

House Bill 737 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Cheokas of the 151st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To readopt and revise the laws pertaining to the Commission of the Unified Government of
2 Webster County, Georgia; to provide for statutes as a municipal corporation and county; to
3 provide for powers of the unified government; to provide for tax districts; to provide for the
4 commission; to provide for election districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to
5 provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for powers, election,
6 removal, compensation, and meetings of the commission; to provide for ordinances and
7 codes; to provide for ethics and prohibited practices; to provide for the administration; to
8 provide for powers and duties of the chairperson; to provide for county officers and elected
9 officials; to provide for departments; to restate provisions related to merit systems; to provide
10 for boards, commissions, and authorities; to make provisions for county judicial offices; to
11 provide for taxation and other revenues; to provide for indebtedness, bonds, fiscal year,
12 budgeting, audits, disposition of property, and contracting; to provide for application of laws;
13 to provide for limitations on claims and liability; to provide for conflict of laws and
14 assessments; to authorize contracting with federal and state agencies; to restate pension
15 protections; to provide for personnel policies; to provide for amendments; to provide for
16 captions and effects of repeals; to provide for severability; to restate certain transition
17 provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

19 ARTICLE I
20 UNIFICATION, CREATION, BOUNDARIES, STATUS, AND
21 POWERS OF UNIFIED GOVERNMENT

22 SECTION 1-101.
23 Unified Government of Webster County.

24 (a) The governmental and corporate powers, duties, and functions previously vested in the
25 governing authority of the City of Preston, a municipal corporation chartered by an Act of
26 the General Assembly of Georgia, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4127) and the
27 governing authority of Weston, a municipal corporation chartered by an Act of the General
28 Assembly of Georgia, approved August 12, 1911 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 1620) that were unified
29 with the governmental and corporate powers, duties, and functions of Webster County with
30 the adoption of the initial charter of the Unified Government of Webster County proposed
31 by the commission created by an Act to create and establish the Preston-Weston-Webster
32 County Charter and Unification Commission, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p.
33 3694), and then approved by the voters of Webster County voting in a referendum held on
34 February 5, 2008. Such unification resulted in the creation and establishment of a single
35 county-wide government with powers and jurisdiction throughout the territorial limits of
36 Webster County, which single government shall supersede and replace the governments of
37 the City of Preston, the City of Weston, and Webster County. Said county-wide government
38 shall be a political entity, a body politic and corporate, and a political subdivision of the state,
39 known as the "Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia," also know as the "Unified
40 Government," having all the governmental and corporate powers, duties, and functions
41 previously held by and vested in the Cities of Preston and Weston and Webster County and

42 also the powers, duties, and functions provided in this charter. The unified government shall
43 be a public corporation; shall have perpetual existence; shall adopt a common seal; shall,
44 without the necessity or formality of a deed, bill of sale, or other instrument of transfer, own,
45 possess, and hold all the properties of whatsoever kind or nature, assets, contracts, franchise,
46 things, rights, privileges, immunities, and real and personal property theretofore owned,
47 possessed, enjoyed, or held by the Cities of Preston and Weston and Webster County; and
48 by the name of Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, shall be capable of suing
49 and being sued when authorized by this charter and by the Constitution and laws of the State
50 of Georgia. The political subdivision known as Webster County, Georgia, the municipal
51 corporation known as the City of Preston, Georgia, and the municipal corporation known as
52 the City of Weston, were unified into the said new political entity herein created as of the
53 adoption of the initial charter of the unified government.

54 (b) The unification of the governments of the City of Preston, the City of Weston, and
55 Webster County is authorized pursuant to the provisions of Article IX, Section III,
56 Paragraph II(a) of the Constitution of Georgia of 1983, as amended, and an Act establishing
57 the Preston-Weston-Webster County Charter and Unification Commission, approved
58 April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3694).

59 **SECTION 1-102.**

60 **Boundaries.**

61 The unified government shall embrace the total area included within the existing territorial
62 limits of Webster County as such limits are fixed and established on the effective date of this
63 charter; provided, however, that if a majority of the qualified voters of Weston casting ballots
64 upon the referendum to approve or disapprove this charter shall disapprove, the territorial
65 limits of the City of Weston shall not be included in the territorial limits of the Unified
66 Government of Webster County. However, such limits may be altered and changed from

67 time to time as provided by the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia pertaining to
68 counties.

69 **SECTION 1-103.**

70 Status of unified government as municipal corporation and county.

71 The unified government shall be deemed to be both a municipal corporation and a county
72 throughout the total territory of said government. It is the express intention of this section
73 to declare as a city and as a part of the unified government all of the area of Webster County
74 except as otherwise provided in this charter.

75 **SECTION 1-104.**

76 Powers of the unified government.

77 (a) The Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, shall have all powers of self
78 government authorized by the Constitution and not otherwise prohibited by the laws of
79 Georgia.

80 (b) In addition to the foregoing, the unified government shall have all rights, powers, duties,
81 privileges, and authority that the City of Preston, the City of Weston or Webster County, or
82 any of the preceding, had under the Constitution and general and local laws of the State of
83 Georgia at the time of adoption of the initial charter of the unified government, except as
84 herein expressly modified. This authority shall include but shall not be limited to the
85 authority to adopt home rule ordinances and resolutions as provided in Article IX, Section II
86 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

87 (c) In addition to the foregoing, the unified government shall have all rights, powers, duties,
88 privileges, and authority herein conferred or herein enlarged, and such other rights, powers,
89 duties, privileges, and authority as may be necessary and proper for carrying the same into

90 execution, and also all rights, powers, duties, privileges, and authority, whether expressed
91 or implied, that may be now vested in or hereafter granted to counties or municipal
92 corporations, or both, by the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, including the
93 powers vested in the unified government by this charter.

94 (d) The unified government, in addition to the rights, duties, powers, privileges, and
95 authority expressly conferred upon it by this charter, shall have the right, duty, power,
96 privilege, and authority to exercise and enjoy all other powers, duties, functions, rights,
97 privileges, and immunities necessary and proper to promote or protect the safety, health,
98 peace, security, and general welfare of said government and its constituents and to exercise
99 all implied powers necessary to carry into execution all powers granted in this charter as fully
100 and completely as if such powers were fully enumerated herein and to do and perform all of
101 the acts pertaining to its property, affairs, and local government which are necessary or
102 proper in the legitimate exercise of its corporate powers and governmental duties and
103 functions.

104 (e) No enumeration of any right, power, privilege, or authority hereinafter made shall be
105 construed as limiting or abolishing any right, power, privilege or authority herein above set
106 forth.

107 (f) In addition to and supplementary to all other powers which it may possess, and by way
108 of illustration and not of limitation, the unified government shall have the powers specifically
109 enumerated in Section 7-113 of this charter.

110 **SECTION 1-105.**

111 Taxing districts.

112 (a) The unified government may divide the county into two or more taxing districts. Such
113 taxing districts may include one or more districts conterminous with the former boundaries
114 of the City of Preston or the City of Weston, or both, and within any such districts such taxes

115 may be levied as may be necessary to retire any respective bonded indebtedness of the City
116 of Preston or the City of Weston which was outstanding on the effective date of the
117 abolishment of the City of Preston and the City of Weston. Additionally, in the taxing
118 district of the former City of Preston, and in the taxing district of the former City of Weston,
119 the unified government shall levy such taxes as are necessary to retire any other indebtedness
120 of the respective cities which was outstanding on the effective date of the abolishment of the
121 cities. Such taxing districts may also include one or more service districts.

122 (b) Taxes shall be assessed, levied, and collected in accordance with the kind, character,
123 type, degree, and level of services provided by the government within said service districts,
124 and the rate and manner of taxation may vary in any one district from that in another or other
125 districts.

126 (c) The unified government may also establish special services districts, which shall embrace
127 such territory or territories for which provision is made by the commission for additional or
128 higher levels of services provided by the unified government.

129 (d) In the establishment or modification of service districts and special services districts, the
130 unified government shall hold one or more public hearings thereon at which all interested
131 persons affected thereby shall have an opportunity to be heard. Notice of the time, place, and
132 date of such hearings shall be published in the official legal organ of Webster County at least
133 once a week during the two weeks immediately preceding the date of hearing.

134 **SECTION 1-106.**

135 **Construction.**

136 The powers of the unified government shall be construed liberally in favor of the unified
137 government. The specific mention or failure to mention particular powers in this charter
138 shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general powers of the unified government
139 as provided in this article. It is the intention hereof to grant to the unified government full

140 power and right to exercise all governmental authority authorized by the Constitution and
141 laws of Georgia which is necessary for the effective operation and conduct of the unified
142 government within its territory and for the conduct of all of its affairs.

