

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 7-4-20 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled “*Specific provisions for off-site signs and for signs in historic district or historic landmark*,” is hereby amended by removing from paragraph (1) of sub-section (a) thereof the date “July 14, 1994,” and replacing said date with “September 4, 2018,” so that it reads as follows:

- (1) The total number of billboard faces allowed under this chapter shall not exceed the total number of billboard faces and structures in existence as of September 4, 2018, as shown by the planning department inventory. In addition thereto, billboard permits issued on or before September 4, 2018, and constructed prior to the expiration of such permits shall be counted in the total number of billboard faces permitted. A new billboard face may be erected only if an existing billboard face is removed. Replacement billboard faces shall be the same square footage or smaller than the face(s) being removed. In addition, replacement billboard faces/structures may be erected only in accordance with provisions (2) through (8) listed below.

SECTION 2. Section 7-4-22 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled “*Permits*,” is hereby amended by adding thereto a new sub-section (e) that shall read as follows:

- (e) *Vouchers for billboards*. Upon proof of ownership of a billboard face or structure and upon proof of removal of such billboard face or structure, the billboard owner will receive a voucher permitting said billboard owner to replace such billboard face or structure in accordance with all applicable provisions of this Chapter. A voucher shall become void one (1) year after its issuance or upon issuance of a permit to construct a replacement billboard face or structure, whichever occurs first. Upon issuance of a permit to construct a replacement billboard face or structure, the person or entity receiving the permit must completely construct the billboard within six (6) months of issuance or said permit shall become void.

Said section shall be further amended by re-lettering the current sub-section (e) to sub-section (f) and by re-lettering the current sub-section (f) to sub-section (g).

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.