

CITY OF WALNUT GROVE
March 26, 2026 10:00 AM
1021 PARK STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Council Work Session
Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call Call**
- V. Agenda Approval**
- VI. Old Business**
 - 1. Discussion Employee Retirement Plan
- VII. New Business**
 - 1. Discussion: Proposed Ordinance Requiring Special Use Permit for Smoke, Vape, and Hemp Retailers.
 - 2. Discussion: Proposed Ordinance Establishing Tobacco, Vape, and Hemp Retailer Licensing Requirements.
 - 3. Discussion: Proposed Ordinance Regulating Location of Smoke, Vape, and Hemp Retailers.
 - 4. Discussion: Proposed Amendment to Accessory Dwelling Unit.
 - 5. Discussion: Compensation of Walnut Grove Elected Officials.
 - 6. Discussion: City of Civility Resolution.
 - 7. Discussion: Proclamation – Walton County Safe Digging Month (April 2026)
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Executive Session: Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate, or Cyber Security**
- X. Adjourn**

401(a) and 457(b) Plan:

Tentative Effective Date:

- May 1, 2026

Trustee:

- Georgia Municipal Association

Eligible Employees:

- All Employees (includes elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority)

Minimum Hours Per Week to Participate:

- No Minimum number of hours required.

Waiting Period to Participate:

- Eligible Employees who are employed on the date the plan is adopted will be given credit for prior service as an employee for purposes of satisfying the waiting period.
- Waiting period shall be six months of service.

Employer Contributions:

- For each payroll period in which the participant contributes to the City of Walnut Grove's GMA 457(b) plan, the employer will contribute 100% of the dollar amount the participant contributes up to a maximum of 3% of the participants includable compensation per Payroll Period.
- Additionally, for each payroll period in which the participant contributes more than 3% of the participants includable compensation the city will contribute 50% of the resulting additional dollar amount as an employer matching contribution to this plan for up to an additional 2% of the participants includable compensation. In no event shall the employer matching contribution exceed 5% of a participant's includable compensation per payroll period.

Vesting:

- Cliff Vesting
- Employer contributions are 100% vested after a participant has been employed as an eligible employee for 2 years, Matching contributions remain 0% vested until the participant satisfies the full vesting period.

Ordinance Establishing Special Use Permit Requirement for Smoke, Vape, and Hemp Retailers

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City by regulating the location and operation of retail establishments that sell tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, hemp-derived products, kratom, and other psychoactive substances. These businesses may present unique impacts related to youth access, public safety, and neighborhood compatibility.

Accordingly, such uses shall require approval through a Special Use Permit issued by the City Council.

Section 2. Definitions

For purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

Smoke Shop / Vape Shop / Tobacco Retailer

Any retail establishment whose primary or substantial business includes the sale of tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, vaping products, cigars, pipes, rolling papers, or related accessories.

Hemp or THC Retailer

Any establishment that sells hemp-derived cannabinoid products, including but not limited to products containing CBD, Delta-8 THC, Delta-9 THC derived from hemp, Delta-10 THC, HHC, THCV, or similar compounds.

Psychoactive Product

Any product intended for human consumption that produces intoxicating or mood-altering effects, including but not limited to kratom and hemp-derived cannabinoid products.

Special Use Permit (SUP)

A discretionary land use approval granted by the City Council allowing a use that may be appropriate in certain locations but requires case-by-case review.

Section 3. Special Use Permit Required

A Special Use Permit issued by the City Council shall be required prior to the establishment, relocation, or expansion of any business that:

1. Operates as a smoke shop, vape shop, or tobacco retailer; or
2. Sells hemp-derived cannabinoid products, kratom, or other psychoactive substances intended for human consumption.

No such business shall operate within the City limits without obtaining a Special Use Permit.

