

GWINNETT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA

ORDINANCE ENTITLED: Unified Development Ordinance

READING AND ADOPTION: August 24, 2021

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

Name	Present	Vote
Nicole L. Hendrickson, Chairwoman	Yes	Aye
Kirkland D. Carden, District 1	Yes	Aye
Ben Ku, District 2	Yes	Aye
Jasper Watkins, III, District 3	Yes	Aye
Marlene M. Fosque, District 4	Yes	Aye

On motion of **Commissioner Ku**, which carried **5-0**, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the Code of Ordinances of Gwinnett County by amending Section 220-40.6, entitled Special Uses, and Table 230.4, entitled Table of Permitted Uses, of the Unified Development Ordinance as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is committed to utilizing available resources to promote the preservation and improvement of the health, welfare and public safety of the citizens of Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners is committed to protecting the health and welfare of its citizens through the regulation of oversized signs and electronic message center signage in order to prevent driving distractions, visual clutter and other harmful effects of improperly or poorly regulated signs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to regulations in the Unified Development Ordinance, Gwinnett County has placed restrictions on the placement of oversized signs (also referred to as billboards); and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners placed a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of applications for permits for oversized or billboard signs, defined as signs which exceed 30 feet in sign height and/or 300 square feet of sign surface area to allow staff to review the County's current sign regulations in the Sign Ordinance and the Unified Development Ordinance to determine whether it is in the best interest of Gwinnett County and its citizens to adopt any revisions thereto; and

WHEREAS, the temporary moratorium was adopted on July 12, 2021, and continues through and including September 10, 2021, or the date the Board of Commissioners adopts an ordinance amending or replacing the County's current sign regulations, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, based upon staff's review of the County's current sign regulations, staff has recommended that certain revisions be made to the Unified Development Ordinance of Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance have been duly noticed and advertised in accordance with Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 36-66-4 on July 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Planning Commission held a public hearing relating to the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance on August 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing relating to the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance on August 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners finds that the proposed amendments are in the best interest of the citizens of Gwinnett County to provide for the proper regulations on oversized signs in unincorporated Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners finds that the adoption of the amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance are in the best interest of Gwinnett County to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, visitors, and workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the Code of Ordinances of Gwinnett County by amending Section 220-40.6, entitled Special Uses, and Table 230.4, entitled Table of Permitted Uses, of the Unified Development Ordinance as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance shall become effective on adoption.

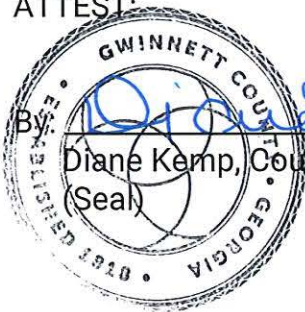
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all ordinances, regulations or parts of the same in conflict with this Resolution are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict.

GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Nicole L. Hendrickson
Nicole L. Hendrickson, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

By: Diane Kemp
Diane Kemp, County Clerk
(Seal)

The seal of Gwinnett County, Georgia, is circular. It features the text "GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA" around the top inner edge and "ESTABLISHED 1910" around the bottom inner edge. In the center, there is a stylized emblem. The seal is partially obscured by the signature of Diane Kemp.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Thomas A. Cox
Deputy County Attorney

EXHIBIT A

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Title II

1. Subsection 220-40.6, entitled Special Uses, of Section 220-40, entitled Venture Drive Overlay District, of Chapter 220, entitled Overlay Zoning Districts is hereby amended by deleting Subsection 220-40.6 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Subsection 220-40.6, entitled Special Uses as follows:

220-40.6 Special Uses.

Special Uses may be permitted in the Venture Drive Redevelopment Overlay District in accordance with [Section 230-100](#) Table of Permitted and Special Uses, and listed here below. Special uses shall be subject to approval of a Special Use Permit as provided in [Section 270-30](#) and may be subject to the additional Supplemental Use Standards established in [Section 230-130](#) of the UDO.

Agricultural and Rural Recreational Uses
Golf Driving Range
Commercial and Retail Uses
Hookah/Vapor Bar or Lounge
Outdoor Sales, Storage or Display (retail)
Recreation and Entertainment Facility (outdoor)
Industrial and Manufacturing Uses
Data Center
Office, Institutional, and Cultural Uses
School, Trade or Vocational

2. Table 230.4, entitled "Table of Permitted Uses," is hereby amended by deleting "Billboard or Oversized Sign" from the Table in its entirety, including any instances as a permitted or special use.