



DeKalb County Government

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

Agenda Item

File ID: 2026-0195

Substitute

01/22/2026

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioner - District 1

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Joint Policy Statement to Address the Chronic Issue of Illegal Scrap Tire Dumping

Information Contact: Commissioner Robert Patrick

Phone Number: 404-371-3052

PURPOSE:

A request to accept the substitute agenda item - Joint Policy Statement by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, which establishes a proactive framework to address the chronic issue of illegal scrap tire dumping.

NEED/IMPACT:

DeKalb County recognizes that illegal scrap tire dumping and other egregious littering are plaguing residential neighborhoods and business districts across the County. To ensure a clean, safe, and healthy environment for all residents, the Governing Authority is shifting from a reactive cleanup posture to a proactive framework built on three foundational pillars: A United Front on Legislative Advocacy, Strategic Resource Allocation, and Enhanced Accountability and Stakeholder Collaboration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the substitute and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.....

**A JOINT POLICY STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY
OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO ADDRESS THE CHRONIC
ISSUE OF ILLEGAL SCRAP TIRE DUMPING**

Policy Statement:

The Governing Authority of DeKalb County is committed to a clean, safe, and healthy environment for all residents. To move from a reactive cleanup posture to a proactive prevention model, we hereby establish the following three pillars:

1. **A United Front on Legislative Advocacy:** The County will work to ensure that local ordinances and policies reflect the most effective practices for deterring environmental crimes. We remain committed to partnering with State leaders to advocate for legislative frameworks that provide local governments with the necessary tools to address large-scale illegal dumping and protect the public health and safety of our community. Additionally, the County will continue to promote intergovernmental coordination with relevant State and Federal partners to bring these partners to the table and conduct in dialogue around proposed solutions.
2. **Strategic Resource Allocation:** We pledge to align County resources and expertise to proactively address environmental blight and restore affected areas. By prioritizing the efficient use of personnel and technology, we will support continuous abatement efforts and explore innovative, sustainable solutions that transform environmental challenges into long-term infrastructure benefits for our residents.
3. **Enhancing Accountability and Stakeholder Collaboration:** The County will foster a culture of shared responsibility by strengthening collaboration between government agencies, the business community, and our residents. We will promote transparency and compliance through enhanced communication and streamlined reporting, ensuring that all stakeholders are empowered to participate in the responsible stewardship of DeKalb County's environment.

The Governing Authority acknowledges these pillars as guiding principles to assist the relevant entities as strategies are developed collaboratively and implemented.

Pursuant to the recommendation by the Employee Relations and Public Safety (ERPS) Committee, the Board of Commissioners requests that the Administration return to Committee with an implementation strategy that addresses illegal scrap tire dumping by the first ERPS Committee meeting in June 2026.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

CHAKIRA JOHNSON
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON
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

TERRY G. PHILLIPS
Interim County Attorney