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Peachtree Corners Earns ‘City of Ethics’ Designation

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, June 24, 2014 – On Monday, June 23, 2014 the City of Peachtree Corners was recognized for earning the “Cities of Ethics” designation at the Georgia Municipal Association’s Annual Convention June 23 in Savannah. Peachtree Corners joins more than 200 cities that have received the designation.

Councilmembers Phil Sadd (Post 1) and Lorri Christopher (Post 5) accepted the award for the city.

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.

“We are pleased to have been recognized by the GMA as a ‘City of Ethics,’” said Mayor Mike Mason. “It is a distinction which we are extremely proud of and we are happy to be among Georgia’s cities who have earned this significant award.”



The ordinance must contain definitions, prohibited conduct and due process for officials accused of violations in areas such as financial disclosures, conflicts of interests and outside employment. The ordinance must also contain penalties for city officials who violate the ordinance.

In recent years, GMA began requiring cities with the designation to recertify for the program, ensuring that ordinances maintain the standards of the program and city officials are regularly reminded of their ethical obligations as individuals and as a governing body. Each city is required to apply for recertification every four years.

A panel of attorneys reviewed the ordinances to determine if they comply with the criteria set by GMA. The city received a plaque and is now authorized by GMA to use a “Certified City of Ethics” logo on city stationery, road signs, city vehicles and for other uses.

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[About the City of Peachtree Corners, GA](#)

Gwinnett County's newest and largest city, Peachtree Corners, was founded July 1, 2012 and is located along the shores of the Chattahoochee River in the southwest corner of the county. The city is home to some 38,500 residents and over 2,300 businesses. City Hall is located at 147 Technology Parkway, Suite 200, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092.

[About the Georgia Municipal Association:](#)

Created in 1933, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is the only state organization that represents municipal governments in Georgia. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its members