

Chapter 10 – PRESERVATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT HISTORY

Sec. 10-1 Scope of Chapter

The County desires to provide for the preservation of DeKalb County Government history that can be shared with, and enjoyed by, future generations. This ordinance pertains to documents and artifacts that are not mandatory by Federal and State Statutes to be retained by the County, but rather other documents and artifacts that would be of historical interest.

Sec. 10-2 Intent and Purpose of Chapter

- A. The DeKalb County History Center is named as the County's official repository for documents and artifacts not required by Statute to be retained by the County.
- B. The DeKalb County Joiner History Room, which is part of DeKalb County Government and located at the DeKalb County History Center, is the County's resource for assisting the History Center, and the general public, in acquiring documents and artifacts on DeKalb County Government, as well as providing a place and/or methods for the public to research and learn about DeKalb County Government.
- C. In as much as DeKalb County Government derived historically from the township form of government, the Joiner History Room is also charged with the responsibility to secure documents and artifacts about township government in DeKalb County.
- D. DeKalb County Department Heads are charged with the responsibility of working with the DeKalb County History Center to determine and provide documents and artifacts which are of historical significance, if Departments are not otherwise required by law to house said documents and artifacts within offices and storage areas provided to the Department. All donations will be reviewed for acceptance in accordance with the DeKalb County History Center's Collection Policy.

Sec. 10-3 County Historian

- A. The DeKalb County Board Chair, with the advice and consent of the County Board, may appoint a "County Historian" for a two-year term beginning on July 1st of even-numbered years and ending on June 30th of even-numbered years. If a vacancy exists, an interim appointment may be made to fill out the term, using the same method as for a complete term. The County Historian may be removed by a majority vote of the County Board. This Code Section becomes operative on July 1, 2026, or when the position next becomes vacant, whichever is first.
- B. The role of the County Historian is to oversee the Joiner History Room within the standards, policies and procedures established by the DeKalb County History Center Board; provide for the easy access, physically or electronically, of DeKalb County Government documents and artifacts no longer under the responsibility of a County Department Head; and provide opportunities for the public to learn about DeKalb County Government history as well as Township Government.

Sec. 10-4 Effective Date

This Code shall be effective February 1, 2020.

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