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October 25, 2006

Mike Gleaton, Director Georgia Department of Community Affairs 60 Executive Park South, NE Atlanta, GA 30329

## Re: Amendment to the Service Delivery Strategy of Newton County

Dear Mr. Gleaton:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-70-28, attached are forms and documents created and duly executed by the Newton County Board of Commissioners, the City of Covington, the City of Newborn, the Town of Oxford, and the City of Porterdale to update and amend Newton County's Service Delivery Strategy.

Each city adjusted its service territories for water and/or wastewater services, and wastewater collection and treatment services for eastern Newton County were assigned to the Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority. These documents as duly executed amend the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County as enacted in 1999 and revised in 2002:

- 1. Service Delivery Strategy Update Certifications.
- 2. Service Delivery Strategy Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements, Page 2 for Public Utilities: Wastewater Collection (with new Map).
- 3. Service Delivery Strategy Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements, Page 2 for Public Utilities: Wastewater Treatment/Disposal (with new Map).
- 4. Service Delivery Strategy Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements, Page 2 for Public Utilities: Water Distribution (with new Map).
- 5. Resolution of the Newton County Board of Commissioners dated October 3, 2006.
- 6. Resolution of the Covington City Council dated October 2, 2006.
- 7. Resolution of the City Council of Newborn, Georgia dated October 2, 2006.
- 8. Resolution of the Oxford Mayor and Council dated October 2, 2006.
- 9. Resolution of the Council of the City of Porterdale dated October 2, 2006.

This office, which represents the Newton County Board of Commissioners, shall forward copies of this correspondence and distribute original signed copies of the Update Certifications to the cities of Covington, Mansfield, Newborn, Oxford, Porterdale, and Social Circle.

Please contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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James B. Griffin

Cc: Hon. Aaron Varner Hon. Sam Ramsey Hon. Bill Cocchi Hon. J.W. Cummings Hon. William Murdy Hon. Bobby Hamby Hon. James Burgess

### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 36-70-25 and 36-70-28(6), the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County shall be amended and updated whenever the county and affected municipalities agree to revise the strategy;

WHEREAS, by Resolution (R061306) of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia dated June 13, 2006, by Resolution of the Covington City Council dated August 7, 2006, by Resolution of the Mayor & Council of Oxford dated September 11, 2006, and by Resolution of the Council of the City of Porterdale dated September 11, 2006, amendments to the Service Delivery Strategy as set forth in said Newton County resolution were approved by the governing entities to update the Service Delivery Strategy;

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs requires that a new "Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements" for each revised local service be prepared, approved, and approved by resolution and that a new "Certifications" page be signed by authorized representatives before filing said update to the Service Delivery Strategy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND CERTIFIED, by the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia as follows:

- The Board of Commissioners has reviewed the attached documents constituting amendments to the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County, Georgia, and the attached documents include:
  - a. Service Delivery Strategy Update Certifications, including a signature page for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Mayors of the affected municipalities under O.C.G.A. § 36-70-21.
  - b. Service Delivery Strategy: Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements- Page 2 for the Service of Public Utilities: Wastewater Collection, including that certain map captioned "Newton County, GA, Sewer Service Areas, June 13, 2006."
  - c. Service Delivery Strategy: Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements- Page 2 for the Service of Public Utilities: Wastewater Treatment/Disposal, including that certain map captioned "Newton County, GA, Sewer Service Areas, June 13, 2006."
  - d. Service Delivery Strategy: Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements- Page 2 for the Service of Public Utilities:
    Water Distribution, including that certain map captioned "Newton County, GA, Water Service Areas, June 13, 2006."
  - e. R061306, Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia, June 13, 2006.

- 2. The Board of Commissioners certifies that the attached documents constitute the update for the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County as approved and authorizes the Chairman to execute the updated Certifications page and legal counsel to submit the updated Certifications page to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
- 3. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 36-70-25 and 36-70-28, said update of the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County shall become effective once the new Certifications page is executed by authorized signatories from Newton County, the City of Covington, and no less than 50 percent of the governing authorities of the following municipalities: the City of Newborn, the City of Oxford, and the City of Porterdale and filed with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

SO RESOLVED, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2006.

Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia

Aaron Varner, Chairman





### SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY UPDATE CERTIFICATIONS

#### Instructions:

This two page form must, at a minimum, be signed by an authorized representative of the following governments: 1) the county; 2) the city serving as the county seat; 3) all cities having a 2000 population of over 9,000 residing within the county; and 4) no less than 50% of all other cities with a 2000 population of between 500 and 9,000 residing within the county. Cities with a 2000 population below 500 and local authorities providing services under the strategy are not required to sign this form, but are encouraged to do so.

COUNTY

## UPDATED SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR NEWTON

We, the undersigned authorized representatives of the jurisdictions listed below, certify that:

- 1. We have reviewed our existing Service Delivery Strategy and have determined that: (Check only one box for question #1)
  - A. Our Strategy continues to accurately reflect our preferred arrangements for providing local services throughout our county and no changes in our Strategy are needed at this time; or
  - B. Our Strategy has been revised to reflect our preferred arrangements for providing local services.

If Option A is selected, only this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives must be provided to DCA.

If Option B is selected, this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives, must be submitted to DCA along with:

- an updated "Summary of Service Arrangements" form (page 2) for each local service that has been revised/updated;
- · any supporting local agreements pertaining to each of these services that has been revised/updated; and
- an updated service area map depicting the agreed upon service area for each provider if there is more than one service provider for each service that has been revised/updated within the county, and if the agreed upon service areas do not coincide with local political boundaries.
- Each of our governing bodies (County Commission and City Councils) that are a party to this strategy have adopted resolutions agreeing to the Service Delivery arrangements identified in our strategy and have executed agreements for implementation of our service delivery strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-21);
- 3. Our service delivery strategy continues to promote the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner for all residents, individuals and property owners throughout the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1));
- 4. Our service delivery strategy continues to provide that water or sewer fees charged to customers located outside the geographic boundaries of a service provider are reasonable and are not arbitrarily higher than the fees charged to customers located within the geographic boundaries of the service provider (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (2));
- Our service delivery strategy continues to ensure that the cost of any services the county government provides (including those jointly funded by the county and one or more municipalities) primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county are borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive such service (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (3));

- Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the officially adopted County and City land use plans of all local governments located in the County are compatible and nonconflicting (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(A));
- 7. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the provision of extraterritorial water and sewer services by any jurisdiction is consistent with all County and City land use plans and ordinances (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(B)); and
- Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to contain an agreed upon process between the county government and each city located in the county to resolve land use classification disputes when the county objects to the proposed land use of an area to be annexed into a city within the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(C))<sup>1</sup> and;
- 9. DCA has been provided a copy of this certification and copies of all forms, maps and supporting agreements needed to accurately depict our agreed upon strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-27).

If the County does not have an Annexation/Land Use dispute resolution process with each of its cities, list the cities where no agreed upon process exists: City of Portevale

SIGNATURE:	NAME: (Please print or type)	TITLE:	JURISDICTION:	DATE:
Dawn Varm	Aaron Varner	Chairman Newton County Board of Commissioners	Newton County	10-03.06
Damkorm	Sam Ramsey	Mayor	City of Covington	10.2.06
tillingmund	William H. Murdy	Mayor	Town of Oxford	10.2.06
Poffy & How	Bobby Hamby	Mayor	City of Porterdale	10-2-06
Vilana	J.W. Cummings	Mayor	City of Newborn	10-2.06
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### SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY SUMMARY OF SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS PAGE 2

#### Instructions:

Make copies of this form and complete one for each service listed on page 1, Section III. Use exactly the same service names listed on page 1. Answer each question below, attaching additional pages as necessary. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of the page) changes, this should be reported to the Department of Community Affairs.

County: NEWTON Service: Public Utilities: Wastewater Collection

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.):

Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion of the county by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.):

One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the service will not be provided in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service:

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Other (If this box is checked, attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.):

In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?
 Yes / No

If these conditions will continue under the strategy, attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

If these conditions will be eliminated under the strategy, **attach an implementation schedule** listing each step or action that will be taken to eliminate them, the responsible party and the agreed upon deadline for completing it.

