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City of LaGrange Recertified as City of Ethics

LaGrange, Ga. June 26, 2018 –The City of LaGrange has been recertified as a City of Ethics.



The City of LaGrange has been a Certified City of Ethics since 2014

The Mayor and City Council have resolved to conduct themselves as a group and as individuals in accordance to the City of Ethics principles and pledged to conduct its affairs accordingly.

“I was delighted to see that LaGrange had been recertified as a City of Ethics,” said LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton.

“It’s a great statewide program through GMA that recognizes cities with a demonstrated commitment to transparency and ethical behavior in the conduct of the public’s business.”

To become a Certified City of Ethics, the city must adopt a resolution establishing five ethical principles for the conduct of the city's officials and also adopt an ethics ordinance that meets minimum standards approved by the GMA Board.

The five ethical principles are:

- Serve others, not ourselves
- Use resources with efficiency and economy
- Treat all people fairly
- Use the power of our position for the well-being of our constituents
- Create an environment of honesty, openness and integrity



Mayor Jim Thornton presents Certified City of Ethics awards at the annual GMA convention in Savannah. Mayor Jim Thornton presents Certified City of Ethics awards at the annual GMA convention in Savannah

The City of LaGrange initially received the “Cities of Ethics” designation in 2014. LaGrange received its recertification Monday, June 25th at the Georgia Municipal Association’s Annual Convention in Savannah.

LaGrange joins more than 200 cities that have received the designation.

“Mayor Thornton and Council Members are dedicated to their roles as public servants and epitomize the values of kindness, civility and integrity,” said LaGrange City Manager Meg Kelsey.

“Our recertification as a City of Ethics is the direct result of their longstanding commitment to the citizens of LaGrange. Every day I see how our elected leadership is working in the best interest of LaGrange.”

The City of Ethics program began in 1999 and was developed by a panel of business and government leaders to encourage cities to adopt and adhere to a set of key ethical principles and adopt a local ethics ordinance.

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