



Fort Valley Utility Commission Recognized as Organization of Ethics

FORT VALLEY – The Fort Valley Utility Commission has been recognized as a Certified Organization of Ethics by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). The Ethics program, implemented by the GMA in 1999, was developed by a panel of business and government leaders to encourage cities and organizations to adopt and adhere to a set of key ethical principles and adopt a local ethics ordinance.

According to a press release from GMA, 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 officials who violate the ordinance.

“We acknowledge that the purpose and intent of a Code of Ethics is that all of our organization’s representatives adhere to high levels of ethical conduct, honesty, integrity and accountability so that the public will have confidence in those of us who act for their benefit,” said Craig Mims, General Manager/CEO of the Commission. “To serve the public well, it is important to have the public’s trust. Embracing the Organization of Ethics recognition demonstrates the Commission’s commitment to ethical principles,” further stated Mims.

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

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and consulting services to its 538 member cities.