143 **ARTICLE II.**

144 **LEGISLATIVE ARTICLE**

145 **CHAPTER 1**

146 The commission.

147 **SECTION 2-101.**

148 Name and composition.

149 (a) There is hereby created the "Commission of the Unified Government of Webster County,
150 Georgia." The commission shall consist of one member, elected at large, to be known as the
151 chairperson of the board of commissioners who shall serve full-time as the chief elected
152 officer and manager of the government, and of four members, who shall serve in part-time
153 positions, elected from districts provided for in subsection (b) of this section.

154 (b) For the purpose of electing members of the Commission of the Unified Government of
155 Webster County, Webster County shall be divided into four commissioner districts.
156 Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be and correspond to those four numbered
157 districts described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act and further
158 identified as 'User: Webster Co. Plan Name: WebsterCCSB-2011-2020data Plan Type: local'.

159 (c)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

160 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
161 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
162 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
163 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual

164 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
165 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

166 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
167 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
168 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
169 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

170 (2) Any part of Webster County which is not included in any district described in
171 subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
172 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census
173 of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

174 (3) Any part of Webster County which is described in subsection (b) of this section as
175 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
176 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall
177 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least
178 population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of
179 Georgia.

180 (d) Those members of the Commission of the Unified Government of Webster County who
181 are serving as such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy
182 in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of
183 their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective
184 successors.

185 (e) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they exist immediately prior to the effective
186 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4,
187 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this
188 Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be
189 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described
190 under this Act.

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SECTION 2-102.

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Term of office; qualifications; disqualifications.

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(a) The term of office of all members of the commission shall be four years, with all members serving until their successors are elected and qualified. A commissioner appointed or elected to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the balance of the unexpired term as provided in Section 2-106 of this charter. All terms of office, not inclusive of those to fill a vacancy, shall commence on the first day of January next following the election.

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(b) No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to the commission unless such person, on or before the date of election or appointment, has attained the age of 21 years, is a qualified voter of the unified government, and has resided within the county for a minimum of one year on the date of qualifying for election. A member of the commission shall continue to reside within the district from which he or she was elected during such member's term of office.

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(c) Candidates for the office of chairperson of the board of commissioners shall have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Candidates for district positions on the board of commissioners are not required to have a high school diploma, but in the event that they do not, they must present evidence at the time of qualifying that they are enrolled in a program leading to the award of a degree that is the equivalent of a high school diploma.

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(d) No member of the commission, during his or her term of office, shall hold any other federal, state, or local government elected office.

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SECTION 2-103.

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Salary and expenses of the commission.

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(a) The base salary of commissioners shall be as follows:

214 (1) The chairperson of the commission shall receive a base salary equal to that of the
215 Sheriff of Webster County, plus all applicable supplements as received by the Sheriff of
216 Webster County.

217 (2) District commissioners shall receive a base salary of \$3,000.00 per year, payable in
218 equal monthly installments.

219 (b) In addition to base salary, commissioners shall be compensated as follows:

220 (1) Commissioners who complete the requirements of the commissioners training program
221 and subsequently receive certification, as determined by the Association County
222 Commissioners of Georgia, shall receive an additional \$100.00 per month.

223 (2) Commissioners who complete the requirements of the Certified Commissioners
224 Advanced Training Program and subsequently receive certification, as determined by the
225 Association County Commissioners of Georgia, shall receive an additional \$100.00 per
226 month.

227 (3) District commissioners shall be entitled to cost-of-living adjustments and longevity
228 increases provided by general law.

229 (4) The chairperson of the commission shall receive, as a component of base salary,
230 compensation for the attainment of the highest educational degree held, as follows: 5
231 percent for a two-year degree from a regionally accredited junior college or a technical
232 college; 10 percent for a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or
233 university; 15 percent for a graduate degree from a regionally accredited college or
234 university. The chairperson of the commission shall be entitled to longevity increases in
235 compensation and cost-of-living adjustments computed in the same manner as that of the
236 Sheriff of Webster County.

237 (c) In addition to the salary, commissioners shall be reimbursed, under such regulations and
238 limitations as may be adopted by the board of commissioners, for direct expenses incurred
239 in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the unified government.

240 (d) The salary of members of the commission may be changed by ordinance or resolution,
241 in the manner specified for county governing authorities in Code Section 36-5-24 of the
242 O.C.G.A. or any similar future general law of the state of Georgia.

243 (e) For purposes of computing longevity, any incumbent council members, including mayor,
244 of the Preston city council and council members, including mayor, of the Weston city
245 council, or district commissioners of the Webster County commission, who are elected to the
246 initial terms for the district positions on the commission of the Unified Government of
247 Webster County shall be recognized for longevity in office and compensated as enumerated
248 in this section. For purposes of computing longevity, the incumbent chairperson of the
249 Webster County commission shall, if elected to the initial term as chairperson of the
250 commission of the Unified Government of Webster County, be recognized for longevity in
251 office and compensated as enumerated in this section.

252 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the commission of the Unified
253 Government of Webster County from exercising its municipal home rule powers established
254 in Chapter 35 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.

255 **SECTION 2-104.**

256 **Organization; oath; rules; quorum; meetings; records.**

257 (a) The commission shall meet for organizational purposes on the first Tuesday following
258 the second Monday in January next following its election or as soon thereafter as practicable.
259 Prior to the organizational meeting, the newly elected or reelected commissioners shall each
260 take the following oath of office, to be administered by the judge of the probate court or any
261 other person duly authorized to administer oaths:

262 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly perform the duties of
263 commissioner of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, and that I will

264 support and defend the charter thereof, as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of
265 Georgia and of the United States of America, so help me God."

266 (b) The commission, by majority vote, shall adopt rules of procedure governing the
267 transaction of its business consistent with the provisions of this charter, shall adopt by
268 ordinance or resolution the time, date, and place for regular meetings, which will be held at
269 least once each month, and shall provide for keeping minutes of its proceedings by the
270 chairperson as provided in Section 3-101 of this charter.

271 (c) At its first organizational meeting, the commission shall select the day of the month and
272 the time at which it will hold its regular monthly meetings.

273 (d) A majority of members then serving on the commission shall constitute a quorum for the
274 transaction of business.

275 (e) Special meetings of the commission may be called by the chairperson or by any three
276 commissioners upon no less than 24 hours written notice to each member served personally
277 or left at the usual place of business or residence of such member. Such notice of a special
278 meeting may be waived in writing either before or after the meeting. Subject to
279 subsection (d) of Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A., special meetings may be held at
280 any time without notice to all commissioners, upon attendance at such meeting by all
281 members of the commission, or by waiver of notice of those not in attendance.

282 (f) All meetings of the commission, except for those exceptions provided for in general law,
283 shall be public and any citizen shall have access to the minutes and records thereof at
284 reasonable times.

285 (g) At its first meeting in January of each year, a vice-chairperson shall be elected by and
286 from the membership of the commission to serve for terms of one year. Such an election
287 shall take place at the first regular meeting of the commission each year and whenever
288 necessary to fill a vacancy in the office.

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SECTION 2-105.

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Powers of the commission.

291 (a) All legislative powers of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, including
292 any such powers which may hereafter be conferred by law upon said government, shall be
293 vested exclusively in and exercised by the commission in accordance with the provisions of
294 this charter.

295 (b) In addition to its legislative powers, the commission shall specifically have the power
296 to:

297 (1) Adopt and from time to time amend the budget;

298 (2) Approve or reject recommendations concerning the appointments of the county
299 attorney, and auditor; and

300 (3) Remove from office the county attorney and auditor by majority vote of the entire
301 commission.

302 (c) In the exercise of its powers, the commission shall adopt and provide for the execution
303 of such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this charter, as
304 may be necessary or proper for the purpose of carrying into effect the powers conferred by
305 this charter and for the promotion and protection of the safety, health, peace, security, and
306 general welfare of the inhabitants of the Webster County, Georgia, and may enforce such
307 ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations by imposing penalties for violations thereof,
308 as prescribed by ordinance, by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a
309 period not exceeding 60 days, or both.

310 (d) Except as otherwise provided by the Constitution, general or local law, or this charter,
311 the commission may by ordinance or resolution create, change, alter, combine, abolish,
312 consolidate, and redefine the manner of appointment, membership, powers, and duties of
313 bureaus, boards, commissions, departments, divisions, authorities, offices, and agencies of
314 the unified government, including positions of public employment, and may transfer and

315 delete functions and assign additional functions to any bureaus, offices, agencies,
316 departments, divisions, boards, authorities, commissions, and positions of public employment
317 existing under this charter. The commission may by ordinance or resolution transfer all the
318 assets, liabilities, and obligations thereof to a department, a division, or other unit of a
319 department of the unified government, which shall have the power, and its duty shall be, to
320 perform and exercise all the functions and powers theretofore performed and exercised by
321 such board, commission, authority, division, agency, bureau, office, department, or position
322 of public employment. This subsection, however, does not apply to any authorities or boards
323 which were created by either a local constitutional amendment or by a local Act of the
324 General Assembly.

