

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED there shall be, and is hereby called that on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, an election will be held in the City of Woodstock (the “City”), at which election there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the City for their determination the question of whether to amend an act providing a homestead exemption from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes for the full value of the homestead after a two-year phase-in period for certain residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3793), so as to provide for a residency requirement and grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

An Act providing a homestead exemption from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes for the full value of the homestead after a two-year phase-in period for certain residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3793), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 1 as follows:

"(b)(1) Each resident of the City of Woodstock who has been granted a homestead exemption for property located within the city limits for at least five years and who is a senior citizen is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes on the homestead owned and occupied by such resident as a residence for the full value of that homestead.

(2) Each resident of the City of Woodstock who in 2025 qualified for and was granted the homestead exemption authorized by this section as it existed in 2024 and who is a senior citizen is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes on the homestead owned and occupied by such resident as a residence for the full value of that homestead."

Voters desiring to vote for such amendment shall do so by voting “YES” and the voters desiring to vote against such amendment shall do so by voting “NO” as to the question written or printed on the ballot. Such question shall be substantially as follows:

“Shall the Act be approved which provides for a homestead exemption from City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes for the full value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older and have been granted a homestead exemption for property located within the city limits for at least five years or in 2025 qualified for and were granted the homestead exemption provided for by existing law?”

The ballot for the question propounded above shall have printed thereon the word “YES” and the word “NO” in order that each voter may cast his or her vote in either the affirmative or the negative as to the question propounded.

The several places for holding the election shall be the regular and established polling places for holding elections in each precinct in the City. These polling places have been established by Resolution #805-2024 adopted at the February 26, 2024, Council Meeting and are the same as the County polling places. Each polling place shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024.

Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cherokee County Board of Elections to conduct our city elections, the Director of the Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration, is designated as the municipal election superintendent, shall be and is hereby, authorized and instructed to publish a notice of the election at least once a week for a period of two (2) weeks immediately preceding the date of the election in the Cherokee Tribune per the requirement of the local legislation calling for such election. Such notice shall also be published not less than twenty-nine (29) days immediately preceding the election as provided by Georgia Code Title 21, Chapter 2, Article 14 (§21-2-540 c.2)

Those qualified to vote at this election shall be determined in all respects in accordance and in conformity with the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and the State of Georgia.

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER AND WHERE TO VOTE, YOU MAY CALL THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION AT 770-479-0407 OR INQUIRE AT THE OFFICES OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION AT 193 LAMAR HALEY PARKWAY, CANTON, GA 30114. THE FINAL DAY FOR REGISTRATION TO VOTE IN SUCH ELECTION SHALL BE April 22, 2024.

This notice is given pursuant to the authority of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Woodstock, Georgia.

CITY OF WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA