

**AN ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (“UDC”) OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA AT SECTION 1213 (B), REGULATION OF SIGNS BY LAND USE, TO EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE “KILLED IN ACTION” PLAQUES AS HISTORIC CHARACTER SIGNS; AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH IN THIS ORDINANCE; RESTATING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, AS MODIFIED HEREIN; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, AND IT IS ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Unified Development Code of the City of Griffin, Georgia is hereby amended at Article 12, SIGNS, Section 1213, Regulation of Signs by Land Use, subpart B, 9, Historic Character Signs, to address the City of Griffin sign regulations in the HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT with regards to placement of “Killed in Action” memorial plaques, as follows:

**“1213. B. SIGNS AUTHORIZED.**

***9. Historic character signs.***

a. The following signs have historically been associated with the downtown area and are in keeping with its character as an historic district:

- i. Barber poles;
- ii. Time and temperature displays;
- iii. Chalkboard;
- iv. Historic preservation plaques; and
- v. “Killed in Action” plaques, subject to the conditions in subpart c, below.

b. Such historic character signs are authorized as legal nonconforming uses and are governed by Section 1218.

c. “Killed in Action” (KIA) plaques memorialize citizens of Griffin and Spalding County killed while serving their country in its Armed Forces; while not directly related to the historic district, it is the mission of the KIA Committee to erect plaques on downtown commercial buildings under license from the building owner. The following conditions shall apply:

- i. One (1) plaque per front façade;
- ii. Minimum height shall be four (4) feet from the bottom of the sign to the level of the sidewalk;
- iii. Size and style of sign shall be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC); and

iv. Sign permit application needs to be submitted prior to each plaque installation.”

Section 2. All ordinances and Unified Development Code sections, or parts thereof, in conflict with the foregoing are expressly repealed.

Section 3. Should any provision of this ordinance be rendered invalid by any court of law, the remaining provisions shall continue in force and effect until amended or repealed by action of the municipal governing authority.

Section 4. Except as modified herein, The Unified Development Code of Griffin, Georgia, is hereby reaffirmed and restated. The codifier is hereby granted editorial license to include this amendment in future supplements of said Code by appropriate section, division, article or chapter.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption, following public hearing, on a single reading, pursuant to Sec. 1.5(b) of the 2004 Charter of the City of Griffin, Georgia, 2004 Ga. Laws, p. 4232 *et seq.*

Public Hearing and Single Reading: January 13, 2015