

**A RESOLUTION BY
COUNCILMEMBER**

**A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE 2008 GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO SUPPORT THE REQUIREMENT OF STATEWIDE RETROFITTING AND
REPLACEMENT OF PLUMBING FIXTURES WITH LOW-FLOW PLUMBING
FIXTURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH WATER EFFICIENCY GUIDELINES AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
UPON THE RESALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, since 2006, northern Georgia has been experiencing a drought that has significantly worsened in recent months due to extremely low levels rainfall; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2007, rivers, lakes and streams in north Georgia were at or near record lows and according the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Lake Lanier may be at an historic low by the end of 2007;

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2007, the Director of the Environmental Protection Division, Department of Natural Resources, State of Georgia Declared Drought Response Level Four water use restrictions for the northern third of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2007 Governor Perdue signed an executive order declaring a state of emergency in 85 counties in Georgia due to the historic drought; and.

WHEREAS, holders of withdrawal permits and public water supply systems with operating permits, including the City of Atlanta ("City"), have been required to reduce water use by ten percent (10%) beginning November 1, 2007 due to the recent drought; and

WHEREAS, the conservation effort due to the drought should be a shared response by all of Georgia's businesses and individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interests of the City to encourage the retrofitting of low-flow fixtures to help conserve water for single family residences, multifamily residences and commercial buildings state wide that do not meet current Water Efficiency Guidelines as recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has implemented a One Billion Dollar (\$1,000,000,000.00) Capital Improvement Program for its Drinking Water System in order to enhance the maintenance, delivery, and protection of its drinking water supply.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES, to request that the 2008 Georgia General Assembly support the requirement of statewide retrofitting and replacement of plumbing fixtures with low-flow

plumbing fixtures in accordance with Water Efficiency Guidelines as recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency upon the resale of all properties built prior to the year 1992.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to request that the Georgia General Assembly support requiring the certification of retrofitting of a property as a required document at the real estate closing for property sales in Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to request that the Georgia General Assembly support that the owner of the property be responsible for the funding and completion of the retrofit of the property.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions in conflict herewith are waived for this instance only.