



A RESOLUTION BY

COUNCILMEMBER NATALYN MOSBY ARCHIBONG

*Natalyn M. Archibong*

05-R-0091

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO JOIN THE "RETHINK INITIATIVE" TO RECYCLE AND EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens, businesses and the City of Atlanta (government) buy and sell thousands of units of computers, cell phones and other electronic equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, most citizens and businesses know that electronics can be damaging to the environment if disposed of improperly, only a small minority (15%) are aware that electronics can be recycled where they live; and; and

**WHEREAS**, every day, informed consumers, community and business leaders, environmental organizations, and city, state and federal agencies grow more concerned about how to deal with electronic waste (e-waste); and

**WHEREAS**, people are increasingly aware that computers, cell phones and other electronics contain chemicals such as cadmium, lead and mercury and unless properly recycled these chemicals could make their way from landfills into our soil, water and air; and

**WHEREAS**, in the next three (3) years individuals and organizations worldwide will replace more than 400 million computers; the average the cell phone in the U.S. is replaced after just eighteen (18) months and more than 75% of all computers ever sold remain stockpiled in our closets, garages, office storage rooms and warehouses; and

**WHEREAS**, eBay and other industry, governments and environmental organizations has come together to offer a fresh perspective and new answers to the challenge of e-waste through the Rethink Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Rethink Initiative offer a variety solutions that make it easy to deal with used computers and electronics by putting sellers and buyers together, charities for donations and responsible recycling.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA;** as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the Mayor or her designee (Commissioners of Information Technology Procurement, Public Works and the Director of the Bureau of General Services) is authorized to review and join the Rethink Initiative so as to put in place a program that will assist citizens, businesses and city departments with replacing, disposing of and donating e-waste in a responsible manner.

**SECTION 2:** That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby waived in this instance only.

A true copy,

*[Signature]*  
Deputy Clerk

**ADOPTED by the Council  
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR  
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403**

February 7, 2005

February 16, 2005



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A RESOLUTION BY Yvelin (in the City)  
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 FEB 07 2005  
**COUNCIL**

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

Date Referred 1/18/05  
 Referred To: City Utilities  
 Date Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
 Referred To: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
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First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
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City Utilities  
Feb. 7, 2005  
 Chair SWA

Action \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Members

Wain Miller  
John Miller  
A. E. Miller

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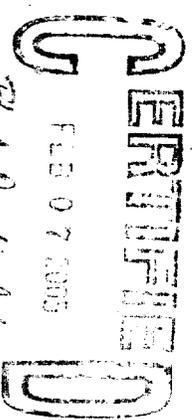
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Refer To

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

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FEB 07 2005



MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED

FEB 16 2005

WITHOUT SIGNATURE  
 BY OPERATION OF LAW