

**CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

15-O-1592

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLA SMITH TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 2-924, TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ESTABLISH A DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE MAYOR FOR DECLINED PORTIONS OF HIS OR HER SALARY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Workflow List:

Clerk of Council	Completed	12/17/2015 9:53 AM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	12/16/2015 3:00 PM
Finance/Executive Committee	Completed	01/13/2016 1:00 PM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	01/19/2016 1:00 PM
Mayor's Office	Pending	

HISTORY:

12/16/15 Atlanta City Council REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION

RESULT:	REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION	Next: 1/13/2016 1:00 PM
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01/13/16 Finance/Executive Committee FAVORABLE

RESULT:	FAVORABLE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/19/2016 1:00 PM
AYES:	Wan, Shook, Adrean, Archibong, Martin, Moore, Dickens	

01/19/2016 Atlanta City Council ADOPTED

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]	
AYES:	Norwood, Dickens, Smith, Young Jr., Winslow, Archibong, Wan, Shook, Adrean, Moore, Martin, Bottoms	
ABSENT:	Joyce Sheperd	
AWAY:	Michael Julian Bond, Kwanza Hall	

Certified by Presiding Officer	Certified by Clerk
Mayor's Action <i>See Authentication Page Attachment</i>	

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Carla Smith, Councilmember, District 4


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WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Article 9, Sec. 2, Paragraph VIII provides that the General Assembly may authorize municipalities to appropriate money for purely charitable purposes; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly authorized such appropriations by enacting a new Charter in 1996 which includes City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances Sec. 6-306 providing for donations of City funds for purely charitable purposes; and

WHEREAS, City of Atlanta Code Section 2-39 authorizes and directs the chief financial officer to establish councilmember expense accounts from which charitable donations for the public good may be distributed; and

WHEREAS, there is no corresponding account from which the Mayor can distribute funds to charitable organizations for the benefit of the citizens of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Council, through City of Atlanta Ordinance No. 12-0-1536, increased the salaries of the Mayor and Council, effective January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kasim Reed has declined to receive any of his salary increase or attendant increases in benefits as established by Ordinance 12-0-15 3 6; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a distribution account within the budget of the Mayor from which charitable donations may be disbursed would allow the declined portion of the Mayor's salary to be utilized for the benefit of the citizens and the general public in the City of Atlanta;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Section 2-924 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-924.- Contingency funds-Mayor and council president. The chief financial officer shall be authorized to establish the following accounts.

(a) An account within the budget of the mayor and the president of the council for an unrestricted contingency fund, to be spent for any lawful expenditure at the discretion of the mayor and the president respectively, for amenities of their respective offices. Specifically, the purposes for which it is contemplated the funds will be expended include gifts, entertainment, flowers, telegrams, luncheons, dinners, receptions and other expenses deemed proper by the mayor and the council president respectively. Such expenditures are declared to be for a public purpose.

(b) An account within the budget of the mayor to which any portion of his or her City of Atlanta salary which the mayor declines to receive may be transferred, and from which disbursements may be made to any 501(c)(3) corporation duly registered as a charitable organization with the State of Georgia whose activities promote the public good within the City of Atlanta.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.