

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA
WITH RESPECT TO **LOADING ZONES** AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3-3-15 entitled “*Loading Zones*” of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following new subsection is inserted in lieu thereof:

“Sec. 3-3-15. – Loading Zones

(a) *Generally.* It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle within a designated loading zone except for the purpose of loading or unloading such vehicle, which vehicle must be properly identified showing that it is a delivery or pickup vehicle. A delivery or pickup vehicle may park in a designated loading zone only during such time as materials are being loaded and/or unloaded from the vehicle, and in no case may such vehicle remain parked in a designated loading zone for longer than 30 minutes, unless a different time limit is indicated by sign or permitted by ordinance. A vehicle must be removed from a loading zone immediately upon completion of loading and/or unloading materials from such vehicle or the expiration of the time limit for that loading zone, whichever occurs first. It shall be unlawful for any person to park for loading or unloading at an angle other than that marked for regular parking or to leave the back gate of the vehicle lowered so as to extend beyond the body of such vehicle, or to park without doors opened back parallel with the body of the vehicle while loading or unloading. It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle within a properly marked loading zone between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. if said loading zone is also marked as a no parking tow zone between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Any loading zone in front of an entrance to a hotel is exempt from the provisions of this section to the extent that guests of such hotel shall be permitted to use such loading zone for a maximum of ten minutes. At the discretion of a police officer, Athens-Clarke County may tow and impound or otherwise move vehicles which are parked by their owners or operators in any loading zone in violation of the regulations, at the owner's or operator's expense.

1. All delivery drivers are required to place safety cones behind their delivery vehicles and in the immediate area of the points of access to the vehicles from the street, or activate flashing hazard lights to alert motorists to the loading or unloading activity that is under way in the center lane.
2. The location of loading zones shall be designated by red painted curb markings and appropriate signage pursuant to Section 3-3-5. The location of all loading zones within the downtown area shall be maintained by the traffic engineer and published in the Athens-Clarke County GIS system and made available to the public.
3. The manager, or his/her designee, may administratively approve the addition, removal, or relocation of loading zones within the downtown area upon recommendation of the traffic engineer.

- (b) *Loading and unloading in metered parking spaces.* A vehicle less than 18 feet in length that is properly identified as a delivery or pickup vehicle may utilize metered, curbside parking spaces for loading and unloading at no cost. Such vehicle may park free at no cost only during such time as materials are actively being loaded and/or unloaded from the vehicle, and in no case may such vehicle remain parked at no cost for longer than 30 minutes. Immediately upon completion of loading and/or unloading materials from such vehicle, or upon the expiration of 30 minutes, whichever comes first, such vehicle must be removed from the parking space, or appropriate payment made at the meter.”

SECTION 2. Section 3-3-24 entitled “*Double parking for delivery vehicles in the downtown area*” of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, is hereby deleted in its entirety and reserved for future use.

SECTION 3. Section 3-3-16 entitled “*Loading zone parking for persons with disabilities,*” of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, is hereby deleted in its entirety and reserved for future use.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.