

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Honorable Judge Bedelia Hargrove
Judge of the DeKalb County Probate
556 N. McDonough St
1100 Judicial Tower
Decatur, GA 30030-3221

RE: Local Authorities Operating in Your Jurisdiction

Dear Judge Hargrove,

This Local Government Authority Registration Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-80-16, et seq.) requires the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to provide the registration information of each local authority serving a county to the probate judge of that county on an annual basis. This is merely an information-sharing practice and does not require any particular action from your office regarding the authorities' compliance statuses.

The Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-80-16) requires all local government authorities operating in the State to annually register and submit a financial report via DCA's online Annual Authority Registration and Financial Report (AARF) system. Authorities that fail to meet this requirement are prohibited by the Act from incurring any debt until completing the mandated filings. Further, to remain eligible to participate in a variety of state-administered financial assistance programs, a local authority must be compliant with the filings required for the three most recently completed fiscal years. Essentially, an authority's failure to comply with applicable filing requirements impairs its ability to legally finance its operations and significantly impedes its ability to undertake work on behalf of the citizens and businesses it serves.

Pursuant to the Act and for your information, the lists below only reflect information from the most recently completed year (FY2023) for the listed authority, as of October 3, 2024. The lists include local authorities attached to all cities, counties, and consolidated governments wholly or partially within your jurisdiction.

Authorities that HAVE filed for the most recently completed FY: Brookhaven Development Authority / Brookhaven Public Facilities Authority / City of Decatur Public Facilities Authority / DeKalb County Building Authority / DeKalb County Public Safety and Judicial Facilities Authority / Development Authority of DeKalb County / Downtown Development Authority of Avondale Estates / Downtown Development Authority of the City of Decatur / Downtown Development Authority of the City of Stone Mountain / Dunwoody Development Authority / Housing Authority of the City of Decatur, Georgia / Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb, Georgia / Joint Development Authority of DeKalb County, Newton County, and Gwinnett County / Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority / Urban Redevelopment Agency of DeKalb County, Georgia / Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Avondale Estates / Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Chamblee / Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Decatur / Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Doraville / Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Dunwoody / Downtown Development Authority of the City of Clarkston, Georgia / Stonecrest Development Authority / Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Brookhaven

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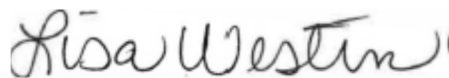
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Authorities with EXPIRED/DELINQUENT filings for the most recently completed FY: City of Decatur Parking Authority / City of Tucker Downtown Development Authority / City of Tucker Public Facilities Authority / DeKalb County Convention Center Authority / DeKalb County Hospital Authority / DeKalb Private Hospital Authority / DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority / Development Authority of the City of Decatur / Downtown Development Authority of the City of Chamblee / Downtown Development Authority of the City of Doraville / Housing Authority of the City of Clarkston / Housing Authority of the City of Lithonia, Georgia / Lithonia Downtown Development Authority / Pine Lake Downtown Development Authority / Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Authority of DeKalb County / Stonecrest Housing Authority / Urban Redevelopment Agency of City of Clarkston / Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Stonecrest / Urban Redevelopment Agency of Tucker

There is the possibility that some of the authorities that have successfully filed for the most recently completed FY are delinquent for previous years. Complete lists of registered authorities for each fiscal year with additional information on type, jurisdiction, fiscal year, and creation method can be found on our website at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/local-government-assistance/research-surveys/local-government-authorities>. For more information or questions, please contact us at research@dca.ga.gov or 404-679-5279.

Sincerely,



Lisa Westin

Director | Office of Planning, Research, & Geoanalytics

cc, via email, only: Chief Elected Officials of each local government in DeKalb County
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