

**CITY OF BROOKLET
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-025

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BROOKLET AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONNECTION TO THE CITY OF BROOKLET'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Brooklet, Georgia (the "City") is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to adopt ordinances relating to its property, affairs and local government;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have the authority to amend the City's ordinances from time to time and where necessary to maintain adequate regulations; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BROOKLET, GEORGIA, in a regular meeting assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof, as follows:

Section 1. Section 50-64 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Brooklet, Georgia is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 50-64. – Payment of sewer charge required when sewer facilities available, time limit for connection to public sewer.

Every customer shall commence paying a sewer charge as provided in this article within 30 days from the tenth day of the next ensuing month after sewer facilities have been made available, and each customer shall connect to the city sewer system within six months from the date such facilities are made reasonably available by the city, except for residential customers that have an existing private sewage system that is in good working order at the time sewer facilities are available to such customer, if such customer elects not to connect to the sewage system. Such existing residential private sewage systems shall be allowed to continue to be maintained for the useful life of said private sewage system unless and until such system becomes a danger to the health, safety and welfare and/or needs replacing, and upon the occurrence of either or both of such events, the customer shall be required to connect to the municipal sewer facilities if such facilities are reasonably available. For customers that have an existing private sewage system, sewer facilities are "reasonably available" when city gravity sewer lines, rather than force sewer lines, are located within 100 feet of the property line. For customers that do not have an existing private sewage system, sewer facilities

are “reasonably available” when city gravity sewer lines and/or force sewer lines are located within 100 feet of the property line.

Section 2. Section 50-74 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Brooklet, Georgia is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 50-74. – Connection to public sewers required when sewer facilities available.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to construct any new privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or used for disposal of sewage where public sewers are reasonably available. For customers that have an existing private sewage system, sewer facilities are “reasonably available” when city gravity sewer lines, rather than force sewer lines, are located within 100 feet of the property line. For customers that do not have an existing private sewage system, sewer facilities are “reasonably available” when city gravity sewer lines and/or force sewer lines are located within 100 feet of the property line.
- (b) The owner of any house, building or property used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purpose situated within the city or any area under the jurisdiction of the city, and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now or shall be located a public sanitary sewer of the city, is hereby required at their expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this article within 90 days after the date of written notice from the city engineer or heir designee to the property owner requiring such property owner to make connection thereto, provided that city gravity sewer lines and/or force sewer lines are located within 100 feet of the property line. Provided, however, residential property owners that have an existing private sewage system that is in good working order at the time public sanitary sewer facilities first become reasonably available to such property owner, that elect not to connect to the public sanitary sewer facilities, shall not be required to connect thereto at that time. Provided further, such existing residential private sewage systems shall be allowed to continue to be maintained for the useful life of said residential private sewage system unless and until such system becomes a danger to the health, safety and welfare and/or needs replacing, and upon the occurrence of either or both of such events, the customer shall be required to connect to the public sanitary sewer system if a sanitary sewer gravity line is located within 100 feet of the property line.

Section 3. Section 50-85 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Brooklet, Georgia is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 50-85. – Connection with public sewer.

At such time as a public sanitary sewer gravity line is installed within 100 feet of the property line and is available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this article once the private sewage system becomes a danger to the health, safety and welfare, needs replacing, and/or has reached the end of its useful life, at which time any septic tanks, cesspools and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned, cleaned of sludge and filled with clean bank run gravel or dirt within 60 days of notification to do so by the city engineer or other county or state agency having jurisdiction over such matters.

Section 4. If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.


Section 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Approved this the 17th day of July, 2025.

CITY OF BROOKLET, GEORGIA


L.W. (Nicky) GWINNETT, JR., Mayor

ATTEST:


LORI PHILLIPS, City Clerk