325 (e) The commission shall have the power to conduct or cause to be conducted inquiries and
326 investigations of the operations of any office, department, or agency or the conduct of any
327 officer or employee thereof administering the affairs of the unified government. In
328 conducting inquiries and investigations, the commission shall have the right to: administer
329 oaths; subpoena witnesses, documents, records, or other evidence; take testimony; and
330 require the production of evidence. The conduct of proceedings at commission inquiries
331 and investigations shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the commission may
332 prescribe by general ordinance or resolution.

333 (f) The commission shall provide for the form of oaths and the amount and condition of
334 surety bonds as may be required of any officer or employee of the unified government.

335 (g) The commission shall have and exercise such other powers as conferred upon it by this
336 charter and the laws of Georgia.

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SECTION 2-106.

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Filling of vacancies.

339 (a) In the event that the office of a member of the commission shall become vacant by
340 reason of death, resignation, or any other cause, and the term shall expire in less than 180
341 days, the vacant position shall be filled by an appointment made by the remaining members
342 of the commission. Any individual so appointed must have the same qualifications required
343 for election to the office.

344 (b) If the term of the vacant commission position will continue for 180 days or more, a
345 special election shall be held as provided in this charter and in general state law to elect a
346 new member of the commission to serve for the remainder of the term.

347 (c) In the event that the office of the chairperson of the commission shall become vacant by
348 reason of death, resignation, or any other cause, and the term will continue for 180 days or
349 more, the vice-chairperson shall, until the election and seating of a chairperson, conduct and
350 preside over meetings, execute all manner of documents such as shall be necessary for the
351 continued operations of the commission, and exercise such other responsibilities as may be
352 necessary to carry out the duties and obligations of the commission. In the event that the
353 vice-chairperson shall assume the aforementioned responsibilities and duties, a majority of
354 commissioners then serving shall establish reasonable compensation for the vice-chairperson
355 but in no event shall it exceed the rate of compensation that would be earned by that person
356 if he or she had been elected as chairperson.

357 **CHAPTER 2.**
358 Legislative procedure

359 **SECTION 2-201.**
360 Legislation by ordinance.

361 Every official act of the commission, which is to have the force and effect of law, shall be
362 by ordinance and shall begin with the words: "The Commission of the Unified Government
363 of Webster County, Georgia, hereby ordains." All other acts of the commission shall be by
364 resolution or shall take such other form as prescribed by its rules.

365 **SECTION 2-202.**
366 Introduction, consideration, and passage of ordinances and resolutions.

367 (a) Every proposed ordinance and every amendment shall contain not more than one subject
368 which shall be clearly expressed in its title.

369 (b) Every proposed ordinance and every amendment thereto shall be introduced in writing
370 by a member of the commission.

371 (c) Except as otherwise provided herein, no ordinance shall be put on its final passage on the
372 same day on which it is introduced, except that where an emergency exists and public health
373 and safety require it, an ordinance containing a full statement of the facts and reasons for the
374 emergency may be made effective upon its adoption, if approved by the commission. Prior
375 to the introduction of any ordinance, copies of it shall be prepared by the chairperson and
376 distributed to each member of the commission.

377 (d) Except as otherwise provided herein, each ordinance shall be read at two consecutive
378 monthly meetings of the commission. The reading of each ordinance may be waived by
379 two-thirds of those voting upon the question of waiver.

380 (e) The adoption of any ordinance shall be by the affirmative vote of a majority of
381 commissioners then serving.

382 (f) The passage of all ordinances shall be contingent upon the recording of the "ayes" and
383 "nays" of each commissioner. The names of the commissioners voting for and against each
384 proposed ordinance or amendment, those abstaining, and those absent shall be entered upon
385 the minutes of the proceedings of the commission. The chairperson of the commission may
386 vote upon any matter before the commission and shall vote to break any tie. No
387 commissioner may abstain from any vote unless he or she shall have a conflict of interest in
388 the matter being voted upon.

389 (g) No ordinance shall take effect until noon on the day following its adoption or at such
390 later time as it may specify, unless deemed an emergency measure, in which case the
391 ordinance shall take effect immediately.

392 (h) The provisions of this section notwithstanding, the commission may, by unanimous vote
393 of those then serving, waive the rules and by unanimous vote, adopt an ordinance at the same
394 meeting at which it is introduced.

395 (i) Resolutions may be adopted at any regular or special called meeting provided the same
396 shall be by the affirmative vote of a majority of commissioners then serving.

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SECTION 2-203.

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Emergency ordinances.

399 To meet a public emergency threatening life, health, property, or public safety, the
400 commission may adopt emergency ordinances; provided, however, that such ordinances may
401 not be enacted to levy taxes; to grant, renew, or extend a franchise; to regulate the rate
402 charged for any public utility or service; or to authorize the borrowing of money unless it
403 shall be repaid in 30 days or less. An emergency ordinance shall be in the form prescribed
404 for ordinances generally, except that it shall be plainly designated as an emergency ordinance

405 and shall contain a declaration stating what emergency exists. An emergency ordinance may
406 be adopted with or without amendment or it may be rejected at the meeting at which it is
407 introduced, but the affirmative vote of a majority of commissioners then serving shall be
408 required for adoption. An emergency ordinance shall become effective upon adoption or at
409 such later time as it may specify. Every emergency ordinance shall automatically stand
410 repealed on the thirtieth day following the date on which it was adopted; but if the emergency
411 still exists, this shall not prevent reenactment of the ordinance in the manner specified in this
412 section. An emergency ordinance may also be repealed by adoption of a regular repealing
413 ordinance or an emergency repealing ordinance.

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SECTION 2-204.

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Authentication; recording; effective date.

416 All ordinances which have become law shall immediately be deposited in the official
417 archives of the chairperson. The chairperson shall note on the face of the ordinance the date
418 and time it became law and the ordinance shall become effective at noon on the day
419 following it becoming law or at such later time as it may specify. The chairperson shall
420 authenticate by his or her signature each ordinance which has become law.

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SECTION 2-205.

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Codes of technical regulations.

423 (a) The commission may adopt any standard code of technical regulations by reference
424 thereto in an adopting ordinance. The procedure and requirements governing such adopting
425 ordinance shall be as prescribed for ordinances generally.

426 (b) Copies of any adopted code of technical regulations shall be made available by the
427 chairperson for public inspection and for purchase at a reasonable price as fixed by the
428 commission.

429 **SECTION 2-206.**

430 Codification of ordinances.

431 The commission shall provide for the preparation of a general codification of all ordinances
432 of a general or permanent nature as provided in Code Section 36-80-19 of the O.C.G.A.

433 **SECTION 2-207.**

434 Prima-facie evidence.

435 A record or entry made by the chairperson or a copy of such record or entry, duly certified
436 by the chairperson, shall be prima-facie evidence of the terms of every ordinance.

437 **CHAPTER 3.**

438 Ethics and prohibited practices

439 **SECTION 2-301.**

440 Conflict of interest.

441 No elected official, appointed officer, or employee of Webster County, Georgia, or any
442 agency or political entity to which this charter applies shall knowingly violate the provisions
443 of Code Section 45-10-3 of the O.C.G.A., or:

444 (1) Engage in any business or transaction in which the person has a financial interest
445 which is incompatible with the proper discharge of official duties;

446 (2) Disclose confidential information concerning the property, government, or affairs of
447 the governmental body by which such person is engaged or is a member of without proper
448 legal authorization or use that information to advance the financial or other private interest
449 of such person or others;

450 (3) Represent private interests other than his or her own in any action or proceeding
451 against Webster County, Georgia, or any portion of its government; or

452 (4) Vote or otherwise actively participate in the negotiation or the making of any contract
453 between Webster County, Georgia, and any business or entity in which he or she has a
454 financial interest.

455 **SECTION 2-302.**

456 Disclosure.

457 Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee of the unified government or of any
458 board, commission, authority, or agency thereof who shall have any private financial interest,
459 direct or indirect, in any contract or matter pending before or within any department of the
460 unified government shall disclose such private interest to the commission. Any
461 commissioner who has a private interest in any matter pending before the commission shall
462 disclose such private interest and such disclosure shall be entered on the records of the
463 commission, and he or she shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any
464 decision or vote relating thereto. Any elected official, appointed officer, or employee of any
465 board, commission, authority, or agency of the unified government who shall have any
466 private financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or matter pending before or within
467 such entity, shall disclose such private interest to the commission.

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SECTION 2-303.

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Contracts voidable and rescindable.

470 Any contract by the unified government or any board, commission, authority, agency, or
471 entity thereof made in violation of the provisions of this charter shall be voidable or
472 rescindable at the option of the commission at any time if any elected official, appointed
473 officer, or employee of such unified government or board, commission, authority, agency,
474 or entity thereof has any interest in such contract and does not disclose such interest
475 in accordance with Section 2-302 of this charter.

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SECTION 2-304

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Removal of the chairperson or commissioner; procedure for removal.

