

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AN AMENDMENT TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE OF GWINNETT COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Quality of Life Unit has identified certain revisions to the Sign Ordinance which would enhance enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has also identified certain beneficial revisions to the County's existing Sign Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the revisions articulated in this ordinance will enhance the aesthetics of the County's commercial areas while providing greater safety to area residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Sign Ordinance of Gwinnett County found at Sections 86-100 through 86-123 of the Code of Ordinances of Gwinnett County be amended as follows:

1.

Section 86-101 is amended by deleting the definition of *Window Sign* and inserting in lieu thereof the following new definition of *Window Sign*:

*Window Sign.* A sign installed flush with the interior or exterior of a window and intended to be viewed from the outside. Any sign prohibited by Section 86-108 shall not be allowed as a window sign.

2.

Section 86-108 is amended by striking subsection 86-108(a)(10)

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 86-108. Signs and Sign Devices Prohibited.

(a) The following types of signs or advertising devices are prohibited in all zoning districts of the County:

. . .

(10) Individual or aggregate window signs exceeding 20% of the window area per building elevation."

3.

Section 86-111 is amended by striking subsection (6) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 86-111. Signs Exempt from Specified Provisions of this article.

The following types of signs are exempt from the requirements of this article unless otherwise expressly prohibited under section 86-108. However, all of these signs shall abide by the height and setback requirements as specified in section 86-114(A) (Sign Table).

. . .

(6) Window signs not exceeding 20% of the available window space per building elevation."

4.

A new Section 86-124 is added as follows:

"Section 86-124. Customary Home Occupation Signs Prohibited.

For each parcel of real property upon which a customary home occupation is conducted as defined in Section 607 of the 1985 Zoning Resolution of Gwinnett County, a sign advertising the

customary home occupation conducted on the premises shall be prohibited. There shall be no exterior evidence of the conduct of the home occupation upon such premises."

5.

This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2009.

6.

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

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GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA

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