

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Cooperative Extension MOU Extension
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for Columbus Consolidated Government to renew its contract with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service, to continue providing Extension services to residents of Muscogee County. The agreement maintains current service levels with no change in City funding.
INITIATED BY:	Cooperative Extension

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Background: The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service provides unbiased, research-based education and outreach programs in the areas of agriculture, food, families, environmental stewardship, and 4-H youth development. These programs support individuals, families, youth, and community organizations throughout Muscogee County.

Analysis: Approval of this contract will allow University of Georgia Extension Agents, Educators, and Program Assistants to continue delivering educational programming, outreach initiatives, and community-based services to residents. These services contribute to community development, youth engagement, and access to research-based resources.

Financial Considerations: There is no change in the City's current funding allocation under this contract.

Legal Considerations: Any contract involving the City requires Council approval.

Recommendations/Actions: Approve the contract between the Columbus Consolidated Government and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.

**RESOLUTION
NO.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, acting on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service, and the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) desire to enter into a contract for the continued provision of educational outreach programs and Extension services to the residents of Muscogee County; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the contract is to define and clarify the respective roles and responsibilities of CCG and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service in the delivery of such programs and services; and,

WHEREAS, under the terms of the agreement, the University of Georgia will invoice CCG monthly for the City’s portion of designated personnel salaries associated with the provision of Extension services; and, **WHEREAS**, the executed contract agreement will become part of this resolution by reference and will be filed with the Clerk of Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor, or his designee, acting on behalf of CCG, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, acting on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service, for educational outreach programs offered in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, and 4-H youth development.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Anker voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor