

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY REQUESTING AN OPERATIONAL AUDIT OF THE DEKALB COUNTY WATERSHED DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, DeKalb County recognizes the importance of effective watershed management in promoting public health and environmental sustainability, and believes water is a vital necessity that all residents have the right to access; and,

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Watershed Management Department currently services over 5,000 miles of water and wastewater pipes in the county system and is committed to ensuring safe, reliable service to all residents; and,

WHEREAS, Rate increases are crucial to ensure the capabilities of our water and sewer systems over time; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb County recognizes rate increases can disproportionately impact vulnerable populations, including seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is dedicated to being responsible stewards of resources and maximizing the value of every dollar spent; and,

WHEREAS, operational audits are crucial tools that can identify inefficiencies and can lead to cost savings and better service delivery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to require an operational audit of the DeKalb County Watershed Management Department to ensure the following:

1. Operational Finance and Opportunities to Maximize Efficiencies
2. Program and Operational Effectiveness
3. Compliance with Environmental Regulations
4. Community Engagement and Outreach
5. Recommendations for Improvements

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The DeKalb County Administration will seek to procure an audit firm with the capabilities to perform the described tasks. The DeKalb County Watershed Management Department shall report back to the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners with the audit's findings and recommendations within eight months of the adjusted Water and Sewer Rate implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED an update of the operational audit of the DeKalb County Watershed Management Department shall always occur within eight months of the approval of any future rate adjustments going into effect.

Resolved this _____ day of _____ 2024.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2024

MEREDA DAVIS JOHNSON
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

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Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

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