



CITY OF MABLETON, GEORGIA
Riverside EpiCenter Theater 135 Riverside Pkwy,
Mableton, GA 30168
June 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

The Honorable Michael Owens, Mayor
The Honorable Ron Davis, District 1 Councilmember
The Honorable Michael McNeely, District 2 Councilmember
The Honorable Keisha Jeffcoat, Mayor Pro Tem/District 3 Councilmember
The Honorable Cassandra Brown, District 4 Councilmember
The Honorable TJ Ferguson, District 5 Councilmember
The Honorable Debora Herndon, District 6 Councilmember

TOWN HALL - PUBLIC SAFETY

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PRESENTATION AND UPDATES - PUBLIC SAFETY FOR CITY OF MABLETON**
 - a. County and City Law Enforcement Intergovernmental Agreement**
 - b. Presentation**
- 3. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**
- 4. CLOSING REMARKS**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

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AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

MEETING OF: June 15, 2026

DEPARTMENT: [DEPARTMENT]

ISSUE/AGENDA ITEM TITLE: County and City Law Enforcement Intergovernmental Agreement

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

BUDGETED/FINANCIAL IMPACT – FUND:

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cobb County Law Enforcement IGA - 06-15-2026

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF COBB

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (“IGA”) is made by and between COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (“County”) and the CITY OF MABLETON, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, by and through its Mayor and City Council (“City”) and County and City referred to collectively as “Parties”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Georgia of 1983, Article 9, Section 2, Paragraph 3(a)(1) provides that any county, municipality, or any combination thereof may provide police protection; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Georgia of 1983, Article 9, Section 2, Paragraph 3(b)(1) prohibits, except as otherwise provided by law, cities or counties from exercising governmental authority within each other’s boundaries except by contract; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Georgia of 1983, Article 9, Section 3, Paragraph 1 authorizes City and County to contract with one another for a period not exceeding fifty (50) years for joint services, for the provision of services, or for the joint or separate use of facilities or equipment, provided that such contracts must deal with activities, services, or facilities which the contracting parties are authorized by law to undertake or provide; and

WHEREAS, Cobb County, Georgia is a constitutionally created political subdivision of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 839 of 2022 was approved by the General Assembly on March 25, 2022, signed by the Governor on May 9, 2022, and approved by the voters on November 8, 2022, providing a charter for the new City of Mableton; and

WHEREAS, City has determined that it is in the best interests of City and its inhabitants to contract with County as set forth herein for the City’s provision of full-service law enforcement services within the boundaries of City in exchange for financial compensation pursuant to the terms specified in this IGA; and

WHEREAS, Mableton has provided notice to Cobb County that it desires for the County to continue providing law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, County shall continue to provide the same level of police service within the City as it does in unincorporated areas of County; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Cities desire to maintain a mutually beneficial, efficient and cooperative relationship that will promote the interests of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, County and City have duly authorized the execution of this IGA through appropriate Resolutions adopted by their respective governing bodies.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual benefits, covenants and conditions contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION I
PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this IGA is to define the nature and scope of Law Enforcement Services and related services to sustain public safety and protect life and property within City, to be provided by County to City and to provide for the manner of payment for such services. The intent of this IGA is that the provision of services under this IGA shall not result in added cost to County, the unincorporated area taxpayers, or the residents of the other incorporated areas of County. All interpretations of this IGA shall be construed in light of this statement of intent.

SECTION II
DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this IGA, the following terms shall be defined as:

- A. "CCPD" means the Cobb County Police Department.
- B. "County Manager" means the person appointed by the chairperson with the consent of the commissioners of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners to serve as the chief executive officer of Cobb County.
- C. "Law Enforcement Services" means those diverse activities directed toward the attainment of the objectives of enforcing the law, preventing and deterring crime, arresting criminal offenders, maintaining public order, and providing service to the community. Such activities include, but are not limited to: (1) the prevention or detection of violations of any criminal or quasi-criminal law of this state; (2) the prevention or detection of violations of any local criminal or quasi-criminal ordinance; (3) conducting criminal investigations of incidents of crime in order to arrest responsible persons for prosecution; (4) directing and enforcing laws; (5) responding to emergency and non-emergency calls for service; (6) conducting field interviews; (7) arresting criminal offenders; (8) provision of Special Operations capabilities; (9) directing and controlling traffic; (10) issuing citations for violations of criminal and quasi-criminal state and local laws; (11) appearing in court; and transportation of those charged with city ordinance violations to and from the city jail or the city's inmate housing provider.
- D. "Police Chief" means the person appointed by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners over the CCPD.
- E. "Public Safety Director" means the director of public safety for Cobb County which includes the Cobb County Police, Fire, E-911, Emergency Management Agency (EMA), and Animal Services.

