



## SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY UPDATE CERTIFICATIONS

### Instructions:

This two page form must, at a minimum, be signed by an authorized representative of the following governments: 1) the county; 2) the city serving as the county seat; 3) all cities having a 2000 population of over 9,000 residing within the county; and 4) no less than 50% of all other cities with a 2000 population of between 500 and 9,000 residing within the county. Cities with a 2000 population below 500 and local authorities providing services under the strategy are not required to sign this form, but are encouraged to do so.

### UPDATED SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR Muscogee COUNTY

We, the undersigned authorized representatives of the jurisdictions listed below, certify that:

1. We have reviewed our existing Service Delivery Strategy and have determined that:  
(Check only one box for question #1)

- A. Our Strategy continues to accurately reflect our preferred arrangements for providing local services throughout our county and no changes in our Strategy are needed at this time; or
- B. Our Strategy has been revised to reflect our preferred arrangements for providing local services.

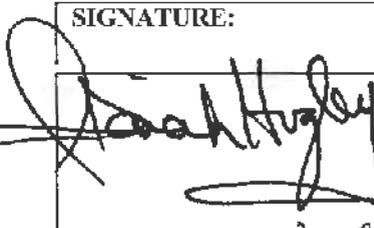
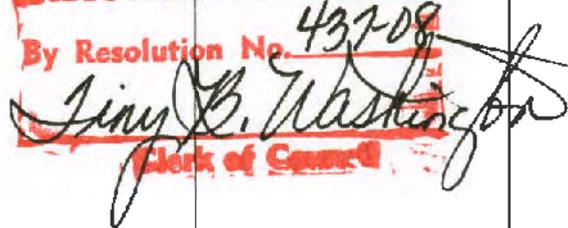
If Option A is selected, only this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives must be provided to DCA.

If Option B is selected, this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives, must be submitted to DCA along with:

- an updated "Summary of Service Arrangements" form (page 2) for each local service that has been revised/updated;
  - any supporting local agreements pertaining to each of these services that has been revised/updated; and
  - an updated service area map depicting the agreed upon service area for each provider if there is more than one service provider for each service that has been revised/updated within the county, and if the agreed upon service areas do not coincide with local political boundaries.
2. Each of our governing bodies (County Commission and City Councils) that are a party to this strategy have adopted resolutions agreeing to the Service Delivery arrangements identified in our strategy and have executed agreements for implementation of our service delivery strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-21);
3. Our service delivery strategy continues to promote the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner for all residents, individuals and property owners throughout the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1));
4. Our service delivery strategy continues to provide that water or sewer fees charged to customers located outside the geographic boundaries of a service provider are reasonable and are not arbitrarily higher than the fees charged to customers located within the geographic boundaries of the service provider (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (2));
5. Our service delivery strategy continues to ensure that the cost of any services the county government provides (including those jointly funded by the county and one or more municipalities) primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county are borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive such service (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (3));

6. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the officially adopted County and City land use plans of all local governments located in the County are compatible and nonconflicting (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(A));
7. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the provision of extraterritorial water and sewer services by any jurisdiction is consistent with all County and City land use plans and ordinances (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(B)); and
8. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to contain an agreed upon process between the county government and each city located in the county to resolve land use classification disputes when the county objects to the proposed land use of an area to be annexed into a city within the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(C))' and;
9. DCA has been provided a copy of this certification and copies of all forms, maps and supporting agreements needed to accurately depict our agreed upon strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-27).

*If the County does not have an Annexation/Land Use dispute resolution process with each of its cities, list the cities where no agreed upon process exists:*

SIGNATURE:	NAME: (Please print or type)	TITLE:	JURISDICTION:	DATE:
	Isaiah Hugley	City Manager	Columbus Consolidated Government	9/18/08
	Tiny Washington	Clerk of Council	Columbus Consolidated Government	9/18/2008
<p><b>EXECUTION AUTHORIZED</b>  <b>By Resolution No. 437-08</b>    <b>Clerk of Council</b></p>				

A RESOLUTION

437-08

NO. 437-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO SUBMIT TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY UPDATE.

WHEREAS, DCA requires that every county government complete a Service Delivery Strategy; and,

WHEREAS, a Service Delivery Strategy was completed in 1998 and requires the update of certain strategies to remove any inclusion of the former town of Bibb City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit such documentation as needed to update the Columbus Consolidated Government's Service Delivery Strategic plan, including removal of any language that refers to the former Town of Bibb City.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 2008, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of eight members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Anthony voting	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilor Baker voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Barnes voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Davis voting	<u>ABSENT FOR VOTE</u>
Councilor Henderson voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Hunter voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor McDaniel voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Turner Pugh voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Woodson voting	<u>YES</u>

  
SANDRA T. DAVIS, DEPUTY CLERK

  
Jim Wetherington, Mayor

Agenda Item # 1

Columbus Consolidated Government

Council Meeting

09/16/2008

Agenda Report # 315

TO: Mayor and Council  
SUBJECT: Updating the Service Delivery Strategy  
INITIATED BY: Planning Department

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to submit the update of the Service Delivery Strategy for the Columbus Consolidated Government to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

**Background:** The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) requires that a plan of cooperation for certain services between municipalities and the county government, be developed for every county. This is done to insure that there is no overlapping or duplication of services between these governments. In 1998, this strategy was developed for Muscogee County, which at that time included Bibb City. Since the last submission, the Town of Bibb City has combined into the Columbus Consolidated Government, which is now the only government in Muscogee County. With the submission of the update to the community's comprehensive plan, we are now obligated to update certain pages of this strategy where they make reference to Bibb City.

**Analysis:** Even though we are a consolidated government and have no other local governments in the county, the Columbus Consolidated Government is still required to file an update for this serviced delivery strategy.

**Financial Considerations:** There are no financial considerations or impacts from this action.

**Legal Considerations:** The submission of these updates will meet a DCA requirement that requires this action when a new or updated comprehensive plan is submitted.

**Recommendations/ Actions:** Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the update of the Service Delivery Strategy for the Columbus Consolidated Government

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SUMMARY OF SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS    PAGE 2**

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**County:** Muscogee

**Service:** Courts

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7. Person completing form: Rick Jones, Planning Director  
 Phone number: 706-225-3636 Date completed: September 8, 2008

8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy?  Yes  No

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**Service:** Fire Protection Services

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**Service:** Parks and Recreation

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**County:** Muscogee

**Service:** Sanitary Sewerage Collection

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3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Columbus Consolidated Government	General Fund, GEFA, User Fees

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

7. Person completing form: Rick Jones, Planning Director  
 Phone number: 708.225-3838 Date completed: September 8, 2008

8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy?  Yes  No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

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