

# **DeKalb County Government**

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# Legislation Details (With Text)

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as amended, to provide for an increase in monthly pension benefit amount to specified eligible

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Attachments: 1, 2020 Pension Cola Home Rule Ordinance 8-10-20 final

| Date      | Ver. | Action By   | Action   | Result |
|-----------|------|---|--|--------|
| 9/22/2020 | 1    | Board of Commissioners                            | withdrawn                                      | Pass   |
| 9/8/2020  | 1    | Board of Commissioners                            | deferred to the next meeting                   | Pass   |
| 9/1/2020  | 1    | ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee | recommended for approval.                      | Pass   |
| 9/1/2020  | 1    | Committee of the Whole                            | Accepted to the BOC agenda - Public<br>Hearing |        |

**Public Hearing: YES ⊠ NO □ Department:** Finance - Risk Management

#### **SUBJECT:**

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#### **PURPOSE:**

To consider adopting a home rule ordinance amending the Pension Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, to provide for an increase in monthly pension benefit amount to specified eligible retirees, joint annuitants, and beneficiaries.

## **NEED/IMPACT:**

Only one cost of living increase has been provided to retirees (or joint annuitants or beneficiaries) in recent years.

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#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The 2020 estimated cost for the proposed COLA is \$2.1 million.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached home rule ordinance for the first time to amend the DeKalb County Pension Code (1962 Ga. Laws 3088, codified in Appendix B of the Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, as amended), to provide for a 5.2% increase in monthly pension benefit amount, under terms and conditions described in the ordinance, to specified eligible retirees, beneficiaries, and joint annuitants who are receiving a monthly pension benefit less than \$3136 based on a participant's retirement with 20 or more years of service on or before January 1, 2015; and provide for a 2.2% increase in monthly pension benefit amount, under terms and conditions described in the ordinance, to specified eligible retirees, beneficiaries, and joint annuitants who are not eligible for the 5.2% increase and are receiving a monthly pension benefit less than \$5000 based on a participant's retirement on or before January 1, 2015. Schedule a second vote on this home rule ordinance for the Board of Commissioners' next regular meeting.