



MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Government Chief Elected Officials, Local Government Clerks, Planning Directors, Managers and Administrators

FROM: Christopher Nunn, Commissioner

DATE: September 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Proposed Rules for Annexation Arbitration

Summary: DCA plans to create rules governing the annexation arbitration process. These rules will reflect recent legislative changes and update standards to reflect processes and systems that have already been implemented.

Earlier this year the Georgia General Assembly passed HB 1461 that amended the existing annexation arbitration statute. Among the requirements of this act is a provision that requires DCA to create rules. Pursuant to statute, DCA is moving forward to establish these rules.

State law (Georgia Administrative Procedures Act O.C.G.A. §50-13-1, et seq.) provides an opportunity for you to provide input on these draft rules or request changes prior to adoption by the Board of Community Affairs. To assist you with this, I have attached a synopsis of the proposed amendments as well as a "Notice of Public Hearing and Intent to Adopt" these proposed changes. A clickable link to the draft standards has been included in each of the attached documents. You can submit your comments in writing to the address below, or you can attend one of the public hearings.

Please note that the Board of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs intends to act on the proposed rules at its meeting at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at the Savannah Economic Development Authority, 906 Drayton Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. If adopted by the Board of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the revised rules will automatically become effective twenty days after they are filed with the Secretary of State.

The full text of the proposed rules can be found on our website at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/2110/documents/2033>.

If you have any questions, need additional information, or wish to submit comments on the rules, please contact:

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