

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO ESTABLISH A ROAD MAP FOR RESOLUTION OF VARIOUS ISSUES RELATED TO BLIGHT IN MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES IN DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes that blighted multi-family properties cause significant problems within the community and need to be addressed in a systematic and orderly fashion;

**WHEREAS**, the County has established a Multi-Family Housing Task Force to coordinate activities to reduce blight in such properties;

**WHEREAS**, County staff have identified various administrative and legislative changes which will aid in the reduction of blight in these areas and others within the County;

**WHEREAS**, County staff have been working with the County Attorney and her staff to draft legislation that aids in the reduction of blight and attempts to ameliorate the public health, wealth and safety issues that arise in the course of trying to bring private property into compliance with various laws; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution creates a roadmap for resolution of various legal and administrative challenges which exist within blighted areas of the County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Authority as follows:

1. At the first commission meeting in January of 2017, the Executive Assistant has agreed to present an ordinance to the commission to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code.
2. At the first commission meeting in February of 2017, the Executive Assistant has agreed to present an ordinance revising the business license chapter of the Code of DeKalb County to provide clarified processes for issuance, suspension and revocation of business licenses.
3. The Executive Assistant and County Attorney shall work with the County's lobbyists to determine if state law can be amended to allow for a more efficient manner of dealing with blighted property while recognizing the due process rights of owners.
4. The Executive Assistant will investigate whether there are administrative changes—like using process servers to serve citations—which may make resolution of these various blight issues more efficient.
5. The Executive Assistant and County Attorney shall determine if there are ordinance changes which could alleviate blight in an efficient and legal manner.
6. The Executive Assistant and County Attorney shall periodically update the governing authority on their progress towards resolution of this matter.

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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**LARRY JOHNSON**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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**W. BURRELL ELLIS, JR.**  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

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**BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC**  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**O.V. BRANTLEY**  
County Attorney  
DeKalb County, Georgia