

## Legislation Text

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### SUBSTITUTE

Public Hearing: YES  NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 7

### SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): District 7

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, in Support of the CEO of DeKalb County to Perform an External Audit of DeKalb County Animal Services

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### PURPOSE:

To adopt a resolution supporting the CEO of DeKalb County in conducting an external audit of DeKalb County Animal Services.

### NEED/IMPACT:

There has been an increased burden and strain to provide shelter for countless animals with decreased resources, thereby stretching Animal Services to critical capacity. Georgia Dept. of Agriculture inspectors have identified problems with the Animal Shelter, including small dog cages, sanitation and housekeeping issues, and clogged air ducts. Although direct efforts by Animal Services staff, animal advocacy groups, and volunteers to alleviate the strain have been taken, multiple accounts, media advisories, and memos continuously reported on a severe shelter space crisis and warnings of the possible use of euthanasia to control overcrowding. An external audit is needed, specifically on the efficiency of operations, overcrowding, enforcement of protective measures for animals, flow of operations for quicker animal adoptions, fostering, and rescue transfers, as well as related policies and procedures to provide formal, concrete recommendations for increased efficiency and effectiveness of Animal Services.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

### RECOMMENDATION:

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

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: