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CITY COUNCIL 6

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10+ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) ABOUT OUR NEW CITY

1. Why the name South Fulton?

Concerned citizens began suggesting names over a year ago, even before the November 2016 vote that created our city was taken. Over 250 names were submitted. City Council hired a Marketing Firm to narrow down the list to 20 names, which City Council voted on this November.

Online polls were conducted by several council people. The top names were South Fulton, Atlanta Heights, Renaissance and Wolf Creek. After two rounds of voting over two months, Renaissance was selected as the name. It was chosen by every member of City Council at least once. Unfortunately, the Mayor vetoed the name, and the city was left with the name "South Fulton," which was the name originally used to identify the area in the legislation that created our city. More info on the process and name can be found at khalidCares.com

Though all seven Councilpeople voted for the name "Renaissance," the name was vetoed by the Mayor in favor of South Fulton.

2. I thought I lived in College Park, Union City or Fairburn? Did my Zip Code change? What do I put on my mail?

Your mail is delivered by your Street Address and your Zip Code. Neither of those has changed. You can put a Street Address and Zip Code (6485 Greenbower Lane, 30349) into a GPS and locate yourself on a map without a City Name. This is exactly how UPS, FedEx and US Mail is delivered.

Several Cities can share one zip code. For example, 30349 is shared by College Park, Atlanta, and now South Fulton. You can list any of this cities on an envelope. If the Street Address and Zip Code are correct, your mail will be delivered.

College Park is most associated with zip code 30349, and Union City with 30291, because the actual Post Office for these zip codes are located in these cities. Different computer systems (e.g. Amazon,

Facebook or FedEx) may associate your address with different cities. However, the more we began to use South Fulton, the more it will begin to appear in different computer systems and databases.

3. Where is City Hall located?

A: **5440 Fulton Industrial Blvd, 30336.** To save money and focus on more urgent issues, we will continue using existing government buildings for now. Many Fulton County departments like Police, Fire and Zoning we are taking control of are currently housed in the office park at Fulton Industrial Boulevard.

Councilman Khalid continues to visit & speak with community associations, events, and local churches as often as possible to keep in touch with the citizens of District 6. Request Councilman Khalid to attend your Meeting or Event: khalidCares.com/Contact

He also holds regular District Meetings on Saturday afternoons, where attendees can get in-depth information from and give feedback to city officials. To receive email alerts for these events, sign up at khalidCares.com/SignUp

4. When & where are City Council meetings? Are the meetings public?

A: **Meetings will be held the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month at 7PM at the South Fulton Annex at 5600 Stonewall Tell Rd, 30349.**

All meetings are open to the public, including Council Work Sessions, which are currently scheduled for 5PM every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, just before the Council Meetings. Work Sessions are used to debate Issues, but votes on any given issue are only taken at Council Meetings.

You can view Upcoming Meeting Agendas, Previous Meeting Minutes, Resolutions & more at: khalidCares.com

Each meeting begins with 30 minutes open for Public Comment. The first few meetings are expected to be filled to capacity, so citizens are encouraged to *arrive early!*

Seniors & disabled citizens are encouraged to **schedule rides with MARTA Mobility by calling (404) 848-5826**. To sign up for this service, please call (404) 848-5389 Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 5pm. Trips must be scheduled by 5pm the day before.

Zoning & Planning Meetings are also open to the public. Info on them can be found at khalidCares.com/Zoning

5. What services will the City provide? What services will the county still provide.

A: By November 2018, our city will run the Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Code Enforcement, Public Works, Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development department, and City Court (which handles misdemeanor offences like traffic violations, code enforcement, marijuana & loitering) The jail, schools, health department and most courts, will remain run by Fulton County.

Our current Transition Schedule is as follows:

July 2017: Planning & Zoning

August 2017: Code Enforcement

December 1, 2017: Municipal Court

Nov 13- December 12, 2017: Council Votes on New City Name

February 26, 2018: Fire

March 26, 2018: Police

June 4, 2018: Parks & Recreation

October 2018: Public Works

6: During this Transition Period, what will happen when I call 911? Will anybody come?

A: YES. State law requires Police, Fire & Ambulances services to come when anyone calls 911. State law requires Fulton County to continue providing these services until South Fulton establishes our own Police and Fire Departments.

You will experience no interruption in service. In fact, in the coming year you should see a decrease in the response time of Police & Fire services for your area, resulting in a decrease to your auto & home/renters insurance premiums in 2018.

7. Will my Taxes go up?

A. No. As “Unincorporated Fulton County” we have been paying for our own Police, Fire and other county services since 2007, when Sandy Springs, Johns Creek, and all the other cities in Fulton County “broke away” and formed their own departments.

Our City Charter, 2016 GA House Bill (HB) 514, prohibits City Council from raising property taxes more than 1 mil (1/1000th) without a citywide vote. For a \$100,000 house, whose *Assessed Value* is \$40,000, such an increase would total a *one-time*, annual property tax increase of \$40, or about \$3 per month.

