



**AN ORDINANCE**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER NATALYN MOSBY ARCHIBONG**

**AS SUBSTITUTED BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE (LAW DEPARTMENT) TO PURSUE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DEKALB COUNTY FOR A PORTION OF THE HOMESTEAD OPTION SALES TAX (HOST) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta is experiencing a financial crisis due to tax revenue not being collected as projected; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the City of Atlanta is located in DeKalb County and the County did implement a Homestead Option Sales Tax (HOST) in 1997 for the purpose of reducing property taxes and restricting a portions of the for capital improvements (infrastructure); and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the inception of the HOST the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County had an IGA where the City would receive funds to make infrastructure improvements in City of Atlanta-Deklab County; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents residing in the Atlanta-Dekalb area have not received any from the HOST since 1999 because the IGA was terminated; and

**WHEREAS**, the City should receive its fair share of the HOST funds to make infrastructure improvements for the residents City of Atlanta, Deklab County.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS, as follows:**

**SECTION 1:** That the Mayor or her designee, in conjunction with the City of Atlanta Department of Law actively pursue an IGA with Dekalb County to receive funds for infrastructure improvements from the Homestead Option Sales Tax.

**SECTION 2:** That an update on the negotiations of the IGA with DeKalb County is provided to the District 5 and 6 Councilmember no later than 90 days from the approval of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

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**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE (LAW DEPARTMENT) TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S PORTION OF THE DEKALB COUNTY HOMESTEAD OPTION SALES TAX (HOST); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the city of Atlanta is experiencing a financial crisis due to tax revenues not being collected as projected; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the city of Atlanta is located in Dekalb County and the county did implement a Homestead Option Sales Tax (HOST) in 1997 for the purpose of reducing property taxes and restricting a portions of the funds for capital improvements (infrastructure, etc.); and

**WHEREAS**, the recently incorporated city of Dunwoody has a won a Superior Court ruling awarding it \$3 million of the HOST fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents residing in the Atlanta-Dekalb area has not received any funds from this tax since its inception in 1997 and should have its fair share of these revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Atlanta's budget has been strained due to the loss of tax revenues due in large measure to the downturn in the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Atlanta should make sure that its interest is being protected as this issue works its way through the Georgia Supreme Court.

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

**SECTION 1:** That the Mayor or her designee (City's Law Department) review the lawsuit filed by the cities of DeKalb County regarding the distribution of the Homestead Option Sales Tax (HOST) revenues to determine if the interest of the city of Atlanta is protected.

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