100-0000-00-311400	Personal Property-Delinquent	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,706.45	0.00
100-0000-00-311600	Intangible Tax	0.00	1,287.58	15,000.00	6,213.58	8,786.42
100-0000-00-311700	Franchise Tax	0.00	7,847.74	325,000.00	351,532.15	(26,532.15)
100-0000-00-311910	Pen/Int-Real Property	0.00	2.34	1,000.00	606.87	393.13
100-0000-00-313100	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00	128,985.18	1,600,000.00	759,627.99	840,372.01
100-0000-00-314200	Alcohol Tax	0.00	14,185.34	170,000.00	77,593.10	92,406.90
100-0000-00-316200	Insurance Premium Tax	0.00	0.00	160,000.00	25.00	159,975.00
100-0000-00-316300	Financial Institution Tax	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	16,261.52	(1,261.52)
100-0000-00-316400	Transfer Tax Collections	0.00	1,042.08	7,500.00	5,601.62	1,898.38
100-0000-00-319120	Pen/Int-Personal Property	0.00	0.00	100.00	286.16	(186.16)
100-0000-00-319400	Collection Fees	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-0000-00-319500	Fi Fa	0.00	50.00	300.00	550.00	(250.00)
100-0000-00-321110	Licenses-Beer/Wine	0.00	0.00	16,500.00	2,350.00	14,150.00
100-0000-00-321111	Game Machines	0.00	0.00	300.00	220.00	80.00
100-0000-00-321125	Licenses - Wine Tasting Room	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
100-0000-00-321130	Licenses - Distilled Spirits	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	3,500.00	2,500.00
100-0000-00-321131	Brewery	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00
100-0000-00-321400	General Business Licenses	0.00	550.00	55,000.00	13,300.00	41,700.00
100-0000-00-321410	Real Estate Licenses	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-0000-00-321411	Short Term Rental	0.00	450.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
100-0000-00-321420	Insurance Licenses	0.00	0.00	11,500.00	4,575.00	6,925.00
100-0000-00-322100	Building Permit Fees	0.00	555.00	40,000.00	8,052.12	31,947.88
100-0000-00-322120	Zoning Request Fees	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-0000-00-322130	Annexation/Deannexation Fee	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-0000-00-322140	Sign Permits	0.00	0.00	800.00	275.00	525.00
100-0000-00-322150	Soil/Erosion Permits	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
100-0000-00-322901	Parade Permits	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
100-0000-00-322902	Special Event Alcohol Fee	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
100-0000-00-323100	Business License Penalty	0.00	0.00	500.00	10,250.00	(9,750.00)
100-0000-00-333000	Housing Authority Pilot	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	40,665.16	(5,665.16)
100-0000-00-334310	Dirscst State Grants	0.00	4,770.50	0.00	4,770.50	0.00
100-0000-00-341400	Printing/Copying Fees	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
100-0000-00-342120	Police-Accident Reports	0.00	40.00	800.00	329.49	470.51
100-0000-00-342125	Criminal Records Check	0.00	140.00	300.00	420.00	(120.00)
100-0000-00-351170	Municipal Court Fines	0.00	13,027.84	264,100.00	111,410.83	152,689.17
100-0000-00-351171	Court Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00
100-0000-00-351172	Parking Tickets	0.00	296.00	200.00	1,136.00	(936.00)
100-0000-00-361000	Interest Income	0.00	1,643.88	50,000.00	9,128.98	40,871.02
100-0000-00-389000	Misc Income	0.00	251.54	220.00	738.19	(518.19)

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Original Budget
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Account Number	Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget Amount
Total General Fund Revenues	\$ 0.00	\$ 190,646.93	\$ 3,178,659.00	\$ 1,638,336.97	\$ 1,540,322.03
Expenditures					
100-1100-11-511100 Salaries	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 11,250.00
100-1100-11-512200 FICA	0.00	95.61	1,377.00	516.38	860.62
100-1100-11-523500 Travel Expense	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
100-1100-11-523700 Education & Training	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
100-1500-15-511100 Salaries	0.00	12,783.64	168,800.00	76,701.83	92,098.17
100-1500-15-511101 Compensation-Planning and Z	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	300.00	1,700.00
100-1500-15-512100 Group Insurance	0.00	4,639.21	67,600.00	33,351.61	34,248.39
100-1500-15-512200 FICA	0.00	933.15	12,665.00	5,598.84	7,066.16
100-1500-15-512400 GMEBS	0.00	4,618.50	48,525.00	27,711.00	20,814.00
100-1500-15-512700 Workers Comp Ins.	0.00	0.00	27,000.00	2,622.00	24,378.00
100-1500-15-521100 Accounting & Audit Expense	0.00	6,500.00	13,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
100-1500-15-521210 Legal Services	0.00	370.00	5,000.00	2,180.00	2,820.00
100-1500-15-521302 Contract Services-USTI & TBS	0.00	6,396.83	10,500.00	10,723.51	(223.51)
100-1500-15-521320 City Website Maintenance	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	486.00	2,514.00
100-1500-15-521514 Fi Fa Filing Fees	0.00	250.00	500.00	1,775.00	(1,275.00)
100-1500-15-521515 Outside Collection Fees	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-1500-15-522200 Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	92.00	5,908.00
100-1500-15-522210 Vehicle Repairs and Maintena	0.00	144.77	500.00	428.68	71.32
100-1500-15-522211 Equip-Repairs and Maintenanc	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-1500-15-523100 Property & Liability Insurance	0.00	2,830.00	23,827.00	8,294.00	15,533.00
100-1500-15-523200 Telephone Expense	0.00	876.48	12,000.00	5,201.63	6,798.37
100-1500-15-523300 Advertising	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	867.00	2,633.00
100-1500-15-523500 Travel Expenses	0.00	429.55	4,000.00	3,047.19	952.81
100-1500-15-523600 Dues,Fees & Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	490.00	2,510.00
100-1500-15-523700 Education & Training	0.00	150.00	6,000.00	789.00	5,211.00
100-1500-15-523850 Contracted Labor	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	200.00	1,400.00
100-1500-15-531100 Office/Operating Supplies	0.00	654.16	9,000.00	4,033.23	4,966.77
100-1500-15-531110 Tires & Tubes	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-1500-15-531130 Postage	0.00	206.00	2,300.00	817.00	1,483.00
100-1500-15-531190 Misc Expense	0.00	1,325.00	500.00	1,415.25	(915.25)
100-1500-15-531210 Water,Sewer & Garbage Expe	0.00	706.58	6,000.00	4,484.36	1,515.64
100-1500-15-531220 Natural Gas Expense	0.00	561.17	5,000.00	1,977.51	3,022.49
100-1500-15-531230 Electric Expense	0.00	1,647.83	20,000.00	9,070.39	10,929.61
100-1500-15-531270 Vehicle Gas Expense	0.00	54.62	1,000.00	526.38	473.62
100-1500-15-531700 Other Supplies	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-1500-15-533400 City Code Book Supplement	0.00	1,488.38	4,000.00	4,913.29	(913.29)
100-1500-15-542300 Furniture & Fixtures	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-1500-15-542400 Computer Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
100-1500-15-543201 Leased Equipment	0.00	179.83	2,600.00	1,570.13	1,029.87
100-1500-15-543210 Payroll Administrative Fee	0.00	658.98	5,300.00	2,717.97	2,582.03
100-1500-15-571000 Intergovernmental Payments	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
100-1500-15-571500 Intergovernmental Payments-	0.00	0.00	19,000.00	4,800.00	14,200.00
100-1500-15-572000 Interagency Contributions	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	(1,000.00)
100-1500-15-572100 Fees Paid to GMA	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
100-1500-15-572200 fees Paid to NGRDC	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

