

**SUPERIOR COURT OF HENRY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

JAYDEN L. WILLIAMS, in his official)
capacity as Mayor of the City of)
Stockbridge, Georgia,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

Civil Action File No.
2026-SU-CV-02318-HV

CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA;)
LAKEISHA GANTT, in her official)
capacity as District 1 Councilmember;)
ANTWAN CLOUD, in his official)
capacity as District 2 Councilmember;)
KYLE D. BERRY, in his official)
capacity as District 3 Councilmember;)
YOLANDA BARBER, in her official)
capacity as District 4 Councilmember;)
ELTON ALEXANDER, in his official)
capacity as Mayor Pro Tem and)
District 5 Councilmember; SHAWNTEZ)
EDMONDSON, in his official capacity as)
City Manager; and QUINTON G.)
WASHINGTON, in his official capacity)
as City Attorney,)

Defendants.)

**FIRST AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT,
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, INTERLOCUTORY
AND PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, MANDAMUS
IN THE ALTERNATIVE, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES**

COMES NOW Plaintiff Jayden L. Williams ("Mayor Williams"), in his official capacity as Mayor of the City of Stockbridge, Georgia, and files this First Amended Verified Complaint against Defendants City of Stockbridge, Georgia; Lakeisha Gantt, in her official capacity as District 1 Councilmember; Antwan Cloud, in his official capacity as District 2 Councilmember; Kyle D. Berry, in his official capacity as District 3 Councilmember; Yolanda Barber, in her official capacity as District 4 Councilmember; Elton Alexander, in his official capacity as Mayor


Sabriya Hill, Clerk
Henry County, Georgia

Pro Tem and District 5 Councilmember; Shawntez Edmondson, in his official capacity as City Manager; and Quinton G. Washington, in his official capacity as City Attorney, respectfully showing the Court the following:

PARTIES, VENUE, AND JURISDICTION

1.

Plaintiff Jayden L. Williams is the duly elected Mayor of the City of Stockbridge, Georgia, and brings this action in his official capacity to protect the lawful powers, duties, access, and functioning of the Office of Mayor under the Stockbridge Charter.

2.

Defendant City of Stockbridge, Georgia is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Georgia and governed by the Stockbridge Charter. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(e)(5), the City may be served by delivering the summons and complaint to the City Manager or to any agent authorized by appointment to receive service of process for the City.

3.

Defendant Lakeisha Gantt is the District 1 Councilmember of the City of Stockbridge and is sued in her official capacity because she participated in, approved, or is otherwise responsible for the challenged Resolution and its continuing enforcement. She may be served personally in her official capacity at City Hall, her official office, or wherever she may be found.

4.

Defendant Antwan Cloud is the District 2 Councilmember of the City of Stockbridge and is sued in his official capacity because he participated in, approved, or is otherwise responsible for the challenged Resolution and its continuing enforcement. He may be served personally in his official capacity at City Hall, his official office, or wherever he may be found.

5.

Defendant Kyle D. Berry is the District 3 Councilmember of the City of Stockbridge and is sued in his official capacity because he participated in, approved, or is otherwise responsible for the challenged Resolution and its continuing enforcement. He may be served personally in his official capacity at City Hall, his official office, or wherever he may be found.

6.

Defendant Yolanda Barber is the District 4 Councilmember of the City of Stockbridge and is sued in her official capacity because she participated in, approved, or is otherwise responsible for the challenged Resolution and its continuing enforcement. She may be served personally in her official capacity at City Hall, her official office, or wherever she may be found.

7.

Defendant Elton Alexander is Mayor Pro Tem and the District 5 Councilmember of the City of Stockbridge and is sued in his official capacity because he participated in, approved, signed, or is otherwise responsible for the challenged Resolution and its continuing enforcement. He may be served personally in his official capacity at City Hall, his official office, or wherever he may be found.

8.

Defendant Shawntez Edmondson is the City Manager of the City of Stockbridge and is sued in his official capacity because the challenged Resolution gives the City Manager authority to implement the restrictions challenged herein and conditions the Mayor's access, initiatives, vehicle use, purchases, reimbursements, and communications on City Manager approval. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(e)(5), he may be served as City Manager for the City, and he may

also be served personally in his official capacity at City Hall, his official office, or wherever he may be found.

9.

Defendant Quinton G. Washington is the City Attorney for the City of Stockbridge and is sued in his official capacity because he issued the Notice of Preliminary Allegations, approved the Resolution as to form, and is authorized by the Resolution to pursue civil or criminal enforcement measures if Mayor Williams does not comply with the Resolution's property-return provisions. He may be served personally in his official capacity at his official office, City Hall, or wherever he may be found. To the extent he is authorized to accept service for the City or any City official, service may also be perfected through written acknowledgment of such authority.

10.

Venue is proper in Henry County, Georgia because the City of Stockbridge is located in Henry County, the Resolution was adopted and is being enforced in Henry County, and the acts and omissions complained of occurred in Henry County.

11.

This Court has jurisdiction over this action for declaratory judgment, temporary restraining order, interlocutory and permanent injunctive relief, mandamus in the alternative, attorney's fees, and all other relief necessary to determine and protect the rights and duties of the parties under the Stockbridge Charter and Georgia law.

NATURE OF THE CASE

12.

This case challenges Resolution No. R26, adopted by the City Council of the City of Stockbridge on July 17, 2026, which purports to “temporarily” suspend certain administrative privileges and access of Mayor Williams pending future action of Council.

13.

Although the Resolution describes itself as temporary and administrative, it functionally disables the elected Office of Mayor. It suspends all initiatives of the Office of the Mayor, restricts Mayor Williams’s access to non-public City areas, requires the return of keys, key fobs, access cards, gate transmitters, access devices, payment cards, vehicles, and other City property, restricts communications with City employees, and places performance of mayoral functions under the discretion of the City Manager or future Council action.

14.

The issue is not whether Council may investigate alleged misuse of City property, City funds, purchasing cards, fuel cards, vehicles, or other resources. The City may conduct a lawful investigation. The issue is whether Council may, before completing that investigation and before providing the hearing required by the Stockbridge Charter, impose restrictions that operate as a constructive suspension of the Mayor’s office. The Charter does not authorize that action.

15.

Mayor Williams does not seek to enjoin a completed vote. He seeks to stop the continuing enforcement and implementation of an ultra vires Resolution that presently interferes with his ability to perform the duties of his elected office.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

16.

The Stockbridge Charter provides that “[t]he mayor shall be the chief executive of this city.” It further provides that the Mayor possesses all executive and administrative powers granted to the City except as otherwise specifically provided by the Charter. A true and correct copy of the relevant Charter provisions is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

17.

The Charter gives the Mayor specific duties and powers, including the power to recommend measures concerning City affairs, require departments or agencies to submit written reports, approve or disapprove ordinances, sign written contracts and instruments, and perform other duties required by law, the Charter, or ordinance.

18.

The Charter gives Council investigatory authority under § 3.12. Council may make inquiries and investigations, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require production of evidence.

19.

The Charter separately provides a process for removal of elected officers. Under Charter § 2.17, removal by Council action requires written notice specifying the grounds for removal and a public hearing held not less than ten days after service of notice.

20.

On or about July 17, 2026, the City Attorney issued to Mayor Williams a Notice of Preliminary Allegations, Independent Investigation, and Preservation Directive. A true and correct copy of that Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

21.

The Notice states that the allegations against Mayor Williams are preliminary and are not final findings of wrongdoing; that the independent investigation is expected to last 30 to 45 days; that, if Council later pursues removal proceedings, Mayor Williams will have the right to appear personally and through counsel, present evidence and witnesses, cross-examine witnesses presented by Council, and receive a decision confined to the hearing record.

22.

Despite the fact that the investigation had not been completed and no removal hearing had been held, Council adopted Resolution No. R26 on July 17, 2026. A true and correct copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

23.

The Resolution suspends all City-issued purchasing-card and fuel-card privileges issued to Mayor Williams pending further Council action or authorization by the City Manager; it requires purchases, expenses, and reimbursements for trainings, events, or meetings to be pre-approved or processed through the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

24.

The Resolution suspends all privileges regarding use and operation of City-owned vehicles issued to Mayor Williams pending further Council action or authorization by the City Manager; it suspends "all initiatives of the Office of the Mayor" pending further Council action or authorization by the City Manager.

25.

The Resolution prohibits Mayor Williams from accessing secured or non-public areas of City-owned or City-controlled facilities except as necessary to attend public meetings or official

proceedings, with prior authorization of the City Manager or designee, or as otherwise required by law; the Resolution requires Mayor Williams to return any City-issued vehicle, all keys, key fobs, access cards, gate transmitters, access devices, fuel cards, purchasing cards, credit cards, similar payment instruments, and any additional City-owned property identified by the City Manager.

26.

The Resolution authorizes the City Attorney to pursue civil or criminal remedies, including referral to law enforcement for investigation of potential unlawful retention or conversion of public property under O.C.G.A. § 16-8-4, if Mayor Williams does not return the property demanded by the Resolution; the Resolution requires communications by Mayor Williams directed to City employees to be coordinated through the City Manager or the City Manager's designee unless otherwise required by law or authorized by the City Manager or Council.

