

**AN ORDINANCE BY  
FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT AMENESTY ON LATE FEES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR UNREGISTERED BUSINESSES AND UNPAID PARKING TICKETS; TO PROVIDE THAT NO ADDITIONAL FEES, PENALTIES OR INTEREST SHALL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE OBLIGOR FOR LATE PAYMENTS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES ; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta is authorized to collect payments for unregistered businesses and parking tickets; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to register a business doing business in the City of Atlanta or to abide by the parking regulations for the City of Atlanta within the city limits may result in the violator being assessed a fine; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to timely satisfy a fine to register a business or abide by the parking restrictions can result in the assessment of additional late fees, penalties or interest that are added to the principal amount of the obligation; and

**WHEREAS**, an Amnesty Program would provide an incentive for violators to pay the principal amount of their obligation and accelerate the cash payments received by the City during this economic downturn.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGA as follows:**

**SECTION 1:** That all assessed late fees, penalties and interest for unpaid parking tickets accumulated through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 shall be forgiven provided that for any fee, penalty or interest forgiven, the City of Atlanta receives payment in full on the assessed original obligation between the Amnesty period of October 1 through December 1, 2008.

**SECTION 2.** That all assessed late fees, penalties and interest for unregistered businesses shall be forgiven provided that for any fee, penalty or interest forgiven, the City of Atlanta receives payment in full on the assessed original obligation between the Amnesty period of October 1 through December 1, 2008.

**SECTION 3:** All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL  
REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION**

For Legislative Counsel Use Only	
<u>6-30-08</u> Date Received	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete (Date returned: _____)
_____ Date of Department Consultation	_____ Date of Finance Department Consultation
Commissioner Notified: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If No, Why? _____	
Legislation Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Legislation Type <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance
Amends the Code <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Blueback Prepared <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Commissioner Signature _____	
Council Members Only: Authority to speak to Subject Matter Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Authority to speak to Department <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Date Submitted: July 30, 2008

Department Submitting Request: Finance

Person Submitting Request: Gary Donaldson Extension: x1985

Bureau/Division Manager: Gary Donaldson Extension: x1985

Requesting preliminary meeting with Legislative Counsel attorney?  Yes  No

Subject Matter of the Meeting An amnesty program for unregistered Business Tax accounts and Unpaid Parking Tickets.

Cycle Number/Requested Full Council Date (not earlier than 4 weeks from date of submission):

Cycle 15

If this must be submitted to Council in fewer than 4 weeks explain why. Please identify consequences if legislation is not submitted for requested cycle. Also, if applicable, please state why the Legislative Request Form was submitted after the Cycle deadline. All non-conforming requests must have Commissioner approval.

**Part II: Legislative White Paper:** (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

**A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:**

**Committee of Purview:** Finance Executive Committee

**Caption:** AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT AMENESTY ON LATE FEES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR UNREGISTERED BUSINESSES AND UNPAID PARKING TICKETS; TO PROVIDE THAT NO ADDITIONAL FEES, PENALTIES OR INTEREST SHALL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE OBLIGOR FOR LATE PAYMENTS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES ; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Council Meeting Date:** September 15, 2008

**Requesting Dept.:** Department of Finance

**B. To be completed by the department :**

1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).

*Example: The purpose of this legislation is to anticipate funds from a local assistance grant to purchase child safety seats.*

The purpose of this legislation is to waive penalties and interest for Unregistered Business Tax accounts and Unpaid Parking fines for the City.

2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.

*Example: The task force of homelessness conducted a study regarding homelessness, its impact and consequences on the City. This resolution reflects the Mayor's desire to open a twenty-four hour center that will respond to the needs of the homelessness in Atlanta.*

3. If Applicable/Known:

(a) Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc): N/A

(b) Source Selection:

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Legislative Counsel (Signature): Jack Tilson

Contact Number: x 6838

Originating Department: Department of Finance,

Committee(s) of Purview: Finance/ Executive

Council Deadline: August 29, 2008

Committee Meeting Date(s): September 9-10, 2008 Council Date: September 15, 2008

Commissioner Signature E. Rausies

**CAPTION**

AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT AMENESTY ON LATE FEES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR UNRESIGSTERED BUSINESSES AND UNPAID PARKING TICKETS; TO PROVIDE THAT NO ADDITIONAL FEES, PENALTIES OR INTEREST SHALL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE OBLIGOR FOR LATE PAYMENTS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by Mayor's Office: 8.7.08 [Signature] Reviewed by: 8/15/08 [Signature]  
(date) (date)

Submitted to Council: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)