

NOTICE OF HOME RULE AMENDMENT
CITY OF VILLA RICA

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3, notice is hereby given that the City of Villa Rica shall, at its meeting of June 7, 2016 and July 5, 2016 (6:00 p.m. at Villa Rica Council Meeting Room) consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending the Charter of the City of Villa Rica. The Ordinance will be in the following form:

CITY OF VILLA RICA
ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Ga. Laws 1975, p. 4575, of the Georgia General Assembly, as later amended, was an act to reincorporate the City of Villa Rica in the County of Carroll in the State of Georgia; to create a new charter for the City; and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 1.16 of said charter grants the Council the power to establish powers and functions not provided for by said charter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Villa Rica has the power of home rule pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Villa Rica desire to exercise the home rule powers granted to the City of Villa Rica pursuant to Georgia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby ORDAINED that Article 3, Section 2.20 of the City Charter is amended to strike the existing Section 2.20 and to insert in lieu the following:

Sec. 2.20. – Organization of council.

- (a) The new councilmembers shall be sworn in by the any officer authorized by law to administer an oath and the oath of office shall be administered as required by State law.
- (b) Following the induction of members, the council by majority vote of all the members thereof shall elect one (1) of their members to be mayor pro tem, who shall serve for a term

of one (1) year and until his successor is elected and qualified. The mayor pro tem shall preside at meetings of the Council in the temporary absence of the Mayor.

- (c) In the event the Mayor is unable to carry out his/her designed duties due to physical or mental disability, suspension from office, vacation of office, or some other unforeseen circumstance, the mayor pro tem shall immediately assume the position of Interim Mayor pending a resolution of the temporary disability or a special election to fill the vacancy. The Interim Mayor shall have all of the powers of the Mayor, with the exception of the power of veto. The Interim Mayor shall retain his/her right to vote as a member of the Council. Once the temporary disability or vacancy in the office of the Mayor is resolved by law then the Interim Mayor shall revert back to his/her prior status on the Council.
- (d) If the mayor pro tem shall become the Interim Mayor pursuant to the preceding paragraph then the Council shall elect a new mayor pro tem to complete the term of the previous mayor pro tem. If the Interim Mayor should leave office as set forth in the preceding paragraph then the new mayor pro tem will become the Interim Mayor.

A copy of the proposed amendment is on file with the Clerk of the City of Villa Rica and in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court in Carroll and Douglas County, Georgia, for the purpose of examination and inspection by the public.

This the ____ day of _____, 2016.

Alisa Doyal,
City Clerk