

## CAMILLA ~ A CERTIFIED CITY OF ETHICS

### FIVE PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL BEHAVIOR:

- ◆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



On April 13, 2013 at a regular session of the Mayor and City Council, a Resolution and Ordinance was unanimously adopted by City officials in recognition of ethical principles that provide the City and its citizens guidance on ethical governmental procedures and practices.

Certification under this program is a way to recognize cities that have adopted principles and procedures that offer guidance on ethical issues, along with a mechanism to resolve complaints at the local level. The program is not in any way an attempt to sanction past or present conduct by the city or any city official. Rather, it is an attempt to raise awareness about ethics issues at the local level and provide a local forum for the airing and resolution of legitimate concerns. The use of a local ethics ordinance allows citizens to raise their concerns and participate in the ethics investigation process at the local level, where the voice and influence of the individual citizen is strongest.

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. The City of Camilla is one of many cities in Georgia which are designated by the Georgia Municipal Association as a “Certified City of Ethics”.

For additional information, visit the Georgia Municipal Association’s website at: <http://www.gmanet.com/Cities-of-Ethics.aspx>.

The Mayor and Council most recently reaffirmed their commitment to the City of Ethics program by approving Resolution No. 2021-11-8-1 at their November 8, 2021 Council Meeting.