478 (a) The chairperson or any commissioner shall be subject to removal from any office for any
479 one or more of the following causes:

480 (1) Incompetence, misfeasance or malfeasance in office;

481 (2) Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude or a crime punishable as a felony;

482 (3) Failure at any time to possess any of the qualifications of office as provided by this
483 charter or by law;

484 (4) Abandonment of office or neglect to perform the duties thereof; or

485 (5) Failure for any other cause to perform the duties of office as required by this charter
486 or by law.

487 (b) Removal of an elected officer provided for in this section from office may be
488 accomplished by one of the following methods:

489 (1) By affirmative vote of four members of the commission. In the event an elected officer
490 is sought to be removed by the action of the commission, such officer shall be first entitled
491 to a written notice specifying the grounds for removal and to a public hearing which shall

492 be held not less than 30 days after the service of such written notice. Any elected officer
493 sought to be removed from office as herein provided shall have the right of appeal from the
494 decision of the commission to the superior court for a jury trial de novo. Such appeal shall
495 be governed by the same rules as govern appeals to the superior court from the probate
496 court; or
497 (2) By information filed in the superior court as authorized by Code Section 9-6-64 of the
498 O.C.G.A.

499 **ARTICLE III.**
500 **ADMINISTRATION**
501 **CHAPTER 1.**
502 **Officers**

503 **SECTION 3-101.**
504 **Chairperson; powers and duties.**

- 505 (a) The chairperson shall be responsible for:
- 506 (1) The management and coordination of the operations and activities of the various
507 departments and agencies of the unified government;
- 508 (2) The appointment and removal of all directors of departments who are subject to his or
509 her control and direction as provided for by this charter but only after having first obtained
510 the advice and consent of the commission;
- 511 (3) The preparation of the proposed annual budget;
- 512 (4) Keeping the commission at all times fully advised as to the financial condition and
513 needs of the unified government, including a monthly financial report to the commission;

- 514 (5) Conducting studies and investigations and making reports thereon to the commission
515 concerning the operations of the departments, offices, and agencies of the unified
516 government;
- 517 (6) Requiring any department, board, commission, or agency under the chairperson's
518 jurisdiction to submit written reports and to provide other information as deemed
519 necessary;
- 520 (7) Prescribing, requiring, publishing, and implementing standards of administration,
521 management, and operating practices and procedures to be followed and adhered to by all
522 offices, departments, boards, commissions, authorities, and other agencies of the unified
523 government which are subject to the chairperson's supervision and jurisdiction;
- 524 (8) Acting as the purchasing agent of Webster County;
- 525 (9) Maintaining all required records of the operations and activities of Webster County,
526 including the minutes of all meetings of the Commission of the Unified Government of
527 Webster County;
- 528 (10) Directing and supervising the administration of the construction, maintenance, and
529 operation of public streets, sidewalks, roads, bridges, drains, buildings and other public
530 works;
- 531 (11) Hiring a clerk to serve the commissioners;
- 532 (12) Performing such other duties as may be required by law, this charter, ordinance or
533 resolution of the commission;
- 534 (b) Except for the purpose of inquiry, investigation, or safety violations the commission shall
535 deal with employees of the unified government who are subject to appointment and removal
536 by the chairperson solely through the chairperson and shall not give orders or directions to
537 any such employee, either publicly or privately, directly or indirectly.

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SECTION 3-102.

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Attorney; appointment; term; qualifications; duties.

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(a) The county attorney shall be appointed for one year at the first meeting in January by a majority vote of the entire commission and at any time may be removed for cause, after written notice and hearing, by a majority vote of the entire commission.

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(b) The county attorney shall be an active member of the State Bar of Georgia, in good standing, and shall satisfy any other qualifications established by ordinance.

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(c) The county attorney shall be the legal counsel to the unified government and shall perform such other duties as may be required by this charter or by ordinance.

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SECTION 3-103.

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Sheriff.

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The Sheriff of Webster County in office on the effective date of this charter shall be the Sheriff of Webster County, Georgia. The sheriff shall serve for the same term as provided by law, and the compensation shall be fixed as provided by law. Subsequent elections for sheriff shall be on the same basis as provided by law for the election of sheriffs generally.

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The sheriff shall be responsible for the operation of the jail if the county shall have one, the transport of prisoners, the service of process, and such other duties being provided on the effective date of this charter. The sheriff shall have such other or different powers and duties

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as provided by the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

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SECTION 3-104.

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Judge of the probate court; judge of magistrate court.

559 The Judge of the Probate Court/Magistrate Court of Webster County in office on the

560 effective date of this charter shall be the Judge of the Probate Court/Magistrate Court of

561 Webster County, Georgia. The Judge of Probate Court/Magistrate Court shall serve for the

562 same term as provided by law, and the compensation shall be fixed as provided by law.

563 Subsequent elections for the Judge of the Probate Court/Magistrate Court shall be on the

564 same basis as provided by law for the election of probate judges/magistrate judges generally.

565 The Judge of the Probate Court/Magistrate Court shall perform the same duties and exercise

566 the same powers as conferred on probate judges and magistrate judges generally by the

567 Constitution and laws of Georgia.

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SECTION 3-105.

569

Clerk of superior court.

570 The Clerk of Superior Court of Webster County in office on the effective date of this charter

571 shall be the Clerk of Superior Court of Webster County, Georgia. The Clerk of Superior

572 Court shall serve for the same term as provided by law, and the compensation shall be fixed

573 as provided by law. Subsequent elections for the Clerk of Superior Court shall be on the

574 same basis as provided by law for the election of clerks of superior court generally. The

575 Clerk of Superior Court shall perform the same duties and exercise the same powers as

576 conferred on clerks of superior court generally by the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

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578 **SECTION 3-106.**

579 Tax commissioner.

580 The tax commissioner of Webster County in office on the effective date of this charter shall
581 be the tax commissioner of Webster County, Georgia. The tax commissioner shall serve for
582 the same term as provided by law, and the compensation shall be fixed as provided by law.
583 Subsequent elections for tax commissioner shall be on the same basis as provided by law for
584 the election of tax commissioners generally. The tax commissioner shall perform the same
585 duties and exercise the same powers as conferred on tax commissioners generally by the
586 Constitution and laws of Georgia.

587 **SECTION 3-107.**

588 Coroner.

589 The coroner of Webster County in office on the effective date of this charter shall be the
590 coroner of Webster County, Georgia. The coroner shall serve for the same term as provided
591 by law, and compensation shall be fixed as provided by law. Subsequent elections for
592 coroner shall be on the same basis as provided by law for the election of coroners generally.
593 The coroner shall perform the same duties and exercise the same powers as conferred on
594 coroners generally by the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

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CHAPTER 2.

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Administrative and service departments

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SECTION 3-201.

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Creation and functions; generally.

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Except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law, the administrative and service departments of the unified government shall be created and established by ordinance or resolution and shall perform such functions, duties, services, and responsibilities as enumerated therein and as prescribed by administrative regulations.

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SECTION 3-202.

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Administrative reorganization.

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The commission may, by ordinance or resolution, reorganize, combine, consolidate, or discontinue any department or agency of the unified government subject to the jurisdiction of the commission and may, by ordinance or resolution, prescribe the functions and duties thereof and may establish, abolish, or alter all non-elective offices and positions of employment as necessary for the proper administration of the unified government.

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SECTION 3-203.

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Appointment of directors of departments.

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All directors of departments, including the chief of fire/EMS, the superintendent of the Webster County road department, the manager of the solid waste department, and such other directors of departments as may be authorized by the commission under the supervision and direction of the chairperson shall be appointed by the chairperson subject to the advice and

616 consent of the commission. The directors of all such departments shall serve at the
617 pleasure of the chairperson subject to the advice and consent of the commission.

618 **SECTION 3-204.**

619 Departments under state law.

620 All departments which are created pursuant to state or federal law and which administer
621 various state and federal programs and services shall continue their operations without
622 interruption resulting from the adoption of this charter.

623 **CHAPTER 3.**

624 Merit system of personnel administration

625 **SECTION 3-301.**

626 Establishment of merit system.

627 (a) The commission may establish, by ordinance, a merit systems personnel administration
628 for Webster County, Georgia. In such case, all positions in the service of Webster County,
629 Georgia, shall be in the classified merit system service except the following, which are
630 declared to be in the unclassified service:

- 631 (1) Officers elected by the people and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective
632 offices;
- 633 (2) Members of boards and commissions;
- 634 (3) Directors of departments;
- 635 (4) Persons temporarily employed in a professional or scientific capacity or to conduct a
636 special inquiry, investigation, examination, or installation;
- 637 (5) Temporary and part-time employees; and

638 (6) Such other employees as may be excluded from coverage under the merit system as
639 provided by ordinance or resolution or other applicable law.

640 (7) The county attorney.

