

## **ACRB Proposed Ordinance Changes Summary**

The legislation to amend Sections 2-2201 through 2-2213 of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board Ordinance, at Chapter 2, Article XVI, Division 11 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, is to increase the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's (ACRB) ability to better serve the citizens and officers of Atlanta.

The recommendations can be broken into four categories:

- increased efficiency,
- increased accountability,
- increased governance of the Board, and
- increased service to citizens.

These recommendations will correct several deficiencies in the current ACRB ordinance.

**1. Increased Efficiency**

The recommendations will increase efficiency through offering a mediation program to citizens and officers.

**2. Increased Accountability**

The recommendations will increase accountability through a requirement that the chiefs of police and corrections provide greater detail for disciplinary decisions.

**3. Increased Governance of the Board**

The recommendations will increase governance of the board through required board training, board member term limits, an alternative process to fill prolonged board vacancies, an offering of board member compensation, and a more detailed protocol for board member removal.

**4. Increased Service to Citizens**

The recommendations will increase the agency's service to the citizens through expanding the allegation jurisdiction, which will reduce the number of complaints dismissed due to a lack of jurisdiction; expand the jurisdiction to acceptance of anonymous complaints; provide clarification of definitions and new definitions; require board member outreach, and set the proper standard of proof for evidence.

The ACRB ordinance has not been amended since 2010. Essentially, the recommendations are long overdue. The major fiscal impact is board member compensation. The recommendation is requesting \$25 per meeting and training session.