

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO ESTABLISH THE DEKALB COUNTY WOMEN’S COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR PURPOSES, MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, MEETINGS, AND DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY AUTHORITY OF THE SAME:

SECTION 1

The Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, is hereby amended by adding a new Division to Article (—) to be numbered and titled as follows:

ARTICLE (—). – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES, ETC.

DIVISION (—). – DEKALB COUNTY WOMEN’S COMMISSION

Sec. (—). Creation; purposes.

There is hereby created the DeKalb County Women’s Commission (“commission”).

The commission shall advise and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, and department directors on issues pertaining to the wellbeing and advancement of women in DeKalb County.

The Board of Commissioners shall annually assign to the commission a topic(s) of study and discussion, on which the commission shall report at least annually to the Board during a Committee of the Whole meeting as requested. Subjects to be addressed may include, but are not limited to:

1. Developing programs to identify and address disparities in healthcare;
2. Developing programs to address wage inequity and employment issues;
3. Developing programs to identify and address safety and security issues across communities and industries;
4. Developing community-based programs to enhance the quality of life for women in DeKalb County;
5. Developing programs to assist women and women’s organizations in accessing federal, state, and local funding opportunities; and
6. Identifying areas in which additional study would benefit women in DeKalb County.

Sec. (—). Appointment of members.

The commission shall consist of no fewer than fifteen (15) and no more than twenty-five (25) members, to be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Commissioners, DeKalb

County's thirteen municipalities, DeKalb County School District, Decide DeKalb, and the Tax Commissioners Office. These positions shall be numbered 1 through 25, though up to ten (10) positions may remain vacant.

The Chief Executive Officer shall appoint two members to the commission; each commissioner shall appoint one member; the DeKalb County School District shall appoint one member; Decide DeKalb shall appoint one member; each municipality shall appoint one member; and the Tax Commissioners Office shall appoint one member.

The Chair and Vice Chair are elected by majority vote of the commission members. Terms for both positions are two years and must be elected at the first meeting in January,

The County Attorney shall designate a representative from the legal department to render advice and attend meetings upon request of the chairperson, but such representative shall not be a voting member.

Sec. (—). Composition; terms of members.

- (a) All members shall be residents of DeKalb County.
- (b) Members shall reflect diversity with respect to race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, and professional sector.
- (c) Members shall serve four-year terms, as follows:
 - (1) Odd-numbered positions shall expire January 2, 2030, and every four years thereafter.
 - (2) Even-numbered positions shall expire January 2, 2028, and every four years thereafter.
- (d) Members shall continue serving until successors are appointed.

Sec. (—). Meetings.

The commission shall meet at least four (4) times per year. The commission may establish rules of order consistent with county ordinances and state law. Special meetings may be held as provided in such rules.

A majority of members shall constitute a quorum, and no action shall be taken except by majority vote.

Sec. (—). Assistance by county departments.

Subject to the approval of the Chief Executive Officer, the directors of the Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Development, the Police Department, the Fire Rescue

Department, the 911 Department, and their staffs, shall provide assistance to the commission as requested.

The directors of Claratel Behavioral Health, Decide DeKalb, and the DeKalb County Board of Health, and their staffs, shall provide assistance to the commission as requested.

The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall designate a county employee to maintain commission records and serve as secretary. The Clerk shall maintain all records of the commission, including attendance, meeting minutes, etc.

Sec. (—). Compensation.

Members shall serve without compensation, except that county employees serving as members shall continue to receive regular compensation while performing commission duties.

Secs. 2-332—2-345. – Reserved.

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 3.

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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

Michelle Long Spears
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

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

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer

DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

Barbara Sanders
Clerk to the BOC and CEO

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Zachary L. Williams
Chief Operating Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

William Linkous
County Attorney
DeKalb County, Georgia