

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2023 Legislative Agenda Add On – Tax Allocation Law Amendment</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested of the add on resolution for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Isaiah, Hugley, City Manager

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested of the add on resolution for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

**Background:** Each year elected and appointed officials of the Columbus Consolidated Government develop a list of issues important to the citizens of Columbus that requires action by the Local Legislative Delegation. Once approved, a meeting will be held with the Delegation to explain the rationale behind these issues and to solicit their support. The Hometown Connection and Legislative Agenda meeting was held on October 19, 2022.

**Analysis:** Staff, elected and appointed officials were asked to present issues they felt were important to the operation of city government. Research and justification for these issues were presented to the City Manager and a list was prepared for presentation to the Mayor/Council.

**Financial Considerations:** The City is expected to receive additional revenues if many of the issues are passed by the Georgia General Assembly.

**Recommendations/Actions:** Approve those resolution, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

# COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

## 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

### Add-On

#### 1. TAX ALLOCATION LAW AMENDMENT:

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the Georgia general assembly introduce an amendment to O.C.G.A. Section 36-44-21 which allows voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision, but prohibits receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees; and to further amend said law so as to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD and that citizens owning a business, property or a home within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD districts. (*Request of Charmaine Crabb*)

#### Explanation:

This resolution requests the legislative delegation to introduce an amendment to the TAD conflict-of-interest law to permit voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials or employees of the county in question, but to prohibit the receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees.

**A RESOLUTION**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**(Alternate to Res. NO. 310-22)**

A resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia general assembly introduce an amendment to O.C.G.A. Section 36-44-21 which allows voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision, but prohibits receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees; and to further amend said law so as to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD and that citizens owning a business, property or a home within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD districts.

**WHEREAS**, the conflict-of-interest provision of Redevelopment Powers Law, Title 36, Chapter 44 is broadly and unclearly worded in a way that prohibits elected officials and employees of a political subdivision from voluntarily acquiring a direct or indirect interest in property in any TAD created by a local governing body; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires that the conflict-of-interest provision applicable to TAD's be amended to permit voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision, while prohibiting receipt of TAD funding for any property so acquired by elected officials or employees of a political subdivision; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council further desires that said law be amended to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD and that citizens owning a business, property or a home within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby request that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce an amendment to O.C.G.A. Section 36-44-21 which allows voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision but prohibits receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees. We hereby further request that said law be amended to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD and that citizens owning a business, property or a home within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD districts..

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_.