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Original Budget

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100-1500-15-900000	Tax Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,185.86 \$	0.00
100-1500-15-900001	Business Licenses Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	650.00 \$	0.00
100-2650-26-521304	Contract Services - Court	0.00	1,011.15	16,000.00	6,066.90 \$	9,933.10
100-2650-26-571000	Monthly Fine Payments	0.00	5,343.29	50,000.00	20,756.30 \$	29,243.70
100-2650-26-571001	Detention Center Fine Paymen	0.00	1,745.97	16,000.00	6,880.80 \$	9,119.20
100-2650-26-571002	Refunds-Court Fines	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	84.00 \$	916.00
100-2650-26-572600	Fees paid to GA POA&B Fund	0.00	2,110.41	16,000.00	8,545.84 \$	7,454.16
100-3200-32-511100	Salaries	0.00	55,052.30	729,000.00	327,672.82 \$	401,327.18
100-3200-32-512100	Group Insurance	0.00	14,589.97	237,000.00	102,254.90 \$	134,745.10
100-3200-32-512200	FICA	0.00	3,989.99	54,369.00	23,576.82 \$	30,792.18
100-3200-32-512402	Peace Officers Retirement	0.00	280.00	4,030.00	4,626.82 \$	(596.82)
100-3200-32-512405	PTSD Ins.	0.00	814.00	0.00	814.00 \$	0.00
100-3200-32-522200	Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	416.88 \$	583.12
100-3200-32-522210	Vehicle Repairs and Maintena	0.00	871.02	16,000.00	7,978.34 \$	8,021.66
100-3200-32-523100	Property/Liability Ins	0.00	0.00	33,560.00	8,390.00 \$	25,170.00
100-3200-32-523200	Telephone Expense	0.00	1,432.98	10,900.00	5,508.12 \$	5,391.88
100-3200-32-523500	Travel expenses	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	260.25 \$	1,239.75
100-3200-32-523600	Dues,Fees and Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	500.00	155.00 \$	345.00
100-3200-32-523700	Education & Training	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00 \$	1,500.00
100-3200-32-523850	Contracted Labor	0.00	150.00	1,800.00	900.00 \$	900.00
100-3200-32-531100	Office/Operating Supplies	0.00	703.52	8,000.00	1,547.62 \$	6,452.38
100-3200-32-531110	Tires and Tubes	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	2,146.88 \$	3,853.12
100-3200-32-531190	Misc. Expense	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00 \$	50.00
100-3200-32-531210	Water,Sewer & Garbage Expe	0.00	46.25	1,500.00	263.73 \$	1,236.27
100-3200-32-531220	Natural Gas Expense	0.00	105.32	1,500.00	595.00 \$	905.00
100-3200-32-531230	Electric Expense	0.00	398.86	6,600.00	2,101.18 \$	4,498.82
100-3200-32-531270	Vehicle Gas Expense	0.00	5,480.28	45,000.00	25,528.84 \$	19,471.16
100-3200-32-531335	Uniforms	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	4,219.37 \$	2,780.63
100-3200-32-531700	Other Supplies	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	1,172.00 \$	1,028.00
100-3200-32-542200	Vehicle Purchases	0.00	14,715.00	70,000.00	62,395.00 \$	7,605.00
100-3200-32-542300	Furniture & Fixtures	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00 \$	500.00
100-3200-32-542400	Computer Equipment	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00 \$	3,000.00
100-3200-32-542500	Other Equipment	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00 \$	500.00
100-3200-32-543201	Leased Equipment	0.00	63.13	21,000.00	336.96 \$	20,663.04
100-3200-32-543210	Contracted Fee	0.00	12.39	8,800.00	7,733.02 \$	1,066.98
100-3500-35-511100	Salaries	0.00	35,551.72	527,360.00	207,785.22 \$	319,574.78
100-3500-35-512100	Group Insurance	0.00	9,340.89	108,000.00	52,050.51 \$	55,949.49
100-3500-35-512200	FICA	0.00	2,556.43	40,343.00	14,945.56 \$	25,397.44
100-3500-35-512403	Firefighters Pension Fund	0.00	125.00	1,200.00	625.00 \$	575.00
100-3500-35-512404	Firefighter's Cancer Ins	0.00	922.38	2,500.00	1,907.38 \$	592.62
100-3500-35-512405	PTSD Ins.	0.00	883.50	0.00	883.50 \$	0.00
100-3500-35-522200	Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	828.11 \$	2,171.89
100-3500-35-522210	Vehicle Repairs and Maintena	0.00	1,692.26	10,000.00	5,666.12 \$	4,333.88
100-3500-35-522211	Equip-Repairs and Maintenanc	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	11,414.56 \$	(1,414.56)
100-3500-35-523100	Property/Liability Ins.	0.00	0.00	15,572.00	3,893.00 \$	11,679.00
100-3500-35-523200	Telephone Expense	0.00	357.63	6,500.00	2,842.29 \$	3,657.71
100-3500-35-523500	Travel Expenses	0.00	447.00	2,000.00	566.97 \$	1,433.03
100-3500-35-523600	Dues,Fees & Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	180.00 \$	1,320.00
100-3500-35-523700	Education & Training	0.00	414.68	1,500.00	414.68 \$	1,085.32