Section 4. Application Requirements

Applicants seeking a Special Use Permit shall submit an application to the City including:

1. The name and contact information of the applicant and business owner.
 2. The proposed business location and zoning district.
 3. A description of the products to be sold.
 4. A site plan showing building location, parking, and surrounding uses.
 5. Any additional information reasonably required by the City to evaluate the request.
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Section 5. Public Hearing

Prior to approval or denial of a Special Use Permit, the City Council shall conduct a public hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be provided in accordance with applicable state law and city procedures.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow the public to comment on the proposed use and its potential impacts on the surrounding community.

Section 6. Review Criteria

In determining whether to approve or deny a Special Use Permit, the City Council may consider factors including but not limited to:

1. The proximity of the proposed business to schools, parks, churches, daycare centers, and residential neighborhoods.
 2. The potential impact on minors and youth access to intoxicating substances.
 3. Compatibility with surrounding land uses and neighborhood character.
 4. Traffic, parking, and public safety considerations.
 5. The concentration of similar businesses within the City.
 6. Any other factors reasonably related to the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.
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Section 7. Conditions of Approval

The City Council may impose reasonable conditions on any Special Use Permit to mitigate potential impacts, including but not limited to:

- limitations on hours of operation
- security requirements

- age-verification procedures
- restrictions on signage or advertising.

Failure to comply with imposed conditions may result in suspension or revocation of the permit.

Section 8. Denial Authority

The City Council may deny a Special Use Permit if it determines that the proposed use would adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare of the community or would be incompatible with surrounding land uses.

Section 9. Revocation

A Special Use Permit may be revoked by the City Council after notice and hearing if the permit holder violates city ordinances, permit conditions, or applicable state or federal laws.

Section 10. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Ordinance Establishing Tobacco, Vape, and Hemp Retailer Licensing Requirements

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate businesses engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, hemp-derived cannabinoid products, kratom, and other psychoactive substances within the City.

These regulations are intended to protect public health, safety, and welfare, prevent access to intoxicating substances by minors, and ensure responsible operation of businesses engaged in the sale of such products.

Section 2. Definitions

Tobacco Retailer

Any business that sells tobacco products, cigars, cigarettes, nicotine products, or related accessories.

Vape Retailer

Any business that sells electronic smoking devices, vaping liquids, cartridges, or related products.

Hemp Retailer

Any business that sells hemp-derived cannabinoid products including, but not limited to, CBD, Delta-8 THC, Delta-9 THC derived from hemp, Delta-10 THC, HHC, THCV, or similar substances.

Psychoactive Product

Violation of this ordinance may result in:

- denial of business licensing
- suspension or revocation of permits
- fines as provided in the City Code.

Section 8. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Any product intended for human consumption that produces intoxicating or mood-altering effects, including kratom and hemp-derived cannabinoid products.

Retail License

A special business license issued by the City authorizing the retail sale of tobacco, vaping products, hemp-derived products, or psychoactive substances.

Section 3. License Required

No person or entity shall operate a business within the City that sells tobacco products, vaping products, hemp-derived cannabinoid products, kratom, or other psychoactive substances without first obtaining a Tobacco and Hemp Retailer License issued by the City.

This license shall be required in addition to any general business license required by the City.

Section 4. License Application

Applicants for a Tobacco and Hemp Retailer License shall submit:

1. Name and address of the business owner and operator
2. Business location and zoning district
3. Description of products to be sold
4. Proof of compliance with state and federal law
5. Payment of the applicable licensing fee.

The City may deny an application if the proposed business does not comply with City ordinances or if the applicant has previously violated similar regulations.

Section 5. Limit on Number of Licenses

To prevent an excessive concentration of such businesses, the number of Tobacco and Hemp Retailer Licenses issued by the City shall be limited to:

One license per 5,000 residents, or such other limit as may be established by resolution of the City Council.

If the maximum number of licenses has been issued, additional applications shall be denied unless an existing license becomes available.

