

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-265

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CLAYTON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 4 "SPECIAL DISTRICTS" SO AS TO DELETE SECTION 4.77 "SIGN STANDARDS", AND INSERT IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 4.77; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined there is a need to revise Article 4 "Special Districts", Section 4.77 "Sign Standards".

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CLAYTON COUNTY**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED**

**PART I**

Section 1. The Clayton County Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting Article 4 "Special Districts", Section 4.77 to read as follows:

**4.77 Sign Standards**

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Signs shall be required as identified within Article 8, Sign Regulations (SS), of this Zoning Ordinance and within the guidelines set forth within the Highway 138 Design Guidelines, with the following modifications:

- A. All signs and sign structures must be setback at least four (4) feet from the public right-of-way. No portion of a sign or sign structure erected on private property shall encroach on or overhang the public right-of-way or any other person's property.
- B. Roof Signs, portable signs, internally illuminated signs, electronic multiple message signs, and moving signs of any kind are prohibited upon property designated with a zoning classification of MMX, NMX, RMX, and/ or properties located east of the City of Jonesboro's and west of Henry County's (west of I-75) jurisdictional boundaries.
- C. Sign Permitted within the OI, NB, CB and GB Zoning Districts for Individual Uses
  1. **Ground Signs:** One (1) double-faced sign per lot. No single sign face may exceed thirty-six (36) square feet. Total maximum area for all sign faces is seventy-two (72) square feet (e.g., two (2), thirty-six (36) square feet sign faces). Maximum height is eight (8) feet.
  2. **Window Signs:** Total signage not to exceed ten (10) percent of the area of windows facing road frontage.
  3. **Wall or Canopy Signs:** Maximum of three (3) signs per lot. Total area of all

signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is less.

4. **Entrance Signs:** Not permitted.
  5. **Menu Boards:** No more than two (2) signs shall be located per parcel and no such sign shall exceed thirty (30) square feet. There may be only one (1) display face and it may not be more than eight (8) feet in height.
- C. Sign Permitted within the OI, NB, CB and GB Zoning Districts for Planned Centers

1. **Ground Signs:** One (1) double-faced sign of up to sixty-four (64) square feet per face, for the entire planned center containing one lot. Total maximum sign face area is one hundred twenty-eight (128) square feet. Maximum height for all ground signs is ten (10) feet.
  2. **Window Signs:** Total signage not to exceed ten (10) percent of the area of windows facing road frontage.
  3. **Wall or Canopy Signs:** Maximum of two (2) signs per business. Total area of all signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area for the first story or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is less.
  4. **Large Projecting Signs:** A projection sign may only be installed in lieu of a ground sign. If a ground sign exists or is to be installed in the future, a projection sign is not permitted. One (1) double-faced sign of up to fifty-six (56) square feet per face, for the entire planned center containing one lot. Total maximum sign face area is one hundred twenty-eight (112) square feet.
  5. **Entrance Signs:** Two (2) per planned center, maximum area of each sign is seventy-two (72) square feet. Entrance signs may only be single-sided, unless only one (1) is erected, in which case it can be double-sided. Entrance signs only permitted at the entrance to the planned center containing multiple lots. Maximum height is ten (10) feet.
  6. **Menu Boards:** No more than two (2) signs shall be located per parcel and no such sign shall exceed thirty (30) square feet. There may be only one (1) display face and it may not be more than eight (8) feet in height
- D. Sign Permitted within the MMX, NMX and RMX Zoning Districts for Individual

Uses and/ or Buildings

1. **Ground Signs:** One (1) double-faced sign per lot. No single sign face may exceed thirty-six (36) square feet. Total maximum area for all sign faces is seventy-two (72) square feet (e.g., two (2), thirty-six (36) square feet sign faces). Maximum height is eight (8) feet.
  2. **Window Signs:** Total signage not to exceed ten (10) percent of the area of windows facing road frontage.
  3. **Wall, Canopy, and/ or Projection Signs:** Maximum of three (3) signs per lot. Total area of all signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area for the first story or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is less.
  4. **Large Projection Signs:** A projection sign may only be installed in lieu of a ground sign. If a ground sign exists or is to be installed in the future, a projection sign is not permitted. One (1) double-faced sign of up to forty-two (42) square feet per face, for the entire building upon one parcel of land. Total maximum sign face area is one hundred eighty-four (84) square feet.
  5. **Entrance Signs:** Not permitted.
  6. **Menu Boards:** No more than one (1) sign shall be located per parcel and no such sign shall exceed thirty (30) square feet. There may be only one (1) display face and it may not be more than eight (8) feet in height.
- E. Combination of Residential, Office, Institutional, and/ or Commercial Uses in a Planned Center or Building:
1. **Ground Signs:** One (1) double-faced sign of up to sixty-four (64) square feet per face, for the entire planned center containing one lot. Total maximum sign

- face area is one hundred twenty-eight (128) square feet. Maximum height for all ground signs is ten (10) feet.
2. **Window Signs:** Total signage not to exceed ten (10) percent of the area of windows facing road frontage.
  3. **Wall, Canopy, and/ or Projection Signs:** Maximum of two (2) signs per business. Total area of all signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area for the first story or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is less.
  4. **Large Projection Signs:** A projection sign may only be installed in lieu of a ground sign. If a ground sign exists or is to be installed in the future, a projection sign is not permitted. One (1) double-faced sign of up to fifty-six (56) square feet per face, for the entire planned center or building upon one parcel of land. Total maximum sign face area is one hundred twelve (112) square feet.
  5. **Entrance Signs:** Two (2) per planned center, maximum area of each sign is seventy-two (72) square feet. Entrance signs may only be single-sided, unless only one (1) is erected, in which case it can be double-sided. Entrance signs only permitted at the entrance to the planned center containing multiple lots. Maximum height is ten (10) feet.
  6. **Menu Boards:** No more than two (2) signs shall be located per parcel and no such sign shall exceed thirty (30) square feet. There may be only one (1) display face and it may not be more than eight (8) feet in height.
- F. Temporary Signage:
- A. Class 3 Temporary Signs and Class 6 Temporary Signs are not permitted.

## PART II

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are and were, upon their enactment, believed by the Board of Commissioners to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase therein. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Board of Commissioners that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the

greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

**PART III.**

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

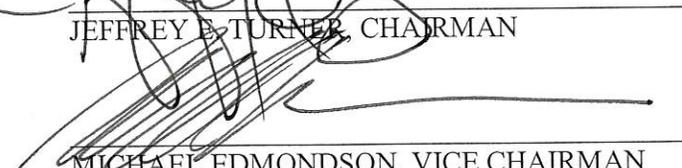
**PART IV.**

The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

SO ORDAINED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013.

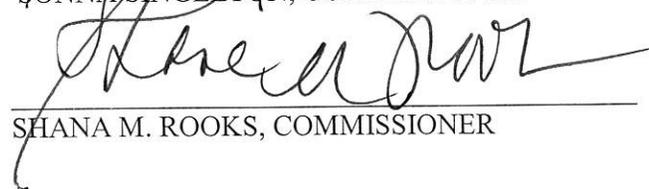
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