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100-3500-35-531100 Office Supplies	0.00	443.46	2,000.00	990.38 \$	1,009.62
100-3500-35-531106 First Responder Supplies	0.00	1,016.35	3,000.00	1,973.19 \$	1,026.81
100-3500-35-531110 Tires and Tubes	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	157.46 \$	3,842.54
100-3500-35-531135 Fire Safety Education Supplies	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	69.34 \$	930.66
100-3500-35-531210 Water,Sewer & Garbage Expe	0.00	81.24	2,000.00	879.34 \$	1,120.66
100-3500-35-531220 Natural Gas Expense	0.00	316.24	2,000.00	805.94 \$	1,194.06
100-3500-35-531230 Electric Expense	0.00	398.86	7,000.00	2,101.15 \$	4,898.85
100-3500-35-531270 Vehicle Gas Expense	0.00	788.54	6,500.00	3,850.15 \$	2,649.85
100-3500-35-531335 Uniforms	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	1,100.89 \$	2,899.11
100-3500-35-531336 Turn Out Gear	0.00	2,576.00	10,000.00	5,335.27 \$	4,664.73
100-3500-35-531700 Radios and Pagers	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	396.00 \$	1,604.00
100-3500-35-542300 Furniture & Fixtures	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00 \$	1,000.00
100-3500-35-542400 Computer Equipment	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00 \$	500.00
100-3500-35-543201 Leased Equipment	0.00	82.09	1,000.00	440.83 \$	559.17
100-4200-42-511100 Salaries	0.00	15,863.04	221,000.00	96,921.82 \$	124,078.18
100-4200-42-512100 Group Insurance	0.00	5,700.36	95,250.00	39,101.67 \$	56,148.33
100-4200-42-512200 FICA	0.00	1,097.68	16,907.00	6,719.46 \$	10,187.54
100-4200-42-522200 Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	145.00	7,000.00	4,118.08 \$	2,881.92
100-4200-42-522210 Vehicle Repairs and Maintena	0.00	363.98	4,000.00	859.00 \$	3,141.00
100-4200-42-522211 Equip-Repairs and Maintenanc	0.00	589.33	7,000.00	6,698.94 \$	301.06
100-4200-42-523100 Property/Liability Ins.	0.00	0.00	5,024.00	1,361.69 \$	3,662.31
100-4200-42-523200 Telephone Expense	0.00	88.99	1,100.00	533.94 \$	566.06
100-4200-42-523700 Education & Training	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00 \$	500.00
100-4200-42-524260 Street Lights	0.00	7,580.19	90,000.00	45,259.66 \$	44,740.34
100-4200-42-524530 Solid Waste Disposal	0.00	144.45	500.00	265.83 \$	234.17
100-4200-42-531100 Operating Supplies	0.00	670.85	11,000.00	3,838.62 \$	7,161.38
100-4200-42-531103 Xmas Lights/Banners	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00 \$	3,000.00
100-4200-42-531110 Tires and Tubes	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	585.51 \$	414.49
100-4200-42-531230 Electric Expense	0.00	276.74	0.00	998.76 \$	0.00
100-4200-42-531270 Vehicle Gas Expense	0.00	1,336.29	7,000.00	3,758.50 \$	3,241.50
100-4200-42-531335 Uniforms	0.00	107.30	4,000.00	1,156.37 \$	2,843.63
100-4200-42-534221 Street Maintenance	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	91.43 \$	1,908.57
100-4200-42-542200 Vehicle Purchases	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00 \$	5,000.00
100-6200-62-531230 Electric Expense	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00 \$	1,500.00
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 250,624.59	\$ 3,179,659.00	\$ 1,406,086.55	\$ 1,773,572.45
General Fund Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ (59,977.66)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 232,250.42	\$ (233,250.42)

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Original Budget
For Downtown Development Authority (160)
For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number	Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget Amount
Revenues					
160-0000-00-361000 Interest Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 12.55	\$ 100.00	\$ 70.70	\$ 29.30
Total Downtown Development Authority Revenues	\$ 0.00	\$ 12.55	\$ 100.00	\$ 70.70	\$ 29.30
Expenditures					
160-1600-16-531699 Boardwalk Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Total Downtown Development Authority Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Downtown Development Authority Excess of Revenues	\$ 0.00	\$ 12.55	\$ 0.00	\$ 70.70	\$ 0.00

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Original Budget
For Confiscated Assets-Police (210)
For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number	Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget Amount
Expenditures					
210-2100-21-522650 Siezed Funds Distribution	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 14.00
Total Confiscated Assets-Police Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 14.00
 Confiscated Assets-Police Excess of Revenues Over Ex	 \$ 0.00	 \$ 0.00	 \$ (14.00)	 \$ 0.00	 \$ (14.00)

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Original Budget
For Bond Escrow Account (220)
For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number		Current Budget		Current Actual		Annual Budget		YTD Actual		Remaining Budget Amount
Revenues										
220-0000-00-313100	Cash Bonds	\$	0.00	\$	5,035.00	\$	55,000.00	\$	35,697.00	\$ 19,303.00
220-0000-00-361000	Interest Income		0.00		12.51		600.00		88.61	\$ 511.39
Total Bond Escrow Account Revenues		\$	0.00	\$	5,047.51	\$	55,600.00	\$	35,785.61	\$ 19,814.39
Expenditures										
220-2200-22-571002	Refunds-Court Fines	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	(728.00)	\$ 0.00
220-2200-22-613100	bond - transfer to Superior Co		0.00		0.00		1,500.00		4,543.00	\$ (3,043.00)
Total Bond Escrow Account Expenditures		\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	3,815.00	\$ (2,315.00)
Bond Escrow Account Excess of Revenues Over Expen		\$	0.00	\$	5,047.51	\$	54,100.00	\$	31,970.61	\$ 22,129.39