Section 6. Operational Requirements

All licensed retailers must comply with the following operational standards:

1. Age Restriction

Entry into the premises shall be restricted to persons 21 years of age or older, except employees.

2. Identification Verification

Retailers shall verify customer age using government-issued identification scanning technology or similar electronic verification methods.

3. Security Cameras

Businesses must maintain security cameras that:

- monitor all entrances and exits
- monitor the retail sales area

- maintain recordings for at least 30 days

Footage shall be made available to law enforcement upon lawful request.

4. Product Storage

All regulated products shall be stored behind the counter or in controlled-access displays.

Section 7. Compliance with State and Federal Law

All licensed retailers must comply with applicable state and federal laws governing the sale of tobacco, hemp, and related products.

Violation of such laws may constitute grounds for license suspension or revocation.

Section 8. Inspections

Authorized City officials and law enforcement officers may conduct reasonable inspections of licensed premises to ensure compliance with this ordinance.

Section 9. Violations and Penalties

Any person or business found in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to one or more of the following penalties:

- administrative fines
- suspension of the retail license
- revocation of the retail license
- denial of future license applications.

Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 10. License Suspension or Revocation

The City may suspend or revoke a Tobacco and Hemp Retailer License after notice and an opportunity for a hearing if the license holder:

1. Violates this ordinance
 2. Sells products to underage individuals
 3. Violates state or federal law related to regulated substances.
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Section 11. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the City Council.

Ordinance Regulating Location of Smoke, Vape, and Hemp Retailers

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the location of businesses engaged in the sale of tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, hemp-derived cannabinoid products, kratom, and other psychoactive substances.

These uses may present unique impacts related to youth access, neighborhood compatibility, and public safety. The City therefore finds it necessary to regulate the location of such businesses through zoning restrictions and separation requirements.

Section 2. Definitions

Smoke Shop / Tobacco Retailer

Any business whose primary or substantial activity includes the sale of tobacco products, cigars, cigarettes, nicotine products, pipes, rolling papers, or related accessories.

Vape Shop

Any retail establishment that sells electronic smoking devices, vaping liquids, cartridges, or related vaping products.

Hemp Retailer

Any business that sells hemp-derived cannabinoid products including but not limited to CBD, Delta-8 THC, Delta-9 THC derived from hemp, Delta-10 THC, HHC, THCV, or similar substances.

Psychoactive Product Retailer

Any business that sells products intended for human consumption that produce intoxicating or mood-altering effects, including kratom and hemp-derived cannabinoid products.

For purposes of this ordinance, the above uses may be collectively referred to as “regulated retailers.”

Section 3. Permitted Zoning Districts

Regulated retailers shall be permitted only in the following zoning districts:

- Highway Commercial (HC)
- Light Industrial (LI)
- General Industrial (GI)

Regulated retailers shall be prohibited in the following districts:

- Residential zoning districts
- Downtown or central business districts
- Neighborhood commercial districts
- Mixed-use residential districts.

Section 4. Separation and Distance Requirements

No regulated retailer shall be located within the following distances from the uses listed below. Distances shall be measured in a straight line from property line to property line.

1. Schools:

No regulated retailer shall be located within 1,000 feet of any public or private school.

2. Parks and Recreational Facilities:

No regulated retailer shall be located within 500 feet of any public park, playground, or recreational facility.

The City Council may establish a 1,000-foot buffer by resolution if necessary to protect public welfare.

3. Places of Worship:

No regulated retailer shall be located within 1,000 feet of any church or place of worship.

4. Daycare Facilities:

No regulated retailer shall be located within 1,000 feet of any licensed childcare facility or daycare center.

5. Other Regulated Retailers:

No regulated retailer shall be located within 1,000 feet of another regulated retailer.

Section 5. Measurement of Distance

Distances required by this ordinance shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest property line of the regulated retailer to the nearest property line of the protected use.

Section 6. Nonconforming Uses

Any regulated retailer lawfully operating prior to the adoption of this ordinance shall be considered a legal nonconforming use and may continue operation so long as the business is not discontinued for a period exceeding six months.