641 (b) The merit system of personnel administration, if so established, shall provide for
642 classification of positions, the manner and method of publicizing vacancies, employing and
643 appointing personnel, the qualifications of employees, employee performance evaluations,
644 salaries, hours of employment, vacations, sick leave, special workers' compensation, job
645 security, promotion, demotion, disciplinary procedures, transfer, layoff, removal, welfare of
646 employees, retirement policy, payment of premiums of employee insurance benefits,
647 grievance procedures, service awards, training leave, and any other measures that promote
648 the hiring and retaining of capable, diligent, and honest career employees, all of which shall
649 be in accordance with the concept of affirmative action as provided by federal law.

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CHAPTER 4.

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Boards, commissions, and authorities

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SECTION 3-401.

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Certain boards, commissions, and authorities continued.

654 All existing boards, commissions, and authorities are continued without interruption on the
655 effective date of this charter.

656 ARTICLE IV.
657 JUDICIARY

658 **SECTION 4-101.**

659 Superior court and district attorney; unaffected by charter.

660 The Superior Court of Webster County, including the office of the District Attorney, shall
661 continue its operations without interruption resulting from the adoption of this charter, and
662 nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the status of said court. The court shall be
663 known as the Superior Court of Webster County, Georgia.

664 **SECTION 4-102.**

665 Juvenile court; unaffected by charter.

666 The Juvenile Court of Webster County shall continue its operations without interruption
667 resulting from the adoption of this charter, and nothing herein shall be construed as affecting
668 the status of said court. The court shall be known as the Juvenile Court of Webster County,
669 Georgia.

670 **SECTION 4-103.**

671 Probate court; unaffected by charter.

672 The Probate Court of Webster County shall continue its operations without interruption
673 resulting from the adoption of this charter, and nothing herein shall be construed as affecting
674 the status of said court. The court shall be known as the Probate Court of Webster County,
675 Georgia.

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SECTION 4-104.

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Magistrate court; unaffected by charter.

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The Magistrate Court of Webster County shall continue its operations without interruption resulting from the adoption of this charter, and nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the status of said court. The court shall be known as the Magistrate Court of Webster County, Georgia.

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ARTICLE V.

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ELECTIONS

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CHAPTER 1.

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Conduct of elections

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SECTION 5-101.

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Applicability of general laws.

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Except as otherwise provided by this charter, primaries and regular and special elections shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code." As used in said Code, the terms "election" or "general election" shall be construed to include the term "regular election" as provided in this charter; the term "governing authority" shall include the Commission of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia; the terms "municipal," "municipality," or "county" shall include the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia; and the term "public office" shall include elective offices of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia. Pursuant to the authority granted in Article IX, Section III, paragraph II (a) of the Georgia Constitution and the authority granted in an Act to create and establish the Preston-Weston-Webster County Charter and Unification Commission, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3694),

699 elections for members of the commission of the unified government shall be conducted in
700 partisan primaries and elections.

701 **SECTION 5-102.**

702 Regular election; time for holding; voting.

703 Except for the initial elections which may or may not be held on the date of regular state
704 elections, regular elections for the elective public offices of Webster County, Georgia, shall
705 be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years, in
706 conjunction with Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

707 **SECTION 5-103.**

708 Special elections.

709 All special elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with applicable provisions
710 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," that govern the
711 conduct of county elections.

712 ARTICLE VI.
 713 REVENUE AND FINANCE
 714 CHAPTER 1.
 715 Taxation and other revenues

716 SECTION 6-101.
 717 Levy and collection of taxes, fees, charges,
 718 and assessments; appropriations.

719 (a) For the purpose of raising revenue for the support and maintenance of the Unified
 720 Government of Webster County, Georgia, the commission shall have full power and
 721 authority to levy and collect taxes to the extent hereinafter provided and to appropriate funds
 722 and expend money:

- 723 (1) For the purposes authorized by this charter;
- 724 (2) For the discharge of the powers, duties, obligations, liabilities, and functions specified
 725 in this charter;
- 726 (3) For any and all purposes and any and all subjects of taxation for which the City of
 727 Preston, the City of Weston, or Webster County may have been authorized, to levy and
 728 collect taxes and to appropriate and expend funds under the Constitution or any general or
 729 special law of Georgia applicable to the City of Preston, the City of Weston or Webster
 730 County on the effective date of this charter; and
- 731 (4) For any purpose authorized by the Constitution or any general or special law of
 732 Georgia applicable to municipal corporations and counties generally now in force or
 733 hereafter enacted.

734 (b) The commission shall have full power and authority to levy and collect the following
 735 taxes, charges, and assessments:

- 736 (1) Ad valorem taxes on all real and personal property situated within Webster County,
737 Georgia, which is subject to taxation for state, county, and municipal purposes, or for any
738 other public purpose, to the full extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of Georgia;
- 739 (2) Occupation and business license taxes that are not prohibited by the Constitution and
740 general laws of Georgia;
- 741 (3) An excise tax on rooms, lodgings, or accommodations as now or hereafter provided
742 by law for counties and municipalities;
- 743 (4) License fees and taxes on insurance companies as authorized by Code Sections 33-8-8
744 through 33-8-8.6 of the O.C.G.A.;
- 745 (5) A public utility franchise tax, fee, or both, on each electric light and power company,
746 gas company, telephone and telegraph company, and other public utility making use of the
747 roads, streets, alleys, or other public ways of the unified government for the purpose of
748 rendering services therein;
- 749 (6) Franchise fees on cable television systems as now or hereafter provided by law for
750 counties;
- 751 (7) Fees, assessments, and charges for the cost of constructing, reconstructing, widening,
752 or improving any public way, street, sidewalk, curbing, gutters, storm sewers, drainage
753 structures, or other utility mains and appurtenances from the abutting property owners
754 under any terms and conditions as provided by ordinance;
- 755 (8) Fees, assessments, charges, and tolls for sanitary and health services or any other
756 services rendered within and outside the limits of the unified government under such terms
757 and conditions as provided by ordinance;
- 758 (9) All other such taxes, charges, or assessments as the City of Preston, the City of Weston
759 or Webster County were authorized and empowered to make and collect upon the effective
760 date of the initial charter for the unified government, which powers may be exercised
761 throughout the area of the unified government or appropriate portions thereof, including
762 any tax now or hereafter authorized by state law and the specific mention of any right,

763 power, or authority in this charter shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general
764 powers of the commission to govern its local affairs. When authorized by this charter or
765 a statute or the Constitution of the State of Georgia, the commission shall have full power
766 and authority to assess, levy, charge, and collect taxes, rentals, interest, fees, penalties,
767 fines, and costs; to receive income on investments; to accept funds, services, or property
768 from other political subdivisions and public agencies, either local, state, or national, and
769 from private persons, firms, or corporations; and to contract with them for any public
770 purpose;

771 (10) An excise tax upon the sale of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage
772 purposes by the drink as now or hereafter provided by law for counties and municipalities;

773 (11) An excise tax upon the sale, transfer, or dispensing of malt beverages and alcoholic
774 beverages within Webster County, Georgia, by wholesale or retail dealers as now or
775 hereafter provided by law for counties and municipalities. In addition, the commission
776 shall have the authority to impose, assess, levy, and collect an excise tax upon the sale,
777 transfer, or dispensing of wine by wholesale or retail dealers within Webster County,
778 Georgia, as now or hereafter provided by law for counties and municipalities; and

779 (12) Such other taxes and charges as provided by law.

780 **SECTION 6-102.**

781 Collection of delinquent taxes and fees.

782 The collection of delinquent taxes and fees shall be as provided in state law for the collection
783 of delinquent property taxes by counties.

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CHAPTER 2.

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Borrowing and indebtedness

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SECTION 6-201.

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Issuance of general obligation bonds.

788 (a) The commission shall be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds, after

789 approval of the qualified voters, under the provisions of the Constitution and general laws

790 of Georgia for any public purpose for the benefit of the unified government or any tax area

791 or service district thereof; provided, however, that for the purpose of issuing and selling such

792 general obligation bonds, the unified government shall be deemed a county and the

793 provisions of the Constitution and laws of Georgia governing the limitations, terms, and

794 procedures for the issuance and sale of bonds by counties shall apply to the unified

795 government unless otherwise provided by this charter.

796 (b) All general obligation bonds shall be issued in the name of the Unified Government of

797 Webster County, Georgia, and shall be an obligation thereof, and the full faith and credit of

798 the unified government shall be pledged for all general obligation bonds issued thereunder

799 which are payable from ad valorem taxes, and for such purpose, the commission shall have

800 the authority to levy and collect ad valorem taxes without limit as to rate or amount on all

801 taxable property within the territorial limits of the unified government.

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SECTION 6-202.

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Debt limitation; general obligation bonds.

804 The total general obligation bond indebtedness of the unified government payable from ad

805 valorem taxes, including all outstanding general obligation bonds of the former City of

806 Preston, the City of Weston and Webster County on the effective date of the initial charter

807 of the unified government, shall not exceed 10 percent of the assessed value of all taxable
808 property within the territorial limits of the unified government.

