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### **City Aims for Efficiency with Green Building Sustainability Policy Approval**

(City of South Fulton, GA – July 31, 2020) – Going green is no longer a thing of the future for the City of South Fulton as the City Council unanimously approved a Green Building Sustainability Policy that will establish green building practices in the city.

The ordinance will help reduce the overall impact of waste, pollution and depletion and degradation of natural resources in the community. It will also allow for long-term conservational quality. It also incentivizes participation in green building practices by offering an expedited plan review for both new construction and renovations.

The city seeks to accomplish preservation of the environment by efficiently using energy, water and other resources.

South Fulton is slated to attain certification from the Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Communities Program, a voluntary certification program for jurisdictions in the 10-county planning area.

According to Councilwoman Rowell, sponsor of the ordinance, green buildings will help minimize the adverse effects pollution has on the environment and residents' health.

"This ordinance is reflective of the city's mission to be mindful of future generations," said Rowell. "We must continue adopting ecological practices in our code that enhance environmental sustainability within the city.

"We plan to reach New Leaf level, a preliminary level with a two-year track to attain a Green Communities certification, in the fall of 2021," Rowell continued. "Our goal is to notch higher designations over time as we continue putting efficient codes in effect."

The New Leaf level requires the city to identify and document certain measures to meet a minimum of 25 points. New Leaf communities must form a Green Team to spearhead measure implementation and the official Green Communities application.

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The city must also submit:

- A copy of the adopted resolution as commitment to becoming a certified Green Community
- A checklist indicating the measures taken, progress and competition
- Documentation for the measures identified in the checklist
- A description of the Green Team, including a list of team member names and titles, a schedule of meetings and any other relevant documentation.

The Green Building initiative comes approximately five months after the [South Fulton City Council approved an agreement with Cherry Street Energy of Atlanta](#) to smarten its energy use through a solar power partnership in an effort to save 10-15 percent in energy costs over the next 20 years.

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