Any increase in our sales tax would also require a ballot referendum & a city or county-wide vote.

ALL Senior Homestead Exemptions that currently apply to your county property taxes will transfer to the new City.

By State Law, utility providers like Georgia Power or Comcast are allowed to charge cities additional money to for upkeep of facilities like telephone poles or power stations inside city limits. In the coming months, you will likely see a new charge of a few dollars added to your Gas, Electric, Telephone or Cable bill.

By becoming a city we have gained access to millions in new funding streams, including a portion of the sales taxes on every purchase made in Fulton County. The more purchases you make with Fulton County, the more money our city will have to improve Parks, Police, Youth & Senior Programs and more – so *please* shop here! To learn more about this, read about Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.) at khalidCares.com/OurDollarsMatter.

8. What is going to happen to my Trash Service?

State Law requires that we run at least three citywide services in order to be officially considered a city. Residents have called for local control of Police and Fire. Mayor and Council are currently looking at Sanitation as the third service to be “municipalized” (taken over by the city).

The fee for citywide trash services would be added to your property tax bill or your monthly rent. Because everyone will be required to pay for trash collection, the monthly cost will likely be less than what you currently pay; and come with additional services like recycling, bulk & yard waste pick up. We also expect to see a big decrease in illegal dumping, since everyone will receive these services.

A single provider for trash collection also means everyone in your area will have the same trash day; which means less heavy trucks driving down & tearing up our streets; and no more wondering if your neighbor’s trash can has been left on the curb for pickup, or just left on the curb for days.

We hope to begin Citywide Garbage Collection in 2018. Visit khalidCares.com for updates on this issue. Love or hate your current sanitation provider? Let us know at: khalidCares.com/Contact

9. What about the Schools?

A: No. Public schools will continue to be administered by the Fulton County School System, just like they are in Sandy Springs, John’s Creek and other Fulton County cities outside of Atlanta.

However, as with schools in those other cities, South Fulton will be able to use local funds to provide extra support/services to schools within our city limits. As a brand new city, we have very few “extra” funds to give to schools this year. However, Councilman Khalid’s [#OurChildrenMatter](https://www.instagram.com/ourchildrenmatter) initiative encourages individuals & businesses to get involved in our local schools.

10: Where can I submit my suggestions for the new city?

A: Please visit khalidCares.com/Contact to offer any questions or suggestions you have for our new city. However, please be mindful that we cannot accomplish anything without a workforce. Our first priority is setting up offices and hiring city worker/transferring county workers to our city.

11. Where did this City come from? Why did we need to become a City?

A. For years, Atlanta communities have been “incorporating” into cities so citizens could have more local control over their government and how their tax dollars were spent. As of 2007, South Fulton was the *only* unincorporated (not a city) area in Fulton County.

A charter for a new City of South Fulton was written in the Georgia Legislature (2016 Georgia House Bill 514), and a question was put on the ballot in the November 2016 Election. Nearly 60% of South Fulton County residents who voted in the November 2016 Election voted Yes for “cityhood.”

Why did we need to become a City?

- 1) **MONEY.** As explained in Question 1, we are entitled to receive 1 cent of our \$0.0775 cents sales tax to run our area. As Unincorporated Fulton County, we were not allowed to collect the 1 cent of Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.) because we had no city to speak of, so this money has been given back to Fulton County. Since our last cityhood vote in 2007, we have given away \$322 Million to Fulton County, which should have all been spent in our area on our residents.
- 2) **Local control.** Instead of being represented by Fulton County Commissioners that do NOT live in our area, South Fulton has “seven” Council Members & Mayor that live in our area. They will decide how the tens of millions of our tax dollars are spent, and will be accountable to us directly.

12. Is South Fulton financially feasible/viable city?

A: YES! Since 2007, Unincorporated Fulton County has operated its own police, fire and other services with a \$500,000 per year surplus.

South Fulton now has a \$65 million budget, which includes an estimated **\$20 Million annually** in Location Option Sales taxes (L.O.S.T.) – the 1 cent of sales tax that we used to give back to Fulton County's General Fund before we had our own city. A study conducted by Georgia State University in 2014 confirms this. View it at khalidCares.com/News

At over 100 square miles, South Fulton is the metro area's 2nd largest city by land area (second only to Atlanta, at 132 square miles); and the third largest by population. Though our northern most point can be found north of I-20, in the Adamsville area near Fulton Industrial Boulevard, our city is essentially everything south of I-20 that was not previously part of a city (i.e. East Point, College Park, Hapeville, Union City, Fairburn, etc.)

City Council districts differ in land area, but each contains roughly the same amount of people (12,500), so the vote of each council member represents an equal proportion of residents. District 6, Old National, is the most densely populated of the 7 districts, and the longest commercial corridor in the city. View District 6 and Citywide Maps at khalidCares.com/News in the green *South Fulton 101* section.