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Original Budget
 For Automobile Reserve (230)
 For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number	Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget Amount
Revenues					
230-0000-00-361000 Interest Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 17.42	\$ 400.00	\$ 98.13	\$ 301.87
230-0000-00-392100 Sale of Fixed Assets-PD	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
Total Automobile Reserve Revenues	\$ 0.00	\$ 17.42	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 98.13	\$ 12,301.87
Expenditures					
230-2300-23-542200 Vehicle Purchases - Police	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,000.00
230-3200-32-523901 Fees	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Total Automobile Reserve Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,400.00
Automobile Reserve Excess of Revenues Over Expendit	\$ 0.00	\$ 17.42	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ 98.13	\$ (15,098.13)

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Original Budget
For Technology Surcharge Fund (240)
For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number		Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget Amount
Revenues						
240-0000-00-351173 Technology Surcharge	\$	0.00	\$ 3,459.16	\$ 30,700.00	\$ 14,979.17	\$ 15,720.83
240-0000-00-361000 Interest Income		0.00	17.00	200.00	109.52	90.48
Total Technology Surcharge Fund Revenues	\$	0.00	\$ 3,476.16	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 15,088.69	\$ 15,811.31
Expenditures						
240-2650-26-521304 Contract Services - Court	\$	0.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 0.00
240-3200-32-531100 Office/Operating Supplies		0.00	0.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
240-3200-32-542400 Capital Outlay-Computer Equi		0.00	0.00	5,700.00	0.00	5,700.00
Total Technology Surcharge Fund Expenditures	\$	0.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 14,700.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 3,900.00
Technology Surcharge Fund Excess of Revenues Over	\$	0.00	\$ 1,376.16	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 4,288.69	\$ 11,911.31

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Original Budget
For Multiple Grant Fund (250)
For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number		Current Budget		Current Actual		Annual Budget		YTD Actual		Remaining Budget Amount
Revenues										
250-0000-00-334310 Direct State Grants	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	55,000.00	\$	60,068.42	\$	(5,068.42)
250-0000-00-361000 Interest Income		0.00		213.42		1,200.00		759.17		440.83
Total Multiple Grant Fund Revenues	\$	0.00	\$	213.42	\$	56,200.00	\$	60,827.59	\$	(4,627.59)
Expenditures										
250-2500-25-541300 FY 2018 LMIG	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	56,200.00	\$	0.00	\$	56,200.00
Total Multiple Grant Fund Expenditures	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	56,200.00	\$	0.00	\$	56,200.00
Multiple Grant Fund Excess of Revenues Over Expendit										
	\$	0.00	\$	213.42	\$	0.00	\$	60,827.59	\$	0.00

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Original Budget
For Hotel/Motel Fund (275)
For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number		Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget Amount
Revenues						
275-0000-00-314100 Hotel/Motel Tax	\$	0.00	\$ 5,584.96	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 27,668.42	\$ 22,331.58
275-0000-00-361000 Interest Income		0.00	226.91	1,700.00	1,307.52	392.48
Total Hotel/Motel Fund Revenues	\$	0.00	\$ 5,811.87	\$ 51,700.00	\$ 28,975.94	\$ 22,724.06
Expenditures						
275-1500-15-572500 Fees paid to Chamber of Com	\$	0.00	\$ 2,443.42	\$ 36,700.00	\$ 12,154.94	\$ 24,545.06
275-2750-27-531102 Fireworks		0.00	0.00	15,000.00	12,550.00	2,450.00
Total Hotel/Motel Fund Expenditures	\$	0.00	\$ 2,443.42	\$ 51,700.00	\$ 24,704.94	\$ 26,995.06
Hotel/Motel Fund Excess of Revenues Over Expenditure	\$	0.00	\$ 3,368.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,271.00	\$ 0.00

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Original Budget
For Cemetery Fund (276)
For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number		Current Budget		Current Actual		Annual Budget		YTD Actual		Remaining Budget Amount
Revenues										
276-0000-00-349100	Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	4,500.00	\$ 500.00
276-0000-00-361000	Interest Income		0.00		228.21		2,400.00		2,762.55	\$ (362.55)
Total Cemetery Fund Revenues		\$	0.00	\$	228.21	\$	7,400.00	\$	7,262.55	\$ 137.45
Expenditures										
276-2760-28-531190	Misc Expense	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	7,400.00	\$	0.00	\$ 7,400.00
276-2760-28-571002	Refunds-Cemetery Lots		0.00		0.00		0.00		2,100.00	\$ 0.00
Total Cemetery Fund Expenditures		\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	7,400.00	\$	2,100.00	\$ 5,300.00
 Cemetery Fund Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures										
		\$	0.00	\$	228.21	\$	0.00	\$	5,162.55	\$ 0.00

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Original Budget
For SPLOST (321)
For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number		Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget Amount
Revenues						
321-0000-00-313100	Special Local Option Sales Ta	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,588.87	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 268,409.02	\$ 231,590.98
321-0000-00-361000	Interest Income	0.00	1,941.21	2,000.00	9,882.15	(7,882.15)
Total SPLOST Revenues		\$ 0.00	\$ 47,530.08	\$ 502,000.00	\$ 278,291.17	\$ 223,708.83
Expenditures						
321-4200-42-522200	Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 170.80	\$ 0.00
321-4200-42-531100	Office/Operating Supplies	0.00	37.50	0.00	112.50	0.00
321-4200-42-534221	Street Maintenance	0.00	37.16	400,000.00	4,968.64	395,031.36
321-4200-42-541225	Parks & Recreation	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	1,305.91	48,694.09
321-4200-42-541305	LMIG-2019	0.00	0.00	52,000.00	0.00	52,000.00
Total SPLOST Expenditures		\$ 0.00	\$ 74.66	\$ 502,000.00	\$ 6,557.85	\$ 495,442.15
SPLOST Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures		\$ 0.00	\$ 47,455.42	\$ 0.00	\$ 271,733.32	\$ 0.00

City of Ellijay
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Original Budget

For the Fiscal Period 2026-6 Ending June 30, 2026

Account Number		Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget Amount
Total Revenues	\$	0.00	\$ 252,984.15	\$ 3,894,959.00	\$ 2,064,737.35	\$ 1,830,221.65
Total Expenditures	\$	0.00	\$ 255,242.67	\$ 3,840,673.00	\$ 1,454,064.34	\$ 2,386,608.66
Total Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	0.00	\$ (2,258.52)	\$ 54,286.00	\$ 610,673.01	\$ (556,387.01)