3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

Local Government or Authority:	Funding Method:
Covington & Mansfield	User Fees
Newton County Water & Sewer Authority	User Fees & Special Service District Revenues
Joint Development Authority (4 Counties)	User Fees
Oxford & Porterdale	User Fees
Social Circle	User Fees

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

This amendment assigns previously unassigned service areas and clarifies service area boundaries in order to make the construction of facilities and expansion of services permissible in the future. Newton County Water & Sewer Authority shall serve the area designated on the revised map as "East Newton Sewer," and special service district revenues may be one of its two means of funding wastewater services.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

Agreement Name:	Contracting Parties:	Effective and Ending Dates:
Service Delivery Agreement	Newton County and all cities	Sept. 1999, rev. Sept. 2002, rev. Sept. 2006
Intergovernmental Contract	Joint Development Authority (4 counties)	July 2002 to July 2052
	Social Circle, Jasper County, Morgan County,	
	Newton County, Walton County	

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

Alternate Dispute Resolution Agreements to resolve territorial disputes re service areas (already in place);

Resolution (R061306) of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Resolution of the Covington City Council, Resolution by Mayor & Council of Oxford, Resolution by Council of City of Porterdale (effective upon the authorized signatures on the Certifications page)

- 7. Person completing form: John Middleton, Executive Assistant, Newton County, 1124 Clark Street, Covington, GA 30014 Phone number: 678-625-1200 Date completed: September 29, 2006
- 8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? Yes No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below: James B. Griffin, Esq. or Jenny S. Carter, Esq., 770-786-1320

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County: \_\_\_\_NEWTON \_\_\_\_Service: Public Utilities: Wastewater Treatment/Disposal

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

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 Yes No

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Covington & Mansfield	User Fees	
Newton County Water & Sewer Authority	User Fees & Special Service District Revenues	
Oxford, Porterdale, & Social Circle	User Fees	
Oxford College, Newton County School Board	General Fund	
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Intergovernmental Contract	Joint Development Authority (4 counties),	July 2002 to July 2052
	Social Circle, Morgan County,	
	Newton County, Walton County	

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County: NEWTON Service: Public Utilities: Water Distribution

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

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 Yes No

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Oxford, Porterdale, Social Circle	User Fees
Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan,	User Fees
Newton, and Walton Counties	

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### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

## R061306 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTOŃ COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-70-20 et seq. provides for each county in Georgia to develop a Service Delivery Strategy responsive to the needs of its citizens;

WHEREAS, Newton County, the City of Covington, the City of Oxford, and the City of Porterdale were among the original signatories of the Newton County, Georgia Service Delivery Strategy adopted on or before September 30, 1999;

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 36-70-25 and 36-70-28(6), the Service Delivery Strategy shall be amended whenever the county and affected municipalities agree to revise the strategy;

WHEREAS, the City of Porterdale executed on March 6, 2006 an Interjurisdictional Water Distribution Agreement and an Interjurisdictional Wastewater Collection Agreement which require an amendment and revision to the water and wastewater service delivery strategy and service areas within Newton County;

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford resolved on April 3, 2006 to amend and revise its water and wastewater service delivery strategy and service areas within Newton County;

WHEREAS, the City of Covington resolved on April 17, 2006 to amend and revise its water and wastewater service delivery strategy and service areas within Newton County; WHEREAS, the maps attached to Interjurisdictional Water Distribution Agreement and an Interjurisdictional Wastewater Collection Agreement executed by the City of Porterdale and the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority on March 6, 2006 omit the assignment of water and sewer service in eastern Newton County to the Joint Development Authority of Jasper County, Morgan County, Newton County and Walton County (the "Joint Development Authority") as certified by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs on or before September 20, 2002;

WHEREAS, said omission of the Joint Development Authority's service areas would violate existing intergovernmental agreements;

WHEREAS, the amendments to the Service Delivery Strategy as submitted by the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority on May 2, 2006 also omit expansions of service areas for the City of Mansfield and the City of Newborn;

WHEREAS, Newton County cannot approve the amendments to the Service Delivery Strategy as submitted by the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority on May 2, 2006 because of these omissions and therefore must adopt a new resolution for approval by Newton County's affected municipalities pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 36-70-25 and 36-70-28;

WHEREAS, the construction of Georgia Perimeter College in northeastern Newton County has stimulated plans for rapid development of area and created an urgent need to provide wastewater-treatment services in the Brick Store Development Node:

WHEREAS, the Joint Development Authority has an urgent need to be able to offer wastewater treatment services to prospective industries seeking to locate

facilities at Stanton Springs and thereby fulfill its mandate to create high-quality jobs for the region;

