

CITY OF SNELLVILLE

STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDINANCE NO. ZOA 17-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS OF ARTICLE XII OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNELLVILLE TO UPDATE DEFINED TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR ENTRANCE SIGNS, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS the Mayor and the Council of the City of Snellville, Georgia, the governing body of the City of Snellville, Georgia, desire to amend Article XII of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Snellville;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council of the City of Snellville, Georgia is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to adopt ordinances relating to its property, affairs and local government; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Snellville, Georgia deem such amendment to be for the betterment and general welfare of the City of Snellville and its inhabitants;

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA, and by the authority thereof:

Section 1. Article XII of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Snellville is hereby amended as follows:

Section 12.2 Definitions, is hereby amended by deleting the following language:

SIGN, AREA: The entire area within a continuous perimeter, enclosing the extreme limits of sign display, not to include the base of a monument sign or other sign support system. Curved, spherical, or any other shaped sign face shall be computed on the basis of actual surface area. The copy of signs composed of individual letters, numerals, or other devices shall be the sum of the area of the smallest rectangle or other geometric figure encompassing each of said letter or device as well as spaces between each letter or device. The calculation for a double-faced sign shall be the area of one face only where the sign faces are parallel or where the interior angle formed by the faces is 60 degrees or less. The area of the larger side shall be computed in cases in which the two sides do not coincide. For a multiple sided sign is, the sign area of all sides shall not exceed twice the maximum permitted sign area.

and replacing the deleted language with the following:

SIGN, AREA: The entire area within a continuous perimeter, enclosing the extreme limits of sign display, not to include the first twenty-four inches (24”) of the base height of a monument sign or other sign support system. Curved, spherical, or any other shaped sign face shall be computed on the basis of actual surface area. The copy of signs composed of individual letters, numerals, or other devices shall be the sum of the area of the smallest rectangle or other geometric figure encompassing each of said letter or device as well as spaces between each letter or device. The calculation for a double-faced sign shall be the area of one face only where the sign faces are parallel or where the interior angle formed by the faces is sixty degrees (60°) or less. The area of the larger side shall be computed in cases in which the two sides do not coincide. For a multiple sided sign is, the sign area of all sides shall not exceed twice the maximum permitted sign area.

Section 12.2 Definitions, is further amended by adding the following language:

SIGN, ENTRANCE: A permanent sign located at a public street or private driveway entrance to a platted residential subdivision/development, multi-family development, non-residential office park or industrial park, or office-condominium development which identifies said development or subdivision.

Section 12.2 Definitions, is hereby amended by deleting the following language:

SIGN, WALL: A sign fastened to the wall of a building or structure in such a manner that the wall becomes the supporting structure for, or forms the background surface of the sign and which does not project more than twelve-inches (12”) from such building or structure. The total signage on one side of a building or structure shall constitute one (1) wall sign.

and replacing the deleted language with the following:

SIGN, WALL: A sign fastened to the wall of a building in such a manner that the wall becomes the supporting structure for, or forms the background surface of the sign and which does not project more than twelve-inches (12”) from such building. The total signage on one side of a building or structure shall constitute one (1) wall sign.

Section 12.3, Signs Prohibited, is hereby amended by adding the following:

22. Signs attached to a retaining wall.

Section 12.4 Signs Permitted, is hereby amended by adding the following language:

- A4. Entrance sign(s). A maximum of two (2) permanent signs, per entrance, into any platted residential subdivision/development, multi-family development, non-residential office park or industrial park, or office-condominium development is permitted. Such signs shall not be included in the calculation of aggregate sign area

for any lot. Signs may be externally illuminated.

Maximum Size per Sign:	32 sq. ft. of copy/sign area.
Number of Signs Permitted:	One per lot. Two total signs per entrance.
Maximum Sign/Structure Height:	12 feet.
Setback from Right-of-Way:	0 feet for signs no higher than 4 feet 5 feet for signs over 4 feet 10 feet for signs over 10 feet.

Section 2. (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance was adopted _____, 2017. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption unless otherwise stated herein.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

ORDAINED this _____ day of November, 2017.

Barbara Bender, Mayor Pro Tem

Dave Emanuel, Council Member

ATTEST:

Cristy Lenski, Council Member

Melisa Arnold, City Clerk

Roger Marmol, Council Member

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Gretchen Schulz, Council Member

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