

ORDINANCE ZON-ORD-2026-XX

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE (2020), BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1, DISTRICTS, AND ARTICLE 2, SUPPLEMENTAL AND ACCESSORY USE STANDARDS; TO PROVIDE FOR REVISIONS TO THE USE TABLE FOR CONVENIENCE STORES WITH FUEL PUMPS; TO PROVIDE REVISIONS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL AND ACCESSORY USE STANDARDS FOR CONVENIENCE STORES WITH FUEL PUMPS, AND COMMUNITY LIVING ARRANGEMENT; TO RELOCATE AND RENUMBER REGULATIONS ; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia hereby ordains that the City of Lawrenceville Zoning Ordinance 2020 (a/k/a/ Zoning Ordinance for the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia) (hereinafter “Zoning Ordinance”) shall be amended as follows:

Section 1.

Article 1, Districts, of the City of Lawrenceville Zoning Ordinance (2020) is hereby amended by deleting the existing line(s) in Section 103.2, “Use Table,” referencing “Convenience Store (with Fuel Pumps)” in their entirety and replacing them with new line(s) referencing “Convenience Store (with Fuel Pumps)” as set forth in the adopted ordinance, including the requirement of a Special Use Permit in the BG zoning classification.

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Convenience Store (with fuel pumps)	√											S		P		

Section 2.

Article 2, Supplemental and Accessory Use Standards, of the City of Lawrenceville Zoning Ordinance (2020) is hereby amended by renumbering Section 200.3.25, Customary Home Occupation, as Section 200.3.26, And all sections following Section 200.3.26 shall be renumbered consecutively to maintain numerical order, and any reference to the former section numbers within this Ordinance as it exists as of the date of this Amendment or elsewhere in the City Code as it exists as of the date of this Amendment shall be deemed to refer to the renumbered sections.

Section 3.

Section 200.3.25 Convenience Store, with Fuel Pumps, is hereby adopted as a new section to replace the former Section 200.3.25. The new section shall read as follows:

200.3.25. Convenience Store, with Fuel Pumps. Convenience Store, with Fuel Pumps, shall comply with the following:

A. Special Use Permit. Convenience Store, with Fuel Pumps, may be permitted in the BG (General Business District) zoning classifications with the approval of a Special Use Permit.

B. Permitted Use. Convenience Store, with Fuel Pumps, are permitted in the HSB (Highway Service Business District) zoning classification.

Restriction. Fuel dispensing shall be limited to Vehicle – Passenger Car, SUV, Truck or Van, and Vehicle - Recreational as defined by the City of Lawrenceville Zoning Ordinance.

C. Accessory Use. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a convenience store, including indoor retail sales, packaged food and beverages.

D. Prohibited Use. The following uses are expressly prohibited:

1. Any automotive-related use, whether principal or accessory, including but not limited to vehicle storage or parking lots, vehicle sales or auction facilities, emissions testing stations, automobile body work, painting, rebuilding, repair or maintenance facilities, or automatic or self-service vehicle washing establishments, whether conducted indoors or outdoors, shall be prohibited.

2. No outdoor display, sales or storage of any kind, including but not limited to merchandise, materials, equipment, vehicles, vehicles, trailers, refuse, or inoperable items, shall be permitted on the property except where expressly allowed by the City Council as part of the Special Use Permit.

3. Any use not expressly approved as part of the Special Use Permit.

E. Site Plan and Development Standards.

1. Development shall be in substantial conformance with the site plan approved by the City Council.

2. Minor site plan modifications may be approved administratively by the Director of Planning and Development, provided such modifications do not reduce required buffers, setbacks, or screening and do not materially alter the approved use.

F. Building, Canopy and Architectural Standards.

1. **Building Orientation.** The principal building entrance shall be oriented toward and visible from the primary street frontage.

2. **Fuel Pumps and Canopy.**

a. Fuel pump islands and canopy structures shall be located to the side or rear of the principal building to the maximum extent practicable.

b. The fuel canopy shall be architecturally compatible with the principal building, including consistent colors, materials, and design elements.

c. Canopy lighting shall be fully recessed and shielded.

3. **Exterior Materials.** Primary building façades shall consist predominantly of brick, stone, or decorative masonry materials. Metal siding and EIFS shall not be permitted as primary façade materials.

G. Access, Parking, and Circulation.

1. **Access Points.** Vehicular access shall be limited to the driveways approved with the Special Use Permit and shall comply with City, GCDOT, and GDOT requirements as appropriate.

2. **Internal Circulation.** The site shall be designed to prevent vehicle queuing from obstructing drive aisles, fuel pump access, or public rights-of-way.

3. **Parking.** Parking shall be provided in accordance with BG district parking standards and shall be located outside of required buffers and setbacks.

H. Buffers, Landscaping, and Screening.

1. **Residential Adjacency.** Where a property abuts or is across from a residential development or zoning classification, landscaped buffers shall be installed in accordance with the City's buffer regulations and enhanced with evergreen plant materials to provide year-round screening.

2. **Fuel Pump Screening.** Fuel pump areas visible from public streets or residential properties shall be screened through a combination of landscaping, decorative fencing, or low masonry walls.

3. **Service Areas.** Dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and service areas shall be enclosed by masonry walls with opaque gates.

I. Lighting.

1. All exterior lighting shall be directed downward and inward and shall not create glare or light spillover onto adjacent properties or public right-of-way.

2. Fuel canopy lighting shall be extinguished within thirty (30) minutes after the close of business unless otherwise approved by the City Council.

J. **Signage.** Any application for a Special Use Permit may also include a request for a sign variance or sign special use permit as allowed by this Ordinance.

K. Hours of Operation.

1. The City Council may impose limitations on hours of operation as a condition of the Special Use Permit approval.

2. Fuel deliveries and refuse collection shall be limited to daytime hours unless

otherwise approved by the City Council.

L. Real-Time Information Center (RTIC).

A Real-Time Information Center (RTIC) is a facility, unit, or technological system operated by a law enforcement or public safety agency that collects, integrates, monitors, and analyzes information from cameras, sensors, databases, and other sources to provide real-time situational awareness and operational support during emergencies, incidents, and investigations.

The provisions of this section are intended to apply to new commercial, office, institutional, and mixed-use developments involving land-disturbing activity on a voluntary basis. Property owners and developers are encouraged, but not required, to participate in measures outlined herein, including the potential connection of site security cameras to the City of Lawrenceville Police Department Real-Time Information Center (RTIC).

Section 4.

Except as specifically amended as set forth above, all other provisions of the City of Lawrenceville Zoning Ordinance (2020) shall remain in full force and affect.

Section 5.

All ordinances, regulations, or parts of the same in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict and only to the extent of said conflict.

Section 6.

If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

IT IS SO ORDAINED this XX^{XX} day of MONTH, 2026

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk