

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, AT CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE V, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PACKAGE DEALERS, BY ENACTING A NEW CODE SECTION 6-211, SECURITY CAMERAS REQUIRED, AS AN ADDED SECURITY MEASURE FOR LICENSED RETAIL PACKAGE DEALERS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO RESTATE AND REAFFIRM THE CODE OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, AS MODIFIED HEREBY; TO REPEAL ALL CODE PROVISIONS, ORDINANCES, OR PARTS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HERewith; 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 Code of Griffin, Georgia is hereby amended at Chapter 6, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE V, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PACKAGE DEALERS, by enacting a new Sec. 6-211, SECURITY CAMERAS REQUIRED, to provide as follows:

“Sec. 6-211. Security Cameras Required.

(a) All retail business establishments licensed by the City to engage in the sale of alcoholic beverages by the package for off-premises consumption are required to install and maintain in proper working order security cameras in accordance with this section.

(b) To meet the requirements of this section, cameras must be capable of producing a retrievable image on film, tape, or digital media that can be made a permanent record and can be enlarged through projection or other means. Cameras and video equipment, whether digital or analog, shall be maintained in proper working order at all times and shall be periodic inspection by order of the chief of police or his designee. Initial location and placement of all such cameras shall be approved by the chief of police or his designee.

(c) Cameras shall be placed at all points of entry/egress of the building, and at all cash registers or points of sale. Where feasible cameras shall also be place on the front, rear, and sides of the building to cover approaches to the building, including parking areas.

(d) Video cameras shall be capable of producing sharply detailed, still frame video images in color, and have minimum specifications of 1 TB, 960 x 480 resolution, with 100’ night vision.

(e) Still cameras shall meet the following minimum specifications:

- (1) Automatic still frame;
- (2) Capable of being concealed where feasible;
- (3) Remote activation;
- (4) Quiet activation;
- (5) Must be digital format of at least 4 megapixels quality;
- (6) Capable of producing good quality color photographs;
- (7) Automatic focus;
- (8) Easily accessible for film loading & maintenance;
- (9) Capable of showing signs or signals of activation covertly; and
- (10) Have wide-angle capability.

(f) Upon the occurrence of a criminal act at or near the licensee's business establishment, the licensee (as a condition of its license) shall make accessible to law enforcement the film, video, or digital media upon request and under procedures established to assure the chain of custody of such film or video in a manner that it may be used as evidence in a case. The licensee shall cooperate with law enforcement to confirm the authenticity of such evidence for use at trial.

(g) For purposes of this Section only, when a licensee is required by this Code Section to install security cameras, and maintain the same in proper working order, the failure to install such cameras or the failure to maintain cameras in proper working order shall be a violation of this Section, returnable upon citation to Municipal Court, and upon conviction, punishable by a monetary fine only. The Police Department shall conduct periodic inspections of all premises of licensed retail establishments subject to this Section; upon finding a violation, the licensee shall be issued a citation and have 20 days from the date of citation to install or maintain security cameras in accordance with this Section; should the licensee fail or refuse to comply with such period, for a first offense the maximum fine shall be Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars; the second offense within a two-year period shall be One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars; and a third or subsequent offense within the two-year period shall be Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars; provided, however, each day following the 20 day grace period from which citation issues in which cameras are not installed or placed in proper working condition shall be deemed a separate offense of this Section, resulting in a maximum fine of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars per day. Violation of this Section shall also constitute grounds for revocation or non-renewal of a license."

Section 2. All ordinances and 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 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 August 1, 2015. The Chief of Police shall cause written notice of the enactment of this ordinance to be given to all current licensees for retail sales for off-premises consumption, and to all new applicants seeking licensing between its date of enactment and August 1, 2015. It is the expectation of the City that all licensees to which this ordinance applies shall have their security camera systems installed and operational on or before August 1, 2015 so as to be in compliance on the effective date. For calendar year 2015 retail package licenses only, the City shall refund to the licensee up to \$500.00 of the 2015 license fee, upon inspection and submission of a invoice showing actual cost of installation, to the Chief of Police.

First Reading: January 13, 2015

Second Reading: January 27, 2015

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Douglas Hollberg, Chairperson

Kenny L. Smith, City Manager/Secretary