



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

File ID:2026-0550

Substitute

6/9/2026

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioner - District 3

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): To Adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County to Address Public Safety, Drifting, Unauthorized Camping and Certain Public Nuisance Behaviors.

Information Contact: Commissioner Nicole Massiah, District 3

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PURPOSE:

There has been a noticeable increase in homelessness, and it is important to distinguish between individuals experiencing homelessness and those engaged in drifting. Additionally, consideration should be given to the impact of policies and enforcement actions in neighboring municipalities that have led to the clearing of encampments, which may be contributing to the influx into the area.

NEED/IMPACT:

To establish a clear distinction between individuals who are unhoused and those who pose a threat to public safety through drifting, harassment, or other unsafe behaviors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

While there may be minimal direct financial impact, this ordinance is expected to enhance public safety, mitigate property damage, and reduce costs associated with property maintenance, cleanup, and related services.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all the necessary documents.