Elijay Fire Monthly Report

May, 2026

Calls	Total	M/A	Auto. Aid	Comments
EMS	55		1	
MVA	10			
Extrication	0			
LZ	0			
Structure Fire	3			
Car Fire	0			
Brush Fire	0			
Acres Involved	0			
Fire Alarm	4			
Tree Down	5			
Haz-Mat	1			Gas Leak
Rescue	0			
Service Call	7	1		7 Patient assist
Blood Draw	0			
Other	1			1 No Emergency, 1 Illegal Burn
Total	89			
of which were M/A	1			
of which were Auto. Aid	1			
Mileage				
R-15	315			
E-15	159			
Q-15	58			
P-15	79			
FC-15				
102				

RE: Monthly Code Enforcement Update

Building/Construction	Building Permits	Land Disturbing Permits	Building Planning Meetings	Inspections
	7	1	4	23

Zoning	Zoning Change Applications	Zoning Variance Applications	Zoning Consultations
	0	0	2

Housing & General Code Enforcement	Verbal Warnings	Written Warnings	Complaint Mediation	Citations
	6	2	3	0

Andrew Mathis, Code Enforcement Officer

Permits:

1000 – 191 River St – meter
1001 – 128 Kell St - meter
1002 – 179 Summit View Ln – house
1003 – 117 Pinnacle Way – house
1004 – 85 Pinnacle Way – house
1005 – 303 Corbin Hill Rd – meter
1006 – 153 Lucille Ave – shed

P&Z

- Recommended approving the data center ordinance with amend 20-4.24(g) to read: ... and shall not exceed 45 dBA during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

CITY OF ELLIJAY
STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING

A RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELLIJAY, GEORGIA, IN ORDER TO AMEND APPENDIX A FOR THE PURPOSES OF AMENDING THE ZONING PROCEDURES PROVISIONS IN ORDER TO BETTER PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ELLIJAY, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ellijay, Georgia is authorized under Article 9, Section 2, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to adopt reasonable ordinances to protect and improve the public health, safety, welfare and aesthetics of the citizens of the City of Ellijay, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the City of Ellijay have previously adopted the Code of Ordinances, City of Ellijay, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ellijay desires to amend its Code of Ordinances to amend the Zoning ordinances as it relates to provisions on certain changes to the procedures in order to address the current trends in crypto-currency and data mining;

WHEREAS, it is requisite and proper for the security, welfare, health, and safety of the citizens of the City of Ellijay, Georgia, that the following provisions be adopted and authorized; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Ellijay wish to modify and amend the Code of Ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the City Council of Ellijay, Georgia, and the council of the City of Ellijay hereby ordains that:

SECTION 1

Article 20 shall be amended in Appendix A-Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ellijay, Georgia shall be amended and the following shall be added:

The title of the Article shall be **Article 20: Cryptocurrency Mining, Data Mining, and Data Centers.**

Sec. 20-1. – Purpose.

To establish standards relating to cryptocurrency and data mining in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, while avoiding unintended impacts on resources and adjacent

uses, while enabling the development of Cryptocurrency Mining and Data Centers, to the extent possible, in areas where any potential adverse effects on the community will be minimized.

Sec. 20-2. – Definitions.

Code Enforcement Officer. Any person contracted with or employed by a state, county, or municipality who has enforcement authority for health, safety, or welfare requirements and is authorized to issue citations or file formal complaints regarding the same as contemplated by O.C.G.A. § 36-74-21(1).

Cryptocurrency. A digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and to verify the transfer of funds while operating independently of a central bank.

Cryptocurrency Data Center. A data center, or leased or owned boundaries of floor space within a data center, devoted to operating data processing equipment for commercial cryptocurrency mining. A cryptocurrency data center is a type of data center and shall be subject to all requirements applicable to data centers, together with any additional requirements applicable to commercial cryptocurrency mining operations.

Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining. The commercial process by which cryptocurrency transactions are verified and added to the public ledger, known as the block chain, and also the means through which new units of cryptocurrencies are released through the use of server farms. Any equipment requiring a High-Density Load Service, for the purpose of operating a cryptocurrency mining server farm will constitute a commercial cryptocurrency mining operating.

Cryptocurrency Server Farm. Three or more interconnected computers housed together in a single facility whose primary function is to perform cryptocurrency mining or associated data processing.

Data center. A building, structure, room, facility, or group of buildings or structures used primarily to house servers, computers, network equipment, telecommunications equipment, data storage systems, cooling equipment, power distribution equipment, backup power systems, or related infrastructure for the purpose of data storage, data processing, cloud computing, artificial intelligence computing, high-performance computing, colocation services, network operations, disaster recovery, or similar digital information technology operations. The term includes associated mechanical, electrical, cooling, security, and support equipment, whether operated for a single entity or multiple customers, and whether or not used for cryptocurrency mining or data mining.

Data mining. The commercial process by which volumes of data are analyzed to find patterns, discover trends, and gain insight into how the data can be used will constitute a commercial data mining operating.

High-density Load Service. Any individual service at or above 600 amps in which the Energy Use Intensity (EUI) is calculated as greater than 250kWh/feet²/year in total for all operating square feet.

Manufacturing. Manufacturing means the converting of raw, unfinished materials or products, or any or either of them, into an article or articles or substance of a different character, or for use for a different character, or for use as a different purpose. Manufacturing does not include Cryptocurrency Mining, Farming or Data mining.

Office. A building, or portion thereof, wherein a predominately administrative, professional, or clerical operations are performed, and not involving retail sales or Cryptocurrency Mining, Farming or Data mining.

Recycling Center. Any facility utilized for the purpose of collecting, sorting and processing materials to be recycled, including but not limited to, plastics, glass, papers and aluminum materials and not involving or related to Cryptocurrency Mining, Farming, or Data mining.

SOC 2. A voluntary compliance standard for service organizations, developed by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), which specifies how organizations should manage customer data. The standard is based on the following Trust Services Criteria: security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality, and privacy.

Sec. 20-3. – Applicability and Location.

20-3.1. This ordinance shall apply to all commercial cryptocurrency mining operations, data mining operations, cryptocurrency data centers, cryptocurrency server farms, and data centers installed, constructed, established, expanded, substantially modified, or operated after the effective date of this article.

