



DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

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Walk-On Item

5/16/2017

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Public Safety

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Police Nomenclature Request

Information Contact: Chief James W. Conroy

Phone Number: (770) 724-7440

PURPOSE:

To approve the use of DeKalb County Police symbols in artwork.

NEED/IMPACT:

Approval of usage pursuant to OCGA 35-10-6, Chapter 10 Municipal and County Police Department Nomenclature.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the request.



DeKalb County Police Department

Office of the Chief

James W. Conroy

Chief of Police

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To: Zachary Williams, Chief Operating Officer

From: Chief James W. Conroy

Date: May 1, 2017

Subject: Police Nomenclature Request

Sir,

I have received a request from retired Lt. Robert (Bob) Bazemore in reference to obtaining permission to use DeKalb Police symbols in his artwork. This request is being made pursuant to OCGA 35-10-6, Chapter 10 Municipal and County Police Departments' Nomenclature. The law allows for the use of department symbols as long as the user has received permission from the governing authority. A copy of the law is attached is for your convenience.

Lt. Bazemore has a long history of doing artwork for and on behalf of the department. Examples of his artwork include academy t-shirts, and other inspirational items. His work has always avoided controversial statements or derogatory images. Some of his past examples are attached for viewing. He is seeking the use of previously illustrated and approved renderings he did in the past.

I am recommending approval under the conditions that were requested by the applicant, Robert Bazemore.

Respectfully,

Chief James W. Conroy

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Title 35 - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND AGENCIES

Chapter 10 - MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS' NOMENCLATURE

§ 35-10-4 - Prohibition against use of nomenclature pertaining to particular police department in connection with solicitation, advertisement, publication, or production

Universal Citation: [GA Code § 35-10-4 \(2015\)](#)

Whoever, except with the express written permission of the local governing authority, knowingly uses words pertaining to a particular municipal or county police department in connection with the planning, conduct, or execution of any solicitation; advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication; or play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, telemarketing, or other production in a manner reasonably calculated to convey the impression that such solicitation; advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication; or play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, telemarketing, or other production is approved, endorsed, or authorized by or associated with the department shall be in violation of this chapter.

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Title 35 - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND AGENCIES

Chapter 10 - MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS' NOMENCLATURE

§ 35-10-5 - Prohibition against use of symbols pertaining to particular police department in connection with solicitation, advertisement, publication, or production

Universal Citation: [GA Code § 35-10-5 \(2015\)](#)

Any person who uses or displays any current or historical symbol, including any emblem, seal, or badge, used by the department in connection with the planning, conduct, or execution of any solicitation; advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication; or play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, telemarketing, or other production in a manner reasonably calculated to convey the impression that such solicitation; advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication; or play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, telemarketing, or other production is approved, endorsed, or authorized by or associated with the department without written permission from the local governing authority shall be in violation of this chapter.

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Title 35 - LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS AND AGENCIES
Chapter 10 - MUNICIPAL AND
COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS'
NOMENCLATURE
§ 35-10-6 - Procedure for obtaining
permission to use nomenclature or
symbols; discretion of local
governing body

Universal Citation: [GA Code § 35-10-6 \(2015\)](#)

Any person wishing permission to use the nomenclature or a symbol of a department may submit a written request for such permission to the chief of police or director of public safety. Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the request, the chief of police or director of public safety shall send a notice with his or her recommendation to the local governing authority stating whether the person may use the requested nomenclature or symbol. Within 30 calendar days after receipt of a recommendation from the chief of police or director of public safety, the local governing authority shall send a notice to the requesting party of their decision on whether or not the person may use the requested nomenclature or symbol. If the local governing authority does not respond within the 30 day time period, then the request is presumed to have been approved. The grant of permission under Code Section 35-10-4 or 35-10-5 shall be in the discretion of the local governing authority under such conditions as the local governing authority may impose.

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