



# DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center  
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Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Agenda Item

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**File #:** 2026-0244

Substitute

3/10/2026

**File Status:**

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**Public Hearing:** YES  NO

**Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 6

**SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution Requiring A Baseline Assessment Of DeKalb County's Health, Socio-Economic, And Environmental Status And A Third Party Analysis Of DeKalb's Proposed Data Center Regulations Before Issuance Of A Land Disturbance Permit (LDP) For Data Centers.

**Information Contact:** Commissioner Edward C. "Ted" Terry

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**PURPOSE:**

A Resolution Requiring A Baseline Assessment Of DeKalb County's Health, Socio-Economic, And Environmental Status And A Third Party Analysis Of DeKalb's Proposed Data Center Regulations Before Issuance Of A Land Disturbance Permit (LDP) For Data Centers.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

A baseline assessment of DeKalb County's health, socio-economic, and environmental status is crucial to capture prior to a data center being built so DeKalb has a clear understanding of any possible impacts following any possible data centers and any possible necessary action needed. Additional research of the proposed data center regulations by a third party following a baseline assessment will ensure evidence-based best practices, specific DeKalb concerns are addressed, and the regulations are contextualized by the County's current health, socio-economic, and environmental status.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Unknown at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the resolution and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to execute all necessary documents....

**A RESOLUTION REQUIRING A BASELINE ASSESSMENT OF DEKALB COUNTY'S HEALTH, SOCIO-ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS AND A THIRD PARTY ANALYSIS OF DEKALB'S PROPOSED DATA CENTER REGULATIONS BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT (LDP) FOR DATA CENTERS.**

**WHEREAS**, The DeKalb County Planning and Sustainability Department and the Law Department have studied the effects of data centers on the health, safety, and welfare of the County's residents and businesses for the purposes of drafting possible regulations of data centers; and

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County has been considering revisions to the Code designed to protect existing access to power and water supply for the County's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, a baseline assessment of DeKalb County's health, socio-economic, and environmental status is crucial to capture prior to a data center being built so DeKalb has a clear understanding of any possible impacts following any possible data centers and any possible necessary action needed; and

**WHEREAS**, additional research of the proposed data center regulations by a third party following a baseline assessment will ensure evidence-based best practices, specific DeKalb concerns are addressed, and the regulations are contextualized by the County's current health, socio-economic, and environmental status.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA:**

1. A County Wide Baseline Assessment of DeKalb County's Health, Socio-Economic, and Environmental status and a third party Analysis of DeKalb's proposed Data Center Regulations must be complete prior to the issuance of a LDP for a Data Center.
2. For the purposes of this Resolution, "data center" means a physical room, building, or facility that houses infrastructure for building, running, delivering or transmitting applications and services, or for storing and managing the data associated with those applications or services.
3. Nothing in this Resolution shall prevent the continued operation of any existing data centers that is operating lawfully as of the date of enactment.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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**CHAKIRA JOHNSON**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners

DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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**LORRAINE COCHRAN JOHNSON**

Chief Executive Officer

DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

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**BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC**

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer

DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**TERRY G. PHILLIPS**

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