



DATE: July 13, 2022

ISSUE SUMMARY: Annual Population Estimates

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IMPORTANCE:

The Atlanta Regional Commission annually produces population estimates for major jurisdictions in the Atlanta Region. These estimates are the basis for assessing dues for the following year. Under the law establishing the Atlanta Regional Commission, the estimates and dues calculation must be adopted by the Commission before the end of August.

METHODOLOGY

The foundation for these population estimates is the 2020 United States Census . Counts of housing units are updated to April 1 of the estimate year based on prior year building permit data and previous year estimates. The updated permit trends are translated into population change based on observed 2020 average occupancy rates and household sizes. Attached are:

- A proposed resolution adopting the April 1, 2022 estimates.
- A table detailing the April 1, 2022 estimates and comparing them with data for earlier years.
- A table detailing the calculation of the appropriation due from each political jurisdiction in the year 2023.

ACTION REQUIRED:

The ARC Board will be asked to adopt population estimates at their July 13 meeting.

RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION APPROVING ANNUAL POPULATION ESTIMATES

WHEREAS, under Subsection (b) of Georgia Code Section 50-8-101, as amended, the Atlanta Regional Commission is required to prepare annual estimates of the population of each county within the Area and the City of Atlanta as the basis for determining the operating funds which each county and the City of Atlanta will provide the Commission in the calendar year next following the year in which the estimates were made; and

WHEREAS, Subsection (c) of Georgia Code Section 50-8-101 requires that after the first day of April but before the first day of September of each year the Atlanta Regional Commission shall make the necessary population estimates and compute the amount due from the governing body of each political subdivision in accordance with a formula set forth in Subsection (b) of Georgia Code Section 50-8-101 and certify such population estimates and other data to each such governing body; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Atlanta Regional Commission has prepared population estimates based on the analysis of a variety of social and economic measures and calculated the amount due from the governing body of each political subdivision as set forth in the attached table;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission hereby approves the April 1, 2022 population estimates and computations set forth in the attached tables and authorizes the Director to certify them to the governing bodies as required by law.