- F. "Special Operation Capabilities" means special response teams existing as part of CCPD during the term of this IGA, including but not limited to Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD), Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Underwater Search and Recovery Team (DIVE), K9 Unit (K9), Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), Driving Under the Influence Task Force (DUI Enforcement), Motorcycle Unit (Motors).

SECTION III TERM OF IGA

The term of this IGA related to Law Enforcement Services and related services shall commence on June 1, 2026, and continue for a period of one year, terminating May 31, 2027. There shall be no extensions of this IGA for Law Enforcement Services. Notwithstanding the stated term, those provisions that expressly state that they survive, or that would by necessity survive, the expiration or earlier termination of this IGA shall so survive.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this IGA, any Party may terminate this IGA for any reason by providing the other Party at least six (6) months advance written notice, unless otherwise agreed to by County following a successful transition of services. Upon termination, City shall only be responsible to County for payments due to County on a prorated basis through and up to the date of termination. All terms, rights, and obligation of all Parties under this IGA shall remain in effect during the Notice Period.

City agrees that, upon expiration or termination of this IGA, unless otherwise agreed mutually by both parties as evidenced by an approved and executed IGA entered into at least six months prior to the expiration or termination, all Law Enforcement Services and related services contemplated herein as provided by County shall be deemed complete, and any further Law Enforcement Services and related services are the sole responsibility of City.

SECTION IV COMPENSATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

A. Compensation for Law Enforcement Services.

1. The agreed-upon compensation for Law Enforcement Services provided for the period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 is **Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000)**. **Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000)** shall be paid on or before December 31, 2026 and the remaining **Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000)** shall be paid in twelve monthly installments, due on or before the 15th of each month to Cobb Finance Department beginning on January 15, 2027. Monthly installment payments received more than thirty (30) days after the 15th of each month shall accrue interest at the rate of seven percent (7%) per annum.
2. During the term of this IGA, City agrees to pay mileage at the rate of **Seventy-two Point Five Cents (72.5¢)** per mile (current federal mileage rate) for the transport of any inmates charged with a City ordinance violation to a jail located outside of Cobb County.

- B. Timely Payment Required.** If City fails to timely make two consecutive monthly payments, such failure shall constitute a notice of termination, and this IGA shall terminate six (6) months after the second missed payment.
- C. Existing Compensation Still Owed.** City understands and agrees that the compensation for Law Enforcement Services under the City’s pre-existing agreement, titled “Service Delivery Strategy Agreement between Cobb County and the City of Mableton,” for the period of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 remains due and payable. Under such agreement, **Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000)** is due on or before May 31, 2026 and **Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000)** is due on or before December 31, 2026.
- D. County’s Obligations Contingent Upon Availability of Funding.** All obligations of County under this IGA are expressly contingent upon funds being appropriated, budgeted, approved, or otherwise made available by City for purposes of carrying out this IGA. To the extent that such funding is not made available, either in whole or in part, the Parties shall be released from any obligations under this IGA for which such funding is required.

SECTION V
LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES STIPULATIONS

County and City agree to the following:

- A. Level of Service.** During the term of this IGA, the County shall provide Law Enforcement Services to City at the same level as provided in the unincorporated area of the County. County shall provide Law Enforcement Services on a continual 24-hour per day basis. This IGA does not govern or modify any mutual aid agreements that govern the Parties in case of emergencies requiring assistance from neighboring police departments not parties to this IGA.
- B. Management of Service.** Law Enforcement Services shall be overseen by the Police Chief under the direction of the Public Safety Director and County Manager.
- C. Standards.** The Public Safety Director has adopted the Police Department General Orders Manual and approved the implementation of policy changes pursuant to Section 70-2, Official Code of Cobb County, Georgia. County may amend its General Orders and policies from time to time. In the event of conflict between City ordinance and County policies, County policies shall control County personnel conduct.
- D. Adoption and Amendment of City Codes Related to Law Enforcement Services.** City agrees to adopt and keep in force law enforcement ordinances that are consistent with Exhibit A, as may be amended from time to time. Such ordinances include Wreckers, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Alarm Systems, Precious Metal Dealers, Parades, and Temporary Street Closures. City shall update and amend its ordinances upon County’s adoption of changes to its ordinances and agrees to provide copies of such amendments upon adoption. County’s enforcement actions under this IGA are limited to enforcement of state law and County ordinances, and City acknowledges that failure to adopt or maintain ordinances consistent with Exhibit A may reduce available enforcement tools but shall not expand County’s obligations.
- E. Coordination for Grant Submissions.** Should City desire to submit for a grant that affects Law Enforcement Services during the term of this IGA, City shall first seek consent from the

Public Safety Director to confirm that the grant, if awarded, would not conflict with County grants or Law Enforcement Services.

