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AN ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 106 (OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS), ARTICLE VII (DRUG-FREE ZONES), DIVISION 1 (COMMERCIAL ZONES), SECTION 106-403 (a) (DESIGNATION OF DRUG-FREE COMMERCIAL ZONES) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA SO AS TO ADD NEW DRUG-FREE COMMERCIAL ZONES AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; TO WAIVE CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND CODE SECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, due to a significantly high incidence of conduct associated with drug trafficking, the City, pursuant to state law, designated certain areas of the city as Drug Free Commercial Zones; and

WHEREAS, in March, 1998, the City, pursuant to Ordinance 98-O-0328, designated several Drug Free Commercial Zones; and

WHEREAS, these Drug Free Commercial Zone areas were codified at Section 106-403 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-13-32.6 (d) and City Code Section 106-404 (a), a drug-free commercial zone adopted by the General Assembly and the City shall remain in effect for a period of five years and shall expire five years from the effective date of such adoption by the General Assembly and the City; and

WHEREAS, based upon crime statistics reported by the Atlanta Police Department, the drug trafficking situation is so dire and pervasive in certain areas

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of the City of Atlanta which have not previously been designated as Drug Free Commercial Zone; and

WHEREAS, these areas of the City must now be designated as Drug Free Commercial Zone; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-13-32.6 (f) " The General Assembly hereby adopts and incorporates into this Code section all drug-free commercial zones which have been adopted by municipal or county ordinance and entered in the register of the Department of Community Affairs as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section on or before July 1, 2013."

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

Section 1: Section 106-403 (a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta entitled "Designation of drug-free commercial zones", is hereby amended to add the following new Drug-Free Commercial Zones:

Police Beat 404: The area bounded on the north by I-20, on the east by Langhorn Street and Cascade Avenue, on the south by Cascade Avenue and Mays Drive, and on the west by Peyton Road.

Section 2: The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to take every necessary action to ensure the posting of the required signage in prominent and conspicuous places on the boundaries and throughout any portion of the Drug Free Commercial Zone described in this ordinance.

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

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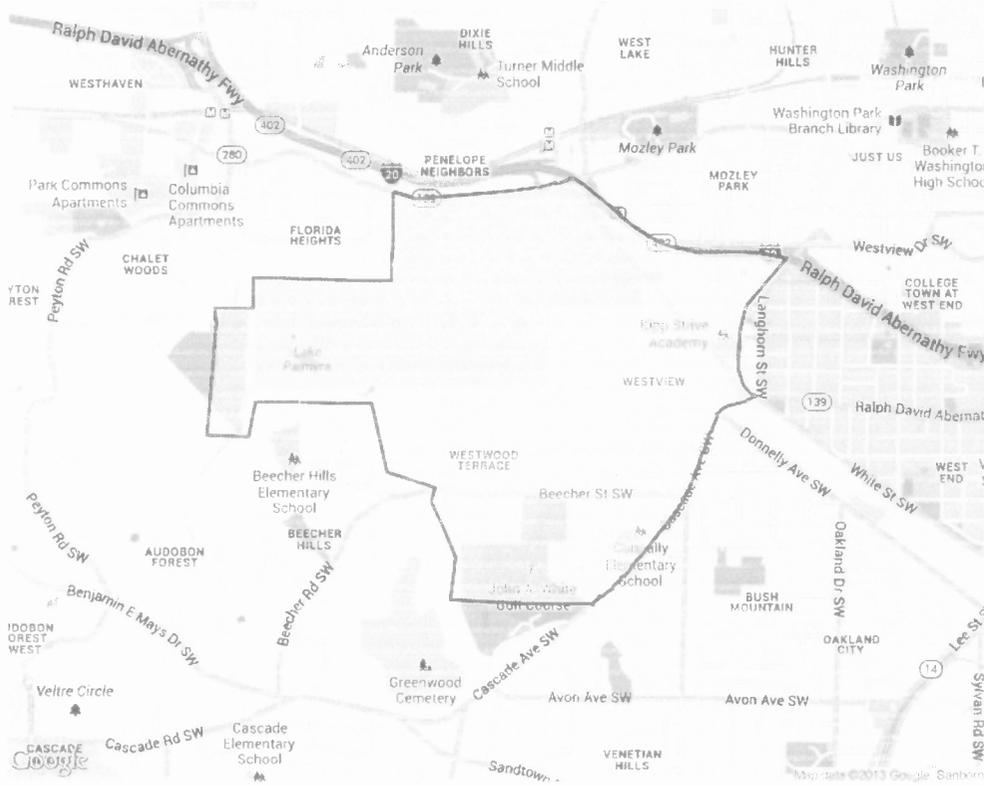
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