

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia so as to revise the text certain sections for various uses; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by striking Section 4.2.4 in its entirety and replacing it with a new section 4.2.4 to read as follows:

“Section 4.2.4. Outdoor Cafes and Seating in other Zoning Districts.

A. Except as provided in subsection B, outdoor cafes and outdoor seating outside the CRD zoning district shall be permitted only when located entirely on private property. The use of a public right-of-way for an outdoor cafe or outdoor seating is prohibited.

B. A restaurant lawfully operating within the HIST zoning district may place limited outdoor seating within the public right-of-way immediately adjoining the restaurant, subject to the following requirements:

1. Permitted furnishings shall be limited to readily removable benches or individual chairs. Tables, counters, service stands, dining ledges, umbrellas, railings, fencing, and other outdoor café furnishings are prohibited.
2. The seating shall not be used to establish or operate an outdoor café. Table service, outdoor food preparation, food or beverage storage, and outdoor service stations are prohibited.
3. Seating shall be located immediately adjacent to the restaurant and shall not extend beyond the restaurant’s building frontage.
4. A minimum five-foot-wide unobstructed pedestrian passage shall be maintained between the seating and the curb, building, landscaping, utility structure, or other obstruction.
5. Any seating placed or maintained in violation of paragraphs 1 through 4 shall constitute an unauthorized encroachment within the public right-of-way and may be removed by the City. The owner or operator of the restaurant may be responsible for any costs incurred by the City in removing the seating.”

SECTION 2.

Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting subsection B of Section 3.2.15 regarding Building and Construction Trades Office and Shop and marking it as reserved:

“B. *Reserved.*”

SECTION 3.

Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting Section 3.2.21 **Convenience Stores, No Gas Sales** and marking it as reserved:

“Section 3.2.21. Reserved.”

SECTION 4.

Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting Section 3.2.25.1.E.1 regarding Pet Day Cares and marking it as reserved.

“E. *Location:*

1. Reserved.”

SECTION 5.

Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by striking Section 3.2.61 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 3.2.61 to read as follows:

“Sec. 3.2.61. Shelter, Temporary

A temporary shelter shall comply with the standards applicable to Personal Care Homes, Types I and II as established in Sections 3.2.51 and 52.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of September 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cooke	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

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