



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Special Called Meeting

Agenda

June 16, 2025, 4:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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Vision - Dahlonega will be the most welcoming, thriving, and inspiring community in North Georgia

Mission Statement - Dahlonega, a City of Excellence, will provide quality services through ethical leadership and fiscal stability, in full partnership with the people who choose to live, work, and visit. Through this commitment, we respect and uphold our rural Appalachian setting to honor our thriving community of historical significance, academic excellence, and military renown.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Change to Open Container Footprint - Paws in the Park Fundraiser
Doug Parks, City Attorney / Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
2. 2025 Municipal General Election Qualifying Dates and Times
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk

ADJOURNMENT

Guideline Principles - The City of Dahlonega will be an open, honest, and responsive city that balances preservation and growth and delivers quality services fairly and equitably by being good stewards of its resources. To ensure the vibrancy of our community, Dahlonega commits to Transparency and Honesty, Dedication and Responsibility, Preservation and Sustainability, Safety and Welfare...for ALL!



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 6/13/2025
TITLE: Change to Open Container Footprint - Paws in the Park Fundraiser
PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney & Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Proposal to suspend the enforcement of open containers in the Hancock Park area at the Friends of Lumpkin County Animals & Shenanigans event so that festivalgoers may carry their alcoholic beverages around Hancock Park.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

This item was previously approved in May, but the original date had been cancelled due to weather.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff to allow the suspension of the appropriate ordinances for this event.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

I make a motion to suspend enforcement of the open container laws of the City of Dahlonega including but not limited to the following: The Code of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32, Section 22-33, Section 22-34, Section 22-35, within the geographical area set aside for alcohol sales and consumption within that certain festival special event permit application granted by the City to the Friends of Lumpkin County Animals & Shenanigans organizer, the duration of the suspension to run concurrently with the duration of the permit granted.

ATTACHMENTS

Off-Site Catering Application & Alcohol Footprint



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 6/16/2025
TITLE: 2025 Municipal General Election Qualifying Dates and Times
PRESENTED BY: Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
PRIORITY Select a Priority

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

The 2025 Municipal Elections will be conducted for Mayor, Post 1, Post 2, and Post 3. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Today's request is for the Council to adopt dates and times for Qualifying. Staff's proposal is to begin Qualifying at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, and end at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The Dahlongega City Council adopted the following Qualifying Fees during a Special Called Meeting held on January 21, 2025.

Mayor - \$270.00; Council Member Post 1 - \$144.00; Council Member Post 2 - \$144.00; Council Member Post 3 - \$144.00.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt dates and times for Qualifying as proposed by Staff.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

Move to adopt the dates and times of Qualifying for the 2025 Municipal Elections as presented by staff: begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, and end at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Legal Ad for Qualifying Fees and Dates

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

2025 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131, notice is hereby given of the adopted Qualifying Fees for the General Municipal Election that will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to fill one Mayor seat and three Council Member seats. The Dahlonge City Council adopted the following Qualifying Fees during a Special Called Meeting held on January 21, 2025.

Mayor.....\$270.00

Council Member Post 1.....\$144.00

Council Member Post 2.....\$144.00

Council Member Post 3.....\$144.00

Qualifying for the seats listed will be held at Dahlonge City Hall located at 465 Riley Road, Dahlonge, Georgia 30533 and will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, and will end at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025.