

Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County
Lawrenceville, Georgia

A Resolution to Amend the Gwinnett County Sign Ordinance
SOA2008-001

Date of Reading and Adoption: March 25, 2008

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>
Charles E. Bannister, Chairman	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Aye</u>
Lorraine Green, District 1	<u>Absent</u>	
Albert Nasuti, District 2	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Aye</u>
Mike Beaudreau, District 3	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Aye</u>
Kevin Kenerly, District 4	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Aye</u>

On motion of Commissioner Beaudreau, seconded by Commissioner Kenerly, which carried 4-0, 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 amended said Ordinance on May 27, 2003 and September 20, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds it desirable to amend the Gwinnett County Sign Ordinance to allow the display of graduation banners on residentially zoned property for certain periods of time; 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 March 18, 2008 and a recommendation forwarded to the Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that the following amendment to the Gwinnett County 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 the 25th day of March, 2008, that the Gwinnett County Sign Ordinance, be amended as follows:

Chapter 86, Article V, Section 86-101. Definitions shall be amended by adding the following definition:

Graduation banner. A banner that provides information about a student's or students' graduation from any school or college.

Chapter 86, Article V, Section 86-109. Temporary Signs shall be amended by deleting subsection (2) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 86-109. Temporary Signs.

(2) Except as exempted under Section 86-111, banners which display a message, logo, statement, or commercial message shall be regulated as follows:

- a. Each banner shall not exceed 16 square feet.
- b. Each banner must be individually attached to a pole, mast, arm, or other structure.
- c. For any lot, banners shall be limited to one banner per public street frontage.
- d. Banners must be maintained in good condition.

Chapter 86, Article V, Section 86-111. Exempt Signs shall be further amended by deleting subsection (1) in its entirety and inserting a new subsection (1) as follows:

(1) Non-illuminated temporary freestanding signs (excluding banners which are regulated in accordance with Sections 86-109 and 86-111(11)). For each residential or non-residential lot, the quantity of these signs shall be limited to either one (1) sign that is sixteen (16) square feet in area or up to four (4) signs with each of these signs limited to a maximum of four (4) square feet in area. In addition, each sign shall not be greater than eight (8) 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 the curb of a public roadway.

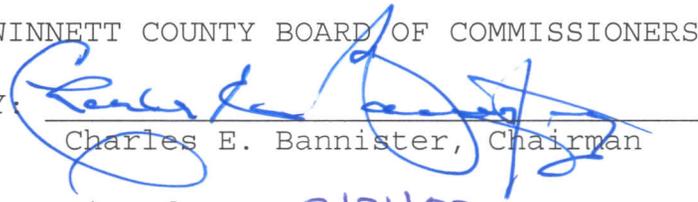
Chapter 86, Article V, Section 86-111. Exempt Signs shall be further amended by adding a new subsection (11) as follows:

- (11) Graduation banners placed on residentially zoned property. Such banners may be no more than 24

square feet in size and must be maintained in good condition and individually attached to a pole, mast, arm, or other structure. A graduation banner may not be displayed on any lot for more than 60 consecutive days.

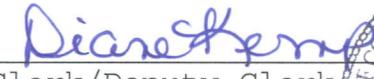
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all regulations or parts of the same in conflict with this Resolution are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict.

GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: 
Charles E. Bannister, Chairman

Date Signed: 3/31/08

ATTEST:


Clerk/Deputy Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Theresa A. Cox
Senior Assistant County Attorney