

Resolution No. R-25-06

**CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE
COUNTY OF GWINNETT**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Berkeley acquire property from time to time for the use and benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to have land acquisition procedures in place which will allow them to purchase property at the lowest possible price, and to increase public awareness and provide for a public discussion and public input prior to proceeding with the purchase of the property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Berkeley Lake as follows:

The land acquisition procedures of the City of Berkeley Lake shall be as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council will discuss and make decisions concerning land acquisition in Executive Session as authorized by State law. Minutes of the matters discussed shall be kept.
2. The Mayor and Council shall have appraisals performed where necessary and may authorize agents to conduct private negotiations with property owners for land acquisition.
3. The Council may authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with a property owner for a specified price, with or without earnest money, a closing date not less than 60 days from the date of execution of the contract, and such other contingencies as may be necessary and negotiated.
4. Each negotiated contract shall contain a provision that it is specifically contingent upon the formal approval of the contract by the Mayor and Council at a public meeting and after public input.
5. After the purchase of the property, the minutes of the Executive Session concerning the land acquisition shall be made available to the public.
6. This policy shall not apply to the acquisition of temporary and permanent easements for public works projects.

SO RESOLVED, this the _____ day of _____, 2006.

LOIS SALTER, MAYOR
CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE

ATTEST:

JACKIE WALL, City Clerk