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**WHEREAS,** the use of bullhooks and similar devices on elephants causes pain, suffering and trauma, often leading to lacerations, puncture wounds and abscesses; and

**WHEREAS,** alternative methods for the restraint and handling of elephants are available and effective; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the City of Atlanta that the use of bullhooks and other similar devices be banned in the City of Atlanta.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** Sections 18-70 (currently reserved) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta is hereby activated and shall provide as follows:

**Sec. 18-70 - Cruelty to elephants.**

(a)
As used in this section, the term "bullhook" shall mean a device or instrument containing a spike, hook, or any combination thereof. A bullhook is also known as an ankus, ankusha, elephant goad, or elephant hook.

(b)
It shall be unlawful for any person to use a bullhook on an elephant within the City of Atlanta.

(c)
It shall be unlawful for any person to use on an elephant, any device or instrument that inflicts pain on, or causes or is likely to cause injury to, an elephant, except as necessary to administer legitimate medical treatment or in response to an immediate threat to public safety.

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**Section 3:** All ordinances and code sections and parts of ordinances and code sections in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of any such conflict.