20-3.2. All commercial cryptocurrency mining operations, data mining operations, cryptocurrency data centers, cryptocurrency server farms, and data centers shall be designed, erected, installed, maintained, and operated in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal codes, regulations, and standards.

20-3.3. Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining, Data Mining Operations, a Cryptocurrency Data Center, a Cryptocurrency Server Farm, and data centers shall only be located and conducted on property zoned I-2 within the City limits and only after the application for, and the grant of, conditional use permit by the Mayor and City Council. As part of the conditional use permit, the following minimum setbacks shall apply unless a greater setback is required elsewhere in this article: 200 feet front, 200 feet sides, and 200 feet rear. No such use shall be located within a flood plain within the city limits.

Sec. 20-4. – Standards for Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations.

20-4.1. All principal and accessory structures used for cryptocurrency mining operations, server farms, and/or data mining centers, shall be arranged, designed, and constructed to be harmonious and compatible with the site and with the surrounding properties. If prefabricated, pre-engineered or modular structures are installed, the following standards are required:

- a. All structures shall have concrete foundations.
- b. All exterior facades shall have muted earth tone colors, and shall not be defective, decayed, or corroded.
- c. If intermodal shipping containers are utilized, such installations shall comply with the requirements of the most recent edition of the Industrialized Building Rules and Bulletins of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and O.C.G.A Title 8, Chapter 2, Article 2. Part 1.

20-4.2. The operators shall not cause, allow, or permit the operation of any source of sound which creates at an occupied residential building or defined sensitive receiver, as may exist at the time of the issuance of a certificate of completion or occupancy, a sound level that exceeds a daytime continuous sound level of 50dBA or a nighttime continuous sound level of 45dBA.

20-4.3. The operators shall not cause, allow, or permit the operation of any source of sound or vibration which creates a pure tone where the one-third (1/3) octave band sound pressure level in the band of interest exceeds the arithmetic average of the sound-pressure levels for the two adjacent one-third (1/3) octave bands by the corresponding decibel (dB(Flat)) values as follows:

- a. 5dB for center frequencies of 500 Hertz and above;
- b. 8dB for center frequencies between and including 160 and 400 Hertz; and
- c. 15dB for center frequencies less than or equal to 125 Hertz.
- d. A pure tone shall be deemed present by measurement.

20-4.4. For permitting and compliance purposes, measurements shall be performed using a calibrated Type 1 Sound Level Meter, configuring to log and record one-third (1/3) octave flat-weighted equivalent sound pressure levels, and A-weighted equivalent level (Leq), slow time weighting, with a 15-minute averaging interval. Measurements shall be made proximate to, but no closer than 100 feet from any adjacent property line. Transient background sounds must be excluded from the measurement period by post-processing or other means. Compliance is indicated if the noise solely generated by the operator cannot be discriminated from the equivalent-continuous background sound pressure level, or if the noise levels solely generated by the operator otherwise conform to the requirements of Section 20-4.3 and 20-4.4.

20-4.5. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of completion or occupancy, a report with noise level test results shall be submitted for approval by the applicant from a noise control engineering professional for the purpose of demonstrating compliance. The expense for testing and reporting the results, in written format, to the City will be the responsibility of the applicant.

20-4.6. A noise reduction barrier or device may be required at the discretion of the City when it is conclusive that noise level tests do not conform to Section 20-4.3 and 20-4.4. If this is required of the applicant of facility, the expense of compliance shall be the applicant's and not the City's.

20-4.7. Terminology as used herein related acoustic levels and measurements follow American National Standard ANSI S12:9: "Quantities and Procedures for Description and Measurement of Environmental Sound – Part 1: Basic Quantities and Definitions," and ANSI S12:9: "Quantities and Procedures for Description and Measurement of Environmental Sound. Part 3: Short-term measurements with an observer present".

20-4.8. All servers, computers, processors, materials, and equipment must be enclosed within buildings. These buildings will be subject to commercial design standards.

20-4.9. The equipment used in any Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining operation shall be housed in a metered (either individually or collectively in primary-metered services), electrically grounded, and pre-engineered metal-encased structure with a fire rating designed to resist an internal electrical fire for at least 30 minutes. The containment space shall contain baffles that will automatically close in the event of fire independent of a possible electric system failure.

20-4.10. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall provide written verification from the power provider (Georgia Power or Amicalola EMC) that the applicant has calculated the maximum potential electrical consumption of the proposed use and has verified the utility supply equipment and related electrical infrastructure is sufficiently sized and can safely accommodate the proposed use during power provider's peak consumption hours.

20-4.11. Power shall only be provided by either Georgia Power or Amicalola EMC. No use of alternative power, such as wind, or hydro, is permitted, whether on-site or off-site. Solar panels, however, may be used as an alternative source of power.

20-4.12. Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Data Center will undergo SOC 2 auditing resulting in successful certification. The data center will also maintain the SOC 2 certification for the duration of operation. Validation of certification will be provided to the City within 13 months of beginning operating and annually thereafter.

20-4.13. Any use or activity producing air, dust, smoke, glare, exhaust, heat, or humidity in any form shall be carried on in such a manner that it is not perceptible at or beyond the property line.

20-4.14. Any use of ISO shipping containers or similar as housing, whether horizontally combine or independent of other structures for the commercial cryptocurrency mining operation, shall not be vertically combined to exceed a height of greater than nine (9) feet.

20-4.15. A security fence with a minimum height of eight (8) feet must be installed around the perimeter of the server farm building. Each commercial cryptocurrency mining and data operation shall provide a 24-hour emergency contact signage visible at the access entrance. Signs shall include company name if applicable, owner/representative name, telephone number, and corresponding local power company and telephone number.

20-4.16. No façade of any commercial cryptocurrency mining operation shall have more than twenty (20%) percent of the area exposed with apparatus (e.g., vents, fans, HVAC systems, etc.).

20-4.17. An active clean agent fire protection system must be provided and maintained in good working order within any structure which contains a server farm. High sensitivity smoke detectors shall be installed and operational in order to activate the clean agent fire suppression system.

20-4.18. There shall be an emergency electrical termination switch installed outside of any containment structure which contains the server farm. The switch shall be appropriately signed so that responding public safety officials can quickly identify it.

