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ALBANY, GEORGIA

November 17, 2006

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Mr. Mike Gleaton, Division Director
PEMD Division
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, N. E.
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231

RE: Dougherty County/City of Albany
Revision in Recreation Services
Service Delivery Strategy

Dear Mr. Gleaton:

We have enclosed an executed Joint Resolution of the City of Albany and Dougherty County revising its Recreation Services strategy, together with the Service Delivery Strategy and Certification forms executed by the Mayor of the City of Albany and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County.

Should you need further information, please contact Richard Crowdis, County Administrator, at 229-431-2121.

Sincerely,

Barbara Engram
County Clerk

Enclosures

Cc: Spencer Lee, County Attorney
C. Nathan Davis, City Attorney
Richard Crowdis, County Administrator



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY UPDATE CERTIFICATIONS

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UPDATED SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR DOUGHERTY 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:

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 - 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));
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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:
	Jeff Sinyard	Chairman	Dougherty County	October 30, 2006
	Willie Adams, Jr.	Mayor	City of Albany	October 23, 2006



**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY
SUMMARY OF SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS PAGE 2**

Instructions:

Make copies of this form and complete one for each service listed on page 1, Section III. Use exactly the same service names listed on page 1. Answer each question below, attaching additional pages as necessary. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of the page) changes, this should be reported to the Department of Community Affairs.

County: Dougherty

Service: Recreation

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.): City of Albany

Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion of the county by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.): _____

One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the service will not be provided in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service): _____

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Other (If this box is checked, attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.): _____

2. In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

Yes No

If these conditions will continue under the strategy, **attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement** (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

If these conditions will be eliminated under the strategy, **attach an implementation schedule** listing each step or action that will be taken to eliminate them, the responsible party and the agreed upon deadline for completing it.

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>
City of Albany	General Fund
Dougherty County	Special Tax District

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

None

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>
HB 489 City Ordinance	City of Albany	November 1, 2006
and Co. Resolution	Dougherty County	November 1, 2006

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: Richard Crowdis
 Phone number: 229-431-2121 Date completed: October 30, 2006

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:

18. RECREATION

Based on the research and analysis of the City's recreation information, the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government concluded in the jointly funded Albany-Dougherty Recreation Study that the total allocation of Recreation Services Cost to Dougherty County should be \$154,123 annually.

The staffs of both the City and County have thoroughly reviewed the Recreation Study and are in agreement with its findings and conclusion.

Additionally included for clarification purposes and also recommended by both staffs are the following provisions:

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 - b. Putney Neighborhood Park: This County owned passive park will be maintained 100% by the County.
 - c. Southeast Dougherty Park: This is a City leased active park with four (4) playing fields hosting Recreation programs. The City will continue maintenance of these playing fields and their associated field lights, fences, bleachers, dugouts, scoreboards, scorekeepers' box, and concession stand. The County will continue maintenance of all other grounds, fencing, equipment, and restroom.
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2. Program user fees will be equal for all residents whether they live inside the City or in the unincorporated area.
3. No more than four (4) years will pass before a joint review of the service delivery strategy is initiated.

The effective date of this Amendment would be the first of the month following the approval of both Commissions, or November 1, 2006.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy.
Barbara Engman
COUNTY CLERK

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**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED**

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AMENDING THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE CITY OF ALBANY AS IT RELATES TO RECREATION; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government has recently concluded a study which analyzed the cost of recreation services provided by the City of Albany (exclusive of the cost of the Flint River Municipal Golf Course and certain passive parks); and

WHEREAS, staff from Dougherty County, Georgia and the City of Albany have concurred with the findings and conclusions reached in said study,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany, Georgia and Dougherty County, Georgia and it is hereby resolved by authority of same:

SECTION 1. Paragraph 18 of the Service Delivery Strategy between Dougherty County, Georgia and the City of Albany is amended to read as follows:

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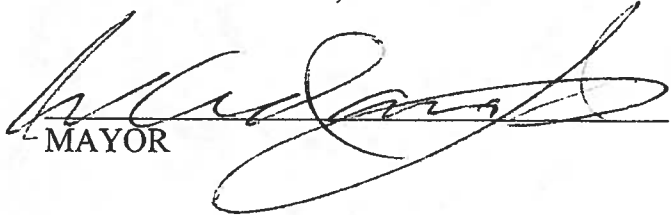
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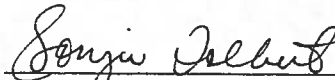
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SECTION 2. All resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are repealed.

CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Adopted: October 24, 2006

Introduced By Commissioner: Postell
Date(s) read: October 24, 2006

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA



Chairman

ATTEST:



COUNTY CLERK

Adopted: *November 1, 2006*



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