

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF JOHNS CREEK ZONING ORDINANCE
BY AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE

- WHEREAS:** The City of Johns Creek Zoning Ordinance became effective on January 5, 2007, and has been amended thereafter from time to time; and
- WHEREAS:** The Mayor and City Council finds that ordinances and regulations governing the City's operations should be continually improved; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Johns Creek finds that tall signs may present a hazard to people and property placed within its fall zone; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Johns Creek finds that it is in its interest to protect the health and welfare of its citizens, businesses and property; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Johns Creek Zoning Ordinance provides that the text and maps thereof may be amended from time to time by the Mayor and City Council following submission to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Council for the City of Johns Creek hereby ordains that the City of Johns Creek Zoning Ordinance, Article XXXIII. Signs. Section 25. Construction Standards is amended by deleting in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof, which is hereby adopted and effective immediately, to read as follows:

ADDITIONS IN **BOLD UNDERLINE**
DELETIONS IN ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~

Sec. 25. Construction Standards.

A. *Building and Safety Codes.* All signs permitted under this code shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the applicable City building and safety codes. The City may remove after due notice any sign which shows neglect or becomes dilapidated.

B. *Faces.* The face of sign shall be flat, with protrusions of no more than two (2) inches to allow for the texture of the sign and words, letters, figures, symbols, logos, fixtures, colors, or other design elements. No sign or other advertising structure shall be constructed so as to have nails, tacks, or wires protruding therefrom. Lettering for address signage shall not exceed four (4) inches in height or as required by the applicable building code.

C. *Illumination.* Signs, when illumination is permitted and except as otherwise set forth, may be illuminated internally or externally. Free standing signs with external illumination shall have light directed downward. Externally illuminated signs shall not exceed fifty-five (55) foot-candles.

D. *Landscaping.* Landscaping, weeds, and grass shall be kept cut in front of, behind, underneath, and around the base of freestanding signs.

E. *Sign Materials.* Freestanding sign structure/base materials shall be constructed of brick or stone with a base of at least two feet. Any sign panels on a sign shall have a uniform background color and material. All freestanding signs shall display the property address in numbers at least six (6) inches in height but not more than twelve (12) inches in height. The numerical address shall not be considered part of the sign face and shall not count against the allowable sign square footage.

F. *Fall Zone.* The lot on which any sign twenty (20) feet or greater in height is located shall have sufficient area to accommodate the Fall Zone, and excepting the sign, no buildings, structures or appurtenances shall be contained in the Fall Zone. Existing buildings, structures or appurtenances within the Fall Zone shall be deemed non-conforming and may not be enlarged or altered beyond ordinary maintenance and repair.

SO ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Approved:

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form and Content:

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk

William F. Riley, City Attorney

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