20-4.19. All building requirements in this section, including but not limited to heat transfer apparatuses, fire detection/suppression systems, or containment structures shall be designed by a State of Georgia licensed engineer and in accordance with all applicable codes and standards.

20-4.20. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall provide written verification of a waste management plan for any waste water and/or other technology waste products.

20-4.21. The ambient temperature inside of a containment space which houses a server farm shall not exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit at any time. No person shall be permitted to regularly inspect and work within the containment area which houses a server farm if the ambient temperature within the containment areas exceeds 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

20-4.22. Any Server Farm shall ensure that no more than twenty (20%) percent of the heat dissipated by the mining activity shall be released directly to the outside when the average daily temperature is less than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

20-4.23. All requirements of Section 20-4 must be maintained after the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Any violation of such will be handled in accordance with Section 20-6.

20-4.24. Supplemental standards for data centers. In addition to all other applicable requirements of this article, the following requirements shall apply to all data centers:

- a. Residential-adjacent setback. A minimum setback of 200 feet shall be required along all lot lines abutting a residential, or A-1 zoning district. If any other provision of this article requires a greater setback, the greater setback shall control.
- b. Residential-adjacent buffer. A minimum buffer of 100 feet shall be required along all lot lines abutting a residential, or A-1 zoning district. The buffer shall be landscaped, fenced, bermed, or otherwise improved as required by the city as part of site plan review or conditional use approval to mitigate visual, noise, lighting, and operational impacts on adjacent properties.
- c. Building height. Buildings used as data centers shall be a minimum of 20 feet in height, subject to all applicable maximum building height requirements.
- d. Chain-link fencing. If chain-link fencing is used, no chain-link fence shall be visible from any public right-of-way.
- e. Generator use. Except for testing activities, generators shall be used only for emergency backup power. Generators shall not be used as a primary or routine power source for data center operations.
- f. Generator testing. Generator testing shall be limited to the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- g. Noise. When measured at the boundary of any residentially zoned property, the sound level of a data center shall not exceed 50 dBA during the daytime being 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and shall not exceed 45 dBA during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. If any other provision of this article imposes a more restrictive noise standard, the more restrictive standard shall control.
- h. Ventilation and cooling equipment. All equipment related to ventilation and cooling systems, if any, shall be contained within an enclosed building subject to applicable maximum building height requirements. The top of the building may allow for ventilation in areas where ventilation is necessary.
- i. Hydro cooling systems. If a hydro cooling system is used, it shall be installed by an insured cooling system company, which shall certify that the system has been installed to prevent leaks. Cooling systems shall not connect to or use the county water system except as expressly authorized under this subsection.
- j. Temporary, supplemental, or emergency use of public potable water. In the event supplemental or emergency use of public potable water is required for a hydro cooling system, the director of the department of water and sewer may approve such use if the director determines that such use is consistent with best management practices for the

county water system, is not detrimental to the ability to maintain a minimum level of service across the system, and is consistent with applicable permit requirements of the county water system. The director may limit public potable water use by time, volume, flow, or other metric necessary to maintain adequate water system conditions. The director may terminate any temporary, supplemental, or emergency use when, in the director's discretion, such use is no longer consistent with sound management of the county water system.

Sec. 20-5. – Application and Approval.

No commercial cryptocurrency or data mining operation may be developed without site plan review and verification by the City that all requirements within this ordinance are met.

Sec. 20-6. – Violations.

20-6.1. Any section of this ordinance that is not followed constitutes a violation of the same. Each incident is a separate violation such that multiple violations may occur on the same date and subsequent dates.

20-6.2. The Code Enforcement Officer or any City police officer has the discretion to issue a warning or a citation on a case-by-case basis.

20-6.3. Any violation shall have a maximum punishment not to exceed a fine of \$1,000.00, imprisonment for 60 days, or both.

Sec. 20-7. Effectiveness, Interpretation, Separability.

20-7.1. This Article shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

20-7.2. All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, in conflict herewith are replaced.

20-7.3. If any part of this Ordinance conflicts with any other applicable federal, state, or local regulation, the more restrictive regulation shall control.

20-7.4. If any section, clause, portion or provision of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2

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

SECTION 3

Penalties for a violation of current Code of Ordinances sections applicable to the amendment described herein in effect upon the adoption date of this ordinance are adopted herein as if completely set out herein.

SECTION 4

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

SECTION 5

Nothing in this ordinance or in the ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as city in Section 4 herein; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

This Resolution and Ordinance is hereby adopted on this date, it being so ordained

This ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Al Hoyle, Mayor

Al Fuller

Thomas Griffith

Tom Crawford

Kevin Pritchett

Claudia Penland

AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GILMER**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and among the **CITY OF ELLIJAY**, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), **GILMER COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "County"); and the **GILMER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION**, a public agency of Gilmer County, Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "Elections Board");

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Elections Board has been created by and under the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia (Ga. Laws 2024, page 3881, et seq.)(the "Act"), for the purpose of administering elections within the County; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of any municipality may authorize the county within which said municipality wholly or partially lies to conduct any or all elections of said municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City is located wholly within the County and desires for the County, by and through the Elections Board, to conduct the municipal elections of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City, as permitted by Article IX, Section III, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, has the power to contract for any period not exceeding fifty years with the County for the County, by and through the Elections Board, to conduct the municipal elections of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is economically feasible and desirable for the County, by and through the Elections Board, to conduct all municipal elections held for the City pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, as authorized by resolution of the City Council of Ellijay, adopted _____; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to conduct municipal elections on behalf of the City, by and through the Elections Board, pursuant to this Agreement, as authorized by a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Gilmer County adopted _____, and a resolution of the Elections Board adopted _____; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, and pursuant to the authority of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City hereby requests, and agrees for the Elections Board to conduct any and all municipal elections held for or in the City and the Elections Board agrees to conduct City elections, during the term of this Agreement and pursuant to the terms hereof.

2. The City shall furnish the Elections Board, in a timely manner, any and all documents necessary for the Elections Board to conduct City elections including but not limited to positions subject to election and candidates for those positions. The Elections Board shall be responsible for running any required election notices, except as provided herein.

3. The Elections Board shall review and update, with the assistance of the City, if requested, the voter rolls in order to have a current and certified list prior to any election.

