

A RESOLUTION

BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS TO
CREATE AN ATLANTA COMMUNITY COURT FOUNDATION; TO
SOLICIT SPONSORS THEREFOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Community Court is a division of the Atlanta Municipal Court that deals with quality of life crimes such as prostitution, disorderly conduct, panhandling, and low-level drug offenses; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Community Court is committed to the dual principles of restorative justice and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice is based on the idea that with low-level offenses the criminal justice system can better serve the community by using alternative sentencing options such as community service to allow individuals to give something back to their community, and as an alternative to incarceration, community service allows the Court to move low-level offenders out of the criminal justice system, freeing up costly jail space for more serious criminals; and

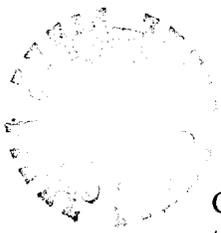
WHEREAS, the Atlanta Community Court uses sentencing alternatives and legal sanctions to promote rehabilitation and address the underlying causes of criminality and the Court has an interest in seeing that offenders receive services that will help curb future criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Atlanta to promote the functioning of the Atlanta Community Court as an innovative approach to addressing quality of life crimes in a growing world class city; and

WHEREAS, due to the current strained state of the City, State and Federal budgets, there is a lack of adequate funding for the programs of the Atlanta Community Court; and

WHEREAS, the formation of the Atlanta Community Court Foundation would lessen the burdens of Atlanta City government in funding the programs of the Atlanta Community Court; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation would be used to assist in funding the Community Court community service programs, which, in 2001, directed the completion of approximately 26,247 community service hours including clean-up projects with various Atlanta neighborhood associations, MARTA, the Atlanta Ambassadors Taskforce, the Kiwanis Club, the Atlanta Humane Society, and AID Atlanta; and



WHEREAS, the Foundation would be used to assist in funding the Community Court Information System (CCIS), a data management system to help with offender tracking and data evaluation under development with the Georgia Tech Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation would be used to assist in funding the Community Court Reparative Boards which, in coordination with Atlanta Weed and Seed and the Pardon and Parole Board and the Atlanta neighborhoods of Mechanicsville and Pittsburgh, make recommendations to the Court regarding conditions of probation for neighborhood offenders; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation would be used to assist in funding the HIV/AIDS Awareness Program, an education and community service project with AID Atlanta for men who have been charged with solicitation and both male and female prostitutes; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation would be used to assist in funding the Mental Health Initiative which assesses offenders and identifies those that have been diagnosed as mentally ill and who are also drug addicted in order to ensure proper treatment and support; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation would be used to assist in funding the Substance Abuse Initiative which assesses drug addicted offenders and diverts those deemed eligible from incarceration to community treatment under the supervision of the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation would be used to assist in funding the In-Custody Fresh Start Program, an in-custody psychotherapeutic/substance abuse program for adult males run by the Atlanta Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation would be used to assist in funding the In-Custody Women for Women Program, an in-custody psychotherapeutic/substance abuse program for adult female prostitutes run by the Atlanta Department of Corrections, and partnered with Mary Hall Freedom House, a community based non-profit organization that provides residential services and aftercare to offenders upon release from jail; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation would be authorized to solicit, accept and administer funds on behalf of the Atlanta Community Court without burdening the resources of the Atlanta City government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the Mayor or her designee is hereby authorized to initiate proceedings to create a tax exempt non-profit entity known as the Atlanta Community Court Foundation.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or her designee is authorized to solicit the sponsors to support such a Foundation for the benefit of the Atlanta Community Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions on conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

A true copy,

Rhonda Daughin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

JAN 05, 2004
JAN 09, 2004

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Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT I

CONSENT I PG 1-9 EXCEPT;02-O-2087,
03-R-2173
ADOPT

YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 6
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

Y Smith	NV Archibong	Y Moore	NV Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	NV Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	NV Muller	NV Boazman	NV Woolard

CONSENT I

1-05-04 Council Meeting	
ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT	ITEMS ADVERSED ON CONSENT
1. 03-O-2225	32. 03-R-2192
2. 03-O-2161	33. 03-R-2193
3. 03-O-2221	34. 03-R-2194
4. 03-O-2175	35. 03-R-2195
5. 03-O-2229	36. 03-R-2196
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7. 03-R-2214	38. 03-R-2198
8. 03-R-2215	39. 03-R-2199
9. 03-R-2233	40. 03-R-2200
10. 03-R-2219	41. 03-R-2201
11. 03-R-2172	42. 03-R-2202
12. 03-R-2174	43. 03-R-2203
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14. 03-R-2246	45. 03-R-2205
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17. 03-R-2226	48. 03-R-2208
18. 03-R-2232	49. 03-R-2209
19. 03-R-2237	50. 03-R-2210
20. 03-R-2178	
21. 03-R-2181	
22. 03-R-2182	
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 DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

JAN 05 2004

**ADOPTED BY
 COUNCIL**

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred

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First Reading

Committee _____
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PSL A Committee

12-05-Date

Chair

Action

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Members

Stacey Y. Abrams

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
 2nd 1st & 2nd 3rd
 Consent V Vote RC Vote

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Stacey Y. Abrams
 JAN 05 2004

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Frank D. Benjamin, Jr.
 MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED
Stacey Y. Abrams
 JAN 12 2004
 MAYOR