- F. **Safety Requirements.** The Parties acknowledge that the safety of the public and the safety of County's employees performing services under this IGA depends upon each Party requiring strict adherence to and compliance with all local, state and federal laws and regulations related to safety.
- G. **Forfeitures.** Any forfeiture of property occurring in the normal course of providing Law Enforcement Services shall be processed by County through the Marietta Cobb Smyrna Narcotics Task Force. Asset forfeiture shall be conducted in accordance with Georgia law and in compliance with the separate agreement of the MCS.
- H. **Reports.** The Police Chief, or designee, shall promptly notify the City Manager of any significant law enforcement situation that may materially impact public safety, City operations, finances, legal exposure, or public confidence. Such situations shall include, but are not limited to, homicides; officer-involved shootings; use-of-force incidents resulting in serious bodily injury or death; in-custody deaths; major crimes or incidents likely to generate substantial media attention or community concern; large-scale emergencies or disasters requiring multi-agency response; credible threats to public safety, including active assailant events, terrorism-related intelligence, or civil unrest; vehicle pursuits or other incidents resulting in serious injury, death, or substantial property damage; and any event that significantly affects service delivery, staffing, or resource allocation. Notification shall also occur when an incident involves elected officials, senior City staff, or has the potential to impact intergovernmental relationships. Such notification shall be made as soon as reasonably practicable, consistent with operational priorities, and shall include sufficient information to enable the City Manager to assess the situation, coordinate communications, and provide appropriate executive-level direction.
- I. **Transition for Changes in Service.** City acknowledges that Law Enforcement Services are provided and funded through the general fund of County upon approval of budgets presented by the Public Safety Director. In order to properly budget the resources and staff to provide Law Enforcement Services to City, County must have adequate time to provide adjustments to the budget and the millage rate, if necessary, whenever City discontinues Law Enforcement Services. City requesting to discontinue Law Enforcement Services from County prior to the expiration of this Agreement shall provide at least six (6) months advance written notice, unless otherwise agreed to by County following a successful transition of services.
- J. **Exclusions.** This IGA does not and is not intended to address or include 911 Services, Animal Control Services, and/or City Inmate Housing Services for City ordinance violations. 911 Services and Animal Control Services are addressed and compensated in separate agreements between County and City. Any arrangement for the Cobb County Adult Detention Facility to house prisoners charged with City ordinance violations would necessitate a written agreement between City, County, and the Cobb County Sheriff.

SECTION VI **TRANSPORTION OF CITY PRISONERS**

County may provide transportation for City prisoners (i.e., those individuals charged with City ordinance violations) to in-person court appearances, outside medical services, and approved

personal matters (approved in accordance with the then-existing policies of the detention facility) at no extra charge so long as the City prisoners are housed within Cobb County, Georgia. Transportation of City prisoners to any other detention facility shall be subject to additional charges as provided within this IGA. Additionally, County will provide supervision of City prisoners as soon as possible but in no case later than six hours after a City prisoner is transported for emergency medical services and will transport the prisoner back to such detention facility within Cobb County, Georgia, following an emergency medical procedure.

SECTION VII **BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Upon receipt of an application from City, County shall provide necessary Georgia Crime Investigation Center background checks on the applicant, their spouse and anyone else with a financial interest in the business when required for a special license or regulated business and subject to the following:

1. City shall send the application to County for background checks as needed.
2. City shall inform applicants that payment must be delivered to Cobb County Permits Unit, 545 Fairground Street, 1st floor, Marietta, Georgia 30060 in order for the background investigation to begin. The cost of the investigation is \$100.00 per background investigation.
3. When notified by County that an application package is incomplete, City shall notify the applicant for the additional documentation and then forward the information to the County.
4. The investigation will not begin until a complete application and payment from the applicant has been received.
5. Once the investigation is completed, County shall contact City with a recommendation within 60 days of receiving the payment and a complete application package.

The current cost of the service is \$100.00 per background check to be paid by the applicant. County specifically reserves the discretion to change the cost of this service as it determines. Above services shall be performed by County staff and/or contractors as designated by County. City shall be responsible for the issuance and enforcement of any City regulated business licenses.

SECTION VIII **PERMITS**

County shall issue special event permits (for parades, runs, block parties or other) when the event requires the closure of streets. The applicant shall complete the application form available on the Cobb County website and attach all necessary documentation and payment for the permit. County shall retain all permit fees.