809 **SECTION 6-203.**

810 Revenue bonds.

811 The commission shall be empowered and authorized to issue revenue bonds for the purposes
812 and in the manner as now or hereafter provided by Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the
813 O.C.G.A., the "Revenue Bond Law."

814 **SECTION 6-204.**

815 Use of bond proceeds.

816 All revenue derived by the unified government from the issuance and sale of bonds shall be
817 used exclusively for the purposes for which such bonds were issued, and all ad valorem taxes
818 collected for the purpose of servicing or retiring such bonds shall be used exclusively for the
819 payment of principal and interest thereof.

820 **CHAPTER 3.**

821 Financial administration

822 **SECTION 6-301.**

823 Fiscal year.

824 The fiscal year of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, shall begin on the
825 first day of January of each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of December next
826 following. The fiscal year shall constitute the budget year and the year for financial

827 accounting and reporting of each and every office, department, institution, agency, and
828 activity of the unified government, unless otherwise provided by state or federal law.

829 **SECTION 6-302.**

830 Preparation of budgets.

831 The preparation of an annual budget and a capital improvements budget shall be as
832 prescribed by ordinance and provisions of this charter.

833 **SECTION 6-303.**

834 Scope of budgets.

835 (a) The annual budget should consist of two parts, but may take the form of a single
836 document provided it clearly indicates the parts as described herein:

837 (1) Part I of the annual budget shall apply only to the operating expenses of the unified
838 government; and

839 (2) Part II of the annual budget shall apply only to capital improvement expenses of the
840 unified government.

841 (b) Each section of the annual operating and capital budget shall contain, with respect to
842 each of the operating funds of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, to
843 which they are applicable:

844 (1) A reasonable estimate of cash revenues to be received during the ensuing year,
845 classified according to source;

846 (2) Proposed expenditures detailed by each department, board, commission, office,
847 agency, and activity in accordance with an established classification of accounts, including
848 those capital outlays which are to be financed from the revenues of the ensuing year and
849 including all debt service requirements in full for such fiscal year; and

850 (3) Such other information as may be considered necessary or desirable by the chairperson
851 or the commission.

852 (c) In no event shall the total proposed expenditures from any fund exceed the total
853 anticipated revenues plus the estimated unappropriated surplus or fund balance and
854 applicable reserves less any estimated deficit at the end of the current fiscal year.

855 (d) The capital improvements budget shall describe capital projects anticipated, the proposed
856 expenditures therefore, and the revenues or other sources of funds anticipated to finance such
857 capital projects.

858 **SECTION 6-304.**

859 Submission of budgets to the commission.

860 On or before a date fixed by the commission but not later than 60 days prior to the beginning
861 of each fiscal year, the chairperson of the unified government shall submit to the commission
862 a proposed operating budget and a proposed capital improvements budget for the ensuing
863 fiscal year. The operating budget and the capital improvements budget, the budget message,
864 and all supporting schedules shall be filed in the chairperson's office and shall be open to
865 public inspection.

866 **SECTION 6-305.**

867 Adoption of budgets.

868 (a) The commission may approve, reject, or modify the proposed budget. The budget as
869 finally adopted must provide for all expenditures required by law or by other provisions of
870 this charter and for all debt service requirements for the ensuing fiscal year. The total
871 appropriations from any fund shall not exceed the estimated fund balance, reserves, and
872 revenues constituting the resources available of such fund.

873 (b) The commission shall adopt the final annual operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year
874 not later than the thirty-first day of December of each year and such budget shall be effective
875 for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January. In the event the commission fails
876 to adopt the budget by this date, the amounts appropriated for current operation for the
877 current fiscal year shall be deemed adopted for the ensuing fiscal year, with appropriate items
878 prorated accordingly until such time as the commission shall adopt a budget for the ensuing
879 fiscal year. Adoption of the annual operating budget shall take the form of an appropriation
880 ordinance or resolution setting out estimated revenues in detail by source and making
881 appropriations accordingly to fund organizational units, purposes, or activities as set forth
882 in the budget document.

883 (c) The amount set out in the adopted operating budget for each organizational unit, purpose,
884 or activity shall constitute the annual appropriation for such item, and no expenditure shall
885 be made or encumbrance created in excess of the otherwise unencumbered balance of the
886 appropriation, or allotment thereof, to which it is chargeable.

887 (d) The commission shall adopt by ordinance or resolution the capital improvements
888 program and capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than the thirty-first day of
889 December of each year. The capital budget ordinance or resolution shall show in detail the
890 capital expenditures intended to be made or incurred in the ensuing fiscal year that are to be
891 financed from funds subject to control or appropriation by the commission and shall be in
892 full conformity with that part of the capital program applicable to the year which it covers.
893 Amounts specified as intended to be spent out of new appropriations shall, upon enactment
894 of the capital budget ordinance or resolution, constitute appropriations of such amounts.

895 **SECTION 6-306.**

896 Property tax levies.

897 Following the adoption of the operating and capital improvements budgets for each fiscal
898 year, the commission shall levy by ordinance or resolution a general tax on all real and
899 personal property within the county and one or more taxes on all real and personal property
900 in each service district and special services district. The tax rates set by such ordinance
901 or resolution shall be such that a reasonable estimate of cash revenues from such levy shall
902 be at least sufficient, together with other anticipated revenues, fund balances, and
903 applicable reserves, to equal the total amount appropriated in such budgets.

904 **SECTION 6-307.**

905 Limitation of funds.

906 Upon certification by the chairperson that the revenues or other resources actually realized
907 with respect to any fund will be less than anticipated and will be insufficient to meet the
908 amounts appropriated from such fund, it shall be the duty of the chairperson upon the
909 instruction of the commission to limit such appropriations as may be necessary to prevent
910 deficit operation.

911 **SECTION 6-308.**

912 Transfer of funds.

913 Upon recommendation of the chairperson, or upon its own motion, the commission may
914 make inter-fund or interdepartmental transfers in the current operating budget or capital
915 improvements budget at any regular or special meeting called for such purpose, provided
916 funds are also available.

917 **SECTION 6-309.**

918 Lapse of appropriations.

919 All unencumbered balances of appropriations in the current operating budget at the end of
920 the fiscal year shall lapse into the unappropriated surplus or reserves of the fund or funds
921 from which such appropriations were made.

922 **SECTION 6-310.**

923 Annual audit.

924 (a) The commission shall provide annually for an independent audit of the accounts and
925 other evidences of financial transactions of the Unified Government of Webster County,
926 Georgia, and of every office, department, board, commission, authority, or other agency.
927 The audit shall be made by a certified public accountant who shall have no personal interest,
928 direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of the Unified Government of Webster County,
929 Georgia, or of any of its departments, offices, boards, commissions, authorities, or agencies.
930 The commission shall select an accountant or firm by competitive bids, by solicitation, or by
931 such other means as may be employed or found necessary.

932 (b) The audit may be conducted on a quarterly, annual or continuing basis and the final
933 report of the annual audit shall be completed as soon as practicable after the close of the
934 fiscal year and in no event later than six months after the close of the fiscal year. The audit
935 report shall be filed with the chairperson and made available to the public.

936 (c) The commission may at any time order an examination or special audit of any office,
937 department, board, commission, or other agency of the Unified Government of Webster
938 County, Georgia.

939 **CHAPTER 4.**
940 Procurement and disposition of property

941 **SECTION 6-401.**
942 Contracting.

943 (a) The commission shall prescribe by ordinance or resolution rules and regulations which
944 must be followed in the making of contracts in order to bind the Unified Government of
945 Webster County, Georgia. Except where otherwise provided by law or by ordinance or
946 resolution, all contracts of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia shall be
947 signed by the chairperson and authenticated by the clerk or by at least one other member of
948 the commission.

949 (b) All contracts and all ordinances or resolutions which make or authorize contracts may
950 be reviewed for form and legal sufficiency by the unified government's attorney.

951 (c) All contracts entered into by the commission with other persons on behalf of the unified
952 government shall be in writing and entered on its minutes, either in whole or by reference.

953 **SECTION 6-402.**
954 Sale and disposition of property.

955 (a) The commission is authorized to sell any real or personal property owned or held by the
956 Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, and not needed for governmental or other
957 public purposes in such manner as is required in state law for counties or cities, as provided
958 for in Chapters 9 and 37 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. The commission shall exercise sole
959 discretion upon which chapter shall be utilized in the sale or disposition of said property.

960 (b) The commission is empowered to authorize the following transactions, upon finding that
961 such transfer is in the public interest:

962 (1) A transfer of any real or personal property owned by the Unified Government of
963 Webster County, Georgia, to another governmental entity;

964 (2) A sale of any such property to another governmental entity; and

965 (3) An exchange of such property for property that is owned privately or by some other
966 governmental entity.

