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MEMORANDUM

DATE: **August 28, 2025**

TO: **Georgia Municipal Governments**

FROM: **Lisa Westin, Director: Office of Planning, Research, & Geoanalytics**

RE: **Mandatory Reporting of Annexations via New Statewide Platform Effective 9/1/2025**

As you are likely aware, for decades Georgia law has required all local governments that annex or deannex territory to report those actions and provide supporting documentation to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). More recently, in the 2021-2022 Session of the General Assembly, House Bill 1385 was passed and enacted by the Governor. This bill included new instructions requiring all local governments that annex or deannex property after July 1, 2022, to submit a digital GIS file of the affected parcels to DCA and the General Assembly's Office of Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment.

In order to facilitate better compliance with this requirement, DCA is pleased to announce a new **annexation reporting tool**. It is our goal to make it easier for local governments to submit, track, and manage annexation data efficiently and accurately.

This new, web-based tool is part of our ongoing effort to streamline reporting processes and improve data accuracy across jurisdictions. With the new system, you will be able to:

- Submit annexation reports online quickly and securely
- Receive real-time confirmation and updates on submissions
- Access historical annexation data and reports
- Ensure compliance with state reporting requirements

How to Get Started:
Visit Annexation Reporting & Resources (https://annexations-gagio.hub.arcgis.com/) to access the tool and view user instructions.

If you need assistance, we've also provided a Frequently Asked Questions section at FAQ | Annexations (https://gagiocommunity.hub.arcgis.com/pages/faq).

All local governments are required to use this new tool for any annexations occurring after September 1, 2025.

Following implementation of this new system, DCA will not accept (de)annexation filings via any other means: mailed, faxed, or emailed (de)annexation reports will not be accepted by DCA. Please understand that, under law, (de)annexed territory cannot be reflected on state maps for any purpose until the required materials have been properly filed with DCA. However, the statute that contains these new requirements also directs your local regional commission to assist you in the preparation of GIS files in the event that you cannot produce them, yourselves.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at gis@dca.ga.gov if you have questions about the reporting requirements or the new system. You can reach out to your regional commission, directly, for assistance with creating the necessary GIS materials.