

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

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 3-3-50 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, all curbside metered parking spaces on the east side of North Lumpkin Street between Clayton Street and East Washington Street are hereby eliminated, and in lieu of said parking spaces is hereby created a continuous curbside loading zone, as further shown on Attachment 1, incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Section 3-3-50 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, all curbside metered parking spaces on the west side of College Avenue between Washington Street and the entrance to the College Avenue parking deck are hereby eliminated, and in lieu of said parking spaces is hereby created a continuous curbside loading zone, as further shown on Attachment 1, incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 3-3-50 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, the two southernmost curbside metered parking spaces on the west side of North Jackson Street between East Broad Street and Clayton Street are hereby eliminated, and in lieu of said parking spaces is hereby created a continuous curbside loading zone, as further shown on Attachment 1, incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to Section 3-3-50 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, the two northernmost curbside metered parking spaces on the west side of North Jackson Street between East Broad Street and Clayton Street are hereby eliminated, and in lieu of said parking spaces is hereby created a continuous curbside loading zone, as further shown on Attachment 1, incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to Section 3-3-50 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, the two southernmost curbside metered parking spaces on the west side of North Jackson Street between Clayton Street and East Washington Street are hereby eliminated, and in lieu of said parking spaces is hereby created a continuous curbside loading zone, as further shown on Attachment 1, incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to Section 3-3-50 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, the two southernmost curbside metered parking spaces on the west side of North Jackson Street between East Washington Street and East Hancock Avenue are hereby eliminated, and in lieu of said parking spaces is hereby created a continuous curbside loading zone, as further shown on Attachment 1, incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 7. Pursuant to Section 3-3-50 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, the existing curbside loading zone on the west side of North Jackson Street between East Washington Street and East Hancock Avenue is hereby eliminated, and in lieu of said loading

zone is hereby created two curbside metered parking spaces, as further shown on Attachment 1, incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 8. Section 3-3-15 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled, “*Loading zones*” subsection (a) thereof entitled “*Generally*” is hereby amended by deleting therein the words “properly marked” “between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Sundays excepted” “pickup and delivery” “on its side” “van or” “and delivery” “or if not so identified, that the same shall have a permit displayed thereon from the chief of police showing that it is a vehicle used in business. It shall be unlawful for any authorized vehicle to park for more than one-half hour within a loading zone so indicated during such time.” and “half” and by adding thereto the words “parking in a joint-use loading zone/handicapped parking space as provided for in section 3-3-16 of this Code” and “A delivery or pickup vehicle may only park in a designated loading zone 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. Vehicles must be removed from loading zones immediately upon completion of loading and/or unloading materials from such vehicle or the expiration of the time limit for that loading zone, whichever comes first.” so that subsection (a) of section 3-3-15 is:

(a) *Generally*. It shall be unlawful for any person, except a handicapped individual possessing a valid permit, or having a specially designated disabled veteran or a specially disabled person license plate parking in a joint-use loading zone/handicapped parking space as provided for in Section 3-3-16 of this Code, 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.

SECTION 9. Section 3-3-15 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled, “Loading zones” subsection (b) thereof entitled “*Wall Street additional regulations*” is hereby amended by deleting therein the word “freight” and adding thereto the words “pickup or” so that subsection (b) of section 3-3-15 is:

(b) *Wall Street additional regulations.* The loading zone on the portion of Wall Street between Clayton Street and Broad Street, as more particularly described in Attachment 1 of an ordinance adopted May 6, 2003, shall have the following additional regulations concerning hours of enforcement and permitted users of the loading zone:

(1) The effective hours for enforcement shall be 24 hours per day; and

(2) The exclusive permitted users shall be pickup or delivery vehicles at least 20 feet in length actively engaged in loading or unloading materials.

SECTION 10. Section 3-3-15 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled, “Loading zones” subsection (c) thereof entitled “*Clayton Street and Washington Street additional regulations*” is hereby amended by deleting therein the words “trucks” “restricted” “truck” “travel” and adding thereto the words “vehicles” “prohibited” “vehicle” “or activate flashing hazard lights” and “center” and by adding new items numbers (3) “The center lane on Clayton Street shall only be used for loading and unloading between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.” (4) “The center lane on Washington Street may be used for loading and unloading 24 hours per day.” and (5) “The use of center-lane loading zones on Clayton and Washington Street shall be limited to vehicles at least 18 feet in length.” so that subsection (c) of section 3-3-15 is:

(c) *Clayton Street and Washington Street additional regulations.* The loading zones on the portion of Clayton Street between its intersection with Thomas Street and Lumpkin Street and on portions of Washington Street between its intersection with Thomas Street and College Avenue and its intersection with Lumpkin Street and Pulaski Street shall be center-lane loading zones as more particularly shown as "Proposed Loading Zones" on Attachment 1 of an ordinance adopted May 6, 2003, and shall have the following additional regulations concerning permitted users of the loading zone. In addition to the provisions of the paragraph (a) above:

(1) All delivery vehicles are prohibited from loading or unloading in the center lane within:

a. 25 feet on either side of a mid-block crosswalk;

b. 50 feet on the approach side of an intersection, except for 140 feet on Clayton Street at Thomas Street; or

c. 25 feet on the departure side of an intersection, except for 70 feet on Clayton Street at Lumpkin Street and 45 feet on Washington Street at Jackson Street.

(2) 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.

(3) The center lane on Clayton Street shall be used for loading and unloading only between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(4) The center lane on Washington Street may be used for loading and unloading 24 hours per day.

(5) The use of center lane loading zones on Clayton Street and Washington Street shall be limited to vehicles at least 18 feet in length actively engaged in loading or unloading materials.

SECTION 11. Section 3-3-15 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled, “*Loading zones*” subsection (e) thereof entitled “*East Hancock Avenue additional regulations*” is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 12. Section 3-3-15 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled, “*Loading zones*” is hereby amended by adding new subsection (f) thereto, entitled “*Loading and unloading in metered parking spaces.*” as follows:

(f) *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 13. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.