27.

The Resolution authorizes and directs the City Manager, City Attorney, Chief of Police, Human Resources Director, Finance Director, Information Technology Director, and other City officials to take actions necessary to implement the Resolution; the Resolution states that the restrictions remain in effect until Council adopts a subsequent resolution rescinding or modifying them.

28.

The Resolution therefore creates ongoing restrictions. It is not merely a completed vote. It continues to impair Mayor Williams's ability to access his office, use official credentials and

equipment, communicate for official purposes, conduct initiatives of the Office of Mayor, and perform Charter duties.

29.

Section 5 of the Resolution is particularly harmful because it requires Mayor Williams to return keys, access cards, access credentials, and other property necessary to access his office, records, communications, and tools needed to perform his duties as Mayor.

30.

Without judicial relief, Mayor Williams is forced either to surrender the tools necessary to perform his elected office or face threatened civil or criminal enforcement.

COUNT I

DECLARATORY JUDGMENT — ULTRA VIRES RESOLUTION

31.

Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

32.

An actual controversy exists concerning whether Council had authority under the Stockbridge Charter to adopt and enforce the Resolution.

33.

Council's investigatory power under Charter § 3.12 does not authorize Council to functionally suspend the Mayor's office before completing an investigation and before providing the hearing required by Charter § 2.17.

34.

The Resolution conflicts with the Mayor's Charter status as chief executive and impairs his executive and administrative powers.

35.

The Resolution conflicts with Charter § 3.22 by impairing Mayor Williams's ability to recommend measures concerning City affairs, request reports, sign official instruments, communicate for official purposes, conduct mayoral initiatives, and perform other duties required by law, Charter, or ordinance.

36.

The Resolution further conflicts with Charter § 2.17 because it imposes removal-like restrictions without the notice, hearing, and procedural protections required for removal of an elected officer.

37.

Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration that the Resolution is ultra vires, void, and unenforceable to the extent it restricts, suspends, conditions, or impairs the Mayor's Charter powers, duties, access, initiatives, communications, or ability to perform official functions.

COUNT II

DECLARATORY JUDGMENT — CONSTRUCTIVE SUSPENSION WITHOUT DUE PROCESS

38.

Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs in the Factual Background section of this Complaint, at paragraphs 16 – 30, as if fully set forth herein.

39.

Although the Resolution states that it does not remove, suspend, or alter any elected office or Charter authority, the operative provisions of the Resolution control over its disclaimers.

40.

By suspending all initiatives of the Office of the Mayor, restricting access to non-public City areas, requiring return of access devices and City property, restricting staff communications, and conditioning mayoral activity on the City Manager or Council, the Resolution functionally suspends Mayor Williams's ability to perform the office.

41.

The City's own Notice states that the allegations are preliminary and that any removal proceedings would require a later formal adjudicative hearing with due-process protections.

42.

Defendants imposed removal-like restrictions before completing the investigation and before providing Mayor Williams an opportunity to appear through counsel, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or receive a decision confined to the hearing record.

43.

Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration that Defendants may not impose a constructive suspension or removal-like deprivation of the Office of Mayor without complying with the Stockbridge Charter and constitutional due process.

COUNT III

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, INTERLOCUTORY INJUNCTION, AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION

44.

Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs in the Factual Background section of this Complaint, at paragraphs 16 – 30, as if fully set forth herein.

45.

Defendants' enforcement of the Resolution is ongoing and will continue unless restrained by this Court.

46.

Mayor Williams and the public will suffer irreparable harm if the elected Office of Mayor remains disabled. Money damages cannot compensate for the loss of lawful municipal governance, the impairment of an elected office, or the continued violation of the Charter.

47.

Mayor Williams is substantially likely to succeed on the merits because the Resolution exceeds Council's investigatory authority, conflicts with the Charter, and imposes removal-like restrictions without the process required by Charter § 2.17.

48.

The balance of equities favors injunctive relief because an injunction would not prevent Council from investigating, preserving evidence, enforcing neutral written policies, or pursuing removal proceedings under Charter § 2.17. It would simply prevent enforcement of a broad, pre-hearing functional suspension.

49.

The public interest favors adherence to the Stockbridge Charter, preservation of elected offices, and due process before removal-like sanctions are imposed.

50.

Plaintiff is entitled to temporary, interlocutory, and permanent injunctive relief restraining Defendants and all persons acting in concert with them from enforcing or

implementing the Resolution in a manner that restricts, suspends, conditions, or impairs Mayor Williams's Charter powers or duties.

51.

Plaintiff is further entitled to an order requiring Defendants to restore access, credentials, devices, communications, records, and property reasonably necessary for Mayor Williams to perform the duties of Mayor.

COUNT IV

MANDAMUS IN THE ALTERNATIVE

52.

Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

53.

To the extent Defendants contend injunctive relief is unavailable or insufficient, Plaintiff pleads mandamus in the alternative.

54.

Mayor Williams has a clear legal right under the Stockbridge Charter to perform the duties of the Office of Mayor and exercise the powers assigned to that office.

55.

Defendants have a corresponding duty not to obstruct Mayor Williams's lawful performance of Charter duties and, where required, to recognize and permit his access, authority, and official capacity.

56.

Plaintiff seeks mandamus in the alternative requiring Defendants to restore or permit the access, credentials, systems, communications, records, and property reasonably necessary for Mayor Williams to perform his Charter duties.

COUNT V

ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES

57.

Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

58.

Mayor Williams brings this action in his official capacity to assert a legal position the City Attorney cannot assert on his behalf because the City Attorney issued the Notice, approved the Resolution as to form, and is involved in enforcing the Resolution.

59.

If Mayor Williams is successful in asserting his position, he is entitled to recover attorney's fees and expenses as an expense of government operation under Georgia law applicable to local officials required to retain outside counsel due to a conflict with the local government attorney.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Jayden L. Williams, in his official capacity as Mayor of the City of Stockbridge, respectfully prays that this Court:

- (a) Declare that Resolution No. R26 is ultra vires, void, and unenforceable to the extent it restricts, suspends, conditions, or impairs Mayor Williams's Charter powers and duties;

- (b) Declare that Defendants may not use the Council's investigatory authority under Charter § 3.12 to impose removal-like restrictions on the Mayor without complying with Charter § 2.17 and applicable due-process requirements;
- (c) Temporarily, preliminarily, and permanently enjoin Defendants, their officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and all persons acting in concert with them from enforcing or implementing Resolution No. R26 to restrict, suspend, condition, or impair Mayor Williams's Charter powers or duties;
- (d) Order Defendants to immediately restore Mayor Williams's access to the Mayor's office, official City email, official City systems, access credentials, records, calendars, communications, and City property reasonably necessary to perform the duties of Mayor;
- (e) Enjoin Defendants from enforcing Section 5 of the Resolution to require Mayor Williams to return keys, key fobs, access cards, gate transmitters, access credentials, official devices, records, communications equipment, or other City property reasonably necessary to perform his duties as Mayor, pending further order of this Court;
- (f) Enjoin Defendants from referring Mayor Williams for civil or criminal investigation or prosecution based solely on his good-faith retention of City-issued access devices, credentials, equipment, or property reasonably necessary to perform his official duties while the legality of the Resolution is pending before this Court;
- (g) Clarify that nothing in the Court's order prevents Defendants from conducting a lawful investigation under Charter § 3.12, preserving records and evidence, enforcing neutral written policies of general applicability, pursuing removal proceedings under Charter § 2.17, or seeking further order of this Court;

- (h) Issue mandamus in the alternative compelling Defendants to recognize and permit Mayor Williams's performance of Charter duties;
- (i) Award Plaintiff attorney's fees and expenses; and
- (j) Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of July, 2026.

/s/ Robert Kenner, Jr.
Robert Kenner, Jr.
Georgia Bar No. 415028
Attorney for Plaintiff

LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT KENNER, JR.
THE BARRISTER BUILDING
3992 Redan Road
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083-4741
(404) 292-9997 Telephone
(404) 292-9998 Facsimile
robert@robertkennerjrlaw.com

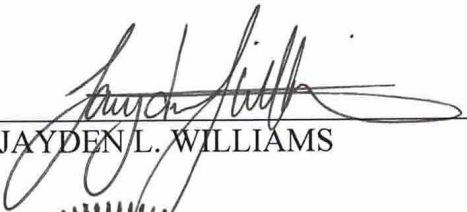
/s/ Wayne B. Kendall
Wayne B. Kendall
Georgia Bar No. 414076
Attorney for Plaintiff

WAYNE B. KENDALL, PC
155 Bradford Square, Suite B
Fayetteville, GA 30215
Telephone: (770) 778-8810
Facsimile: (770) 716-2439
wbkendall2@yahoo.com

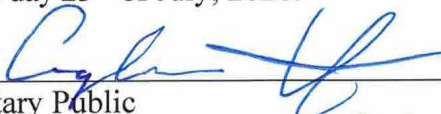
VERIFICATION

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, Jayden L. Williams, who, after being duly sworn, states under oath that he is the Plaintiff in the foregoing action, that he has read the foregoing First Amended Verified Complaint, and that the factual allegations stated therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

This 23rd day of July, 2026.


