

**A RESOLUTION**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER MARY NORWOOD**

**A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY AUDITOR THROUGH THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE ARBORIST DIVISION OF THE BUREAU OF BUILDINGS, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

WHEREAS, Chapter 158, Article II of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, entitled Tree Protection, establishes the law under which the City's public and private tree canopy is regulated; and

WHEREAS, the Arborist Division of the Bureau of Buildings, Department of Planning and Community Development is charged with the consistent, fair and equitable enforcement of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, as a result of recent actions taken by the Bureau of Buildings in relation to the Arborist Division, serious allegations regarding, but not limited to, the inconsistent enforcement of said ordinance by field arborists requires further examination; and

WHEREAS, the requested audit would evaluate the time period from January 1, 2007 up to and including the time at which the audit begins; and

WHEREAS, the City has retained the services of Wallace Robert & Todd, LLC (07-O-1446) to review and evaluate the City's Tree Protection ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor may choose to make use of the expertise of Wallace Robert & Todd, LLC as relates to reviewing the City's Tree Protection ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that those City of Atlanta employees charged with enforcing the City's laws do so in a manner that respects not only the rule of law as established by the City Council and the Mayor, but also the rights of the citizens of Atlanta,

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES and requests that the City of Atlanta Audit Committee authorize the Office of the City Auditor to conduct an independent audit of the Arborist Division, Bureau of Buildings, Department of Planning and Community Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

*[Handwritten signatures and the number 08-R-1695]*

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REGULAR SESSION

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AUTH.CITY AUDITOR TO CONDUCT INDEPEND-  
ENT AUDIT OF ARBORIST DIVISION  
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YEAS: 11  
NAYS: 3  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 1  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

N Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
N Hall	Y Fauver	Y Martin	N Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	B Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Sheperd	NV Borders

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