

1. Agenda

Documents:

[BOMC-2-12-20-WS-AGENDA.PDF](#)

2. Meeting Called To Order/Adoption Of Agenda

3. Sanitation Ordinance Revision

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[SANITATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 1.6.20.PDF](#)

4. Town Green Park Goals

5. Discussion Of Pending State Legislation

6. Adoption Of A Records Retention Schedule

[GEORGIA ARCHIVES RETENTION SCHEDULE](#)

7. Welcoming America Committee Discussion

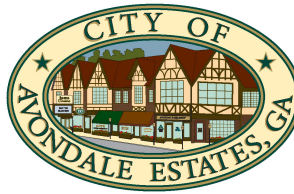
[WELCOMING AMERICA WEBSITE](#)

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8. Avon Garden Club Letter Of Appreciation

9. Adjournment



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
5:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order
- Item No. 2 Adoption of Agenda
- Item No. 3 **Sanitation Ordinance Revision**  
There have been two readings of the ordinance which changes the regulations and payment structure for commercial entities.
- Item No. 4 **Town Green Park Goals**
- Item No. 5 **Discussion of Pending State Legislation**
- Item No. 6 **Adoption of a Records Retention Schedule**  
City staff recommends adopting the schedule created by the Georgia Archives.
- Item No. 7 **Welcoming America Committee Discussion**  
The period to apply to this new committee closes Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) will discuss how to create the committee moving forward.
- Item No. 8 **Avon Garden Club Letter of Appreciation**  
This letter from the BOMC thanks the Avon Garden Club for their annual Halloween litter pick-up. The Club has requested the letter to support their application for an award from the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs.
- Item No. 9 Adjournment

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CITY CODE, CONCERNING SANITATION FEES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, City Charter Section 6.15 authorizes the City to assess and collect a fee for sanitation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Commissioners desires to make sanitation fees for businesses more equitable by assessing the fee on a usage (“per can”) basis.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY** the City of Avondale Estates, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** City Code section 9-82 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

**“Sec. 9-82. – Sanitation fee rate.**

(a) The annual sanitation fee rate shall be determined by the character and use of each parcel or lot. Every property use in the city shall be assigned to one of the following two categories for sanitation fee purposes:

- (1) *Residential* means any place where persons reside, including but not limited to single-family houses, apartments and condominiums.
- (2) *Commercial* means any use of property within the City for purposes other than Residential as defined in this section.”

(b) For residential property uses, a separate fee shall be imposed for each housing unit. For commercial property uses, a separate fee shall be imposed on each business unit, with an additional fee levied for each additional receptacle required by and licensed to the business.

(c) The amount of the annual sanitation fees shall be set by properly adopted resolution of the Board of Mayor and Commissioners and may be amended at the discretion of the Board of Mayor and Commissioners.”

**SECTION 2.** City Code subsection 9-84(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(a) Residential sanitation fees shall be due and payable by November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, without discount, with interest at one (1) percent per month if not paid when due, with a minimum interest of one dollar (\$1.00), plus a late payment penalty of five (5) percent of the fee due. Commercial sanitation fees shall be due and payable on the same schedule and with the same delinquency penalty as occupation tax, as specified in Section 14-41 (a).”

**SECTION 3:** New Code subsection 9-84(d) is hereby adopted, to read as follows:

“(d) Commercial entities receiving service from a sanitation provider other than the City shall be deemed exempt from City sanitation fees upon providing proof of that service,

such as a current bill and canceled check. When such alternative service begins during a year for which the sanitation fee has already been paid, the commercial organization shall be entitled to a prorated refund for the remainder of that year.”

**SECTION 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Mayor and Commissions.

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.**

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
AVONDALE ESTATES, GEORGIA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Gina Hill, City Clerk

Approved As To Form:

 1-6-2020  
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Stephen G. Quinn, Assistant City Attorney

**A RESOLUTION  
FOR THE CITY OF AVONDALE ESTATES TO BECOME A MEMBER OF  
WELCOMING AMERICA**

**WHEREAS**, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances the City of Avondale Estates' cultural fabric, economic growth, and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Avondale Estates community, as stated in the Comprehensive Plan updated in 2017, developed goals "that recognize that the City of Avondale Estates is a diverse and forward-looking community, engaged in shaping its own future..."; and,

**WHEREAS**, Avondale Estates, as stated in the vision statement of the Downtown Master Plan updated in 2014, "is a vibrant, growing community with a small-town feel, which is inclusive of all residents..."; and,

**WHEREAS**, community efforts such as Civic Dinners, Education, and Gatherings that promote understanding and collaboration between long-time residents and new community members are crucial to ensuring a welcoming environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, Avondale Estates encourages businesses, civic groups, other government agencies and community institutions and residents to join in a community-wide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to create an Ad Hoc Committee to focus on these efforts; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Avondale Estates, Georgia, the City will join the Welcoming America organization and participate in its One Region Initiative to share good ideas, develop new tools, and receive recognition for efforts to create a more welcoming community.

**Resolved this 16th day of December, 2019.**

Attest:

  
Gina Hill, City Clerk

  
Jonathan Elmore, Mayor