JAYDEN L. WILLIAMS

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this day 23rd of July, 2026.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 9/1/26



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing this **FIRST AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT, TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, INTERLOCUTORY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, MANDAMUS IN THE ALTERNATIVE, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES** upon counsel of record by electronic mail and/or by depositing a copy in the United States Mail with adequate postage addressed as follows:

QUINTON G. WASHINGTON
Washington Legal Group
260 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite #1600
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

This 23rd day of July, 2026.

/s/ Robert Kenner, Jr.
Robert Kenner, Jr.
Georgia Bar No. 415028
Attorney for Plaintiff

LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT KENNER, JR.
5593 Riverdale Road, Suite B
Atlanta, Georgia 30349-7314
(404) 292-9997 Telephone
(404) 292-9998 Facsimile
robert@robertkennerjrlaw.com

/s/ Wayne B. Kendall
Wayne B. Kendall
Georgia Bar No. 414076
Attorney for Plaintiff

WAYNE B. KENDALL, PC
155 Bradford Square, Suite B
Fayetteville, GA 30215
Telephone: (770) 778-8810
Facsimile: (770) 716-2439
wbkendall2@yahoo.com

EXHIBIT A

(As Passed House and Senate)

By: Representatives Dunn of the 73rd and Smith of the 78th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, method of filling vacancies, compensation, qualifications, prohibitions, and removal from office relative to members of such governing authority; to provide for inquiries and investigations; to provide for organization and procedures; to provide for ordinances and codes; to provide for the office of mayor and certain duties and powers relative to the office of mayor; to provide for administrative responsibilities; to provide for boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for a city attorney, a city clerk, a city treasurer, and other personnel; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a municipal court and the judge or judges thereof; to provide for practices and procedures; to provide for taxation and fees; to provide for franchises, service charges, and assessments; to provide for bonded and other indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for purchases; to provide for the sale of property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for eminent domain; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
GEORGIA

ARTICLE I - INCORPORATION AND POWERS

Section 1.10. - Incorporation.

The City of Stockbridge in Henry County is reincorporated by the enactment of this charter and is constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name of the "City of Stockbridge." References in this charter to "the city" or "this city" refer to the City of Stockbridge. The city shall have perpetual existence.

Section 1.11. - Corporate boundaries.

Block 070124:

2002 2004 2005

VTD STAGECOACH

Block 070113:

1017 2000

Block 070125:

2006 2009 2017 2022 2023

Block 070126:

1015 1023 1028 1029 1030 1031 1032

VTD STOCKBRIDGE CENTRAL

Block 070113:

2001 2002 2003

Block 070115:

2027 2028 2029 2030

Block 070119:

2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

Block 070126:

1035 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015
2016

VTD STOCKBRIDGE EAST-WEST

Block 070114:

1003 1019 1020 1023 1024 1032 1034 1035 1039 1040 2011 2012 2015 2016 3012 3015 3016
3017 3018 3020 3021 3022 3023 3025 3027 3028 3029 3030

Block 070119:

3009 3018 3021 4009 4011 4012 4016 4017 4018

Block 070120:

building trades except as otherwise prohibited by general law;

- (5) Business regulation and taxation. To levy and to provide for the collection of license fees and taxes on privileges, occupations, trades, and professions; to license and regulate the same; to provide for the manner and method of payment of such licenses and taxes; and to revoke such licenses after due process for the failure to pay any city taxes or fees;
- (6) Condemnation. To condemn property, inside or outside the corporate limits of the city, for present or future use and for any corporate purpose deemed necessary by the governing authority, utilizing procedures enumerated in Title 22 of the O.C.G.A. or such other laws as are or may hereafter be enacted;
- (7) Contracts. To enter into contracts and agreements with other governments and entities and with private persons, firms, and corporations;
- (8) Emergencies. To establish procedures for determining and proclaiming that an emergency situation exists inside or outside the city and to make and carry out all reasonable provisions deemed necessary to deal with or meet such an emergency for the protection, safety, health, or well-being of the citizens of the city;
- (9) Fire regulations. To fix and establish fire limits and from time to time extend, enlarge, or restrict the same; to prescribe fire safety regulations, not inconsistent with general law relating to both fire prevention and detection and to fire fighting; and to prescribe penalties and punishment for violations thereof;
- (10) Garbage fees. To levy, fix, assess, and collect a garbage, refuse, and trash collection and disposal and other sanitary service charge, tax, or fee for such services as may be necessary in the operation of the city from all individuals, firms, and corporations residing in or doing business within the city and benefitting from such services; to enforce the payment of such charges, taxes, or fees; and to provide for the manner and method of collecting such service charges;
- (11) General health, safety, and welfare. To define, regulate, and prohibit any act, practice, conduct, or use of property which is detrimental to the health, sanitation, cleanliness, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of the city and to provide for the enforcement of such standards;
- (12) Gifts. To accept or refuse gifts, donations, bequests, or grants from any source for any purpose related to the powers and duties of the city and the general welfare of its citizens on such terms and conditions as the donor or grantor may impose;
- (13) Health and sanitation. To prescribe standards of health and sanitation within the city and to provide for the enforcement of such standards;
- (14) Jail sentences. To provide that persons given jail sentences in the municipal court may work out such sentences in any public works or on the streets, roads, drains, and squares in the city; to provide for the commitment of such persons to any jail; or to provide for the

Public hazards; removal. To provide for the destruction and removal of any building or other structure which is or may become dangerous or detrimental to the public;

- (26) Public improvements. To provide for the acquisition, construction, building, operation, and maintenance of public ways, parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, cemeteries, markets and market houses, public buildings, libraries, public housing, airports, hospitals, terminals, docks, parking facilities, or charitable, cultural, educational, recreational, conservation, sport, curative, corrective, detentional, penal, and medical institutions, agencies, and facilities; to provide any other public improvements inside or outside the corporate limits of the city; to regulate the use of public improvements; and, for such purposes, property may be acquired by condemnation under Title 22 of the O.C.G.A. or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted;
- (27) Public peace. To provide for the prevention and punishment of drunkenness, riots, and public disturbances;
- (28) Public transportation. To organize and operate or contract for such public transportation systems as are deemed beneficial;
- (29) Public utilities and services. To grant franchises or make contracts for public utilities and public services and to prescribe the rates, fares, regulations, and the standards and conditions of service applicable to the service to be provided by the franchise grantee or contractor, insofar as not in conflict with valid regulations of the Public Service Commission;
- (30) Regulation of roadside areas. To prohibit or regulate and control the erection, removal, and maintenance of signs, billboards, trees, shrubs, fences, buildings, and any and all other structures or obstructions upon or adjacent to the rights-of-way of streets and roads or within view thereof, inside or abutting the corporate limits of the city and to prescribe penalties and punishment for violation of such ordinances;
- (31) Retirement. To provide and maintain a retirement plan for officers and employees of the city;
- (32) Roadways. To lay out, open, extend, widen, narrow, establish or change the grade of, abandon or close, construct, pave, curb, gutter, adorn with shade trees, or otherwise improve, maintain, repair, clean, prevent erosion of, and light the roads, alleys, and walkways within the corporate limits of the city; and to negotiate and execute leases over, through, under, or across any city property or the right-of-way of any street, road, alley, and walkway or portion thereof within the corporate limits of the city for bridges, passageways, or any other purpose or use between buildings on opposite sides of the street and for other bridges, overpasses, and underpasses for private use at such location and to charge a rental therefor in such manner as may be provided by ordinance; and to authorize and control the construction of bridges, overpasses, and underpasses within the corporate limits of the city; and to grant franchises and rights-of-way throughout the streets and roads and over the bridges and

charter as fully and completely as if such powers were fully stated in this charter; and to exercise all powers now or in the future authorized to be exercised by other municipal governments under other laws of the State of Georgia; and no listing of particular powers in this charter shall be held to be exclusive of others, nor restrictive of general words and phrases granting powers, but shall be held to be in addition to such powers unless expressly prohibited to municipalities under the Constitution or applicable laws of the State of Georgia.

Section 1.13. - Exercise of powers.

All powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities of the city, its officers, agencies, or employees shall be carried into execution as provided by this charter. If this charter makes no provisions, such shall be carried into execution as provided by ordinance or as provided by pertinent laws of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE II - GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ELECTIONS, AND REMOVAL

Section 2.10. - City council creation; composition; number; election.

