

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1.00
FEE BY THE NEWTON COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER FOR TAX COLLECTION
SERVICES PERFORMED ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITIES
IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November of 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I thereof, that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Newton County Tax Commissioner, Mr. Marcus Jordan, receives all tax returns, maintains the county tax digests, receiving property tax exemption applications, collecting and paying over tax funds to state and local units of government, and issuing executions against delinquent taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Georgia § 48-5-359.1(a)(1)(B) further provides that any contract authorized therein shall specify an amount to be paid by the municipality to the county, which amount shall substantially approximate the cost to the county for providing the service to the municipality and the tax commissioner is authorized to contract for and to accept, receive and retain compensation from the municipality for such additional duties and responsibilities in addition to the compensation provided by law to be paid to the tax commissioner by the county; and

WHEREAS, Tax Commissioner Marcus Jordan seeks to impose a \$1.00 fee in addition to the already \$2.50 fee collected per individual account billed for taxes and/or assessments levied by the municipality from the County's municipalities for services performed by the Office of Tax Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Newton County Board of Commissioners opposes any further imposition of fees on the County's municipalities for services performed by the Office of the Tax Commissioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. The Newton County Board of Commissioners is opposed to the imposition of an additional annual sum at a flat rate of \$1.00 per individual account billed for taxes and/or assessments levied by the municipalities in Newton County, Georgia;
2. The County encourages the Tax Commissioner to remove that certain provision of the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Tax Collection Services at numbered paragraph 2 stating "(2) the County an annual lump sum at a flat rate of \$1.00 per individual account billed for taxes and/or assessments levied by the City."
3. That County staff are directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Tax Commissioner Marcus Jordan as soon as possible.

(signatures follow below)


So approved this 3 day of August, 2021.

Newton County Board of Commissioners:



Marcello Banes, Chairman

Attest:



Jackie Smith, Clerk to the Board