Section 7. Enforcement

The City may deny zoning approval, business licensing, or occupancy permits for any regulated retailer that does not comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALNUT GROVE, GEORGIA; TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUs); TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS, STANDARDS, PERMITTING, ENFORCEMENT, AND RELATED PURPOSES; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this ordinance is to:

1. Expand housing options within existing residential neighborhoods.
 2. Provide opportunities for aging in place, multigenerational living, workforce housing, and caregiver housing.
 3. Ensure that accessory dwelling units are compatible with the character of existing neighborhoods.
 4. Maintain compliance with Georgia minimum standard codes and applicable health, safety, and sanitation laws.
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SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

The following definition shall be added to Chapter ___ (Zoning), Article ___ (Definitions):

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU):

A secondary, self-contained residential dwelling unit located on the same lot as a primary single-family detached dwelling, which includes independent living facilities for one (1) household, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation. An ADU may be attached or detached from the primary dwelling.

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY

- A. Accessory Dwelling Units shall be permitted as an accessory use in the following zoning districts:
 - R-1 Single-Family Residential

- R-2 Single-Family Residential
- R-3 Residential (if applicable)

B. ADUs shall not be permitted on lots containing duplexes, townhomes, multifamily dwellings, or non-residential primary uses unless otherwise approved through conditional use.

SECTION 4. GENERAL STANDARDS

A. Number Permitted

Only one (1) ADU shall be permitted per lot containing one (1) primary single-family dwelling.

B. Lot Requirements

The lot must:

1. Meet minimum zoning district lot size requirements.
2. Contain an existing or proposed primary single-family dwelling.

C. Size Limitations

1. Maximum floor area:
 - The lesser of 1,000 square feet OR 40% of the heated floor area of the primary dwelling.
2. Minimum floor area:
 - 400 square feet.

D. Height

Detached ADUs shall not exceed:

- Twenty-five (25) feet in height OR
- The height of the primary dwelling, whichever is less.

E. Setbacks

Detached ADUs shall comply with:

- Rear setback: minimum 10 feet

- Side setback: minimum 10 feet
- Shall not be located in required front yard setbacks

F. Design Compatibility

1. Exterior materials shall be similar in appearance to the primary dwelling.
2. Roof pitch shall be consistent with the primary dwelling.
3. Detached ADUs shall be located to the rear or side of the primary dwelling whenever feasible.

G. Parking

1. One (1) additional off-street parking space shall be required for the ADU.
2. Parking may be driveway parking and need not be enclosed.
3. No on-street parking shall be counted toward the requirement.

SECTION 5. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

A. The ADU shall:

1. Be connected to public water and sewer where available.
2. If served by septic, must receive approval from the Walton County Health Department for capacity.

B. The ADU may:

1. Share utility connections with the primary dwelling, OR
2. Have separate metering if approved by the utility provider.

C. No AUD shall be permitted:

1. No ADU shall be permitted if the proposed additional wastewater flow would cause the City's wastewater system to exceed permitted capacity under Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) regulations.
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SECTION 6. OCCUPANCY AND USE

A. The ADU may be used for:

- Long-term residential occupancy.

B. Short-term rentals (less than 30 consecutive days) are prohibited unless otherwise authorized under the City's short-term rental ordinance.

C. Either the primary dwelling or the ADU must be owner-occupied unless waived by conditional use approval.

SECTION 7. SEWER CAPACITY LIMITATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RESTRICTION

A. Findings

The Mayor and Council find that:

1. Certain residential neighborhoods within the City are served by existing public sanitary sewer infrastructure operating at or near design capacity.
2. Additional dwelling units on lots within these service areas may exceed available treatment or conveyance capacity.
3. The City has a duty to protect public health, prevent sanitary sewer overflows, and comply with all state and federal environmental regulations.
4. Limiting additional residential density in sewer-constrained areas is necessary to preserve system integrity and avoid moratoriums or enforcement action.

