

**AN ORDINANCE BY
COUNCILMEMBER KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS**

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE COMMISSIONER OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT TO ADD LANGUAGE ON ALL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER BILLS TO ALLOW FOR THE VOLUNTARY DONATION OF FUNDS BY THE PUBLIC TO BE UTILIZED FOR LIMITED HOME REPAIRS FOR OLDER ADULTS OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; TO DIRECT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO CREATE A TRUST FUND ACCOUNT TO DEPOSIT SAID FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Community Development manages the Limited Home Repair Services Program (the “Program”) where several non-profit organizations offer minor home repairs for free or low cost for older adults or persons with disabilities that meet certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Community Development receives Community Development Block Grant funding to operate the Program, and requests for repairs exceeds the available funding; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest to establish an additional funding mechanism to assist with minor home repairs for of our senior and disabled citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Commissioner of the Department of Watershed Management is hereby requested to include language on all residential and commercial water bills to allow for the voluntary donation of funds to be used for minor home repairs for older adults or persons with disabilities.

SECTION 2: That the Chief Financial Officer is requested to create a Trust Fund Account for the deposit of said funds.

SECTION 3: That the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Community Development is hereby provided the authority to manage the newly created Trust Fund Account for purposes of providing supplemental funding for the Limited Home Repair Services Program.

SECTION 4: Individuals must meet current eligibility requirements to receive services through the Limited Home Repair Services Program.

SECTION 5: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby waived.

