



City of Smyrna

Issue Sheet

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Adopt resolution RES2024-007 authorizing joint Service Delivery Strategy negotiations, both informal and through mediation and authorizing legal actions as necessary to secure a Service Delivery Strategy Agreement with Cobb County and further authorizing a joint SDS Proceedings Agreement with the cities of Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Marietta, and Powder Springs.

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ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:

State law requires each county and affected municipalities located therein to develop, approve, and implement a service delivery strategy that specifies the way all local governmental services will be provided and funded. Smyrna has worked together with Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Marietta, and Powder Springs attempting to reach an agreement with Cobb County as required by state law. After nearly two years of negotiations, the cities have been unable to reach an agreement with Cobb County. State law governs how local governments resolve disputes regarding the review and revision of a service delivery strategy and this resolution authorizes those steps. Smyrna wishes to cooperate with its fellow cities in negotiation, alternative dispute resolution, and possible litigation and work jointly to achieve a fair Service Delivery Strategy agreement in accordance with state law and by joining those Cities in a joint SDS Proceedings Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends the adoption of resolution RES2024-07 authorizing joint Service Delivery Strategy negotiations, both informal and through mediation and authorizing legal actions as necessary to secure a Service Delivery Strategy Agreement with Cobb County and further authorizing a joint SDS Proceedings Agreement with the cities of Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Marietta, and Powder Springs.