## ORDINANCE NO. \_\_24-013\_\_\_\_

## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF AUBURN CODE OF ORDINANCES

Section 15.32.035 - Rock Creek Watershed District Policy

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has established regulations for water supply and watershed protection; and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken the acquisition and development of a new drinking water supply storage pond and treatment facility within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, water in the storage pond is to be withdrawn from Rock Creek for storage and treatment under Environmental Protection Division Permit 007-0303-07; and

WHEREAS, Permit 007-0303-07 requires the implementation of watershed protection; and

WHEREAS, the City's engineers and planners have recommended that the City adopt a watershed protection policy related to the Rock Creek Watershed area; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City to enact regulations to protect the Rock Creek Watershed District area; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN HEREBY ORDAINS that the following Section 15.32.035 be and is adopted as follows:

1.

The Rock Creek Water Supply Watershed District is hereby designated and adopted. It shall comprise the land that drains to Rock Creek from the stream bank to the ridgeline of the watershed. The boundary of the Watershed District is defined by the ridgeline of the watershed and the political boundaries of the City where those boundaries occur within the watershed as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference. The applicable provisions of Georgia Rules and Regulations 391.3.16-.01 are hereby adopted by reference.

Mayor and City Council instructs the City staff to report the adoption of this Watershed District to Barrow County, Gwinnett County, and the City of Mulberry, Georgia and to request that those local governments adopt similar regulations to govern development activities within the Rock Creek Watershed as to those parcels.

2.

The City Administrator and City Clerk are further authorized to correct typographical errors in the text of this Ordinance and the existing City Code and to produce and publish a final codified version of the City Code with the amendments and revisions outlined herein.

In the event any Court of competent jurisdiction determines that any portion of the foregoing amendment is invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise illegal, such rulings shall not impair the validity of the rest and remainder of this amendment.

4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

5.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council.

Richard E. Roquemore, Mayor

Joshua Rowan, Council Member

Robert L. Vogel, III Council Member

Jame L. Bradley, Council Member

Taylor J. Sisk, Council Member

ATTEST:

Brooke Haney, City Clerk