

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 1205 (A), PROHIBITED SIGNS; AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH IN THIS ORDINANCE; RESTATING AND REAFFIRMING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, AS MODIFIED HEREIN; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND 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 1205, Prohibited Signs, subpart A, as set forth below:

“Section 1205. PROHIBITED SIGNS

1205 A.

The following types of signs are prohibited:

1. Signs imitating warning signals; signs displaying lights resembling the flashing lights customarily used in traffic signals or in police, fire, ambulance or rescue vehicles; signs using words, slogans, dimensional shape or size, or colors or governmental traffic signs in such a manner as to be confused with official traffic signs.
2. Signs with lights flashing in series, lines, or rows, or otherwise animated; other than fixed changeable copy signs permitted by this article.
3. Beacons; flashing, blinking, or fluctuating signs, other than fixed changeable copy signs permitted by this article.
4. Signs attached to trees or utility poles or boxes; signs painted on or otherwise attached to rocks or other natural objects; signs, other than those placed by a local, state or federal government or utility company located within the public street right-of-way or within five feet of the curb or closest edge of the pavement of any public street; signs placed on fences.
5. Signs emitting or utilizing in any manner any sound capable of being detected on a public road by a person of normal hearing.

6. Signs which obstruct any fire escape, any means of egress or ventilation, or prevent free passage from one part of a roof to any other part thereof; signs attached in any manner to any fire escape.
7. Signs which obstruct the sight of motorists or pedestrians so as to create safety hazards.
8. Banners, feather banners, fringe, pennants, twirling, A-frame, sandwich-type, sidewalk or curb-type signs, balloons, tethered balloons, streamers, portable signs, air or gas filled figures, awning/canopy signs, projecting signs, trailer signs, and other similar temporary or spectacular signs, except as permitted elsewhere.
9. Roof signs.
10. Signs displaying any statement, word, character, or illustration of an obscene nature, as defined by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 16-12-80.
11. Illuminated signs from or to which direct rays of light are projected onto a lot other than on the lot where the illumination occurs.
12. Portable changeable copy signs which are designed to display messages that can be changed electronically (LED) or manually.
13. All other signs not specifically permitted by this article.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, the Unified Development Code of Griffin, Georgia, is hereby restated and reaffirmed in its entirety, as amended, and shall be accorded the full faith and enforceability of law. 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 3. All ordinances and Unified Development Code sections, or parts thereof, if any, in conflict with the foregoing are expressly repealed.

Section 4. 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 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon its 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: _____