

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY,
GEORGIA TO CONSIDER IMPROVING THE AESTHETICS AND GREEN
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE COURTHOUSE PARKING DECK REHAB
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County recognizes the importance of incorporating public art and planting improvements into public spaces for the benefit of the community and the environment; and

WHEREAS, parking decks are an important part of public infrastructure, but can often be visually unappealing and lacking in environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that incorporating art and greenery into urban spaces can have numerous benefits, including improving air quality, promoting biodiversity, increasing property values and economic development, improving mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur and nearby parking deck operators have made visual improvements to their parking lots and structures in an effort to improve aesthetics, placemaking opportunities, and green infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County is committed to creating vibrant and sustainable public spaces for the benefit of all residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia that:

1. The Administration is hereby requested to direct the Department of Facilities Management to develop a stakeholder's group of County employees and representatives of the Courthouse to engage and design an approach for public art and greenery installation at the Courthouse Parking Deck with an aim to recommend creation of a visually appealing and engaging space for visitors.
2. The Administration is hereby requested to create a budget and timeline for public art and greenery after receiving recommendations from the aforesaid stakeholder's group.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

ROBERT PATRICK

Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND

Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

ZACHARY L. WILLIAMS

Chief Operating Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

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