

GWINNETT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA

ORDINANCE ENTITLED: Unified Development Ordinance of Gwinnett County

READING AND ADOPTION: JUNE 24, 2015

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

Name	Present	Vote
Charlotte J. Nash, Chairman	YES	YES
Jace Brooks, District 1	YES	YES
Lynette Howard, District 2	YES	YES
Tommy Hunter, District 3	YES	YES
John Heard, District 4	YES	NO

On motion of Commissioner Brooks, which carried 4-1, the Unified Development Ordinance of Gwinnett County, Title 2: Land Use and Zoning, is hereby amended.

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Ordinance contains regulations governing zoning and land use, development and permitting, landscape requirements and architectural guidelines, as well as procedures for the administration and application of those regulations; and

WHEREAS, by careful review of the rules and requirements contained therein, it has become evident that certain Chapters and Sections of the Unified Development Ordinance could be logically amended; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners desires that the Unified Development Ordinance provide appropriate and sound regulation of land use, zoning, development and permitting; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Ordinance was adopted by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners on February 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Ordinance provides that the text, tables and drawings thereof may be amended from time to time by the Board of Commissioners following submission of certain items to the Municipal-Gwinnett County Planning Commission for review and recommendation; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners that the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

That Title 2, Section 230-100, Table 230.4 (Table of Permitted and Special Uses) is amended by inserting the entry of Permitted Use ("P") for the use of Beekeeping in the RA-200, R-LL, R-100, R-75, OSC, R-60, MH, TND, R-SR, R-TH, RM-13, RM-24, HRR, O-R, MU-N, MU-C and MU-R zoning districts. A Yes ("Y") shall also be inserted in the Supplemental Regulation column of the Table for Beekeeping.

That Title 2, Chapter 230, Subsection 230-130.3 Supplemental Use Standards (per Table of Permitted Uses) is amended by alphabetically inserting the following entry for Beekeeping, and renumbering the remaining items as necessary:

Beekeeping

In all non-agricultural residential zoning districts, beekeeping shall meet the following requirements:

1. Honey bees shall not be kept on lots containing less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet. No more than two colonies or hives, with only two swarms, shall be allowed per ten thousand (10,000) square feet.
2. Hives shall be marked or identified to notify visitors.
3. No hive shall exceed twenty (20) cubic feet in volume.
4. No hive shall be located closer than ten (10) feet from any property line.
5. No hive shall be located closer than fifty (50) feet from a public right-of-way or twenty-five (25) feet from the principal building on an abutting lot.
6. A constant supply of water shall be provided for all hives.
7. A flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height shall shield any part of a property line that is within twenty-five (25) feet of a hive. The flyway barrier shall consist of a wall, fence, dense vegetation or a combination thereof.
8. Any colony or hive which becomes a nuisance as defined by state law must be removed.
9. Abandoned colonies or hives and diseased bees shall be removed (this shall not prohibit the use of swarm traps).

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By: Charlotte J. Nash
Charlotte J. Nash, Chairman

Date Signed: 6/25/16

ATTEST:

By: Diane Kemp
Diane Kemp, County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Van Sten
Chief Assistant County Attorney