

CLAYTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-173

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE *CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY GEORGIA*, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY PART II, CHAPTER 38 “ENVIRONMENT”; TO CREATE A NEW ARTICLE IX TITLED “GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE/LOW IMPACT LAND DEVELOPMENT”; TO CREATE NEW SECTIONS 38-160 THROUGH 38-169 TO ALLOW GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE/LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (GI/LID) FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT; TO ESTABLISH FLEXIBILITY IN DESIGN TO ENCOURAGE LOW IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES. TO EMULATE THE NATURAL WATER CYCLE AND REDUCE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT AND IMPERVIOUS COVERS. TO MINIMIZE THE PRODUCTION OF RUNOFF THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF BETTER SITE DESIGN TECHNIQUES THAT DIRECT DEVELOPMENT TO APPROPRIATE AREAS, PRESERVE NATURAL FEATURES THAT AID IN WATER MANAGEMENT AND TO MINIMIZE IMPERVIOUS COVER; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED

Section 1. *The CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Part II, Chapter 38 “Environment”, Article IX “Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development”, Section 38-160 “Design option considerations” to read as follows:

The County will consider design options to include the following items:

- a) Reduction in street widths,
- b) Street lengths minimized to promote efficient street layouts,
- c) Elimination of curb and gutter with proper stormwater conveyance systems,
- d) Reduction in Right-of-way widths,
- e) Reduction in cul-de-sac radii,
- f) Alternate designs to cul-de-sacs such as hammerheads and turn arounds,
- g) Landscape islands in roadways and cul-de-sacs,
- h) Parking reduction in density requirements,
- i) Parking reduction in size (area) of parking spaces,
- j) Shared parking with contiguous businesses,
- k) Pervious/permeable material for parking areas and roadways under 25mph,
- l) Use of bio-retention islands and other storm water practices with parking lot landscaped and setback areas,
- m) Reduction in setbacks and frontage,
- n) Reduction of sidewalk widths,
- o) Use of pervious/permeable materials for walking paths,
- p) Reduction of driveway widths,

- q) Use of pervious materials for driveways,
- r) Use of green roofs,
- s) Use of rain gardens, rain barrels and other residential rain collection practices,
- t) Discharge of roof drainage into pervious areas,
- u) Preservation of natural vegetation, and
- v) Shade within the lot.

Section 2. *The CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Part II, Chapter 38 “Environment”, Article IX “Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development”, Section 38-161 “Procedures” to read as follows:

A predesign meeting with the County Technical Review Committee (TRC) is required to review preliminary designs regarding items in Section 38-160. Items to be considered by the County for the use of such designs shall include the direct impact on safety; local, state and federal regulations; and adjacent properties. Designs for Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development must be approved by the County TRC during the predesign stages of a new development and redevelopment. It is the responsibility of the owner to have such approvals before applying for permits from the County.

Section 3. *The CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Part II, Chapter 38 “Environment”, Article IX “Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development”, Section 38 - 162 “Stormwater Management Guidelines” to read as follows:

The County hereby adopts the most current Georgia Stormwater Management Manual as a guideline for Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development designs.

Section 4. *The CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Part II, Chapter 38 “Environment”, Article IX “Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development”, Section 38-160 “Design option considerations” to read as follows:

Sections 38-163 to 38-169. Reserved.

Section 5. All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

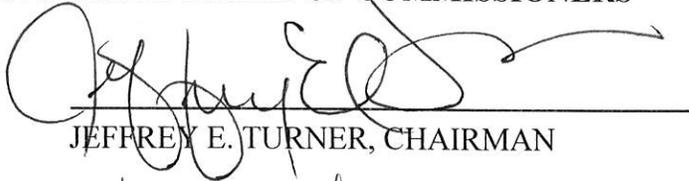
Section 6. If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the remainder of this enactment, and such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

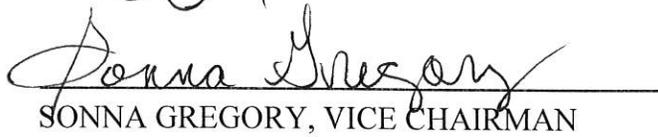
Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO ORDAINED this 15th day of November, 2016.

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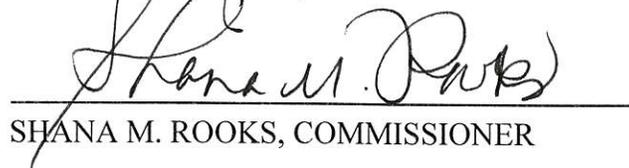
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