- (a) The legislative authority of the government of this city, except as otherwise specifically provided in this charter, shall be vested in a city council to be composed of a mayor and five councilmembers.
- (b) Except for the mayor and the two councilmembers who were elected in 1990 to serve for terms of three years, the mayor and councilmembers shall serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember unless he shall have been a resident of this city for 12 months immediately preceding the election of mayor or councilmembers; each such person shall continue to reside within the city during said period of service and shall be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this city. No person's name shall be listed as a candidate on the ballot for election for either mayor or councilmember unless such person shall file a written notice with the clerk of said city that he desires his name to be placed on said ballot as a candidate either for mayor or councilmember. No person shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilmember unless such person shall file above said notice within the time provide for in Chapter 3 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Municipal Election Code."
- (c) The five councilmembers to be elected as provided in this section shall be elected from the districts provided for in subsection (d) of Section 2.11. In order to be elected as a member of the city council from a district, a person must have resided in that district for at least 12 months prior to election thereto and must receive a plurality of the votes cast for such office in that district. Only electors who are residents of that district may vote for a councilmember of that district. At the time of qualifying for election as a councilmember, each candidate for such office shall specify

State of Georgia.

- (4) Any part of the City of Stockbridge which is described in paragraph (1) of this subsection as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.
- (5) Any territory purportedly described in a district in paragraph (1) of this subsection that is not within the corporate limits of the City of Stockbridge shall not be part of any such district.
- (6) The initial councilmembers for Districts 3, 4, and 5 shall be elected at the municipal general election held in 2023, and the councilmembers elected at such election shall take office as provided for in Section 3.11 of this charter.
- (7) (A) The initial councilmember for District 1 as newly described under this subsection shall be LaKeisha Gantt, and on and after the effective date of this subsection such councilmember shall be deemed to be serving from and representing District 1 as described under this subsection.
- (B) The initial councilmember for District 2 as newly described under this subsection shall be Alphonso Thomas, and on and after the effective date of this subsection such councilmember shall be deemed to be serving from and representing District 2 as described under this subsection. (Amended by S.B. No. 612, § 3, 2022)
- (e) On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1991, and on that day quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected three councilmembers. Then, on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1993, and on that day quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected a mayor and two councilmembers. It is the purpose of this section to provide a rotation system for the office of mayor and councilmembers. The terms of office of persons so elected shall begin on the first day of January immediately following their election. (Amended by H.B. 1442)

Section 2.12. - Vacancies in office.

- (a) (1) The office of mayor or councilmember shall become vacant upon the incumbent's death, resignation, forfeiture of office, or removal from office in any manner authorized by this charter or the general laws of the State of Georgia.
- (2) Upon the suspension from office of mayor or councilmember in any manner authorized by the general laws of the State of Georgia, the city council or those remaining shall appoint a successor for the duration of the suspension. If the suspension becomes permanent, then the office shall become vacant and shall be filled as provided in subsection (b) of this section.
- (b)

- (1) Engage in any business or transaction or have a financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of his official duties or which would tend to impair the independence of his judgment or action in the performance of his official duties;
 - (2) Engage in or accept private employment or render services for private interests when such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of his official duties or would tend to impair the independence of his judgment or action in the performance of his official duties;
 - (3) Disclose confidential information concerning the property, government, or affairs of the governmental body by which he is engaged without proper legal authorization or use such information to advance the financial or other private interest of himself or others;
 - (4) Accept any valuable gift, whether in the form of service, loan, object, or promise, from any person, firm, or corporation which to his knowledge is interested, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever in business dealings with the governmental body by which he is engaged; provided, however, that an elected official who is a candidate for public office may accept campaign contributions and services in connection with any such campaign;
 - (5) Represent other private interests in any action or proceeding against this city or any portion of its government; or
 - (6) Vote or otherwise participate in the negotiation or in the making of any contract with any business or entity in which he has a financial interest.
- (b) Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee who has any private financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or matter pending before or within any department of the city shall disclose such private interest to the city council. The mayor or any councilmember who has a private interest in any matter pending before the city council shall disclose such private interest and such disclosure shall be entered on the records of the city council, and he shall disqualify himself from participating in any decision or vote relating thereto. Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee of any agency or political entity to which this charter applies who shall have any private financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or matter pending before or within such entity shall disclose such private interest to the governing body of such agency or entity.
- (c) No elected official, appointed officer, or employee of the city or any agency or entity to which this charter applies shall use property owned by such governmental entity for personal benefit, convenience, or profit, except in accordance with policies promulgated by the city council or the governing body of such agency or entity.
- (d) Any violation of this section which occurs with the knowledge, express or implied, of a party to a contract or sale shall render said contract or sale voidable at the option of the city council.

Section 2.18. - City manager; appointment; qualifications; compensation.

- (a) Within 60 days of a vacancy in the position of city manager, the mayor shall recommend to the council at least two qualified candidates for the position of city manager, which the council may either approve or reject by a majority vote. In the event that the council rejects all of the mayor's recommended candidates, the mayor shall have an additional 15 days from the date of the rejection of the final candidate to interview additional qualified candidates. Before the expiration of the 15 day period, the mayor shall make an additional recommendation of one candidate to the council. The council may accept or reject the mayor's additional recommended candidate. If the mayor's additional recommended candidate is rejected by the council, the mayor shall receive an additional 15 days to interview more candidates, and the process will continue and repeat in the same manner with the mayor recommending an additional candidate each time until a city manager is selected. The city may also utilize the same process to select an interim city manager when necessary. For purposes of this subsection, the term "vacancy" includes only those occasions in which no city manager is serving the city, and those occasions in which a current city manager has declared his or her intention to vacate the position on a date certain.
- (b) The city manager shall be employed without regard to political beliefs and solely on the basis of said individual's executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to his or her educational background and actual experience in, and knowledge of, the duties of office as hereinafter prescribed.

(S.B. 361, § 1, 4-26-16)

Section 2.19. - Removal of city manager.

The majority of the city council may remove the city manager at any time. The mayor may suspend or remove the city manager, but such suspension or removal shall not be effective for ten calendar days following the mayor's giving written notice of such action and the reason therefor to the city manager and to the city council. The city manager may appeal to the city council which, after a hearing, may override the mayor's action by a vote of three councilmembers.

(S.B. 361, § 1, 4-26-16)

Section 2.20. - Acting city manager.

By letter filed with the city clerk, the city manager shall designate, subject to approval of the city council, a qualified city administrative officer to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the city manager during the city manager's temporary absence or physical or mental disability. During such absence or disability, the city council may revoke such designation at any time and appoint another officer of the city to

Section 2.22. - Council interference with administration.

Except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations under Section 3.12 of this charter, the city council or its members, including the mayor, shall deal with city officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the city manager solely through the city manager, and neither the city council nor its members, including the mayor, shall give orders to any such officer or employee, either publicly or privately. However, elected officials are not prohibited from speaking with city employees, or from requesting information from city employees in furtherance of their service to the city as elected officials. In the event of an emergency arising at the time of the death, incapacity, or unavailability of the city manager, the following persons in this order of succession may direct city employees, authorize expenditures, execute expenditure documents, and execute checks, and may perform necessary functions and exercise necessary executive or administrative powers: mayor and then mayor pro tem. For purposes of this provision, "unavailability" in general means that it is not possible for city employees responding to the emergency to contact and receive a response from the city manager or enumerated successor by telephone or electronic means for a consecutive period of four hours or greater, or that the city manager or enumerated successor is incapable of responding for a consecutive period of four hours or greater. Additionally, if an emergency occurs which needs immediate attention and the mayor has attempted to contact the city manager by telephone and electronic means, but has been unsuccessful in establishing contact, and thereafter the mayor consults with the department head in charge of the department which the mayor believes is most appropriate to respond to the emergency, then, based on the succession rules stated above, the mayor may exercise the aforementioned duties necessary to respond to such emergency until the city manager becomes available and able to perform the duties required for such emergency.

(S.B. 361, § 1, 4-26-16)

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT, GENERAL AUTHORITY, AND ORDINANCES

Section 3.10. - General power and authority.

Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the city council shall be vested with all the powers of government of this city as provided by Article I of this charter.

Section 3.11. - Organization.

- (a) (1) On or prior to the first day of January immediately following their election, the oath of office shall be administered to the newly elected members by any person authorized to administer oaths and shall, to the extent that it comports with federal and state law, be as follows:

- (a) The city council shall hold regular meetings at such times and places as prescribed by ordinance.
- (b) Special meetings of the city council may be held on call of the mayor or three members of the city council. Notice of such special meeting shall be served on either four councilmembers or the mayor and three councilmembers personally, or by telephone personally, at least six hours in advance of the meeting. Such notice to councilmembers shall not be required if the mayor and all councilmembers are present when the special meeting is called. Such notice of any special meeting may be waived by a councilmember in writing before or after such a meeting and attendance at the meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice on any business transacted in such councilmember's presence. Only the business stated in the call may be transacted at the special meeting.
- (c) All meetings of the city council shall be public to the extent required by law and notice to the public of special meetings shall be given as required by law.

Section 3.14. - Procedures.

- (a) The city council shall adopt its rules of procedure and order of business consistent with the provisions of this charter and shall provide for keeping a journal of its proceedings which shall be a public record.
- (b) All committees and committee chairmen and officers of the city council shall be appointed by the mayor and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The mayor shall have the power to appoint new members to any committee at any time.

Section 3.15. - Voting.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, the mayor and three councilmembers or, in the absence of the mayor, four councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact the business of the city council. Voting on the adoption of ordinances shall be by voice vote and the vote shall be recorded in the journal, but any member of the city council shall have the right to request a roll-call vote and such vote shall be recorded in the journal. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the affirmative vote of three councilmembers shall be required for the adoption of any ordinance, resolution, or motion.
- (b) In the event vacancies in office result in less than a quorum of councilmembers holding office, then the remaining councilmembers in office shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact business of the city council. A vote of a majority of the remaining councilmembers shall be required for the adoption of any ordinance, resolution, or motion.

Section 3.16. - Ordinances.

Section 3.20. - Codification of ordinances.

- (a) The clerk shall authenticate by his signature and record in full in a properly indexed book kept for that purpose all ordinances adopted by the council.
- (b) The city shall provide for the preparation of a general codification of all the ordinances of the city having the force and effect of law. The general codification shall be adopted by the city council by ordinance and shall be published promptly together with all amendments thereto and shall contain such codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations as the city council may specify. This compilation shall be known and cited officially as "The Code of the City of Stockbridge, Georgia." Copies of the code shall be furnished to all officers, departments, and agencies of the city and shall be made available for purchase by the public at a reasonable price as fixed by the city council.
- (c) The city council shall cause each ordinance and each amendment to this charter to be printed promptly following its adoption, and the printed ordinances and charter amendments shall be made available for purchase by the public at reasonable prices to be fixed by the city council. Following publication of the first code under this charter and at all times thereafter, the ordinances and charter amendments shall be printed in substantially the same style as the code then in effect and shall be suitable form for incorporation within the code. The city council shall make such further arrangements as deemed desirable with reproduction and distribution of any changes in or additions to codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations included in the code.

Section 3.21. - Chief executive officer; delegation of powers.

The mayor shall be the chief executive of this city. The mayor shall possess all of the executive and administrative powers granted to the city under the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, and all the executive and administrative powers contained in this charter, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act. The mayor shall have the authority to delegate any one or more executive or administrative powers to a person or persons employed by the city and qualified in management and administration.

Section 3.22. - Powers and duties of mayor.

As the chief executive of this city, the mayor shall:

- (1)—(5) *Reserved*;
- (6) Call special meetings of the city council as provided for in Section 3.13;
- (7) Participate, in the discussion of all matters brought before the city council and vote on such matters only in the case of a tie vote;
- (8)

Except as specifically provided otherwise by this charter, all rights, claims, actions, orders, contracts, and legal or administrative proceedings shall continue and any such ongoing work or cases shall be completed by such city agencies, personnel, or offices as may be provided by the city council.

EXHIBIT B

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HENRY
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. R26-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE PRIVILEGES AND ACCESS OF MAYOR JAYDEN WILLIAMS, PENDING FUTURE ACTION OF COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with protecting the safety, security, and efficient operation of municipal government, including City personnel, facilities, property, information systems, and public resources; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted administrative policies governing physical security, access to non-public municipal facilities, the issuance and use of City-owned vehicles, purchasing cards, fuel cards, and other City-issued property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that certain temporary administrative measures are necessary to protect City operations, safeguard City employees, and ensure appropriate stewardship of public resources; and

WHEREAS, these temporary measures are administrative in nature, do not constitute a determination regarding the merits of any allegations, and are intended solely to preserve the orderly operation of City government; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as removing, suspending, or otherwise altering any elected office or authority granted by the Constitution or laws of the State of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF PURCHASING AND FUEL CARD PRIVILEGES.

Effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution, all City-issued purchasing card ("P-Card") and fuel card privileges issued to Mayor Jayden Williams are hereby suspended pending further action by the City Council or until otherwise authorized by the City Manager.

For any trainings, events, or meetings requiring a purchase, such purchase must be pre-approved by the City Manager or his designee, and paid directly by the City. All purchases and expenses

SECTION 6. COMMUNICATIONS WITH CITY STAFF.

To protect City employees and promote orderly municipal operations, any communications by Mayor Jayden Williams directed to City employees shall be coordinated through the City Manager or the City Manager's designee unless otherwise required by law or authorized by the City Manager or City Council.

Nothing in this Section prohibits communications occurring during duly noticed public meetings or otherwise required by law.

SECTION 7. RESTRICTION ON NON-EMPLOYEE ACCESS.

Except as otherwise authorized by the City Manager, no person accompanying Mayor Jayden Williams, who is not a City employee, contractor, or other authorized governmental representative shall be permitted access to secured or non-public areas of City facilities.

SECTION 8. PRESERVATION OF LEGAL RIGHTS.

Nothing contained in this Resolution:

1. constitutes a finding of misconduct;
2. limits any constitutional, statutory, or charter authority possessed by Mayor Jayden Williams;
3. waives any rights of the City or Mayor Jayden Williams under applicable law; or
4. prejudices the outcome of any pending investigation, hearing, or other proceeding.

SECTION 9. ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION.

The City Manager, City Attorney, Chief of Police, Human Resources Director, Finance Director, Information Technology Director, and all other appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to take all administrative actions reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution in a manner consistent with applicable law and City policy.

SECTION 10. DURATION.

The restrictions imposed by this Resolution shall remain in effect until the adoption of a subsequent resolution of Council rescinding or modifying these restrictions.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY.

If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid, such judgment shall not affect the remainder of this resolution.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

RESOLVED THIS 17th OF JULY, 2026.

Elton Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem
ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Cassandra Lester, Interim City Clerk

Quinton G. Washington, City Attorney

EXHIBIT C



TO: Jayden L. Williams, Mayor

FROM: Quinton G. Washington, City Attorney

DATE: July 17, 2026

RE: Notice of Preliminary Allegations, Independent Investigation, and Preservation Directive

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This Notice of Preliminary Allegations, Independent Investigation, and Preservation Directive ("Notice") is issued by the Office of the City Attorney on behalf of the City Council of the City of Stockbridge ("Council") pursuant to its authority under the Stockbridge Municipal Charter and applicable Georgia law. The allegations set forth below arise from information reported to the City Manager, Finance Department, and City Attorney.

Pursuant to the July 13, 2026, letter regarding "Pending Investigation and Requests of Council" issued to Mayor Williams by the Office of the City Attorney, a consensus of Council has determined that the information reported to date warrants a formal independent investigation against Mayor Jayden Williams ("Mayor"). These allegations are not final findings of wrongdoing; the specifications herein identify potential Charter, City Code, and municipal ethics violations. They are the formal basis for the independent investigation and any proceedings that follow, at the direction of Council. An investigation, conducted by an independent and neutral party, will determine whether the alleged actions contained herein served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. Mayor Williams is entitled to all rights and protections set forth in this document and afforded by law.

This Notice does not make, and should not be construed to make, any finding of criminal conduct; any potential criminal matters identified herein will be referred to the District Attorney of the Flint Judicial Circuit, or other appropriate law-enforcement or prosecutorial authority, for independent review and charging determination. The listed state statutes are identified only for investigative and potential referral purposes and that Council is not making a determination of criminal liability.

respond 10 business dy
July 31, 2026



6. **City Code of Ordinances § 11.04.160** – Prohibits any person to make or file in writing any false representations of fact to any police officer of the City or to any department of the City government.
7. **City Code of Ordinances § 11.04.020** – Prohibits any person from damaging or defacing property, and makes any such person liable for such damage liable for the full cost of replacement or restoration of such damaged property.
8. **City Code of Ordinances §§ 2.40, *et seq.*** – City ethics code, prohibited actions by City officials, Code of Conduct

Pending the results of the investigation, Council may refer this matter for criminal prosecution, if warranted by the final report of the independent investigator, pursuant to the following statutes:

1. **O.C.G.A. §§ 16-9-37, 16-9-38** — Address misuse of government-issued financial transaction cards, with penalties ranging from misdemeanor to felony.
2. **O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20** — Prohibits false statements and writings in matters within the jurisdiction of a city government.
3. **O.C.G.A. § 16-8-4** — Addresses theft by conversion, including a statutory presumption that a government officer who fails to return government property upon lawful demand intends to convert it to personal use.
4. **O.C.G.A. § 21-5-11** — Prohibits public officers from accepting monetary fees or honoraria for speaking engagements, seminars, or panels related to their official duties (capped at \$100 for non-statewide officials).
5. **O.C.G.A. § 36-80-24** — Governs an elected official's use of government purchasing and credit cards, requiring that purchases directly relate to public duties and follow adopted guidelines.
6. **O.C.G.A. § 36-33-4** — Establishes personal liability for municipal officers for official acts performed oppressively, maliciously, corruptly, or without authority of law.
7. **O.C.G.A. § 45-3-12** — Requires a loyalty oath of office; willful and intentional violation of the terms of an oath is a crime under O.C.G.A. § 16-10-1.
8. **O.C.G.A. § 45-11-1** – Offenses involving public records, documents, and other items.
9. **O.C.G.A. § 45-11-4** – Unprofessional conduct by a public officer is a misdemeanor offense.



