

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FULTON

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 33.18, PROHIBITED SIGNS, OF THE CITY  
OF SANDY SPRINGS ZONING ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs find that from time to time it is necessary to amend sections of the Code to correct, clarify, and update the provisions of the Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing ordinance related to signs designed with light-emitting diode (LED) technology is prohibitive as it relates to the use of LEDs for internal illumination; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the ordinance should be amended to allow for the use of LEDs for internal illumination due to the reduction in cost and increase in energy efficiency of this light source.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, to accomplish the foregoing, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, pursuant to their authority, do hereby adopt the following Ordinance:

1.

Section 33.18, *Prohibited Signs*, of the Sandy Springs Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by the deletion in its entirety and the following inserted therefor:

SECTION 18: PROHIBITED SIGNS AND DEVICES.

The following types of signs are prohibited in the City:

- A. Balloons, streamers or air or gas filled figures.
- B. Signs consisting in whole or in part of a series, line, or row of lights, whether supported by cables or other physical means, within one hundred fifty (150) feet of a street and visible therefrom. Notwithstanding the foregoing, holiday lights and decorations displayed not more than thirty (30) days before a holiday shall be exempted from this Section.
- C. Promotional beacons, search lights or laser lights or images.
- D. Audible signs.
- E. Signs in a public right of way, other than those belonging to a government, public service agency, or railroad.

- F. Signs mounted or located on a tree, utility pole, or other similar structure.
- G. Roof signs and signs which extend vertically above any portion of a roof or parapet of the applicable wall.
- H. Portable signs, including signs attached to any parked vehicle or trailer, so as to be visible from a public right-of way.
- I. Signs which depict obscene material.
- J. Signs which advertise an activity which is illegal under federal, state or local laws.
- K. Signs not in good repair, in violation of codes, or containing or exhibiting broken panels, visible rust, visible rot, damaged support structures, or missing letters.
- L. Abandoned signs.
- M. Animated signs, flashing signs, and changeable copy signs which change more than once per twenty-four (24) hours within one hundred fifty (150) feet of a road right of way.
- N. Signs which contain or are an imitation of an official traffic sign or signal or contain the words "stop," "go," "slow," "caution," "warning," or similar words in such a manner as to resemble official traffic control signs.
- O. Projecting Signs.
- P. Any sign utilizing LED technology and/or components, except those where the LED technology is the internal light source as defined by this ordinance for an opaque faced area of the sign.

2.

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or regulations in conflict herewith are repealed.

3.

*Severability.* Should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

4.

*Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.* It is the intention of the Mayor and City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of

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Ordinances, City of Sandy Springs, Georgia and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

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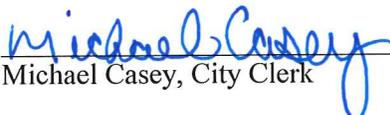
This Ordinance is effective July 12, 2011; and

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

Approved:

  
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Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Michael Casey, City Clerk

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