B. Prohibition in Sewer-Constrained Areas

1. Accessory Dwelling Units shall be prohibited on any lot located within a residential subdivision or neighborhood that:
 - Is served by public sanitary sewer; and
 - Has been formally designated by resolution of the Mayor and Council as a "Sewer Capacity Limited Area."
2. In such designated areas:
 - No new ADU permits shall be issued.
 - No conversion of existing accessory structures into ADUs shall be permitted.

- No variance shall be granted to allow an ADU.

C. Designation Procedure

1. The City Engineer, Public Works Director, or contracted utility provider shall provide written documentation identifying areas operating at or exceeding eighty-five percent (85%) of permitted sewer capacity.
2. The Mayor and Council may designate affected neighborhoods by resolution.
3. The designation shall remain in effect until:
 - Infrastructure improvements are completed; and
 - A subsequent resolution removes the restriction.

D. Exception

An ADU may be permitted within a sewer-served area only if:

1. The applicant provides written certification from the sewer authority that:
 - Adequate downstream capacity exists; and
 - The additional flow will not cause system exceedance; and
2. The Mayor and Council approve the ADU through conditional use following public hearing.

SECTION 8. PERMITTING

A. A zoning permit and building permit shall be required prior to construction or conversion.

B. Construction must comply with:

- The current Georgia State Minimum Standard Residential Code
- All applicable building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, fire, and life-safety codes

C. A certificate of occupancy shall be required prior to occupancy.

SECTION 9. NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES

Existing accessory structures may be converted into ADUs provided they meet:

- Building code requirements
 - Fire separation requirements
 - Setback requirements (or obtain a variance)
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SECTION 10. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

A. Violation of this ordinance shall constitute a zoning violation.

B. Each day of violation shall be considered a separate offense.

C. Penalties shall be consistent with Section ___ (General Penalty Provision) of the City Code.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY

If any section of this ordinance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

City of Walnut Grove
State of Georgia

RESOLUTION 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PLEDGING TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE CIVILITY IN THE CITY OF WALNUT GROVE, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Walnut Grove (the "Council") is the governing body of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia (the "Municipality"), recognizes that robust debate and the right to self-expression, as protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, are fundamental rights and essential components of democratic self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further recognize that the public exchange of diverse ideas and viewpoints is necessary to the health of the community and the quality of governance in the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of City Council, as elected representatives of the community and stewards of the public trust, recognize their special role in modeling open, free and vigorous debate while maintaining the highest standards of civility, honesty and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, City Council meetings are open to the public and thus how City officials execute their legal duties is on public display; and

WHEREAS, civility by City officials in the execution of their legislative duties and responsibilities fosters respect, kindness and thoughtfulness between City officials, avoiding personal ill will which results in actions being directed to issues made in the best interests of residents; and

WHEREAS, civility between City officials presents an opportunity to set a positive example of conduct and promotes thoughtful debate and discussion of legislative issues, resulting in better public policy and a more informed electorate while also encouraging civil behavior between residents; and

WHEREAS, civility between City officials is possible if each member of the elected body remembers that they represent not only themselves, but the constituents of their city; and

WHEREAS, in order to publicly declare its commitment to civil discourse and to express its concern for the common good and well-being of all of its residents, the Mayor and Council has determined to adopt this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE

The Mayor and City Council pledge to practice and promote civility within the governing body as a means of conducting legislative duties and responsibilities.

SECTION TWO

The elected officials of the City enact this civility pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of the City of Walnut Grove.

SECTION THREE

This pledge strives to ensure that all communication be open, honest, and transparent as this is vital for cultivating trust and relationships.

SECTION FOUR

This pledge strives to show courtesy by treating all colleagues, staff and members of the public in a professional and respectful manner whether in-person, online or in written communication, especially when we disagree.