The Council reserves the right to amend, supplement, or modify these allegations at the conclusion of the independent investigation, or at any time thereafter, as new facts and evidence are discovered. Nothing in this Notice limits the Council's authority to investigate and pursue additional violations not specifically alleged herein. Any material amendment to these allegations will be provided to Mayor Williams in writing, together with a reasonable additional opportunity to respond before further proceedings on the amended allegations.

II. JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY

This Notice is issued pursuant to a consensus of Council, as evidenced by the July 13, 2026, letter regarding "Pending Investigation and Requests of Council" issued to Mayor Williams by the Office of the City Attorney. Stockbridge City Charter § 3.12 authorizes the governing body to make inquiries and investigations into the affairs of the city and the conduct of any department, office, or agency thereof and for this purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production of evidence. Any person who fails or refuses to obey a lawful order in the exercise of these powers by the council shall be punished as provided by ordinance. As Mayor of the City of Stockbridge, Mayor Williams is subject to this provision.

Council exercises jurisdiction over these allegations pursuant to the following authorities:

1. **Stockbridge Charter § 2.16(a)(4)** — Prohibition on accepting valuable gifts from interested parties.
2. **Stockbridge Charter § 2.16(c)** — Prohibits any elected official from using city-owned property for personal benefit, convenience, or profit except in accordance with policies adopted by the Council.
3. **Stockbridge Charter § 2.17** — Authorizes the Council to remove the Mayor for cause, including incompetence, misfeasance, or malfeasance in office; conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude; or knowing violation of the prohibitions set forth in § 2.16.
4. **Stockbridge Charter § 2.22** — Prohibits Mayoral or Council interference with staff
5. **Stockbridge Charter § 3.22** — Defines the exclusive list of the Mayor's charter-assigned functions.



III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS / SPECIFICATIONS

Count 1: Misuse of City Funds – P-Card

Specification 1.1: Unauthorized or Improperly Documented Charges

Specification 1.2: Improper Approval of P-Card Charges

Specification 1.3: Misrepresentation of P-Card Administrator

Specification 1.4: Continued Spending after Reimbursement Directive

Specification 1.5: Unaccounted For Public Funds

City records reflect procurement card (“P-Card”) activity that warrants formal review, a summary table of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The purchases and actions that warrant further review include, but are not limited to:

- At some point during his tenure as Mayor, he created a new form for P-Card authorizations, with the only authorizing signature required to be Mayor Williams. The investigation will determine whether the creation of such form served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures.
- On or about **February 5, 2026**, Mayor made a donation to Henry County Schools Foundation for school lunches. The invoice for this donation has a handwritten note stating that there was an additional \$398 processing fee, but no corroborating documentation of this surcharge was submitted. To date, no such Council authorization for this donation has been located. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. **(\$2,398.00)**
- On or about **February 26, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at “JNN-Athens” in Athens, Georgia. On the lost receipt form submitted by the Mayor, he indicated this charge was for parking, while in Athens for Newly Elected Officials training, hosted by GMA from February 25-27, 2026. A search for “JNN-Athens” returns as Jim-N-Nicks BBQ in Athens, Georgia. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. **(\$30.47)**
- On or about **March 8, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Quality Inn & Suites in Montgomery, Alabama, stating the charge was related to “Selma, AL event with YC”, meaning the Stockbridge Youth Council. Mayor is listed as the sole authorizer of this purchase. The



investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (\$176.29)

- On or about **March 11, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at the Clark Atlanta University Bookstore. The receipt provided shows a purchased a diploma frame or diploma cover. The P-Card purchase form Mayor created and submitted for this purchase states this charge was for “office furnishings.” Mayor is listed as the sole authorizer of this purchase. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (\$142.01).
- On or about **March 19, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Publix. The lost receipt form Mayor submitted stated this was for “hospitality items for a guest to COS”. The signature line for P-Card Administrator, on the lost receipt form Mayor submitted, is signed by a City employee, Sharee Lane. Ms. Lane is not the P-Card administrator for the Governing Body. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (\$14.81)
- On or about **March 20, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Nova Kitchen and Cocktail Bar. The lost receipt form Mayor submitted stated this was for a “team meeting”. The signature line for P-Card Administrator, on the lost receipt form Mayor submitted, is signed by a City employee, Sharee Lane. Ms. Lane is not the P-Card administrator for the Governing Body. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (\$123.18)
- On or about **March 22, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Pin Strikes, a bowling alley. The P-Card form Mayor created states this was for “bowling session donation to kids.” However, the receipt Mayor submitted shows two entries from the snack bar. Pursuant to Pin Strike’s website, the hourly rate for bowling at Pin Strikes on a Sunday is \$39.99 per hour. Mayor is listed as the sole authorizer of this purchase. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (\$23.75)
- On or about **March 24, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Red Room Bistro. The lost receipt form submitted by the Mayor states this is for a “Scholarship Banquet.” The Mayor’s official calendar, and official Instagram (@jaydenwilliamsga), and campaign Instagram

Wm. Scholastic
bought
youth grant



(@teamwilliamshq), show no calendar entries or posts referencing a scholarship banquet. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (\$101.53)

- On or about **April 5, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Academy Sports. The P-Card purchase form Mayor created and submitted for this purchase states this charge was for the Golf Tournament. Presumably this indication references the Ologo Golf Tournament hosted by Ne-Yo, as this event was held on April 6, 2026, at Eagle's Landing Country Club. The receipt shows that Mayor purchased clothing, including Nike pants. The Mayor's official Instagram (@jaydenwilliamsga), there is a photograph of Mayor Williams with Ne-Yo wearing black Nike pants. Mayor is listed as the sole authorizer of this purchase. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (\$161.99)
- On or about **April 29, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Popeyes, the transaction record reads as "ATL Popeyes Atrium 1136". This location is at the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (\$18.53)
- On or about **April 29, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Uber Eats for Stoners Pizza in Savannah, Georgia. Charges include one (1) small build your own pizza; three (3) chocolate chip cookies, and delivery records show a delivery completed in Savannah. The P-Card purchase form Mayor created and submitted for this purchase states this charge was for the "AAMA La 'Chiam Mayor Retreat Dinner." There is no such listed event on the Mayor's calendar for this date in Savannah, Georgia. The Mayor's calendar reflects a webinar with AAMA on April 29, 2026. Mayor is listed as the sole authorizer of this purchase. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (\$38.79)
- On or about **May 1, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Burlington. The P-Card purchase form Mayor created and submitted for this purchase states this charge was for the May 1st Move with the Mayor event. However, the receipt shows that Mayor purchased an item of clothing. Mayor is listed as the sole authorizer of this purchase. The investigation will



determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (**\$21.59**)

- On or about **May 1, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at McDonalds. The P-Card purchase form Mayor created and submitted for this purchase states this charge was for “breakfast for disenfranchised community member”. However, the receipt shows this purchase was completed in Forsyth, Georgia. Mayor is listed as the sole authorizer of this purchase. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (**\$13.65**)
- On or about **May 1, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Nova Kitchen and Cocktail Bar. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (**\$90.42**)
- On or about **May 12, 2026**, the City Treasurer issued Mayor a letter regarding personal charges made using a City purchase card regarding purchases at: Swiggz (5/2/2026 \$5.78), AMC South Lake (4/25/26, \$35.79), Vagaro Profuze (4/21/26, \$36.02) for reimbursement to the City in the amount of **\$77.59**.
- On or about **May 17, 2026**, Mayor made two charges in Hoover, Alabama. The first charge was made at QT 780 for \$8.44. The lost receipt form Mayor submitted states this purchase was “water – speaking engagement”. The second charge on this date in Hoover, Alabama was for J. Alexanders totaling \$181.44. The lost receipt form Mayor submitted is partially whited-out, but states in part “speaking engagement”. The Mayor’s official calendar, official Instagram (@jaydenwilliamsa), and his campaign Instagram (@teamwilliamshq), show no calendar entries or posts referencing an official speaking engagement in Hoover, Alabama. Mayor is the sole authorizer of these purchases. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (Combined total: **\$189.88**)
- On or about **May 23, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Reggae Vybz Caribbean in Hampton, Georgia. The lost receipt form Mayor submitted states the reason for this purchase was “small business spotlight”. Mayor is listed as the sole authorizer of these purchases. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. (**\$58.32**)



- On or about **June 17, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Longhorn Steakhouse in McDonough, Georgia at approximately 10:30 P.M. The P-Card purchase form Mayor created and submitted for this purchase states this charge was for “Mayor AI Training” and “Dinner for Instructor for event”. The Mayor’s calendar reflects an AI training during the afternoon of June 17, 2026, ending at approximately 4:00 P.M. Mayor is listed as the sole authorizer of this purchase. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. **(\$41.69)**
- On or about **June 21, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Pandora on the Square. The lost receipt form Mayor submitted stated this purchase was three (3) gift cards for City staff for Father’s Day. Father’s Day was June 21, 2026. However, Mayor stated to Director of Human Resources Dwayne Pollock, that he went to a large family dinner at Pandora on the Square for Father’s Day. The City retrieved a copy of the receipt from Pandora on the Square, which shows a charge of \$322.92, for the following items: two (2) Sprite beverages; twelve (12) Father’s Day Brunch at \$20 per person; mandatory holiday gratuity of 20%, and sales tax. When asked about which City employees would receive the gift cards, Mayor stated that he made a mistake on the form and said the cards were for employees of another organization. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. **(\$322.92)** *\$20 / p pr*
- On or about **July 3, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Profuze through Vagaro. The transaction line shows this as a barber. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. **(\$35)**
- On or about **July 4, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Jeweled by Threadz & More. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. **(\$30)**
- On or about **July 4, 2026**, Mayor made a charge at Polo Factory Store. The investigation will determine whether the purchase served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures. **(\$63.83)**
- On or about **July 13, 2026**, the City Treasurer issued Mayor a letter regarding personal charges made using a City P-Card regarding purchases at Vagaro Profuze, Jeweled by

Together



Threadz, Polo Factory store, for a total reimbursement owed to the City in the amount of \$128.83.

