

DeKalb County Government

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Agenda Item

| File ID: 2023-0694 | | Substitute | 6/13/2022 |
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| Public Hearing: YES 🗆 | NO 🛛 | Department: Board of Commissioner - District 1 Board of Commissioner - District 7 | |

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

An Ordinance Revising The Code of DeKalb County, Georgia Pertaining to Non-Discrimination by Businesses or Others Offering A Public Accommodation; and For Other Lawful Purposes.

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PURPOSE:

To request that the DeKalb County Governing Authority adopt the proposed ordinance to amend the Code of DeKalb County, as Revised, 1988 to address discrimination in public accommodations and to provide general definitions of protected classes and characteristics which shall include but not be limited to certain hair textures and hair styles.

NEED/IMPACT:

This proposed ordinance provides protection to classes of individuals from experiencing discriminatory acts based on their status in a protected class or certain individual characteristics and discourages anyone operating a business within DeKalb County from discriminating against members of a protected class.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No cost to the County.

RECOMMENDATION:

To defer this ordinance to amend the Code of DeKalb County, as Revised, 1988 to address discrimination in public accommodation and to provide general definitions of protected classes and characteristics for (1) committee review, (2) a public hearing on July 11, 2023, and (3) adoption thereafter and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.