

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CLAYTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-111

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE *CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY PART I - RELATED LAWS PERTAINING TO CLAYTON COUNTY, CHAPTER 70 – PERSONNEL, ARTICLE II. – CODE OF ETHICS, SO AS TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR HEARING ETHICS COMPLAINTS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED

**Section 1.** The *CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Part I - Related Laws Pertaining to Clayton County, Chapter 70 – Personnel, Article II. – Code of Ethics, Section 70-79(8). – Board of ethics; creation; duties, by deleting subsection (j)(8) and replacing it with a new subsection (j)(8) to read as follows:

“(8) To issue findings and recommend and monitor corrective actions where necessary in response to violations of this code of ethics.”

**Section 2.** The *CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Part I - Related Laws Pertaining to Clayton County, Chapter 70 – Personnel, Article II. – Code of Ethics, Section 70-80. – Complaint Process, by deleting subsection (i) and replacing it with a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

“(i) Within 30 days of receipt of a complaint or initiation of an investigation on its own initiative, the board of ethics shall meet to review the complaint to determine the complaint's credibility and whether the complaint states an offense which, if proven true, constitutes a violation of the code of ethics. Such meeting shall not be open to the public and no additional documents, statements, testimonies or other evidence shall be considered as part of this closed meeting. If, after reviewing the complaint, the board of ethics by

majority vote determines that no good and sufficient cause exists for a determination that a violation exists, the board of ethics shall dismiss the complaint and shall report said dismissal to the board of commissioners, subject of the complaint and the complaining party. The board of ethics shall be precluded from providing findings and recommendations in cases where there is no good and sufficient cause existing for a determination that a violation exists.”

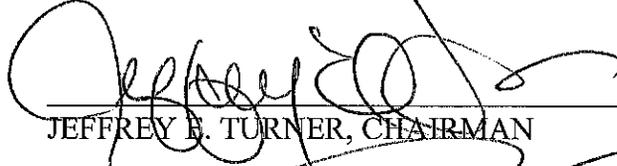
**Section 3.** All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the remainder of this enactment, and such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Commissioners.

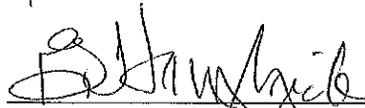
**SO ORDAINED**, this the 17th day of September, 2019.

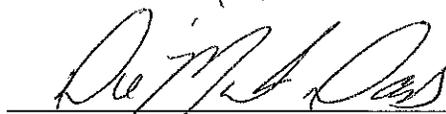
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