Applicable City Standards Implicated:

- Charter § 2.16(c) — personal use of city property
- Code of Ordinances § 11.04.160 – false representation to police or any city department
- Code of Ordinances § 2.40.040 (F), (J), (N) – city ethics code prohibitions for city officials

Applicable State Statutes Implicated:

- O.C.G.A. § 36-33-4 – personal liability for municipal officers
- O.C.G.A. § 36-80-24(b) — use of government card outside public duties or adopted guidelines
- O.C.G.A. § 16-9-37(b) — use of government-issued card outside written authorization
- O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20 — false statements or writings
- O.C.G.A. § 45-11-4 – unprofessional conduct by a public officer
- O.C.G.A. § 45-11-1 – offenses involving public records, documents, and other items

Count 2: Misuse of City Funds – Fuel Card

Specification 2.1: Misuse of Public Funds for Non-City Business

- City records indicate multiple purchases of fuel with Mayor's City-issued fuel card with multiple transactions on the same day, in different locations, indicating that Mayor Williams purchased fuel for multiple vehicles.
- The fuel system attributes each charge to a user ID regardless of the physical card used, and the charges in question are attributed to Mayor's user ID. The investigation will determine whether the purchases served an authorized municipal purpose and complied with applicable procedures.

Applicable City Standards Implicated:

- Charter § 2.16(c) — personal use of city property
- Code of Ordinances § 2.40.040 (F), (J), (N) – city ethics code prohibitions for city officials
- City Code of Ordinances § 11.04.160 - false representation to police or any city department

Applicable State Statutes Implicated:

- O.C.G.A. § 36-33-4 – personal liability for municipal officers



- O.C.G.A. § 36-80-24(b) — use of government card outside public duties or adopted guidelines
- O.C.G.A. § 16-9-37(b) — use of government-issued card outside written authorization
- O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20 — false statements or writings
- O.C.G.A. § 45-11-4 – unprofessional conduct by a public officer
- O.C.G.A. § 45-11-1 – offenses involving public records, documents, and other items

Count 3: Misuse of City Property – City Vehicles

Specification 3.1: Retention of City Vehicle Without Following Procedure

Specification 3.2: Damage to City Vehicle

Specification 3.3: Unauthorized Operation by Non-Employees

Specification 3.4: Retention of Keys After Return

Specification 3.5: Use of City Vehicles for Non-City Purposes

- From January 5, 2026, through July 16, 2026, a City-owned vehicle has been checked out in Mayor's name for approximately 183 days. The Vehicle Assignment Log shows multiple entries of extended vehicle use without coinciding City business.
- There have been multiple allegations made regarding Mayor's reckless driving in City owned vehicles, including instances documented by photo or video and sent to the City Council.
- There have been multiple allegations made that Mayor Williams has allowed non-City employees to drive or otherwise use a City-owned vehicle, including instances documented by photo or video and sent to the City Council.
- There have been multiple allegations that a City-owned vehicle was present at a nightclub, while checked out to Mayor Williams, not on official City business.
- Damage was sustained on a City vehicle while checked out under Mayor's name.
- After the damage to the City vehicle, a second vehicle was checked out shortly after the first was returned, and the keys to the first vehicle have not been returned.

Applicable City Standards Implicated:

- Charter § 2.16(c) — personal use of city property
- Code of Ordinances § 2.40.040 (F), (J), (N) – city ethics code prohibitions for city officials



- City Code of Ordinances § 11.04.160 - false representation to police or any city department
- City Code of Ordinances § 11.04.020 - damaging or defacing property—liability for cost

Applicable State Statutes Implicated:

- O.C.G.A. § 36-33-4 – personal liability for municipal officers
- O.C.G.A. § 16-8-4(b) — government officer's failure to return property upon lawful demand raises presumption of intent to convert

Count 4: Misrepresentation of Non-Employees as City Staff or Security Personnel

Specification 4.1: Individuals Presented as City Staff or Security Personnel

- Multiple City staff have reported that Mayor Williams has presented individuals who are not city employees, described as "security," as though they were City staff, creating the appearance of City authority outside the formal employment process.

Applicable City Standards Implicated:

- Charter § 3.22 — the Mayor lacks charter authority to bring individuals into roles that function as city staff or carry the appearance of city authority outside the formal hiring process
- City Code of Ordinances § 11.04.160 — false representation to police or any City department, to the extent such individuals were represented as City staff or security personnel
- The duty of an elected official to adhere to the City's formal employment and procurement processes



Count 5: Misuse of City Property - Unauthorized Access in Secure Areas of City Hall

Specification 5.1: Grant of Access to Secure Areas of City Hall to Unauthorized Visitors

- City staff have reported that these individuals discussed in Count 4 have been present in secure areas of City Hall, including the Mayor's Office, during and after business hours.

Applicable City Standards Implicated:

- Charter § 3.22 — the Mayor lacks charter authority to bring individuals into roles that confer the appearance of city authority outside the formal hiring process, such as granting access to secure areas of City Hall
- The duty of an elected official to adhere to the City's formal employment and procurement processes

Count 6: Violation of Charter § 2.22 – Interference with Administration (Workplace Conduct)

Specification 6.1: Direction to Staff Outside Chain of Command

Specification 6.2: Staff Retaliation Concerns

- Mayor Williams has repeatedly given direct orders to city staff who are subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager. This includes, but is not limited to: (1) directing Decius Aaron, the Director of the Public Works Department, to re-key his office door; and (2) directing Raven Eatmon, administrative assistant to Mayor and Council, to attend a meeting on his behalf and take notes, without her direct supervisor's knowledge or approval.
- As of the date of this memo, two (2) formal complaints have been filed against Mayor Williams and reported to City Council by Director of Human Resources, Dewayne Pollock.
- On or about **April 26, 2026**, Rosalynd Rawls, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council, filed her formal complaint with Human Resources. Her complaint alleges the following: (1) Mayor restricted access to essential functions required for her role (such as the Mayor's calendar, office, and certain financial systems that where access was limited or altered without notice); (2) Mayor directed her to not to act on the his behalf in situations



where her job description requires coordination, communication, and liaison support; (3) Mayor assigned directly to her subordinate, Raven Eatmon, without her knowledge, creating confusion in workflow, accountability, and team structure; (4) Mayor's inconsistent delegation and communication have resulted in inefficiencies, increased workload; (5) given this, Ms. Rawls stated she is concerned over how her professionalism and performance may be perceived internally and by the public.

- On or about **July 2, 2026**, Cassandra Lester, Interim City Clerk, filed her formal complaint with Human Resources. Her complaint alleges the following: (1) conduct of the Mayor that Ms. Lester believes has created a hostile and intimidating work environment; (2) Mayor interfered with her ability to perform her official duties; (3) Ms. Lester alleges that on or about July 1, 2026, the Mayor stated to her that he would “make sure” she never became the permanent City Clerk. During Executive Session on July 1, 2026, the Mayor proposed to Council that the City conduct a nationwide search for a permanent Clerk.
- Both complainants stated to Human Resources their concern for retaliation by the Mayor.

Applicable City Standards Implicated:

- Charter § 3.22 — the Mayor lacks charter authority to direct City staff
- Charter § 2.22 – Council interference with administration
- City Code of Ordinances § 2.40.055(B) – City ethics code of conduct

Applicable State Statutes Implicated:

- O.C.G.A. § 45-19-44 – unlawful employment retaliation

Count 7: Acceptance of Prohibited Honorariums and Gifts

Specification 7.1: Acceptance of Gifts or Services

- As reported to members of the City Council, Mayor Williams is alleged to have solicited or accepted prohibited gifts, rewards, or honorariums in connection with speaking engagements, including a request for limousine services and other high value gifts.

Applicable City Standards Implicated:

- City Code § 2.40.040(D) - city ethics code prohibitions for city officials



Applicable State Statutes Implicated:

- O.C.G.A. § 21-5-11 - prohibits public officers from accepting monetary fees or honoraria for speaking engagements, seminars, or panels related to their official duties
- O.C.G.A. § 36-33-4 – personal liability for municipal officers

Count 8: Violation of Oath of Office

Specification 8.1: Failure to Faithfully Discharge Duties

Specification 8.2: Holding Unaccounted Public Funds

- O.C.G.A. § 45-3-12 requires all elected officers in Georgia to take and subscribe a loyalty oath affirming their duty to support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Georgia and to faithfully discharge the duties of their office. The oath of office is not a formality — it is a binding legal obligation that governs every official action taken while in public service.
- The conduct alleged, if substantiated through the independent investigation and any subsequent proceedings, may constitute a willful and intentional violation of the terms of his oath — a determination the Council reserves pending resolution of the allegations set forth in Counts 1 through 7 as above.