County has no obligation or authority to issue any other type of permit within the City unless it is included within this IGA.

SECTION IX

COURT CITATIONS AND REVENUES

- A. **Misdemeanors to Municipal Court.** Misdemeanor citations issued by County on state violations shall be handled through state court in County. Otherwise, City shall utilize its Municipal Court at its sole discretion.
- B. **Warrants.** City will promptly enter City Municipal Court issued warrants into the Georgia Crime Information Center (“GCIC”) database. County will monitor and validate the same upon request from City and outside agencies pursuant to a separate agreement in compliance with GCIC rules and regulations.
- C. **Court Fines.** All fines ordered by the Superior Court of the Cobb Judicial Circuit or Cobb County State Court shall be paid into the County’s general fund and belong to the County. All fines ordered by the City Municipal Court shall be paid into City’s general fund and belong to the City.

SECTION X EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

County shall provide the equipment, gear, supplies, and motor vehicles in connection with this IGA deemed necessary in County’s sole discretion in order to perform the Law Enforcement Services. County agrees to maintain said equipment and vehicles and to provide replacements as necessary during the term of the IGA. All vehicles and uniforms shall identify the Cobb County Police Department.

SECTION XI EMPLOYEES

- A. **Compensation and Benefits.** County shall provide staffing adequate to perform Law Enforcement Services contemplated by this IGA. County shall be responsible for providing compensation and benefits to the employees providing Law Enforcement Services pursuant to this IGA.
- B. **Management of Employees.** The employees providing Law Enforcement Services pursuant to this IGA shall be managed exclusively by County. County agrees to comply with applicable federal and state employment laws. Any fines or penalties imposed as a result of failure to comply with applicable federal or state employment laws shall be the liability of County.
- C. **Training.** Employees assigned by County to City shall receive the same ongoing training provided to other County employees as required for employee position and certification.

SECTION XII RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING

- A. **Annual Report.** No later than March 1st of each year, County will provide City with an Annual Report of the following from the previous calendar year:
 - a. Inventory of buildings and apparatus, including the location, age and replacement schedules;

- b. Positions assigned to each police station, noting whether each position is vacant or staffed;
- c. Response times for each police station; and
- d. Department-wide strategic plan.

B. **Monthly Reporting.** The County shall provide the City Manager with a written monthly report detailing law enforcement services delivered within the City during the preceding month. At a minimum, the report shall include:

- a. Staffing levels and assignments at the precinct serving the City, including authorized and actual sworn and civilian personnel, vacancies, turnover, and use of overtime;
- b. Crime data, including reported offenses, trends, and comparisons to prior periods;
- c. Enforcement activity, including the number and types of citations and arrests; and
- d. Calls for service data, including total calls, calls by type and priority, officer-initiated activity, and average response times by priority level.

The monthly report shall be organized in a clear and accessible format, include year-to-date summaries and trend analysis where appropriate, and be delivered to the City Manager no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of each month, or such other date as mutually agreed upon by the parties.

C. **Record Retention.** During the term of this IGA, County will maintain all records and reports relating to Law Enforcement Services within City in accordance with County's record retention schedule.

County and City agree that at least ninety (90) days prior to the end date of this IGA, the City Manager and the County Manager shall meet and confer for a smooth transition.

SECTION XIII NOTICES

A. All notices required or permitted shall be given by certified first class U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, to the Parties at the addresses below, which address may be changed upon written notice to the other Party

County:
County Manager
100 Cherokee Street
Marietta, Georgia 30090

With a copy to:
Public Safety Director
100 Cherokee Street
Marietta, Georgia 30090

Mableton:

City of Mableton
Attn: William Bill Tanks, City Manager
1400 Veterans Memorial Highway SE, Suite 134-200
Mableton, Georgia 30126

With a copy to:
City of Mableton
Attn: Michael Owens, Mayor
1400 Veterans Memorial Highway SE, Suite 134-200
Mableton, Georgia 30126

- B. All ante litem notices or other notices for lawsuits or claims provided to City relating to the services contemplated by this IGA shall be provided to the addresses contained in Subsection A above with copies to:

Cobb County Attorney's Office
100 Cherokee Street
Marietta, Georgia 30090

Cobb County Risk and Safety
100 Cherokee Street
Marietta, Georgia 30090
Attn: Director

SECTION XIV
NON-ASSIGNABILITY

Neither Party shall assign any of the obligations or benefits of this IGA.

SECTION XV
ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The Parties acknowledge, one to the other, that the terms of this IGA constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the Parties regarding the subject matter of this IGA. This IGA supersedes all prior oral or written agreements or understandings. No representation oral or written not incorporated in this IGA shall be binding upon the Parties.

