

ARTICLE XVI

LEGAL STATUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 16.1 PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE DECLARED TO BE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be minimum requirements, adopted for the promotion of the public health, safety, morals or general welfare. Wherever the requirements of this Ordinance are at variance with the requirements of any other lawfully adopted rules, regulations, ordinances, deed restrictions, or covenants, the most restrictive or that imposing higher standards shall govern.

SECTION 16.2 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

- (A) It is unlawful to violate the provisions of this ordinance or to fail to comply with any of its requirements (including violations of conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants or variances, or conditional uses). Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction thereof be fined not more than that prescribed by state law and in addition shall pay all costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.
- (B) The owner or tenant of any building, structure, premises, or part thereof, and any architect, builder, contractor, agent, or other person who commits, participates in, assists in, or maintains such violation may each be found guilty of a separate offense and suffer the penalties herein provided.
- (C) Nothing herein contained shall prevent the city from taking such, other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

SECTION 16.3 REMEDIES. If any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted or maintained or if any building, structure or land is used in violation of this Ordinance, the Mayor or City Council of Snellville, the Building Inspector, the code Enforcement Officer, the Director of Planning and Development or his/her designee or any adjacent or other property owner or anyone else who would be damaged by such violation, in addition to other remedies, may institute injunction, mandamus or other appropriate action in proceeding to stop the violation in the case of such building, structure or land use.

SECTION 16.4 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 16.5 REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Zoning ordinance, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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