Applicable City Standards Implicated:

- Charter § 3.11 – oath of office for Mayor and Councilmembers
- City Code § 2.40.040(D) - city ethics code prohibitions for city officials

Applicable State Statutes Implicated:

- O.C.G.A. § 45-3-12 – loyalty oath required for public officers
- O.C.G.A. § 16-10-1 – violation of Oath by public officer
- O.C.G.A. § 36-33-4 – personal liability for municipal officers



V. SCHEDULING AND PROCEDURAL RIGHTS - INVESTIGATION

As of the date of this Notice, Council is pursuing an independent investigation into these allegations; such investigation is expected to last approximately 30-45 days. Once Council has reviewed the final report of the independent investigator, they will decide if further action is warranted, up to and including removal proceedings. During the independent investigation period, Mayor Williams shall have the following procedural rights:

1. **Response Period:** Mayor Williams may submit a written response to these allegations within ten (10) business days of receipt of this Notice, subject to reasonable extensions for good cause shown at the discretion of the City Attorney or Council. Any such response shall be provided to the Office of the City Attorney, via email to: quinton@wlgga.com and megan@wlgga.com, with copy the City Manager, via email at: sedmondson@stockbridgega.org.
2. **Right to Counsel:** The independent investigation described above is fact-gathering only and does not itself carry trial-type rights. Mayor Williams has the right to be represented by legal counsel at all stages of this investigation. Should Mayor retain counsel, please provide their contact information to the City Attorney's Office.

VI. SCHEDULING AND PROCEDURAL RIGHTS – REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

As of the date of this Notice, Council is pursuing an independent investigation into these allegations; such investigation is expected to last 30-45 days. Upon completion of the independent investigation, if Council determines that sufficient cause exists to proceed, these allegations will be considered at a separate, formal adjudicative hearing conducted pursuant to Charter § 2.17. Should Council pursue removal proceedings, Mayor Williams shall have the following rights:

1. **Statement of Charges:** Pending the final report of the independent investigator, City Council, by and through the City Attorney, shall provide notice to the Mayor regarding the charges to be presented at any investigative hearing. This Notice is a summary of Council's preliminary allegations; any material amendment requires written notice and a reasonable additional opportunity to respond.



2. **Investigative Hearing:** Pending the final report of the independent investigator, Council may pursue removal proceedings as contemplated by City Charter § 2.17. Such proceedings require an investigative hearing. At that hearing, Mayor Williams shall have the right to:
 - Appear personally and through counsel;
 - Present evidence and witnesses;
 - Cross-examine witnesses presented by the Council; and
 - Receive a decision confined to the record made at the hearing.
3. **Right to Counsel:** Mayor Williams has the right to be represented by legal counsel at all stages of these proceedings. Should Mayor retain counsel, please provide their contact information to the City Attorney's Office.
4. **Neutral Hearing Officer:** Should Council pursue removal proceedings under Charter § 2.17, the investigative hearing shall be conducted before a hearing officer designated by the Council in accordance with the due process requirements of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution and consistent with the requirements of Charter § 2.17. Upon the close of testimony and evidence, the hearing officer shall make recommendations to the Council.
5. **Public Hearing:** Should Council pursue removal proceedings under Charter § 2.17, the investigative hearing shall be a duly noticed and conducted in open session, unless otherwise authorized by law for executive session deliberations.
6. **Notice of Hearing:** If such proceedings are initiated, a separate notice will be provided to the Mayor or his counsel setting the specific date, time, and location of the investigative hearing, together with the hearing procedures adopted by the Council.



VII. POTENTIAL SANCTIONS

Following the final findings of the independent investigation, the Council may take one or more of the following actions:

1. **Reprimand:** A formal expression of disapproval.
2. **Censure:** A formal condemnation of specified conduct.
3. **Request for Resignation:** A formal request that Mayor Williams resign from office.
4. **Initiate Removal Proceedings:** Pursuant to Charter § 2.17, upon a finding of cause, the Council may initiate removal proceedings, as described further herein.
5. **Referral for Criminal Prosecution:** The Council may refer the matter to the District Attorney of the Flint Judicial Circuit for independent review and prosecution if warranted.
6. **Referral for Ethics Violation:** The Council may file a formal complaint under the City's ethics ordinance.

Nothing in this Notice limits the Council's authority to pursue any combination of the above actions or any other remedy authorized by law.

VIII. RECORDS PRESERVATION DIRECTIVE

Pursuant to Stockbridge City Charter § 3.12, the Council is authorized to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production of evidence. Any person who fails or refuses to obey a lawful order in the exercise of these powers by the council shall be punished as provided by ordinance.

Pursuant to that authority, Mayor Williams is hereby directed to preserve all records, documents, electronic communications, and other data potentially relevant to the matters described herein that are subject to his custody, possession, and control, or are owned, possessed, or in the custody of any entity owned and/or operated by Mayor Jayden Williams, including Jayden for the People, LLC. This includes but is not limited to P-card and fuel-card records, vehicle records, calendars, emails, text messages, and any other communications with City staff or third parties relating to the allegations set forth above. This includes preservation of such records on any and all personal devices, personal accounts used for City business, text messages, official or personal social-media



communications, automatic deletion settings, and encrypted or third-party messaging applications (e.g., Snapchat, Signal, WhatsApp, iMessage). Any automatic-deletion or disappearing-message settings on such devices, accounts, or applications must be disabled immediately as to any potentially relevant communications. The duty to preserve applies immediately and continues until the final resolution of these proceedings. Any request or subpoena for production will be issued separately.

IX. PRESERVATION OF COUNCIL RIGHT TO AMEND ALLEGATIONS

The Council reserves the right to amend, supplement, or modify these allegations at the conclusion of the independent investigation, or at any time thereafter, as new facts and evidence are discovered. Nothing in this Notice limits the Council's authority to investigate and pursue additional violations not specifically alleged herein. Any material amendment to these allegations will be provided to Mayor Williams in writing, together with a reasonable additional opportunity to respond before further proceedings on the amended allegations.

Sincerely,

Quinton G. Washington, Esq.
City Attorney, City of Stockbridge

Enclosures

CC: City Council, City Manager, City Treasurer, Director of Human Resources



EXHIBIT A
P-Card Transaction Summary Table

#	Date	Merchant	Amount
1	2/5/26	Henry County Schools Foundation (under review)	\$2,398.00
2	2/26/26	JNN-Athens (under review)	\$30.47
3	3/8/26	Quality Inn, Montgomery, AL (under review)	\$176.29
4	3/11/26	Clark Atlanta Bookstore (under review)	\$142.01
5	3/19/26	Publix (under review)	\$14.81
6	3/20/26	Nova Kitchen & Cocktail Bar (under review)	\$123.18
7	3/22/26	Pin Strikes (under review)	\$23.75
8	3/24/26	Red Room Bistro (under review)	\$101.53
9	4/5/26	Academy Sports (under review)	\$161.99
10	4/29/26	Popeyes, ATL Airport (under review)	\$18.53
11	4/29/26	Uber Eats - Stoners Pizza, Savannah, GA (under review)	\$38.79
12	5/1/26	Burlington (under review)	\$21.59
13	5/1/26	McDonalds, Forsyth, GA (under review)	\$13.65
14	5/1/26	Nova Kitchen & Cocktail Bar (under review)	\$90.42

#	Date	Merchant	Amount
15	4/25/26	AMC South Lake (reimbursed per 5/12/26 directive by Finance)	\$35.79
16	4/21/26	Vagaro Profuze (reimbursed per 5/12/26 directive by Finance)	\$36.02
17	5/2/26	Swiggz (reimbursed per 5/12/26 directive by Finance)	\$5.78
18	5/17/26	QT 780, Hoover, AL (under review)	\$8.44
19	5/17/26	J. Alexanders, Hoover, AL (under review)	\$181.44
20	5/23/26	Reggae Vybz Caribbean, Hampton, GA (under review)	\$58.32
21	6/17/26	Longhorn Steakhouse, McDonough, GA (under review)	\$41.69
22	6/21/26	Pandora on the Square (under review)	\$322.92
23	7/3/26	Vagaro Profuze (noted on the 7/13/26 directive by Finance)	\$35.00
24	7/4/26	Jeweled by Threadz & More (noted on the 7/13/26 directive by Finance)	\$30.00
25	7/4/26	Polo Factory Store (noted on the 7/13/26 directive by Finance)	\$63.83
Total amount of transactions listed:			\$4,133.28



#	Date	Merchant	Amount
		Total amount indicated reimbursed per 5/12/26 letter from Finance:	\$77.59
		Total amount indicated for reimbursement per 7/13/26 letter from Finance:	\$128.83