



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Warren Hutmacher, City Manager

**Date:** January 28, 2013

**Subject:** DeKalb Municipal Association (DMA) 2013 Dues Assessment

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### ITEM DESCRIPTION

DMA Assessment for dues for the City of Dunwoody.

### BACKGROUND

The DMA membership voted in the majority to assess each of the cities \$1.25 per capita based on 2010 Census data as dues for 2013 to the DMA. DMA dues has traditionally paid for monthly meetings of elected officials. This new assessment adds contract staff to work on the cities' behalf on County issues. The assessment for 2013 for Dunwoody is \$58,511.

### ANALYSIS

The funds would be used by DMA to fund a contract position through the Georgia Municipal Association. The employee (Mark Baggett) is assigned to DMA to work on issues specific to the cities in DeKalb County. This includes work on projects for service delivery, shared services and special projects. The bulk of the work this employee will do for the Association is related to monitoring County activity and working on the cities behalf on any issues related to City-County relations.

Gwinnett County has been using this model with great success for the past few years. Their experience has resulted in the cities being better informed on County issues and has significantly decreased the staff time that the City staff works on County issues on behalf of their Association.

The cost for Dunwoody for this expenditure is expected to decrease significantly in 2014 and beyond due to Brookhaven taking a full part in the in 2014. The new fee is projected to become \$.85 per capita (\$39,788 for Dunwoody) at that time.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends approval of this item at your January 28<sup>th</sup> voting meeting. The fee is not due until February 1, 2013.