



CITY COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

03-0-0447

AN ORDINANCE

BY: IVORY LEE YOUNG

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE INTERIM CONTROLS ON THE PERMITTING OF ALL GENERAL ADVERTISING SIGNS AND ALL OTHER SIGNS EXCEEDING 200 SQUARE FEET FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS TO ALLOW TIME TO STUDY THE SIGN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA FOR ANY POSSIBLE CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS; TO ALLOW FOR THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SAID ORDINANCE, IF APPROPRIATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Sign Ordinance of the City of Atlanta, codified as Section 16-28A.001, et seq. of the Land Development Code was enacted in 1994;

WHEREAS, a case styled Granite State Outdoor Advertising, Inc. v. City of Atlanta, Georgia, Civil Action File No. 1;02-CV-3455-ODE has recently been filed against the City in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia challenging the constitutionality of some of the provisions of the Sign Ordinance;

WHEREAS, if this case is successful in its challenge and the Sign Ordinance is declared unconstitutional it could cause there to be a period of time in which there would be no regulations in the City controlling the number, type, size and location of signs;

WHEREAS, if this were to occur, the area of greatest concern would be the unregulated ability to erect general advertising signs and signs that exceed 200 square feet in size;

WHEREAS, the Law Department is studying the constitutional challenges being brought in this case to determine if it would be prudent to amend the Sign Ordinance;

WHEREAS, time is needed for the Law Department to determine the validity of these constitutional challenges and to draft legislation, if appropriate, to address these issues and additional time would be needed by the City Council to act on any proposed legislation;

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That interim controls on applications for any permits for all general advertising signs and all other signs exceeding 200 square feet in size be in effect for a period not to exceed six months to allow the Law Department time to study the Sign Ordinance and to propose legislation, if appropriate, and to allow the City Council time to act on any such proposed legislation.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be repealed.

A true copy,

*Rhonda Daughin Johnson*  
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council  
APPROVED by the Mayor

APR 21, 2003  
APR 28, 2003

RCS# 4627  
4/21/03  
3:26 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

03-O-0447

Interim controls on permits for signs  
exceeding 200 sq. ft. for 6 mons.  
ADOPT

YEAS: 13  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 2  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	NV Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	NV Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	B Woolard

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APR 21 2003

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT RE
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

**COUNCIL**

Date Referred: 3/17/03  
Referred To: Zoning  
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First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Members  
*Deby Stans*  
*Michelle Anthony*  
*Lawrence*

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION  
 2nd  1st & 2nd  3rd  
Readings  
 Consent  V Vote  RC Vote

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*Michelle Anthony*  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PROTTEM

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*Rachel Benjamin Johnson*  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

*Amberly Stans*  
APR 28 2003