

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED
VEHICLES FROM PUBLIC STREETS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia while in regular session on April 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

SECTION 1. That the State of Georgia authorizes the City of Sandy Springs to exercise regulations where it sees fit to maintain the public right-of-ways under its authority; and

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and City Council find that it is important to maintain free and clear access, and afford the public equal privileges, to the public right-of-ways; and

SECTION 3. That the Mayor and City Council determine that the abandonment of vehicles or the parking of vehicles for excessive lengths of time on public right-of-ways impinges on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Sandy Springs and disallows the equal use of these right-of-ways; therefore

SECTION 4. Chapter 13, *Traffic and Public Roadways*, of the City of Sandy Spring Code of Ordinances is hereby amended with the insertion of an article following Article 2, Section 13, to read as follows:

Article 3: Abandoned Vehicles

Section 1: Definitions

As used in this article, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following words or phrases shall have the following meanings:

Commercial motor vehicle means any self-propelled or towed vehicle, or combination of such, designed or used to transport passengers or property and satisfies all or one (1) of the following criteria:

1. Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds; or
2. Is designed or used to transport more than eight (8) passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or
3. Is designed or used to transport more than fifteen (15) passengers, including the driver, and is not for compensation; or
4. Is used in transporting hazardous material in a quantity requiring placards in accordance with the Motor Carrier Safety Rules prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation, Title 49 C.F.R. Part 172, subpart F;

Trailer means any non-automotive vehicle designed to be towed for the purpose of transporting or carrying objects or persons.

Recreational vehicle means any self-propelled or towed vehicle, or combination of such, used for leisure time activities or as a dwelling unit while traveling. Examples include a camper, a motor home and a travel trailer.

Section 2: Abandoned Motor Vehicle

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or abandon a commercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or trailer upon the streets of the city or upon the rights-of-way of the streets and allow said commercial motor vehicle to remain parked or abandoned for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours.

Section 3: Removal and Storage

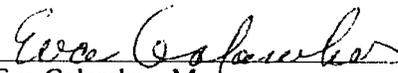
Should any sworn police officer of the city find any motor vehicle that has been parked or abandoned as aforesaid, he shall have the right to impound same and to have same removed from the streets of the city at the expense of the owner, and charge the owner storage.

SECTION 5. That the First Reading of this Ordinance was on April 4, 2006; and,

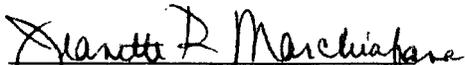
SECTION 6. That this Ordinance shall be effective April 18, 2006.

ORDAINED this the 18th day of April, 2006.

Approved:


Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:


Jeanette R. Marchiafava, City Clerk
(Seal)

