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To: Dr. Michael J. Bell, Chief Financial Officer
From: Deputy Director of Finance, Internal Audit & Licensing
Subject: Comprehensive Revenue Study/ Police Services
Re: Animal Services & Enforcement Division

General Information

Internal Audit is currently conducting a comprehensive revenue study of DeKalb County departments that generate revenues from services or user fees. This study is primarily prompted by the past experiences and anticipation of future revenue shortfall.

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the study is to identify all countywide sources of revenues, review rate/fee structure to determine whether an increase is feasible. Also, we attempted to identify new sources of revenue such as services that are rendered without a fee.

It should be pointed out that some fines/fees cannot be changed except by regulation.

Results

In general, the various fees charged by Animal Services are in the upper range of comparative fees of other Metro Atlanta jurisdictions. However, there has been a proposal for an increase of \$5.00 in Registration Fees that is in process in Animal Services' chain of command.

Internal Audit recommends that Police Services (Animal Services & Enforcement) present this increase proposal to the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee and the CEO's Office.

Internal Audit continues to seek ways to increase revenue for DeKalb County.

Sincerely,

Eugene O'Mard

Cc: Assistant Chief Rodney Rancifer, DeKalb County Public Safety – Field Operations Bureau
Russell Frankofsky, Deputy Director of Finance – Budget and Grants

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