

Resolution: Assigning a Working Group to Investigate the Potential Use of SPLOST Sales Tax Funds for Police and Fire Department Training Infrastructure

WHEREAS, the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the importance of public safety and the need for well-trained police and fire department personnel to protect and serve the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the use of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds is an important tool for funding infrastructure projects in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee (ERPS) is a standing committee of the Board of Commissioners responsible for overseeing matters related to employee relations, public safety, and other related issues; and

WHEREAS, the ERPS Committee has the expertise and jurisdiction to review and assess matters related to police and fire department training infrastructure and the potential use of SPLOST funds for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that a thorough investigation should be conducted to determine the appropriateness and feasibility of utilizing SPLOST funds for police and fire department training infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners aims to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of taxpayer funds and to make informed decisions regarding the allocation of SPLOST funds; and

WHEREAS, community input and feedback are vital in shaping policies and decisions that impact the residents of Dekalb County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners that a working group shall be assigned to the ERPS Committee to investigate the potential use of SPLOST sales tax funds for police and fire department training infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration and the Public Safety Department shall provide adequate funding to the working group to coordinate and organize community input sessions and survey data collection efforts across DeKalb County to gather feedback and insights from residents regarding the use of SPLOST funds for police and fire department training infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall utilize various methods, such as town hall meetings, focus groups, surveys, and other means of community engagement, to solicit input from residents, community organizations, and other stakeholders regarding their perspectives, concerns, and suggestions on the use of SPLOST funds for police and fire department training infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall incorporate the feedback received from the community into its review and analysis, and shall consider the perspectives of diverse stakeholders in formulating its recommendations to the ERPS Committee.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall provide a summary of the community input received and the survey data collected in its final report to the ERPS Committee, along with its analysis and recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ERPS Committee shall consider the community input and survey data in its review of the working group's findings and recommendations and shall take into account the perspectives of the residents of DeKalb County in its deliberations on potential policy changes or legislative proposals related to the use of SPLOST funds for police and fire department training infrastructure.

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

ATTEST:

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