SECTION XVI
FORCE MAJEURE

The Parties shall not be liable for their respective non-negligent or non-willful failure to perform any of their respective duties or obligations under this IGA or for any delay in such performance

due to: (i) any cause beyond their respective reasonable control; (ii) any act of God; (iii) any change in applicable governmental rules or regulations rendering the performance of any portion of this IGA legally impossible; (iv) earthquake, fire, explosion, or flood; (v) strike or labor dispute, excluding strikes or labor disputes by employees and/or agents of Parties; (vi) delay or failure to act by any governmental or military authority; or (vii) any war, hostility, embargo, sabotage, civil disturbance, riot, insurrection, or invasion. In such event, the time for performance shall be extended by an amount of time equal to the period of delay caused by such acts, and all other obligations shall remain intact.

SECTION XVII
PRESERVATION OF IMMUNITIES

No provision of this IGA shall be construed or interpreted so as to waive any of the immunities or protections otherwise afforded the Parties by the Constitution, statutes, rules and regulations of the State of Georgia. Nothing contained in this IGA shall be construed to be a waiver of County's or City's sovereign immunity or any individual's qualified good faith or official immunities.

SECTION XVIII
DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION

- A. Except for negligent, willful, intentional and reckless conduct, City agrees to indemnify, to the extent permitted by law, and defend and hold harmless County, its officials, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, damages, claims, liens, cost and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or due to the performance of this IGA by County, its officers, employees, and agents.
- B. City shall immediately to County forward any ante litem notices or other notice of a claim or litigation arising out County's Law Enforcement Services.
- C. This section shall survive the termination of this IGA.

SECTION XIX
NO PERSONAL LIABILITY

Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any individual or personal liability on the part of any of the Parties' elected or appointed officials, officers, boards, commissions, employees, representatives, consultants, servants, agents, attorneys and volunteers. No such individual shall be personally liable to either Party in the event of any default or breach by the Parties or on any obligation under the terms of this Agreement. The Parties agree that their sole and exclusive remedy, claim, demand, or suit shall be directed and/or asserted only against the Parties and not against any elected or appointed official, officers, boards, commissions, employees, representatives, consultants, servants, agents, attorneys and volunteers.

SECTION XX
RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

The Parties do not intend that any provision of this IGA or that any obligation specified herein create a partnership, joint venture, association, alliance or other similar arrangement. City acknowledges and agrees that County employees and contractors providing services under this IGA are not subject to direction or interference by City.

SECTION XXI
MISCELLANEOIUS

- A. **Governing Law and Jurisdiction.** This IGA and the rights and obligations of the Parties hereto (including third party beneficiaries) shall be governed, construed, and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Georgia. The Parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia for the purposes of all legal proceedings arising out of or relating to this IGA, and the Parties irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection which they may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such proceeding which is brought in such a court.
- B. **Severability.** If any provision of this IGA shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable under any particular circumstances because it conflicts with any provision or provisions hereof or any constitution or statute or rule of public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question inoperative or unenforceable in any other circumstance, or of rendering any other provision or provisions herein contained invalid, inoperative, or unenforceable to any extent whatever. The invalidity of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses, or sections contained in this IGA shall not affect the remaining portions of this IGA.
- C. **Effective Date.** This IGA shall become effective as of the date that the last Party hereto executes the same, as evidenced by their signatures appearing on the signature page to this IGA.
- D. **Counterparts.** This IGA may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- E. **Amendments in Writing.** No waiver, amendment, release, or modification of this IGA shall be established by conduct, custom, or course of dealing, but solely by a document in writing duly executed and delivered by City and County.
- F. **Headings.** All headings herein are intended for convenience and ease of reference purposes only and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope or intent thereof, or of this IGA, or in any way affect this IGA.
- G. **Time is of the Essence.** All Parties agree and understand that time is of the essence as to all deliverables including but not limited to level of services and obligation to perform.

SECTION XXII
SUPERSEDES PRIOR AGREEMENTS

This IGA shall supersede and replace all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, between and County regarding the provision of law enforcement services contemplated herein.

SECTION XXIII

BINDING EFFECT

This IGA shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the Parties' successors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this IGA has been executed by County and City.

COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

By [Signature]
Lisa N. Cupid, Chairwoman
Cobb County Board of Commissioners



Attest: [Signature] Date: 6/15/2026
Deputy County Clerk

(COUNTY SEAL)

Approved as to form:
[Signature]
County Attorney's Office

APPROVED
PER MINUTES OF
COBB COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
5/26/26

CITY OF MABLETON, GEORGIA

By: [Signature]
Michael Owens (Jun 12, 2026 15:47:40 EDT)
Michael Owens, Mayor
City of Mableton

Attest: [Signature] Date: 06/12/2026
City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

Approved as to form:
[Signature]
Emilia Walker-Ashby
City Attorney



Exhibit A
County Code to be Adopted for Enforcement of this IGA

Alarm Systems
Health Spas
Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions
Parades
Pawn Shops
Precious Metal Dealers
Temporary Street Closures
Wreckers



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THE ROAD TO LOCAL CONTROL

*MABLETON'S PUBLIC SAFETY FUTURE
PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL
JUNE 15, 2026*



WHY WE ARE HERE TONIGHT

Tonight is about answering the questions residents are asking:

- Do we have police service?
- What happened with Cobb County?
- Why is Mableton planning long term?
- What has been decided?
- What is still being studied?
- What could this mean for residents?
- How can residents stay involved?



MABLETON PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL



FIRST THINGS FIRST: POLICE SERVICE CONTINUES

Mableton residents have law enforcement service.

The City of Mableton and Cobb County have finalized a new police services agreement.

Standard patrols and policing operations continue.

If you have an emergency, call 911.





WHERE WE STAND

The finalized agreement:

- Secures continued police protection
- Provides police services through May 31, 2027
- Costs \$13 million
- Allows standard patrols and policing operations to continue
- Gives Mableton time to plan its long-term public safety future

WHAT IS SERVICE DELIVERY?

As a new city, Mableton must work with Cobb County on how certain services are delivered and funded.

These discussions have included:

- Police service
- Transportation
- Stormwater
- Intergovernmental emergency communications
- Municipal court coordination
- Local revenue and funding responsibilities



WHAT HAPPENED IN 2025?



In 2025, the city came out of transition with a one-year agreement for police and transportation services.

That agreement kept key services in place.

It also showed that public safety planning should not wait until the next deadline.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2026?



In 2026, Mableton and Cobb County negotiated a new police services agreement.

The discussions included:

- Service coverage
- Cost
- Contract structure
- Municipal court revenue
- Citation processing
- Local authority
- Long-term public safety planning

The City and Cobb County have now finalized the agreement.

WHY WAS THE AGREEMENT DELAYED?

Final execution was delayed over concerns involving:

- Municipal court revenues
- Grant opportunities
- Citation processing
- Public safety governance inside Mableton
- Forfeitures
- Local ordinance authority

The City raised these issues to protect residents, City operations and Mableton's ability to govern itself.

THE ROAD TO LOCAL CONTROL

Local control means Mableton can make public safety decisions based on Mableton's needs.

That includes:

- Enforcement priorities
- Community policing goals
- Local ordinances
- Public safety investments
- Grant opportunities
- Accountability to residents



THE PARTNERSHIP WE EXPECTED

Mableton's original plan was to continue partnering with Cobb County for police services.

The City wanted to use existing infrastructure, avoid duplicating services, save taxpayer dollars and create long-term stability for residents.

That was the plan.

That was the preference.

That was the expectation.

WHAT CHANGED?

Mableton entered service delivery discussions with Cobb County.

The City wanted a long term agreement through 2034 that protected residents and respected Mableton's local authority. That was not offered.

From the beginning of mediation it became apparent that we would not be offered a long term agreement.

As negotiations continued, it became clear that continued contracting may not always meet Mableton's needs or provide the certainty residents deserve.



Police

- A single year of police service (June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027): \$13,000,000
- \$3,000,000 to be paid by Mableton to Cobb by December 31, 2026
- \$833,333.33 in equal installments per month commencing January 15, 2027, for 12 payments totaling \$10,000,000.
- No extensions.
- Required to pay contractual \$9.5 million for June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026 service.

SIX FLAGS SFSD


- Mableton will commit SFSD revenues to repay all outstanding Six Flags bond debt.
- Mableton shall make all required Six Flag SFSD debt payments pursuant to the schedule 15 days prior to Cobb's debt payment coming due.
- The City may pay this obligation through its SFSD tax that it is collecting or has collected.

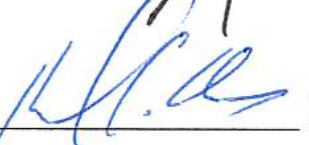
JOINT STATEMENT

- There shall be a joint statement regarding police service moving forward. Neither entity shall issue a statement without consulting with the other.

All terms above shall be placed in a mutually acceptable IGA and adopted by Cobb and Mableton before any provision is binding and enforceable.

