

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO THE GENERAL PROPOSING A COUNTY ORGANZATIONAL ACT AMENDMENT TO ENSURE, AND ELIMINATE IMPEDIMENTS TO, ESTABLISHMENT, BY ORDINANCE, OF A TRANSPARENT AND EFFICIENT COUNTY PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, a transparent and efficient County procurement system is essential to fostering effective, fair and competitive procurement of goods, commodities, equipment and services, including professional services, on behalf of the citizens of DeKalb County; and,

WHEREAS, a transparent and efficient procurement system is one that results in the County obtaining the best value in terms of quality, service and price when expending public funds; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of DeKalb County expect and demand that the County operate and be committed to a transparent and efficient procurement system; and,

WHEREAS, a procurement system should be based on best practices that ensure transparency and efficiency and comply with state and federal law; and,

WHEREAS, Section 18 the DeKalb County Organizational Act contains language addressing the establishment of rules to regulate purchasing by County departments; and,

WHEREAS, Section 18 does not include or provide for procedures that ensure that a transparent and efficient system will, in fact, be established for the DeKalb County on a timely basis; and,

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Governing Authority desires to clarify Section 18 of the Organizational Act to ensure that a transparent and efficient procurement system will be enacted for the procurement of goods, commodities, equipment and services, including professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Governing Authority requests that the DeKalb County Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly amend Section 18 of the Organizational Act by clarifying the respective authority and responsibilities of the Board of Commissioners and the Chief Executive Officer regarding enactment of the ordinance to establish a transparent and efficient County procurement system for the effective, fair and competitive procurement of goods, commodities, equipment and services, including professional services, on behalf of the citizens of DeKalb County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amendment to Section 18 be enacted in a manner that comports with Section 23 of the Organizational Act and that requires implementation of a purchasing ordinance on a timely basis.

December 9, 2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Assistant or designee deliver a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Georgia General Assembly representing a portion of DeKalb County.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

STEPHEN R. BRADSHAW
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
County Attorney Chief