967 Notice of such transfer, sale or exchange shall be as required by state law, or in the absence
968 thereof, by local ordinance.

969 (c) The Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, may quitclaim any rights it may
970 have in property not needed for public purposes upon a report by the chairperson of the
971 unified government and upon the adoption by the commission of a resolution, both finding
972 that the property is not needed for public purposes and that the interest of the Unified
973 Government of Webster County, Georgia, therein has no readily ascertainable monetary
974 value.

975 (d) Whenever in opening, extending, or widening any street, avenue, alley, or public place
976 of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, a small parcel or tract of land is cut
977 off or separated by such work from a larger tract of land owned by the Unified Government
978 of Webster County, Georgia, the commission may authorize the execution and deliverance
979 in the name of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, of a deed conveying
980 said cut-off or separated parcel or tract of land to an abutting or adjoining property owner or
981 owners in exchange for rights of way in said street, avenue, alley, or public place, or in
982 settlement of any alleged damages sustained by said abutting or adjoining property owner.
983 All deeds and conveyances so executed and delivered shall convey all title and interest the
984 Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, has in such property.

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ARTICLE VII

986

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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SECTION 7-101.

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Application of laws; laws in force.

989 (a) The general laws of the State of Georgia of a criminal nature shall be applicable to and
990 within the limits of the unified government.

991 (b) In construing the applicability of provisions of the Constitution and the general laws of
992 Georgia which apply in general terms to either counties or municipalities, or both, and local
993 Acts of the General Assembly that apply specifically to Webster County or the City of
994 Preston, or the City of Weston, or any of the same, the following terms as used in such laws
995 shall be construed to include the unified government as follows:

996 (1) "County" shall be construed to include Webster County, Georgia;

997 (2) "City," "town," "municipal corporation," or "municipality" shall be construed to
998 include Webster County, Georgia;

999 (3) "Commissioners of Roads and Revenues" and "Board of County Commissioners" shall
1000 be construed to include the commission of the Unified Government of Webster County,
1001 Georgia;

1002 (4) "Council," "Mayor and Council," "Aldermen," and "Board of Aldermen" shall be
1003 construed to include the Commission of the Unified Government of Webster County,
1004 Georgia;

1005 (5) "Chairman of the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues" and "Chairman of the Board
1006 of County Commissioners" shall be construed to include the chairperson of the
1007 Commission of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia;

1008 (6) "Mayor" shall be construed to include the Chairperson of the Commission of the
1009 Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia; and

1010 (7) Any other terms and provisions as used in such Acts to refer specifically to Webster
1011 County, the City of Preston, or the City of Weston, or any of the same, and the officers,
1012 employees, departments, and agencies thereof shall be construed to mean the Unified
1013 Government of Webster County, Georgia, and its officers, employees, departments, and
1014 agencies.

1015 (c) In construing the applicability of laws in force to the unified government, the following
1016 order shall prevail:

1017 (1) The Constitution of the State of Georgia;

1018 (2) The general laws of uniform application now in force or hereafter enacted by the
1019 General Assembly, as distinguished from general laws of local application through
1020 classification by population, applicable to municipal corporations or counties, or both;

1021 (3) This charter and all ordinances and resolutions passed pursuant thereto;

1022 (4) Special laws applicable to Webster County, not in conflict with this charter;

1023 (5) Special laws applicable to the City of Preston, not in conflict with this charter;

1024 (6) Special laws applicable to the City of Weston, not in conflict with this charter; and

1025 (7) Existing ordinances and resolutions of the former City of Preston, existing ordinances
1026 and resolutions of the former City of Weston, and existing ordinances and resolutions of
1027 the former County of Webster not in conflict with this charter.

1028 **SECTION 7-102.**

1029 Limitation on claims and service.

1030 (a) All contractual claims against the unified government shall be presented within 12
1031 months after they accrue or become payable or the same as claimed, unless held by minors
1032 or persons laboring under disabilities, who are allowed 12 months after the removal of such
1033 disability.

1034 (b) Service on the unified government of any suit, process, or order of court shall be served
1035 upon the chairperson.

1036 **SECTION 7-103.**

1037 Tort and nuisance liability.

1038 The tort and nuisance liability of the unified government shall follow the law and rules of tort
1039 liability applicable to counties in Georgia.

1040 **SECTION 7-104.**

1041 Conflict of laws.

1042 For purposes of all applicable laws, the unified government shall constitute a municipality
1043 and a county, or both. Except as otherwise provided by this charter, if a law applicable to
1044 municipalities and the same or another law applicable to counties are in conflict, the law
1045 applicable to municipalities shall prevail.

1046 **SECTION 7-105.**

1047 Execution of assessments.

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1049 Whenever any tax or special assessment is authorized or empowered to be levied or imposed
1050 by this charter which is required to be collected by the unified government and such is not
1051 paid within the time period specified by the commission and no specific provision is
1052 elsewhere provided in this charter for its collection, then the chairperson shall issue execution
1053 in the name of the unified government against such person, firm, or entity liable therefore or
1054 property subject thereto for such sums as may be due with interest at the legal rate from due
1055 date and penalties and costs. The unified government shall have the right to enforce payment

1056 of such execution by levy and sale as in the case of county taxes, and the purchaser at such
1057 sale shall acquire the same title and rights as a purchaser at a sale for county taxes.
1058 Executions issued by the chairperson of the Unified Government of Webster County,
1059 Georgia, and the levy and sale thereunder shall be governed by general law.

1060 **SECTION 7-106.**

1061 Authority to deal with federal and state agencies.

1062 The unified government shall have the power and authority to participate in, cooperate in,
1063 and take all necessary action with respect to any and all projects, programs, and undertakings
1064 of any nature authorized by any statute, rule, or regulation of the United States, the State of
1065 Georgia, or any federal or state agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to
1066 community development, highways, aviation, aviation terminals, airports, airport facilities,
1067 marina, port, rail depot, municipal, area, or regional development, sewer and sewage
1068 disposal, public housing, housing for the aged, and transportation or mass transit or any
1069 phase thereof; to borrow money and issue promissory notes, general obligation bonds, or
1070 revenue bonds or a combination thereof for any such purposes in accordance with provisions
1071 of this charter; and to execute mortgages or deeds of trust in favor of any federal agency,
1072 secured by property of which the unified government is the legal or beneficial or equitable
1073 owner, or in favor of any private agency where the loan is guaranteed by a federal agency.

1074 **SECTION 7-107.**

1075 Federal and state aid.

1076 The unified government shall be deemed a county but shall also be deemed an incorporated
1077 city or municipality for the purpose of determining its right to receive and for the purpose of
1078 receiving state aid or grant-in-aid from the State of Georgia or from the United States or from

1079 any agency or instrumentality thereof or from any other source, public or private. The
1080 unified government shall be entitled to receive as state aid or as grant-in-aid from the State
1081 of Georgia or from the United States or from any agency or instrumentality thereof or from
1082 any other source, public or private, all funds to which a county is, or may hereafter be,
1083 entitled, and also all funds to which an incorporated city or municipality is or may be
1084 hereafter entitled, and to receive the same without diminution or loss by reason of
1085 unification. When state aid or other grant-in-aid is distributed to any county on the basis of
1086 population or area, or both, then the entire population and the total area of Webster County,
1087 Georgia, shall be considered in calculating and determining the basis for such distribution.

1088 **SECTION 7-108.**

1089 Budgets of county officers and agencies.

1090 All elected officers and all agencies not under the direct control and jurisdiction of the
1091 chairperson, such as the Board of Health and the Board of Family and Children Services,
1092 which receive appropriations from the commission, shall, on the same date as is applicable
1093 to budgets submitted by department heads, submit to the chairperson annual operating and
1094 capital budget requests for the ensuing fiscal year. Such budget requests, after any revisions
1095 therein by the chairperson, shall be incorporated into the overall unified government budget
1096 for submission by the chairperson to the commission, which shall grant a hearing to any such
1097 officer or agency on such proposed budgets.

1098 **SECTION 7-109.**

1099 Existing pension rights protected.

1100 (a) Persons who, at the time this charter takes effect, are employed by any office,
1101 department, board, commission, or agency of the former City of Preston shall retain all

1102 pension rights, if any, which have accrued to them under any existing pension system. The
1103 unified government shall continue in force and effect any existing pension system for city
1104 employees covered thereby who are employed by the unified government, and the services
1105 of such employees shall not be deemed to have been interrupted by the adoption of this
1106 charter.

1107 (b) Persons who, at the time this charter takes effect, are employed by any office,
1108 department, board, commission, or agency of the former County of Webster shall retain all
1109 pension rights, if any, which have accrued to them under any existing pension system. The
1110 unified government shall continue in force and effect any existing pension system for county
1111 employees covered thereby who are employed by the unified government, and the services
1112 of such employees shall not be deemed to have been interrupted by the adoption of this
1113 charter.