WHEREAS, the City of Social Circle is in a period of rapid growth, has annexed lands adjacent to Newton County, rezoned those lands for high-intensity uses, and seeks to expand its wastewater-treatment capacity;

WHEREAS, it is foreseeable that the region within a five-mile radius of Stanton Springs shall need at least 4 million gallons per day of wastewater-treatment capacity;

WHEREAS, Newton County has an historic opportunity to construct a regional wastewater-treatment facility on the Little River at its confluence with Dennis Creek which would serve the entire area: Georgia Perimeter College, the Brick Store Development Node, Stanton Springs, Social Circle, unincorporated Newton County, unincorporated Morgan County, and unincorporated Walton County;

WHEREAS, the necessary permits to construct and operate a regional wastewater-treatment facility must be secured on an expedited basis;

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-70-27(a), state assistance and state permits are not available for the development of a new regional wastewater-treatment facility for the Little River watershed unless the project is in an agreed-upon service area consistent with the Service Delivery Strategy;

WHEREAS, Newton County has urgent incentives to amend its Service Delivery Strategy by assigning the sewer-service territory in northeastern Newton County stretching from the Walton County boundary at the Alcovy River southward

to the Brick Store Development Node and eastward from the Hub Junction to Stanton . Springs;

WHEREAS, the assignee of the sewer-service territory should be an entity capable of financing and constructing a regional wastewater-treatment facility;

WHEREAS, Newton County proposes to amend its Services Delivery Strategy in order to assign sewer and wastewater services for certain portions of eastern Newton County to the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority and thereby expedite the permitting of a wastewater-treatment facility.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia as follows:

- 1. The Board of Commissioners resolves to amend the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County as adopted on or before September 30, 1999 and later amended, in particular, to amend the maps delineating the Water Service Areas according to that certain map labeled "Newton County, GA, Water Service Areas, June 13, 2006," attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit "A".
- 2. The Board of Commissioners resolves to amend the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County as adopted on or before September 30, 1999 and later amended, in particular, to amend the maps delineating the Sewer Service Areas according to that certain map labeled "Newton County, GA, Sewer Service Areas, June 13, 2006," attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit "B".

- 3. The Board of Commissioners resolves to amend the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County as adopted on or before September 30, 1999 and later amended, in particular, to designate certain parcels in eastern Newton County for delivery of sewer services as the "Eastern Newton County Sewer District" as delineated on that certain map labeled "Eastern Newton County Sewer District, Newton County, GA, June 13, 2006," attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit "C"**.
- 4. The Board of Commissioners resolves to amend the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County as adopted on or before September 30, 1999 (and later amended) in order to assign the sewer service territory and responsibility for this newly designated "Eastern Newton County Sewer District" to the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority.
- 5. The Board of Commissioners resolves to amend the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County as adopted on or before September 30, 1999 (and later amended) under "Service: Public Utilities: Wastewater Collection" at: Paragraph No. 3 next to "Newton County & Sewerage Authority" to include "Special Service District Revenues" as a Funding Method
- 6. The Board of Commissioners resolves to amend the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County as adopted on or before September 30, 1999 and later amended under "Service: Public Utilities: Wastewater Treatment/Disposal" at:
  - (a) Paragraph No. 3 next to "Newton County & Sewerage Authority" to include "Special Service District Revenues" as a Funding Method; and

- (b) Additional Information to insert the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: "In order to facilitate regional cooperation for wastewater planning in the Little River watershed through direct negotiations with neighboring counties, municipalities, and authorities, Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority shall be responsible for Wastewater Treatment/Disposal in the Eastern Newton County Sewer District."
- 7. The Board of Commissioners resolves to authorize the Chairman, with the assistance of legal counsel, to prepare and execute all documents necessary to obtain Service Delivery Strategy Certification for the above-described amendments from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
- 8. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 36-70-25 and 36-70-28, this Resolution to amend the Service Delivery Strategy for Newton County, having been approved by the governing authority for Newton County, shall become effective when filed with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs upon adoption of resolutions of approval by the City of Covington and by no less than 50 percent of the governing authorities of the following municipalities: the City of Newborn, the City of Oxford, and the City of Porterdale.

SO RESOLVED, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia

Aaron Varner, Chairman

Jackie Smith, Clerk







