



**DATE:** August 26, 2020

**ISSUE SUMMARY: Annual Population Estimates**

**FROM:** Mark Mathews, Chair, Community Resources Committee

**IMPORTANCE:**

The Atlanta Regional Commission annually produces population estimates for major jurisdictions in the Atlanta Region. These estimates are the basis for assessing dues for the following year. Under the law establishing the Atlanta Regional Commission, the estimates and dues calculation must be adopted by the Commission before the end of August.

**METHODOLOGY**

The foundation for these population estimates is the 2010 United States Census. Counts of housing units are updated to April 1 of the estimate year based on prior year building permit data and previous year estimates. The updated permit trends are translated into population change based on observed 2010 average occupancy rates and household sizes adjusted for best available current vacancy information from the United States Postal Service and school enrollment data. The estimates derived from the assessment of building permits are further refined by consideration of birth, death, and migration data from the U.S. Census Bureau. This additional data is used in a demographic accounting equation estimates model that was calibrated by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Attached is a proposed resolution adopting the April 1, 2020 estimates.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

The ARC Board will be asked to adopt population estimates at their August 26th monthly meeting.

## **RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION APPROVING ANNUAL POPULATION ESTIMATES**

WHEREAS, under Subsection (b) of Georgia Code Section 50-8-101, as amended, the Atlanta Regional Commission is required to prepare annual estimates of the population of each county within the Area and the City of Atlanta as the basis for determining the operating funds which each county and the City of Atlanta will provide the Commission in the calendar year next following the year in which the estimates were made; and

WHEREAS, Subsection (c) of Georgia Code Section 50-8-101 requires that after the first day of April but before the first day of September of each year the Atlanta Regional Commission shall make the necessary population estimates and compute the amount due from the governing body of each political subdivision in accordance with a formula set forth in Subsection (b) of Georgia Code Section 50-8-101 and certify such population estimates and other data to each such governing body; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Atlanta Regional Commission has prepared population estimates based on the analysis of a variety of social and economic measures and calculated the amount due from the governing body of each political subdivision as set forth in the attached table;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission hereby approves the April 1, 2020 population estimates and computations set forth in the attached tables and authorizes the Director to certify them to the governing bodies as required by law.