



City of Chamblee Selects Wyly Harrison as New Economic Development Director

(Chamblee, Georgia) The City of Chamblee has selected Wyly Harrison, a seasoned economic development professional, as their new Economic Development Director. The appointment was confirmed by mayor and council upon the recommendation of City Manager Jon Walker. The city retained [The Chason Group](#) to lead the executive search.

“Wyly brings a tremendous amount of economic development knowledge to the city,” according to Walker. “His understanding of what it takes for a business to prosper and how to connect all of the moving parts can have a significant impact on our area in the years to come. I am very proud to have him on the Chamblee team.”

Harrison has served in several key economic development positions at regional and statewide levels. His most recent experience was with Walton EMC as Commercial & Industrial Account Executive.

From 2011 to 2019, Harrison represented the State of Georgia through the Department of Economic Development. One of his roles included leading the Logistics, Energy, Agribusiness and Food Processing (LEAF) team as a director. The department is the marketing arm for the State of Georgia.

Harrison’s new responsibilities will include serving as Chamblee’s chief economic development strategist with the continuous goal of putting the city on the international economic development map. He will also be accountable for leading, directing, and facilitating inclusive and strategic economic development initiatives to grow and maintain jobs and increase the business tax base for the city, including commercial and industrial recruitment and support services for existing businesses.

The director also acts as a staff liaison and Executive Director for the Chamblee Downtown Development Authority (CDDA).

“Chamblee is a dynamic, international city that is well respected in the metro Atlanta region,” Harrison said. “I look forward to becoming a part of the talented group of professionals at the city and working



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with the citizens to promote economic prosperity. The city is on a strong, positive growth path and I appreciate the opportunity to become a part of that success.”

Harrison earned a Bachelor of Science, Political Science and Master of Public Administration degrees from Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, Georgia.

The search process was divided into three segments. The first phase included conversations with various stakeholders in the area and listening to their thoughts on character traits required of the economic development professional. The second segment focused on identifying candidates who met the specific criteria through a nationwide search. Finally, a team of city leaders initiated a vetting process that included a detailed application and in-person interviews to learn more about the most qualified candidates.

About the City of Chamblee. Located in the northern sector of the Metro Atlanta MSA, Chamblee, Georgia, is a progressive and vibrant international city. Home to over 30,000 people; nine beautiful parks; a cultural mecca for international restaurants along Buford Highway; the second busiest airport in the state - DeKalb-Peachtree Airport; a heavy rail MARTA station; the Centers for Disease Control; and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism — Chamblee is a city with a rich history that has become a thriving community with a diverse and international flair.

About The Chason Group. The Chason Group (www.thechasongroup.com) is a Georgia based search firm specializing in senior level executive searches for economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus, foundations, and non-profits to lead the process.