

ORDINANCE NO. 909

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONYERS TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL USE STANDARDS FOR CHECK CASHING SERVICES AND PAWN SHOPS (INCLUDING TITLE LENDING AND TITLE PAWN SERVICES); TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia (hereinafter "Code") constitutes the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia;

WHEREAS, Section 8-7-92 of the Code contains the Supplemental Use Standards;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Conyers find it to be in the public's best interest to further regulate the location of check cashing services and pawn shops in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and the City Council of Conyers, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Conyers, Georgia, and the sections of the code and this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish that intention, and that Title 8, Chapter 7, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Conyers, Georgia, hereby is amended.

SECTION 1. Section 8-7-92(X) of the Code of the City of Conyers is hereby amended so as to add/amend the following new subsections in the correct alphabetical order and with the appropriate subsection lettering and relettering appropriately the subsections that follow said new subsections as well as correcting all cross-references:

- (a) *Check cashing services and pawn shops (including title lending and title pawn services).*
- (1) All check cashing services and pawn shops shall be located exclusively on lots having frontage on one or more arterial streets or collector streets.
 - (2) The gross leasable floor area for all check cashing services and pawn shops shall be in accordance with the following:
 - a. If said establishment is approved within the GV-UV and HSB districts, the gross leasable floor area for the check cashing service or pawn shop shall not exceed 5,000 square feet.
 - b. If said establishment is approved within the BG district, the gross leasable floor area for the check cashing service or pawn shop shall not exceed 2,500 square feet.
 - (3) In no circumstance shall any check cashing service or pawn shop establishment be located on the same property as another such establishment.
 - (4) Outdoor repairs and/or storage of any kind shall be prohibited.
 - (5) A minimum distance of 1,500 feet shall be required to separate a check cashing service and a pawn shop from another check cashing service or pawn shop establishment, including any such establishment outside of the City limits. The minimum distance shall be measured from the property line of the proposed check cashing service or pawn shop establishment to the closet property line of an existing check cashing service or pawn shop establishment.

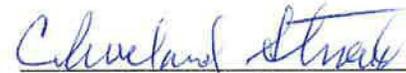
- (6) A minimum distance of 1,500 feet shall be required to separate check cashing services and pawn shops from any dwelling unit, including any dwelling unit outside of the City limits. The minimum distance shall be measured from the property line of the proposed check cashing service or pawn shop establishment to the closest property line of the protected residential use.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, provisions, or clause of any part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional or, if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this Ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the City Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted in its current form without the invalid or unconstitutional provision contained therein.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to Section 2-402(a)(4) of the Charter of the City of Conyers, Georgia, the second reading of this Ordinance is hereby waived in order to permit this Ordinance to become effective upon its adoption by the City Council and upon its execution by the Mayor.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Conyers, Georgia this 20th day of February, 2013.



~~Randal S. Mills, Mayor~~

Cleveland Stroud
Acting Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk

Approved by:



Michael S. Waldrop, City Attorney