4. The City shall provide the facilities necessary to conduct City elections on Election Day in a reasonable, orderly fashion, and as may be requested by the Elections Board. Early (advance) voting will be conducted by the Elections Board at the Gilmer County Voter's Registration Office or other appropriate location as determined by the Elections Board.

5. The Elections Board shall be responsible for providing all election materials, equipment, software, supplies, personnel, and assistance, to ensure that required municipal elections shall be conducted in a safe, efficient, secure, and orderly fashion. The Elections Board shall also handle the qualifying of candidates for an election, including but not limited to arranging for publication of any applicable qualifying fee notice and qualifying period notice.

6. The City shall perform the following duties:

- (i) Act as filing officer for all financial statements with the State Ethics Commission;

- (ii) Review and approve all calls of election prepared by the Elections Board for accuracy prior to publication;

7. The County by and through the Elections Board shall exercise all powers and perform all duties as enumerated in the Act as well as provide all ancillary services necessary to facilitate the municipal elections of the City, with the exception of those duties to be performed by the City as detailed in paragraph 6, including but not limited to arranging for publication of the notice of early voting, the notice of general election and the call of election following approval by the City.

8. The Elections Board shall certify the results of any municipal election conducted on behalf of the City as provided by law. The certification process will be held at an appointed time agreed by the Election Supervisor and the Clerk of the City.

9. The City shall pay the County any and all costs and expenses associated with any election conducted on behalf of the City by the Elections Board. The County, by and through the Elections Board, shall provide the City with an invoice reflecting all expenses associated with each election in a timely manner. Payment shall then be remitted by the City in a timely manner following receipt of said invoice. Costs and expenses associated with an election may

include, but are not limited to, salaries of poll workers, poll managers' fees, printed paper ballot costs, any advertisement costs and postage costs.

10. To the extent allowed by law, the City, County, and Elections Board hereby mutually agree to indemnify and hold harmless each other from and against any and all costs, claims, liabilities, losses or damages whatsoever (including reasonable costs and fees of counsel, auditors or other experts), asserted or arising out of or in connection with each party's obligations under this Agreement and the administration of elections pursuant hereto, except costs, claims, liabilities, losses or damages resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of another party, including the reasonable costs and expenses (including the reasonable fees and expenses of its counsel) of defending against any such claim or liability in connection with its exercise or performance of any of its duties hereunder and of enforcing this indemnification provision. The indemnification set forth herein shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

11. The City hereby agrees to be responsible for compliance with the rules or regulations of any other governmental agency which may be applicable as a result of this Agreement.

12. In the event of any election contest involving the City, at the Election Board's discretion, the attorney for the City or the attorney who customarily represents the Elections Board in such matters may represent the Elections Board and Elections Supervisor. The City shall bear the costs of legal fees associated with any election contest involving the City, with the exception of election contests where misconduct, fraud, or irregularity by any primary or election official of the Elections Board is found.

13. The initial term of this Agreement shall begin on the date of execution hereof by all parties ("Effective Date") and shall terminate six (6) years after the Effective Date, on _____. This Agreement may be renewed by the parties by written agreement for up to a maximum of seven (7) successive terms. Any party may terminate this agreement at any time with or without reason by giving no less than 60 days written notice to the other parties. In no event shall this Agreement, including all successive terms, be effective for more than fifty (50) years.

14. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the City should determine that it would like to perform a certain municipal election without terminating this Agreement, the City shall provide the Elections Board with written notice as soon as reasonably practical after such determination is made, but in no event less than 60 days prior to the date when publication of the call of such election is required by law, or 60 days prior to the publication of the qualifying period notice for any election mandated by statute for which there is no call. The County and the Elections Board shall honor such request if notice thereof is timely.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their hands and seals on the date first mentioned above.

[Signatures Continued on Following Page]

CITY OF ELLIJAY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Al Hoyle, Mayor

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Attest: _____
Lori Pierce, City Clerk

BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

**GILMER COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION**

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

By: _____
Mark Holden, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Tammy Watkins, Election Supervisor

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Al Hoyle, Mayor
Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Ruth Caudell Al Fuller
Kathryn Lancey Lynelle Stewart
David Westmoreland

CITY OF ELLIJAY
Georgia's Apple Capital
Special Event Permit Application
(alcohol)

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Applicant Name: DEVELL FRADY
Applicant's Address: 8042 BOARDTOWN RD City: ELLIJAY State: GA Zip: 30540
Cell #: 706-633-3111 Office #: _____ email: devellfradyhomes@yahoo.com
Name of Business/Organization: GEORGIA HIGH COUNTRY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
Address: P.O. Box 1781 City: ELLIJAY State: GA Zip: 30540
Cell #: 706-273-8841 Office #: _____ email: info@ghcba@gmail.com

LOCATION OF EVENT:

Contact Person at Location: DEVELL FRADY
Location Name: HARRISON PARK
Location Address: M^CUTCHEM ST Phone# _____
City: ELLIJAY State: GA Zip: 30540 Fax# _____

EVENT TIMING: Date: 10/3/2026 Time: Start: 9:30 a.m. / p.m. End: 4:30 a.m. / p.m.

ATTACH A COPY OF ALL:

☐ Current On-Premise or Off-Premise Alcohol License ☐ DOR Special Event Permit ☐ Certificate of Liability Insurance

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN TIME TO PLACE ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA PRIOR TO APPROVAL

OATH:

I, DEVELL FRADY, do solemnly swear, subject to the penalties of false swearing, that the information contained in this application is true and correct; and that I am authorized to use the alcohol license referenced with this application; and, the business to which the alcohol license is issued is catering the event outlined above. In addition, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the City of Ellijay Ordinance, Chapter 6, Division 4, and I understand that I must add the City of Ellijay as an additional insured on my liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the date of this event.

DISTANCE REQUIREMENT: Section 6-73 of the City of Ellijay's Alcohol Ordinance requires that a distance of 100 yards from any church or alcohol treatment facility owned and operated by the state or any county or municipal government, or 200 yards from any school building or daycare facility be maintained.

NOTE: All laws and regulations relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages must be complied with. It is understood that the person named herein is in charge and responsible for event, and all officers of organization may be held liable and responsible for any violation of law or regulation. Georgia sales tax must be remitted to the state on all sales at this event. A State of Georgia Special Event Permit must be obtained from the Georgia Department of Revenue prior to event or this application/permit is null and void.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Approval Signature

Date