

AN ORDINANCE BY

COUNCILMEMBER NATALYN M. ARCHIBONG

AS SUBSTITUTED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

08-O-0851

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA AND THE MAYOR, TO WAIVE CHAPTER 110, SECTION 110-3 (C) ATLANTA CYCLORAMA ADMISSIONS AND CHAPTER 38, CEMETERIES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE II, MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES, DIVISION 2. OAKLAND CEMETERY, SECTION 38-45, SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR GUIDED TOURS, SO AS TO ALLOW 100 OR MORE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT 5 TO VISIT THE ATLANTA CYCLORAMA AND THE OAKLAND CEMETERY WITHOUT CHARGE ON SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008 AND SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ORGANIZING PLANS FOR THE "BATTLE OF ATLANTA" CELEBRATION SCHEDULED ON THOSE DATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Whereas, the Battle of Atlanta was fought on July 22, 1864 roughly between noon and sundown; and

Whereas, the Cyclorama painting was actually painted from drawings made atop a scaffolding that was set up in District 5 (Edgewood/Reynoldstown) on Moreland Avenue (formerly known as County Line Road) just south of the Georgia Railroad tracks and the view in the painting to the east, west and south pictures what District 5 looked like at the time of the battle; and

Whereas, the Battle was one of the most deadly of the Civil War with around 12,000 men from the north and south losing their lives mostly in District 5 and mostly in the Sugar Creek Valley (present day I-20); and

Whereas, the Battle was one of only a few where two Generals lost their lives- Confederate General Walker and Union General McPherson, both in District 5 (East Atlanta) and General McPherson's death wagon and riderless horse is pictured in the Cyclorama painting; and

Whereas, the Union Army of Tennessee was encamped in District 5 (Kirkwood-once East Atlanta) where present day Crim High School sits and the first shots of the battle were fired in District 5 (Kirkwood) near Clay Street and Memorial Drive and one of the only antebellum houses (The Alston Home) from the time of the Battle is still standing in District 5 (Eastlake); and

Whereas, the commanding Confederate General Hood was headquartered in District 5 (Oakland Cemetery in Cabbagetown) and the Union front lines and major cannon emplacement was in District 5 along Flat Shoals in the East Atlanta Village and one of the main objectives of the fighting was the three story house on Leggett's Hill which sat on Flat Shoals in the vicinity of I-20 (the hill was obliterated by the construction of I-20) and another objective was the Georgia Railroad which was severed by the Union Forces in District 5 (Edgewood near Lake Claire); and

Whereas, the Battle of Atlanta will be celebrated in District 5 of the City of Atlanta on Saturday July 19, 2008 and Sunday, July 20, 2008; and

Whereas, the Atlanta Cyclorama and Oakland Cemetery on behalf of the City of Atlanta, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs wish to participate in the celebration of this event for historical purposes and the City Council member for District 5, requestS a waiver of fees for Guided Tours at Oakland Cemetery and admission fees at the Atlanta Cyclorama for 100 or more residents of District 5 on Saturday 19, 2008 and Sunday, July 20, 2008, in celebration of the Battle of Atlanta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

Section 1: That the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, on behalf of the City and as the Mayor's designee, be and is hereby authorized to waive on Saturday, July 19, 2008 and Sunday, July 20, 2008, the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, Chapter 110, Section 110-3(c), entitled Atlanta Cyclorama Admissions and Chapter 38, Cemeteries, Article II, Municipal Cemeteries, Division 2. Oakland Cemetery, Section 38-45, entitled Schedule of Charges for Guided Tours, so as to allow 100 or more residents of District 5 to visit the Atlanta Cyclorama and the Oakland Cemetery without charge in conjunction with the 2008 "Battle of Atlanta" celebration.

Section 2: "That all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived for purposes of this ordinance only, and only to the extent of said conflict."