

# **RESOLUTION**

## **RES 2026-04**

### **A RESOLUTION CREATING THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT FEE STUDY**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dallas, Georgia (the “City”) desire to promote and accommodate orderly growth and development while protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 36-71-1 et seq. (the “Georgia Development Impact Fee Act”) authorizes municipalities to impose development impact fees as a condition of development approval, subject to statutory procedures and limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the adoption of any development impact fee ordinance or fee schedule, the City must establish a Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee to assist and advise the governing body with regard to the adoption of a development impact fee ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to constitute a Public Safety Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) to guide a public safety impact fee study and to advise the Mayor and Council on the structure, methodology, service area(s), level of service standards, capital improvements programming, credits, exemptions, and administrative procedures for a public safety development impact fee program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dallas, Georgia, as follows:

#### **Section 1. Creation of Committee; statutory purpose.**

A Public Safety Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee is hereby created to serve in an advisory capacity to assist and advise the Mayor and City Council with regard to the adoption of a public safety development impact fee ordinance and related fee schedule, consistent with the Georgia Development Impact Fee Act.

#### **Section 2. Membership; composition; appointments.**

- (a) The Committee shall consist of six (6) members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.
- (b) To satisfy statutory composition requirements, not fewer than three (3) members shall include representatives of the development, building, or real estate industries (including, without limitation, a homebuilder, a commercial developer, a design professional, a real estate professional, a lender, or a contractor).
- (c) The remaining members shall be City of Dallas staff as recommended by the City Manager. The City Manager or his designee will serve as Staff Liaison.
- (d) Members shall serve without compensation and shall serve from appointment until the Committee is dissolved by further action of the City Council or until replaced by the Mayor and Council.

#### **Section 3. Chair; meetings; procedures; compliance with open government laws.**

- (a) The Mayor shall designate an initial Chair from among the appointed members. Thereafter, the Committee may elect its own Chair and Vice-Chair annually.

(b) Meetings shall be called by the Chair or by the City Manager (or designee) acting as staff liaison. The Committee shall comply with the Georgia Open Meetings Act and all applicable City policies for public meetings.

**Section 4. Scope of work; deliverables.**

The Committee shall:

- (1) Review existing and projected public safety facilities and equipment needs attributable to new growth and development;
- (2) Assist staff and any retained consultant in defining service area(s), level of service standards, and a capital improvements element/program for eligible public safety system improvements;
- (3) Review the draft impact fee methodology and draft fee schedule; and
- (4) Provide written recommendations to the Mayor and City Council no later than March 20, 2026, or such later date as approved by the Mayor and City Council.

**Section 5. Authorization to procure study and related professional services.**

The City Manager is authorized to solicit proposals, negotiate, and approve a contract with a qualified consultant to prepare a public safety impact fee study and related documentation necessary for adoption of a fee schedule consistent with state law.

**Section 6. Severability.**

If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

**Section 7. Effective date.**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

RESOLVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2026.

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L. James Kelly, Mayor

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James Henson, Councilmember

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Christopher B. Carter, Councilmember

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Nancy R. Arnold, Councilmember

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Leah Alls, Councilmember

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Candace Callaway, Councilmember

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tina Clark, City Clerk