

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GEORGIA STATE LEGISLATURE DURING THE 2021 REGULAR SESSION

WHEREAS, the 2021 Georgia General Assembly Legislative Session begins on January 11, 2021 to consider important legislative matters of the state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody is concerned with legislative matters at the state level which have an impact on the governmental operations of the City of Dunwoody; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City of Dunwoody to adopt legislative priorities to present to its representatives in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody has identified a number of important legislative items that may be considered by the state legislature in the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody opposes any legislation that reduce the City’s ability to zone and otherwise regulate access to our rights-of-way, traffic poles, and other property, specifically in regards to regulations pertaining to small cell technology; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody supports certain public safety initiatives including amending HB 978 to remove the requirement that school systems approve applications and legislation that increases situations allowing citizens to direct traffic in order to improve our service to the community and protect our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody opposes any legislation that reduce the City’s ability to zone and otherwise regulate hotels and other short-term housing transactions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody supports legislation to amend the Georgia Development Authorities Law to limit the operation of a development authority within a city’s boundaries to be only the municipal development authority unless there is a formal, signed partnership agreement with the municipal development authority.

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody opposes any legislation that would add additional financial burden on its citizens by requiring the DeKalb County Tax Commissioner to issue a separate bill for, or otherwise segregate, any taxes and fees currently allowed to be included with its annual property tax assessments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody opposes any legislation that would attempt to specifically tax citizens within any DeKalb city formed on or after December 1, 2008 or otherwise collect revenues in order to recoup an unfunded pension liability that either actually existed or was actuarially determined to exist at the time such city incorporated when such liability is attributed to services no longer provided by DeKalb County due to the incorporation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody opposes any legislation or regulations that create an undue burden on cities and specifically city clerks for certain municipal officials disclosure reporting; and

WHEREAS, adoption of legislative priorities will empower City officials, staff, and representatives to advocate on the City’s behalf, before and to members of the state legislature on such values and goals which are most feasible, urgent and/or of the highest importance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody while in regular session on January 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm, that the legislative priorities of the 2021 Georgia General Assembly are hereby adopted.

Approved:

Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(SEAL)