

## **Wastewater Treatment Capacity Policy**

**Whereas**, the promotion of a balance between non-residential and residential growth in Oconee County will contribute to balanced and sustainable economic growth without undue hardship due caused by increases in residential property taxes;

**Whereas**, the treatment of sewage requires significant capital outlays, state permitting and review and a significant amount of time to acquire; and

**Whereas**, the Board has the responsibility and duty to manage and allocate its resources, including sewer capacity; and

**Whereas**, the Board has amended its agreement with the City of Watkinsville (“Watkinsville”) to provide for the allocation of a portion of such sewer capacity, (the “Amended Agreement”) for the reasons set out therein; and

**Whereas**, the Board has determined that it should amend its policy setting out allocations of sewer capacity and other related matters to facilitate its duty to manage growth and the efficient use of the County’s resources:

**Whereas**, the Appendixes to the Water and Wastewater Standards Ordinance currently provide for such matters; and

**Whereas**, the Board has determined that it is vital to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Oconee County to act on this matter;

**Now Therefore**, be it resolved that the Board adopts the following amendments to the Water and Wastewater Standards Ordinance Appendixes:

1. Wastewater treatment capacity, herein “Capacity”, shall be defined as 80% of the flow permitted by Georgia Environmental Protection Division into any wastewater treatment facility.
2. 20% of the Capacity at any wastewater treatment facility shall be allocated and reserved for industrial and manufacturing use.
3. Watkinsville shall be allocated that amount of sewer capacity which is set out in the Amended Agreement.
4. No allocation of Capacity shall be made which results in more than 30% of the Capacity at any sewer treatment facility being allocated to residential use outside of the city limits of Watkinsville, which shall include condominiums, duplexes, mobile homes, single family homes and apartments, but shall not include facilities operated as a Continuing Care Retirement Community as

defined in §111-2-2-.33 or Assisted Living Community as defined in §111-8-63-.03, both of the Georgia Administrative Code.

5. Transfers of purchased sewer capacity between properties shall not be allowed. Any unused sewer capacity which has been transferred under any previous Wastewater Treatment Capacity Policy to developments within the city limits of Watkinsville, and the rights to which remain the property of the transferor, shall be deemed void and such sewer capacity restored to the development from which it was transferred.

Adopted the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2017, amended the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, and amended this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020, by the Oconee County Board of Commissioners.

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