

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DACULA REGARDING SIGNS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City has adopted and maintained a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance including provisions related to signs; and

WHEREAS, changes in development patterns, proposed land uses, infrastructure and other matters warrant reviewing and updating portions of the Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City to review and evaluate the current Zoning Resolution in view of current development trends and future land use plans in and near the City; and

WHEREAS, as a part of that review process, the Planning Commission and City Council have conducted public hearings in accordance with Georgia law seeking comment on the amendments and updates to the Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and businesses within the City of Dacula to amend the Zoning Resolution as outlined herein;

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DACULA HEREBY ORDAINS that the Zoning Resolution and City Code be amended as follows:

SECTION 1.

The following amendments are approved and adopted:

Subsection 1225(B) is amended to change the heading and to add the following Subsection 8 listed herein so that the new Subsection 8 provides as follows:

Section 1225. Variances, Review And Appeal

(B) Variances

8. An Administrative Variance of less than five (5) feet in height or ten (10) percent of the advertisement area of the sign may be processed administratively at the discretion of the City Administrator.

Subsection 1228 is amended to delete the existing subsection and substitute the following in its place:

Section 1228. Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this Article XII shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$300.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 per offense. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 2

The City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and Director of Planning and Economic Development are further authorized to correct typographical errors in the text of the existing Zoning Resolution and to produce and publish a final codified version of the Zoning Resolution with the amendments and revisions outlined herein.

SECTION 3

In the event any Court of competent jurisdiction determines that any portion of the foregoing amendment is invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise illegal, such rulings shall not impair the validity of the rest and remainder of this amendment.

SECTION 4

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5

This Ordinance and the amendments outlined herein shall be effective immediately upon their adoption by the Mayor and City Council.

SO ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Dacula, this _____ day of June, 2023.

AYES: ____

NAYES: ____

ATTEST:

HUGH D. KING, III
MAYOR, CITY OF DACULA

BRITTNI NIX,
CITY ADMINISTRATOR