

RESOLUTION NO. 26090

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TAKE ACTION TO EQUITABLY FUND SERVICES FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY THROUGH LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING TENNESSEE STATE LAW.

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WHEREAS, The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners has adopted Resolution Number 1009-21 expressing disapproval with the City of Chattanooga's actions to annex certain areas within Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, The text of the resolution states, in part, "that said annexation would not provide those communities with any substantial services and benefits that are presently unavailable to them", and

WHEREAS, Provision of adequate services and the equitable sharing of financial responsibility is a critical issue to be considered in providing for the growth and development of the entire Chattanooga area including those areas proposed for annexation and other areas within municipal growth boundaries in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Among other measures, Tennessee State Law, T.C.A. §§ 5-17-101, *et seq.*, specifically authorizes the county legislative body to provide for the equitable funding of fire services through the establishment of one or more fire tax districts and the levying of an annual fire tax on those properties in unincorporated portions of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, That the City Council does hereby respectfully request that the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners take long-overdue action to begin to equitably fund services for unincorporated areas of the County through local implementation of existing provisions of Tennessee State Law.

ADOPTED: October 6, 2009

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