Mediator  Date 5/22/26

Cobb Counsel  Date 5/22/26

Mableton Counsel  Date 5/22/26

THE GOAL IS CERTAINTY

Mableton is not seeking local control for its own sake.

The goal is reliable service, clear funding, local accountability and a plan that keeps the City from reaching another deadline disagreement.



CITYHOOD WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE STATIC

Mableton began with a lean model of government.

That model helped the City launch efficiently and avoid unnecessary bureaucracy.

But how a city starts does not determine how a city must evolve.

The question now is what kind of city Mableton must become.

WHAT MABLETON HAS BUILT

Mableton has taken on several local government functions, including:

- Business Licensing
- Planning and Zoning
- Permitting
- Code Enforcement
- Municipal Court
- Communications
- Administration and Finance
- Sustainability and Beautification
- Parks Programming



MABLETON PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL



MABLETON'S FISCAL APPROACH

Mableton has not levied a city property tax for regular City operations.

To date, City operations have been funded through insurance premium tax, business licenses, permits, fees and other local revenues.

Residents may see taxes from Cobb County, the school district or other taxing authorities on their property tax bill.

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WHY PUBLIC SAFETY IS DIFFERENT

Public safety is not one function.

It is a full system.

A long-term public safety model must account for:

- Police response and patrol operations
- Dispatch coordination
- Records and reporting
- Vehicles and equipment
- Technology
- Municipal court coordination
- Citation processing
- Funding and staffing



EVERY SERVICE SHOULD EARN ITS WAY

Mableton should not provide a service simply because it can.

Mableton should not contract a service simply because that is how it has always been done.

Every major service should be evaluated based on:

- Cost
- Service quality
- Responsiveness
- Accountability
- Long-term value

APPLYING THAT TEST TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Contracting with Cobb County made sense when Mableton was starting out.

It used existing infrastructure, avoided duplication and supported a lean start-up model.

But public safety is too important to leave dependent on uncertainty.



THE NEW DIRECTION



Mableton is planning for a stronger, more self-directed public safety future.

This does not mean rejecting partnerships.

It means making sure partnerships serve Mableton residents, protect local authority and provide long-term stability.

WHAT IS A PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION?

A Public Safety Division would bring key safety-related functions into one coordinated structure.

That will include:

- Law enforcement services
- Emergency management and preparedness
- Code enforcement
- Community outreach and public safety education
- Technology and data support
- Municipal court coordination



THE MABLETON PUBLIC SAFETY VISION

The goal is to build a public safety model that is:

- Professional
- Community-focused
- Transparent
- Accountable
- Efficient
- Prepared for emergencies
- Designed around Mableton's needs



WHAT WILL GUIDE THE PLANNING PROCESS?

The City's planning work will focus on five priorities:

- Maintain uninterrupted service
- Evaluate long-term options
- Build a reliable funding strategy
- Align court and public safety operations
- Review staffing, technology, equipment and facilities



HOW IS PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDED?

In December 2025, Mableton established the Public Safety Special Service District.

The purpose is to create a dedicated structure for public safety funding.

Simple message:

If money is collected for public safety, it should be used for public safety.

WHAT IS KNOWN ABOUT COST?

The finalized agreement provides police services for \$13 million through May 31, 2027.

The City also owes \$9.5 million from the previous year.

Mableton has created a dedicated public safety funding structure.

The City is still evaluating long-term costs, timing and resident impact.

Future recommendations must consider service quality, financial sustainability and accountability.

WHAT IS A SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT?

A Special Service District is a dedicated funding tool for a specific service.

For Mableton, the proposed purpose is public safety.

Residents should know what is being collected, why it is being collected and how it is being used.

The current estimate is 4.5 mils that will yield \$21 million. The city plans to have exemptions for seniors and disabled veterans.

WHAT IS STILL BEING REVIEWED?

The City is still reviewing:

- Final funding rate
- Long-term service costs
- Future funding options
- Municipal court coordination
- Citation and revenue processes
- Staffing, equipment and facility needs
- Timeline for future recommendations
- Resident impact

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

Success means Mableton does not approach another public safety deadline without:

- A clear plan
- Clear funding
- Resident input
- Council direction
- Operational readiness

WHY RESIDENT INPUT MATTERS

Public safety affects every resident.

The City needs to hear what matters most before major long-term decisions are made.

Resident feedback will help shape what the City studies and what is brought back to Mayor and Council.

HOW RESIDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE

Residents are encouraged to complete the public safety survey on the City's website.

The survey asks for input on:

- Public safety priorities
- Concerns
- Service model options
- Local control, authority and accountability
- Funding
- Information residents need
- How residents want to stay informed



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER TONIGHT?

