

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: F8

CLARKSTON CITY WORK SESSION

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Resolution

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Approve Intergovernmental Contract between DeKalb County and City of Clarkston and City of Lithonia Creating the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority

DEPARTMENT: City Administration

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHEMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages: 9

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**PURPOSE:** To approve the attached Intergovernmental Contract between DeKalb County and City of Clarkston and City of Lithonia Creating the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority.

**NEED/ IMPACT:**

Pursuant to Section 48-4-100*et seq.* of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (The Land Bank Act), the Georgia General Assembly found that there exists in the State of Georgia a continuing need to strengthen and revitalize the economy of the State of Georgia and the local units of government in this State to assemble or dispose of public property, including dilapidated, abandoned and tax delinquent property, in a coordinated manner to foster the development of that property and to promote economic growth in the State of Georgia.

The Land Bank Act permits any county or counties and at least one city located in each participating county to enter into an intergovernmental contract establishing a land bank, the purpose of which would be to acquire tax delinquent and other properties in order to foster the public purpose of returning property which is nonrevenue generating and nontax producing to an effective utilization status in order to provide housing, new industry and jobs for the citizens of the State of Georgia;

The authority for the Parties to enter into this Contract is Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, which authorizes intergovernmental contracts for up to fifty (50) years for the provision of services or uses of property not otherwise prohibited by law, and the provisions of the Land Bank Act.

The Cities of Clarkston and Lithonia, Georgia and DeKalb County desire to create the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority as a public body corporate and politic within the State of Georgia to exercise the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of a land bank under the Land Bank Act.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends approval of the attached Intergovernmental Contract between DeKalb County and City of Clarkston and City of Lithonia Creating the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority.