

RESOLUTION NO. 26-03

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sky Valley seek to ensure optimal planning to protect lives, property and the resilience of the Sky Valley Community; and

WHEREAS, public safety planning and emergency preparedness are critical to maximizing this objective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT

The Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee is hereby established, comprising seven voting members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council:

1. Two (2) City Council members.
2. Five (5) citizens of the United States who are residents of the City of Sky Valley and have experience or interest in public safety, emergency management, law enforcement, fire services, medical services, disaster preparedness, or related fields. For the purposes of this resolution, "resident" means someone who either owns or rents property in Sky Valley and who lives full time or part time within the Sky Valley city limits.
3. The City of Sky Valley Police Chief or a designated representative (ex officio, non-voting)
4. The Chief of the Sky Valley-Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire Rescue Department or a designated representative (ex officio, non-voting).
5. The Sky Valley Communications Specialist (ex officio, non-voting).
6. The City Manager (ex officio, non-voting).

The Mayor shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Committee pursuant to the Standing Committees Resolution.

Chair: Appointed by the Mayor from among the City Council members, subject to approval by the City Council.

Quorum: A majority of the appointed voting committee members.

Term: Members shall serve one-year terms, renewable annually, with a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms. The Chair shall serve a one-year term, renewable annually, with a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms.

SECTION 2. DUTIES.

The Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee shall:

1. Review and provide advisory recommendations regarding public safety services, policies, and community safety initiatives.
2. Review emergency preparedness plans, disaster response protocols, and continuity-of-operations strategies when referred by the City Council.
3. Provide advisory input on coordination with county, state, and regional emergency management agencies.
4. Assist in identifying public safety risks, vulnerabilities, coordination and preparedness gaps.
5. Encourage community awareness, education, and preparedness initiatives.
6. Review after-action reports following emergencies or drills and recommend improvements.

All recommendations of the Committee shall be advisory and non-binding.

SECTION 3: TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

1. Compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.
2. Agendas and materials posted online at least 24 hours before meetings.
3. Committee report presented at each subsequent City Council meeting.
4. Records maintained and available per Georgia Open Records Act.
5. Disclosure of conflicts of interest, recorded in minutes.
6. Annual public safety and emergency preparedness review session.
7. Meeting minutes posted within 7 business days after approval.

SECTION 4. LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY

The Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee established under this resolution shall not:

- (a) Exercise legislative, executive, or administrative authority;
- (b) Direct City staff, emergency responders, or public safety operations;

- (c) Approve expenditures or bind the City to any obligation;
- (d) Supersede or duplicate the authority of other standing committees.

SECTION 5: GOVERNING AUTHORITY AND CONSISTENCY

This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the Standing Committees Resolution of the City of Sky Valley and is intended to implement, supplement, and provide committee-specific guidance consistent therewith. This Resolution shall be construed in harmony with the Standing Committees Resolution and applicable law. In the event of any conflict, inconsistency, or ambiguity between this Resolution and the Standing Committees Resolution, the provisions of the Standing Committees Resolution shall govern and control.

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to expand or diminish the powers, duties, appointment authority, or limitations established by the Standing Committees Resolution or by Georgia law.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLVED this 17th day of February 2026

Denita M. Lottan-Ott

Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Fleming

City Clerk