

RESOLUTION

Supporting Municipal Authority to Meet Growth Demands Through Annexation

WHEREAS, annexation provides a method to assure the orderly provision of urban services to economic development and housing opportunities located on the fringe of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, current processes for property owners seeking annexation into municipalities are appropriate and provides citizens an opportunity for heightened public services that may otherwise not be available from a county; and

WHEREAS, the current annexation law processes grants municipalities the authority to address growth and development pressures, while considering associated infrastructure challenges; and

WHEREAS, the current annexation processes already provide counties the opportunity to object to an annexation petition based on a material burden to infrastructure, land use or density; and

WHEREAS, property owners seeking annexation into municipalities never leave the county boundaries nor the county tax base; and

WHEREAS, there is an annexation dispute resolution process in current law that oversees county objections and land use disputes; and

WHEREAS, while improvements to annexation dispute resolution process and timeframes could be helpful for both city and county governments, overly-burdensome changes to the annexation law will not help local governments avoid disputes or meet citizens' demands; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ that this governing body voices its support of municipalities continuing to support housing and economic activity along their borders through current annexation processes and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to each member of the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate representing City of _____, and made available for distribution to the public and the press.

ADOPTED, THIS _____ DAY OF _____ (*month*), _____ (*year*)