SECTION FIVE

This pledge strives to ensure mutual respect to achieve municipal goals, recognizing that patience, tolerance and civility are imperative to success and demonstrates the Mayor and Council's commitment to respect different opinions, by inviting and considering different perspectives, allowing space for ideas to be expressed, debated, opposed, and clarified in a constructive manner.

SECTION SIX

This pledge demonstrates our commitment against violence and incivility in all their forms whenever and wherever they occur in all our meetings and interactions.

SECTION SEVEN

The City of Walnut Grove expects members of the public to be civil in its discussion of matters under consideration by and before the City Council with elected officials, staff, and each other.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 20__.

City of Walnut Grove, Georgia

Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Davis

Council Member Maxine McClanahan

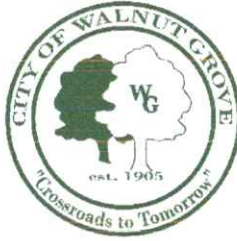
Council Member Erica Miles

Council Member Linda Pilgrim

ATTEST:

Lynn Heard, City Clerk

John J. Crowley, City Attorney
Powell & Crowley, LLP



BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WALNUT GROVE, GEORGIA
A PROCLAMATION
WALTON COUNTY SAFE DIGGING MONTH

WHEREAS, Thousands of times each year, the underground infrastructure in Georgia is damaged by those who do not have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in service interruption, environmental damage and threat to public safety and;

WHEREAS, In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 to provide contractors and homeowners with a simple number to contact utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site, and;

WHEREAS, The Walton County Utility Coordinating Committee, a stakeholder-driven organization dedicated to the prevention of damage to underground utilities in Georgia, promotes the National 811 Notification System in an effort to reduce these damages, and;

WHEREAS, Damage prevention is a shared responsibility; by using safe digging practices, the contractors and homeowners of the City of Walnut Grove can save time, money and help keep our infrastructure safe and connected, and;

THEREFORE, I Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as; **WALTON COUNTY SAFE DIGGING MONTH** and encourage contractors and homeowners throughout the City of Walnut Grove to always call 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident!

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Walnut Grove to be affixed this 26th day of March.

Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor
City of Walnut Grove

Date



Office of the Mayor of City of Walnut Grove

Re: National Safe Digging Month

The Walton County Utility Coordinating Committee (UCC) has partnered with Georgia 811 to promote National Safe Digging Month each April to coincide with the onset of peak digging season. The initiative was designed to heighten awareness of the national 811 notification system. Homeowners, landscapers, and professional excavators are all encouraged to contact Georgia 811, either online or by dialing 811, at least three business days prior to digging. After submitting a ticket, Georgia 811 notifies the appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig. Professional locate technicians are then sent to the requested dig site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with spray paint. Once lines have been accurately marked, digging can safely begin around marked lines. The 811-notification system is paramount to the prevention of damage to underground utilities and the safety of City of Walnut Grove residents.

The Walton County UCC appreciates the ongoing support of the City of Walnut Grove in local utility coordinating efforts and is asking Mayor Steph Moncrief to publicly proclaim Safe Digging Month this April 2026 and recognize the importance of contacting 811 before digging.

The following are opportunities for Mayor Steph Moncrief to show support for Safe Digging Month:

- Issue an official proclamation of City of Walnut Grove Safe Digging Month from the Office of the Mayor. I have attached the wording that can be used.
- Post City of Walnut Grove Safe Digging Month messages on City of Walnut Grove social media sites. Georgia 811 has social media messages ready to share on their [Safe Digging Month page](#).
- Record a public service announcement to air on local radio stations or social media during Safe Digging Month. (Georgia 811 also has PSAs available for use.)

We thank you in advance for your support of this initiative. If you have questions or would like more information on National Safe Digging Month, visit www.Georgia811.com or contact me directly.

Regards,

Robert Walters
Chairman of Walton County UCC Representative
Walton EMC
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