

Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County
Lawrenceville, Georgia

A Resolution to Amend the Gwinnett County Sign Ordinance

SOA2003-001

Date of Reading and Adoption: May 27, 2003

At the regular meeting of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia.

<u>Commission Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Wayne Hill, Chairman	Yes	Aye
Marcia Neaton, District 1	Yes	Aye
Albert Nasuti, District 2	Yes	Aye
John Dunn, District 3	Yes	Aye
Kevin Kenerly, District 4	Yes	Aye

On motion of Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Neaton, which carried 5-0, the following resolution was adopted:

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Gwinnett County Sign Ordinance on August 28, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, the Sign Ordinance provides that the text thereof may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Sign Ordinance was reviewed by the Planning Commission on May 20, 2003 and a recommendation forwarded to the Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that the following amendment to the Sign Ordinance promotes the health, safety, convenience, order, prosperity and the general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Gwinnett County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, this May 27, 2003, that Section 86-101. Definitions, Section 86-103. Sign Permit Application, Section 86-106. Labels Required on Signs, Section 86-110. Flags, Section 86-111. Signs Exempt from Specified Provisions of this Resolution, Section 86-114A. (Sign Table), and Section 86-115. Oversized Signs of the

Gwinnett County Sign Ordinance shall be amended as follows: delete the Ga. Hwy 20 reference and substitute in lieu thereof a Ga. Hwy. 84 reference after the phrase "Grayson Parkway" in the definition of "Parkway" contained in Section 86-101;" add a sentence at the end of the definition of "Weekend Directional Sign" contained in Section 86-101; delete paragraph (8) of Section 86-103 and substitute in lieu thereof a new paragraph (8); delete paragraph (b) of Section 86-106 and substitute in lieu thereof a new paragraph (b); re-title Section 86-108 from "Signs and Sign Devices Prohibited" to "Prohibited Signs and Sign Devices;" delete paragraph (3) of Section 86-108 and substitute in lieu thereof a new paragraph (3); add a new paragraph, paragraph (j), to Section 86-110; re-title Section 86-111 from "Signs Exempt from Specified Provisions of this Resolution" to "Exempt Signs;" delete paragraph (1) of Section 86-111 and substitute in lieu thereof a new paragraph (1); add a new paragraph, paragraph "12" to Section 86-114A; and delete paragraph (3) of Section 86-115 and substitute in lieu thereof a new paragraph (3):

Section 86-101. Definitions.

Parkway. A divided or undivided classified roadway, including:

- (3) Grayson Parkway (Ga. Hwy. 84)

Weekend Directional Sign. An off-premises sign which provides directions to property for sale, lease or rent. Weekend directional signs may be erected from Friday 3:00 p.m. until Sunday 11:59 p.m., and direct traffic to a specific project. Note: Weekend Direction Signs are prohibited by Section 86-108.

Section 86-103. Sign Permit Application.

- (8) Written consent of the property owner, or his agent, granting permission for the placement and/or maintenance of subject sign. The signature of consent may be electronic subject to the requirements of Georgia law.

Section 86-106. Labels Required on Signs.

- (b) For each temporary sign permit, the permit holder or, permit holder's agent shall keep the official permit on file at the premises as evidence of permit issuance. The absence of an official permit shall be prima facie evidence that the sign has been, or is being, displayed in violation of this ordinance.

Section 86-108. Prohibited Signs and Sign Devices.

- (3) Portable, trailer, sidewalk, sandwich, curb, or "A"-type Signs.

Section 86-110. Flags.

(j) A sign permit is not required for flags.

Section 86-111. Exempt Signs.

(1) Non-illuminated temporary freestanding signs (excluding banners which are regulated in accordance with Section 86-109). For each residential or non-residential lot, the quantity of these signs shall be limited to either one (1) sign that is 32 square feet in area or up to four (4) signs with each of these signs limited to a maximum of 4 square feet in area. In addition, each sign shall not be greater than four (4) feet above the grade level of the adjacent street to which the sign is located or three (3) feet above ground level, whichever is greater. These signs shall not be located within the public street right-of-way and shall be no closer than ten (10) feet to the back of curb of a public roadway.

Section 86-114. Maximum Heights, Maximum Sizes, Setback Requirements and Quantity of Signs Permitted.

Signs in unincorporated Gwinnett County shall be permitted and regulated in accordance with the following Sign Table, unless otherwise regulated, prohibited or exempted herein:

SECTION 86-114A (SIGN TABLE)

Type of Sign, Purpose or Use	Maximum Height	Setback	Maximum Allowed Size per Sign (Square Feet)	Quantity & Type Permitted
12. Permanent Sign for a Subdivision Recreation Area.	5 Ft.	0 Ft.	GROUND SIGNS - 24 Sq Ft WALL SIGNS - 9 Sq Ft	GROUND SIGNS One sign structure per road frontage not to exceed the maximum allowable square footage. WALL SIGNS Signs shall not exceed one placed on the front elevation.

Section 86-115. Oversized Signs.

- (3) Oversized signs shall not be less than 1,250 feet from the limits of any overlay zoning district where they are prohibited or from any other oversized sign in any direction, on either side of the same right-of-way or along another right-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes effective immediately upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all regulations or parts of regulations in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict.

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