

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Membership Dues for Georgia Municipal Association
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment to the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), in the amount of \$38,204.93, for 2021 membership dues for the City of Columbus, Georgia.

Created in 1933, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is the only state organization that represents municipal governments in Georgia. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its members. GMA currently represents all 538 cities in Georgia. A 66-member Board of Directors, composed of city officials, governs GMA. Program implementation is charged to the Executive Director and staff of 91 full-time employees.

The annual dues are comprised of a base amount and a per capita amount based on the population of the City. Population figures are based on the most recent decennial census or federal census estimate. Additionally, consolidated governments receive a twenty-five percent (25%) discount on annual dues.

Funds are budgeted in the FY21 Budget: General Fund - Legislative – City Council - Membership Dues and Fees; 0101-100 – 1000 – CNCL - 6657.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (GMA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,204.93, FOR 2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, created in 1933, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is the only state organization that represents municipal governments in Georgia. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its members. GMA currently represents all 538 cities in Georgia. A 66-member Board of Directors, composed of city officials, governs GMA. Program implementation is charged to the Executive Director and staff of 91 full-time employees; and,

WHEERAS, the annual dues are comprised of a base amount and a per capita amount based on the population of the City. Population figures are based on the most recent decennial census or federal census estimate. Additionally, consolidated governments receive a twenty-five percent (25%) discount on annual dues.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to make payment to the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), in the amount of \$38,204.93, for 2021 membership dues for the City of Columbus, Georgia. Funds are budgeted in the FY21 Budget: General Fund - Legislative – City Council - Membership Dues and Fees; 0101-100 – 1000 – CNCL - 6657.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor