

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Relocating to New Facility in Metro Atlanta

[Cox Enterprises, Inc.](#) has announced that [The Atlanta \(Ga.\) Journal-Constitution](#) will be relocating headquarters from its downtown facility to a new location in metro Atlanta. The move will go into effect in the first quarter of 2010 and be completed over a period of months.

“This decision was made to benefit our customers, employees and business,” said AJC’s Publisher Michael Joseph. “We hold corporations and government officials accountable for fiscal responsibility, and we must do the same for ourselves. This move will reduce controllable costs and help the company remain viable and focused on our core mission of journalism, while continuing to serve the community and provide advertising solutions.”

In 2007, the AJC invested \$30 million in printing press and production enhancements in its Gwinnett County facility. Late last year, the company consolidated its printing operations by transferring the downtown production center to the Gwinnett facility. As a result, the AJC occupies less than 30 percent of its downtown facility, which is outdated and requires substantial funds to maintain and operate. The new AJC headquarters, located at 223 Perimeter Center Parkway, provides scalability to match the company’s current needs and future growth.

Through its various print and digital platforms, the AJC serves all of metro Atlanta, which will continue regardless of its headquarters location. An intown bureau will house breaking news reporters and those covering government, institutions and businesses in the midtown and downtown areas.

“While this move represents a physical change, what does not change is the AJC’s focus or commitment to news coverage,” said Doug Franklin, executive vice president of Cox Newspapers. “In fact, our real estate savings will only help the AJC continue to be the leading source of news, information and advertising for metro Atlanta.”

The new site provides ample parking for employees and is located directly across the street from the Dunwoody MARTA station. As part of Cox Conserves, the company’s national sustainability program, alternative transportation options were a key factor in determining the location.

The downtown facility is situated on nearly six acres of property that are owned by Cox Enterprises. Cox has no plans to sell the property, which the company believes has significant long-term value to the city.

In addition to the 72 Marietta Street location, Cox owns nearly 350 acres of property within the Atlanta city limits where it operates WSB-TV, five radio stations and three of its Manheim auto auctions.