

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY,  
GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY TO INSTITUTE A BODY CAMERA POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County requests that the DeKalb Delegation of the General Assembly work to institute a Body Camera Policy for Public Safety Officers;

**WHEREAS**, body cameras have become popular throughout the country for their ability to provide an actual accounting of citizen interactions with law enforcement;

**WHEREAS**, body cameras encourage public safety officers to adhere to departmental protocols whether in a confrontation or not;

**WHEREAS**, body cameras provide increased public accountability and adherence to public safety policy, rules and regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia that the following is requested:

1. The General Assembly enact legislation instituting a state-wide body camera policy for Public Safety Officers; and
2. The “Body Camera Policy” should require all Public Safety Officers to wear operable “Body Cams”; and
3. The “Body Camera Policy” should require that all interactions with the public should be recorded; and
4. The “Body Camera Policy” should require that all officers in the field test and ensure that “Body Cams” are operable; and
5. The “Body Camera Policy” should require that officers immediately report any issues to their commanding officer within one hour of noticing device is ineffective; and
6. The “Body Camera Policy” should require that officers be removed from the field when body cameras are inoperable; and
7. The “Body Camera Policy” should develop guidelines for the usage of body cameras to include disciplinary and termination if found to have tampered or purposefully disconnected body camera; and
8. The “Body Camera Policy” should stipulate that recordings are to be added to all police reports and are made electronically available at the time of the issuing of a police report.

November 4, 2020

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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**MICHAEL L. THURMOND**  
Chief Executive Officer

November 4, 2020

DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC**  
Clerk

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**VIVIANE H. ERNSTES**  
County Attorney