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RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMAN J. MARTIN

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY AUDITOR THROUGH THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT AND THE OFFICES OF THE SOLICITOR AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FROM 2004 TO PRESENT WHICH AUDIT SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO BUDGET, STAFFING, CASE LOAD PER JUDGE, SOLICITOR AND PUBLIC DEFENDER, NUMBER AND TYPES OF CASES, AMOUNT OF REVENUE RECEIVED IN FINES AND FORFEITURES FROM EACH CATEGORY OF CASES (INCLUDING FAILURES TO APPEAR AND PROBATION CASES), REVENUE COLLECTION METHODS AND PROCEDURES, GRANT SOURCES, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS, WARRANTS, PRETRIAL RELEASE AND VICTIM-WITNESS PROGRAMS, ALL SPECIALTY COURTS AND ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE AUDITOR AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE DEEM RELEVANT FOR REVIEW WITH REGARD TO THE OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

As Amended

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MAYOR'S ACTION

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**BY COUNCILMAN C. T. MARTIN
AMENDED BY FULL COUNCIL**

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WHEREAS, members of the city council have many concerns about the operation of the Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, some of those concerns have been generated by citizen complaints; and

WHEREAS, since the abolishment of the "Traffic Court" and the merger and consolidation of that court's functions into the Municipal Court, there have been concerns about the court's budgets, staffing, revenue and case load; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City internal Auditor, through the Audit Committee, is charged with the responsibility to conduct performance and financial audits of all departments, offices, boards, activities, and agencies of the city in order to independently determine whether departments, offices, or agencies are acquiring, managing, protecting, and using its resources in an economic, efficient and effective manner; and



WHEREAS, a performance and financial audit will assist the city council, the Administration and the court in addressing these issues of concern.

WHEREAS, a work flow analysis would assist the Mayor and City Council in determining the case load of each judge to determine the hours a judge works on a daily basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

The city auditor through the audit committee is hereby requested to conduct an independent performance and financial audit of the municipal court and the offices of the solicitor and the public defender from 2004 to present which audit shall include but not be limited to budget, staffing, case load per judge, solicitor and public defender, number and types of cases, and determine the number of calendars per day each judge presides over, including a breakdown of each calendar by day session and judge, as well as the number of hours spent per judge handling administrative duties per week amount of revenue received in fines and forfeitures from each category of cases (including failures to appear and probation cases), revenue collection methods and procedures, grant sources, purposes and amounts, warrants, pretrial release and victim-witness programs, all specialty courts and any other matters which the auditor and the audit committee deem relevant for review with regard to the operation of the municipal court.

A true copy,



Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED as amended by the Council
APPROVED by Mayor Kasim Reed

FEB 15, 2010
FEB 23, 2010

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Atlanta City Council

REGULAR SESSION

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MARTIN/AUDITOR CONDUCT INDEPEN.PERFORM
AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF MUNICIPAL COURT
ADOPT AS AMEND

YEAS: 14
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Bond
Y Hall	Y Wan	Y Martin	NV Watson
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Bottoms	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Adrean	Y Sheperd	NV Mitchell

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