

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

RESOLUTION 2026-XX-XX

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AND CONFIRM A MUNICIPAL COURT CHIEF
JUDGE SUBJECT TO EXECUTION OF THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4.01 of the City of Dunwoody Charter establishes the Municipal Court and authorizes the appointment of a Chief Municipal Court Judge and such Associate Municipal Court Judges by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Michael Hawkins to serve as the Chief Municipal Court Judge for the City of Dunwoody; and

WHEREAS, Michael Hawkins satisfies all qualifications required under Article IV, Section 4.02(a) of the City Charter, including minimum age and State Bar membership; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to confirm Michael Hawkins to a four-year term as Chief Municipal Court Judge, beginning on August 5, 2026 and ending on August 5, 2030, consistent with Article IV, Section 4.02(c) of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council further find that such appointment and confirmation shall be conditioned upon the Judge's execution of the Independent Contractor Service Agreement for Municipal Court Judge, which governs the Judge's service as an independent contractor and outlines all duties, compensation, and obligations required under the City Charter and Georgia law; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody, while in regular session on July 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., that Michael Hawkins is hereby appointed and confirmed as the Chief Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term, beginning on August 5, 2026 and ending on August 5, 2030, pursuant to Article IV of the City Charter. The appointment and confirmation are expressly conditioned upon the Judge's execution of the Independent Contractor Service Agreement for Municipal Court Judge, and the Mayor is authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City.

Approved:

Attest:

Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(SEAL)

Michael Hawkins

Michael Hawkins is Board Certified in DUI Defense Law as recognized by the American Bar Association. He has 34 years of legal experience. He served as an Assistant Solicitor in DeKalb County from 1992-94, and as an Assistant District Attorney in Rockdale County from 1994-96. He has taught DUI and traffic law to lawyers and judges in 15 states and is the former Dean of the National College for DUI Defense. He is "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell (highest in ethics and legal expertise) and is frequently named as one of the *Top 100 Lawyers in Georgia* in Atlanta Magazine. Hawkins is also listed among the *Best Lawyers in America*, and his law firm, Hawkins Law Firm, is listed among the *Best Law Firms in America* in U.S. News & World Report. Hawkins has served as an associate Judge in The Dunwoody Municipal Court since 2010.