After the town hall, the City will:

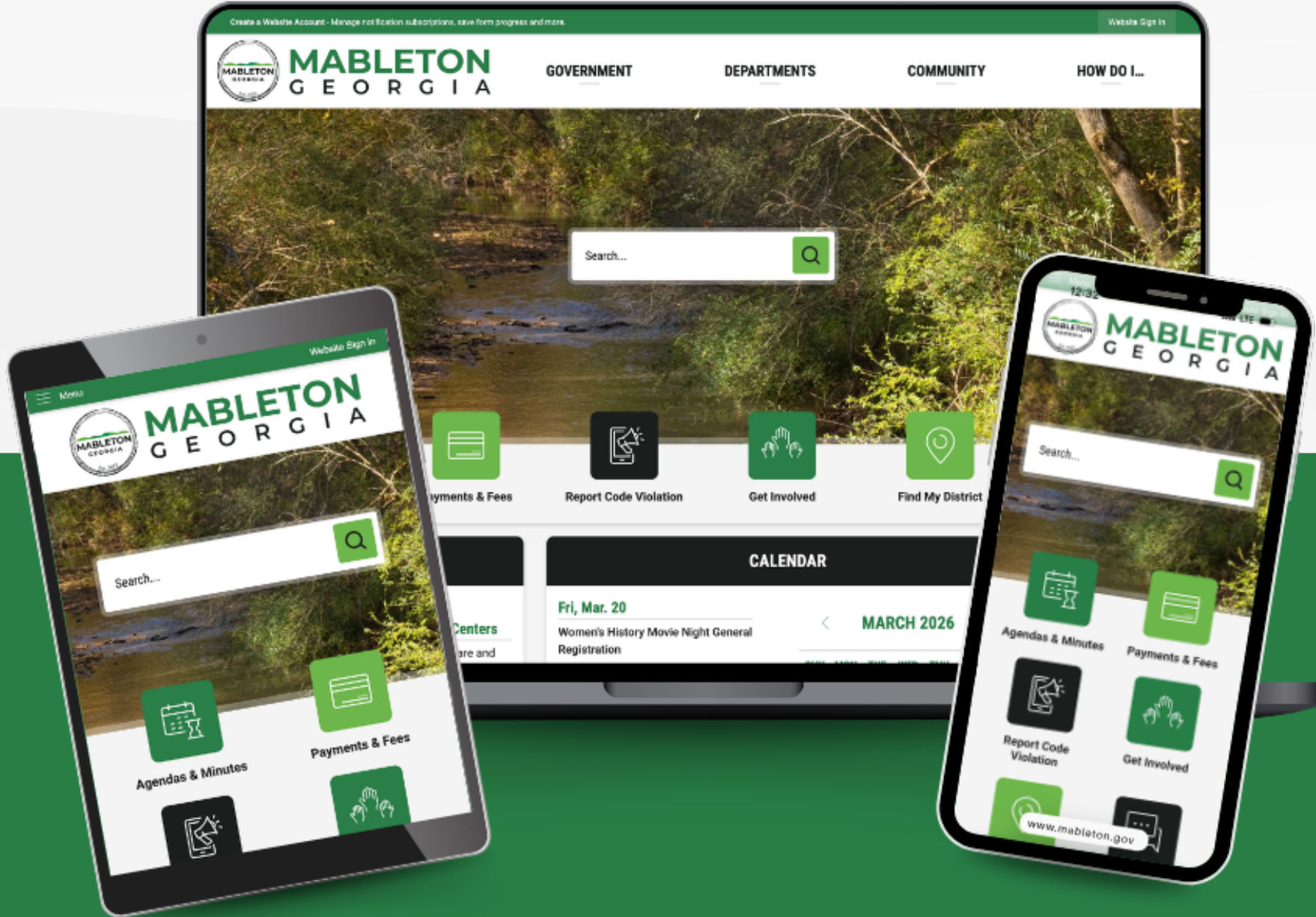
- Review resident questions and feedback
- Share follow-up information as needed
- Continue evaluating long-term public safety options
- Prepare future recommendations for Mayor and Council

The City must also prepare for a 90-day transition period before the current police services agreement ends on May 31, 2027.



HOW RESIDENTS CAN STAY INFORMED

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Residents can stay informed through:

- City website
- Email updates
- Social media
- Public meetings
- Future town halls or public updates



Scan to learn more





QUESTIONS AND RESIDENT INPUT

We want to hear from you.

Please share your questions, concerns and priorities as Mableton plans its public safety future.



Scan to learn more