1114 **SECTION 7-110.**

1115 Establishment of new pension systems;
1116 merging of existing systems.

1117 The commission is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a new
1118 pension system or pension systems affecting new employees and such other employees as
1119 desire to be covered thereby and to revise, combine, and consolidate any pension system in
1120 effect on the effective date of this charter; provided, however, that in no event shall any
1121 revision, combination, or unification of any existing pension system in effect when this
1122 charter is adopted result in the curtailment or diminishment of any right accrued under any
1123 existing pension system to any person heretofore employed by the City of Preston, Webster
1124 County, or of any agency of such former governments.

SECTION 7-111.

Reserved.

SECTION 7-112.

New personnel policy authorized; abolishment, amendment,
merger of existing personnel policies authorized.

(a) The commission is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a new personnel policy affecting all employees and to revise, combine, and consolidate any personnel policies in effect on the effective date of this charter. The services of existing employees shall not be deemed to have been interrupted by the adoption of this ordinance.

(b) The commission shall, upon the creation of a new personnel policy, grant to each employee of the former City of Preston and each employee of the former County of Webster, all accrued sick leave and annual leave, such as may have heretofore been established and granted under the personnel policy of each respective jurisdiction.

(c) The adoption of this charter shall not be deemed to revoke the election previously made by the sheriff of Webster County and the Probate/Magistrate Judge of Webster County on February 22, 2002, and accepted by the Webster County Board of Commissioners on March 5, 2002, to include employees of those respective agencies and departments within the scope and under the provisions of the Webster County Personnel Manual and Employee Handbook.

SECTION 7-113.

Amending charter.

This charter may be modified, rescinded, changed, or amended by only the following methods:

- 1148 (1) An Act of the General Assembly of Georgia; or
1149 (2) An ordinance adopted by the Commission of the Unified Government of Webster
1150 County, Georgia, as provided for in Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I of the Constitution
1151 of the State of Georgia.

1152 **SECTION 7-114.**

1153 Fidelity bonds.

1154 All officers of the unified government, both elected and appointed, shall execute such official
1155 bonds in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the law or the commission
1156 may require.

1157 **SECTION 7-115.**

1158 Examples of powers.

1159 The powers of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, shall include, but shall
1160 not be limited to, the following powers:

- 1161 (1) Ad valorem taxation. To levy, assess, and collect ad valorem taxes on all taxable
1162 property;
- 1163 (2) Other taxes. To levy, assess, and collect other taxes allowed by general law and in
1164 accordance therewith;
- 1165 (3) Business regulation and taxation. To levy, assess, and collect occupational and
1166 business taxes and to license and regulate occupations and businesses;
- 1167 (4) Appropriations. To make appropriations and expend funds for support of the unified
1168 government and any other lawful purpose;
- 1169 (5) Debts. To borrow money and issue bonds as authorized by general law;
- 1170 (6) Property. To own property and interests in property;

- 1171 (7) Gifts. To accept gifts and grants for any purpose related to the powers and duties of
1172 the unified government on such terms as the donor may impose;
- 1173 (8) Condemnation. To condemn property inside Webster County for present or future use;
- 1174 (9) Public utilities. To acquire, lease, operate, and dispose of public utilities;
- 1175 (10) Franchises. To grant franchises or make contracts for public utilities and to prescribe
1176 the conditions of such franchises and contracts;
- 1177 (11) Roadways. To open, maintain, improve, and close streets and roads and to grant
1178 franchises and rights of way thereon;
- 1179 (12) Public facilities. To acquire, operate, and dispose of public buildings, public projects,
1180 parks, cemeteries, recreational facilities, and other public improvements inside Webster
1181 County;
- 1182 (13) Building regulation. To regulate the building trades and the construction of buildings
1183 and to adopt and enforce building, housing, plumbing, electrical, gas, heating, and air
1184 conditioning codes;
- 1185 (14) Planning and zoning. To adopt land use plans and exercise the power of zoning,
1186 subdivision regulation, and the like;
- 1187 (15) Police power. To exercise the police power, including the power of arrest through
1188 appointed policemen, for the public safety and well-being of the citizens of Webster
1189 County;
- 1190 (16) Roadside regulation. To prohibit or regulate signs, billboards, and other items upon
1191 or adjacent to streets and roads;
- 1192 (17) Health. To prescribe and enforce health and sanitation standards;
- 1193 (18) Pollution. To regulate emissions which pollute the air and water;
- 1194 (19) Fire safety. To fix fire limits and to prescribe and enforce fire safety regulations;
- 1195 (20) Public hazards. To provide for the destruction or removal of public hazards;
- 1196 (21) Waste disposal. To provide for and regulate the collection, disposal, and recycling
1197 of garbage and wastes;

- 1198 (22) Water and sewer fees. To fix and collect water and sewer fees;
1199 (23) Garbage fees. To fix and collect garbage fees;
1200 (24) Nuisances. To define and provide for the abatement of nuisances;
1201 (25) Property protection. To preserve and protect the property of the unified government;
1202 (26) Prisoners. To provide for public work by prisoners and for their confinement;
1203 (27) Animal control. To regulate or prohibit the keeping of animals;
1204 (28) Motor vehicles. To regulate the operation and parking of motor vehicles;
1205 (29) Taxicabs. To regulate vehicles operated for hire in Webster County;
1206 (30) Pensions. To provide and maintain a system of pensions and retirement for
1207 employees and officers of the unified government;
1208 (31) Special assessments. To levy, assess, and collect special assessments to cover the
1209 cost of public improvements;
1210 (32) Contracts. To enter into lawful contracts and agreements;
1211 (33) Agencies. To create, alter, or abolish departments, boards, offices, commissions,
1212 authorities, and agencies of the unified government and to confer appropriate authority
1213 upon them;
1214 (34) Penalties. To provide penalties for violations of ordinances of the unified government;
1215 (35) Fire protection. To operate a fire department;
1216 (36) Emergencies. To provide for the determination, proclamation, and combating of
1217 emergencies;
1218 (37) Urban redevelopment. To organize and operate an urban redevelopment program;
1219 (38) Public transportation. To organize and operate public transportation systems;
1220 (39) Emergency Medical Services. To operate an emergency medical service; and
1221 (40) General health, safety, and welfare. To define, regulate, and prohibit any act,
1222 practice, conduct, or use of property which is detrimental to the health, sanitation,
1223 cleanliness, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of Webster County.

1224 **SECTION 7-116.**

1225 Section captions.

1226 The captions to the several sections of this charter are informative only and are not to be
1227 construed as a part thereof.

1228 **SECTION 7-117.**

1229 Effect of repeals.

1230 No law heretofore repealed, expressly or by implication, shall be revived by the repeal herein
1231 of the repealing Act or by any provision of this charter that disclaims an intention to repeal
1232 or affect enumerated laws.

1233 **SECTION 7-118.**

1234 Severability clause.

1235 If any provision of this charter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is
1236 held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this charter
1237 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
1238 provisions of this charter are declared to be severable.

1239 **SECTION 7-119.**

1240 Reserved.

SECTION 7-120.

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Existing ordinances and resolutions continued in effect.

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(a) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, existing ordinances and resolutions of the Commission of Webster County and existing rules and regulations of county departments or agencies, not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter, shall continue in effect as ordinances, resolutions, rules, or regulations of the Unified Government of Webster County, Georgia, or the appropriate department or agency thereof until they have been repealed, modified, or amended.

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(b) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, existing ordinances and resolutions of the City of Preston, not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter, shall continue in effect as ordinances and resolutions within the former boundaries of the City of Preston, until they have been repealed, modified, or amended.

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(c) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, existing ordinances and resolutions of the City of Weston, not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter, shall continue in effect as ordinances and resolutions within the former boundaries of the City of Weston, until they have been repealed, modified, or amended.

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(d) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, in the event of a conflict between any of the ordinances or resolutions continued by this section, the provisions thereof shall apply only to the territory of the unified government that such ordinance or resolution applied prior to the effective date of this charter and until such ordinance or resolution is repealed, changed, or amended to eliminate the conflict.

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(e) The commission shall review all ordinances and resolutions and take whatever action is needed to remove any conflicts between ordinances and resolutions continued by this section in order to produce a uniform body of ordinances and resolutions, free of any conflicts or contradictions between such provisions.

SECTION 7-121.

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Transfer of records and equipment.

1268 When an agency of the City of Preston, the City of Weston, or of Webster County is
1269 abolished or unified by the initial charter of the unified government, all books, papers, maps,
1270 charts, plans, records, other equipment, and personal property in possession of the same
1271 remain with the agency to which its rights, powers, duties, and obligations were initially
1272 transferred.

ARTICLE VIII

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REPEALER**SECTION 8-101.**

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General repealer.

1277 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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APPENDIX A

1279 User: Webster Co.

1280 Plan Name: WebsterCCSB-2011-2020data

1281 Plan Type: Local

1282 District 001

1283 County Webster GA

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