

I. Charter amendment process:

Public notice, ads, and process to amend charter:

1). Notice to public:

a. Notice published containing synopsis of proposed amendment published in the Official organ of the county of legal situs of the city once a week for 3 weeks within a period of 60 days immediately preceding its final adoption

b. Notice shall state proposed amendment on file with the city clerk and with the clerk of superior court of the county where the city sits

c. The proposal should be read at 2 regular consecutive meetings, not less than 7 days apart nor more than 60.

II. AD (see AD IS BELOW: PLUG IN DATES)

CITY OF DUNWOODY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.01.; ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.02.(c); AND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.03. OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY TO DESIGNATE THE TITLE AND NUMBER OF JUDGES; CONFIRM THE AUTHORITY OF JUDGES; AND CREATING TERM LIMITS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 that the City Council for the City of Dunwoody will hear and consider a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City at 6:00 p.m. on _____, 2026 and 6:00 pm on _____, 2026 at Dunwoody City Hall, 4800 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338, to amend Article IV, Sec. 4.01. by designating the title, number, and confirming the powers and duties of judges; Article IV, Sec. 4.02.(c) to create term limits; and Article IV, Sec. 4.03. by adding the word “chief” to same. A copy of the proposed Amendment is available for viewing and consideration by the public at Dunwoody City Hall by contacting Municipal Clerk Sharon Lowery and is also on file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of DeKalb County as required by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3(b).

III. The Following must be on file with both the City Clerk and the Clerk of the Superior Court of DeKalb County as required by law for public inspection:

Proposed charter amendment seeks to amend Article IV, Sec. 4.01. by designating the title, number, and confirming the powers and duties of judges; Article IV, Sec. 4.02.(c) to create term limits; and Article IV, Sec. 4.03. by adding the word “chief” to same, to read as follows:

Sec. 4.01. - Creation.

There is established a court to be known as the Municipal Court of the City of Dunwoody which shall have jurisdiction and authority to try offenses against the laws and ordinances of said city and to punish for a violation of the same. Such court shall have the power to enforce its judgments by the imposition of such penalties as may be provided by law, including ordinances of the city; to punish witnesses for nonattendance and to punish also any person who may counsel or advise, aid, encourage, or persuade another whose testimony is desired or material in any proceeding before said court to go or move beyond the reach of the process of the court; to try all offenses within the territorial limits of the city constituting traffic cases which, under the laws of Georgia, are placed within the jurisdiction of municipal courts to the extent of, and in accordance with, the provisions of such laws and all laws subsequently enacted amendatory thereof. Said court shall be presided over by a chief municipal judge duly appointed by the mayor and confirmed by council and such number of associate municipal judge(s) as duly appointed by the mayor and confirmed by council. Associate judges shall have the same power and duties while presiding as a chief judge.

SC. 4.02.-Judge(s).

(c) All judges shall serve for a term of four years, but in no event more than two consecutive or non-consecutive terms. The term limits herein apply prospectively to all appointments or reappointments made on or after April 1, 2026. Judges may be removed from the position by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the city council or shall be removed upon action taken by the State Judicial Qualifications Commission for:

- (1) Willful misconduct in office;
- (2) Willful and persistent failure to perform duties;
- (3) Habitual intemperance;
- (4) Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings the judicial office into disrepute; or
- (5) Disability seriously interfering with the performance of duties, which is, or is likely to become, of a permanent character.

Sec. 4.03. - Convening.

The municipal court shall be convened at such times as designated by ordinance or at such times as deemed necessary by the chief judge to keep current the dockets thereof.