

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-07
ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY,
GEORGIA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES COLUMBIA COUNTY
GEORGIA; AMENDING CHAPTER 90; ZONING; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 90-97
AND 90-147 TO AMEND THE ALLOWED USES AND USE PROVISIONS TO
INCLUDE TATTOO PARLORS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TO
REPEAL ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

THIS ORDINANCE adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia (the “Board”).

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Code of Ordinances Columbia County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Board have reviewed and considered implementing changes to the zoning ordinance to further breakout and regulate the operation of tattoo parlors for the benefits of the citizens of Columbia County, Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 90, Zoning, Article III, Section 90-97, Allowed Uses. Chapter 90, Article III, Section 90-97, Allowed Uses is hereby amended by deleting the existing Chapter 90, Article III, Section 90-97 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the Chapter 90, Article III, Section 90-97 set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof.


Section 2. Amendment of Chapter 90, Zoning, Article III, Section 90-147, Use Provisions. Chapter 90, Article III, Section 90-147, Use Provisions is hereby amended by deleting the existing Chapter 90, Article III, Section 90-147 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the Chapter 90, Article III, Section 90-147 set forth in Exhibit “B” attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances previously adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia which are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to eliminate such conflict.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED, this 3rd day of October, 2023.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA**

By: 
Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Chairman

Attest: 
Patrice R. Crawley
Clerk



Exhibit A

Sec. 90-97. Allowed uses.

(a) *Use table.*

- (1) Allowed use (A). Indicates a use is allowed in the respective district. The use is also subject to all other applicable requirements of the code.
- (2) Limited use (L). Indicates a use is allowed in the respective district, subject to a use standard found in the right-hand column of the use table. The use is also subject to all other applicable requirements of the code.
- (3) Conditional use (C). Indicates a use may be allowed in the respective district only where approved by the board of commissioners in accordance with section 90-180.
- (4) Use not allowed. A blank cell indicates that a use is not allowed in the respective district.

Use Category	Commercial and Industrial									Definition/ Standards
Specific Use	C-1	C-C	C-2	C-3	P-1	PDD	M-1	M-2	S-1	
Tattoo parlor	C	C	C		C	C			C	90-147(g)(8)e.

Exhibit B

Sec. 90-147. Use provisions.

(g) *Commercial uses.*

(8) *Personal service*

- a. *Defined.* A facility involved in providing personal or repair services to the general public. Personal service includes the following:
 1. Animal care.
 2. Beauty, hair, or nail salon.
 3. Catering establishment.
 4. Cleaning establishment, dry-cleaning or laundry drop-off facility, laundromat, washeteria.
 5. Copy center, printing, binding, photocopying, blueprinting, mailing service.
 6. Funeral home, funeral parlor, mortuary, undertaking establishment, crematorium.
 7. Locksmith.
 8. Optometrist.
 9. Palmist, psychic, medium, fortune telling.
 10. Repair of appliances, bicycles, canvas product, clocks, computers, jewelry, musical instruments, office equipment, radios, shoes, television, watch, or similar items.
 11. Tailor, milliner, or upholsterer.
 12. Tattoo parlor or body piercing.
 13. Taxidermist.
 14. Therapeutic massage.
 15. Tutoring.
 16. Wedding chapel.
- b. *Animal care (indoor).*
 1. *Defined.* A facility designed or arranged for the care of animals without any outdoor activity. No outdoor activity associated with care of animals is allowed. Includes animal grooming, animal hospital, veterinary clinic, pet clinic, animal boarding, animal shelter, cattery, commercial kennel (six or more dogs), and doggy day care.
- c. *Animal care (outdoor).*
 1. *Defined.* A facility designed or arranged for the care of animals that includes outdoor activity. Includes animal grooming, animal hospital, veterinary clinic, pet clinic, animal boarding, animal shelter, cattery, commercial kennel (six or more dogs), and doggy day care.
 2. *Use standards.* Where outdoor animal care is allowed as a conditional use, it may be permitted subject to section 90-180, and the standards below. Where outdoor animal care is allowed as a limited use, it is subject to the following:
 - (i) All outdoor exercise areas and runs must be fenced for the safe confinement of animals;
 - (ii) A minimum ten-foot structural buffer meeting the requirements of section 90-139 must be established along any outside areas used to exercise, walk, or keep animals that abuts a ground floor residential use; and

(iii) No animal may be outdoors between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

d. *Massage.*

1. *Defined.* Massage means the manipulation and treatment of soft tissues of the body, including the use of effleurage, petrissage, pressure, friction, tapotement, kneading, vibration, range of motion stretches and any other soft tissue manipulation, whether manual or by mechanical or electrical apparatus, and may include the use of oils, lotions, creams, salt glows, hydrotherapy, heliotherapy and hot and cold packs. Massage services shall include the practice of Reiki.
2. *Use standards.* Where massage is allowed as a conditional use, it may be permitted subject to section 90-180, and the requirements of chapter 22, article IV massage service.

e. *Tattoo Parlor.*

1. *Defined.* Any permanent building or structure on a permanent foundation in which any tattoos, body art, body art services or body art procedures as defined in Chapter 46, Article V Body Art, are performed.
2. No proposed tattoo parlor shall be permitted within one mile of an existing tattoo parlor.
3. For purposes of this section, distances shall be measured in a straight line from the main entrance door of the establishment for which the license under this article is being sought to the front door of the existing tattoo parlor.
4. No establishment which is being operated pursuant to a county license for a tattoo parlor on October 3, 2023, the effective date of this article, shall be denied continued operation under such existing license, nor denied any renewal of such license, nor shall any new owner of such establishment be denied a new license based upon the measurements set forth in this section. Upon cessation of the operation of the establishment for over one year, or upon the revocation of the existing license as set forth in section 46-131, such exemption shall cease.

f. *Use standards for all other personal service.* Where personal service is allowed as a conditional use, it may be permitted subject to section 90-180 and the standards below. Where personal service is allowed as a limited use, it is subject to the following:

1. The floor area of the use cannot exceed 15 percent of the gross floor area of the entire building or 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater; and
2. Hours of operation can begin no earlier than 6:00 a.m. and end no later than 11:00 p.m., including all deliveries.