

AN ORDINANCE

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AS SUBSTITUTED BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ATLANTA CITY CODE CHAPTER 98, ARTICLE I, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 98-3 AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A "MATTIE'S CALL" WITHIN THE CITY OF ATLANTA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Whereas, On April 21, 2004 Mattie Moore, an Alzheimer and Diabetic patient, wandered away from her home in the Center Hill neighborhood of Northwest Atlanta, and

Whereas, during the search for Mrs. Mattie Moore, other Alzheimer and mentally incapacitated persons became missing persons and were found due to the increased media attention; and

Whereas, experts say 60 percent of those with Alzheimer's disease will wander and become lost at least once during the course of the disease, and up to 46 percent of those wanderers may die if they are not found within the first 24 hours; and

Whereas, nearly half (49 percent) were found between one and five miles away from where they were last seen, while 37 percent were found less than one mile from home. The remaining 14 percent were found more than five miles away; and

Whereas, in the case of Mrs. Mattie Moore she has not been found after more than two months from the time she became missing; and

Whereas, there have been many ongoing efforts to find Mrs. Moore by family, friends and concerned citizens from across metro Atlanta; and

Whereas, the longer a person is missing it becomes increasingly difficult to find them; and

Whereas, the implementation of a plan to deal specifically with missing person cases involving mentally disabled persons will assist if swift and efficient action to alert the public and find them; and

Whereas, nationally there is an "Amber Alert" and statewide there is a "Levi's Call" to alert the public to assist in finding missing and abducted children; and

Whereas, it is necessary to establish a "Mattie's Call" in the City of Atlanta to alert the public to assist in finding missing Alzheimer, Dementia, and other mentally disabled persons.



THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL that:

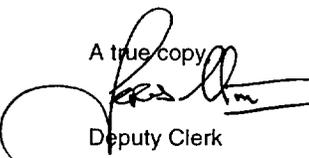
Chapter 98, Article I of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta shall be amended to add a new Section 98-3 to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The Chief of Police and or his/her designee shall have the authority to establish the implementation of a "Mattie's Call" in the City of Atlanta. This authority shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. The Chief of Police and/or his/her designee to establish criteria to determine when a missing person case justifies the activation of a "Mattie's Call."
- b. Coordination and support by Metro Atlanta law enforcement, emergency management and broadcasters to issue an urgent bulletin in missing persons cases that involved persons with Alzheimer, Dementia, and other mental disabling conditions.
- c. Development of a contact list for the immediate dissemination of information regarding the missing person to agencies that shall include, but not be limited to: the Emergency Alert System (EAS), All Broadcast media, Metro Atlanta homeless shelters and facilities, hospitals, jails, area law enforcement agencies such as MARTA, State, College, University, Downtown Ambassadors, Private Security Agencies, Mayor's Office of Constituents Services, Mayor's Office of Communications, as well as, City field personnel through various departments (Watershed, Public Works, Planning, Traffic & Transportation, etc.).

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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ADOPTED by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

June 21, 2004
June 24, 2004

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 Clerk: *Clara Miller*
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