

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 11

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENACTING A MORATORIUM BARRING THE ACCEPTANCE AND/OR RECEIPT BY THE CITY OF THE FOLLOWING: APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING PERMITS, SIGN PERMITS, SITE PLAN APPROVAL RELATED TO OFF-PREMISES SIGNS OR BILLBOARDS.

WHEREAS, in May 2021, the City of Brunswick (the “City”), working with the Coastal Regional Commission (the “CRC”), implemented a process to review and amend the City’s Planning and Zoning ordinances to include the City’s Signage Ordinance; and

WHEREAS the City of Brunswick (“the City”) encompasses many sensitive areas related to signage placement; and

WHEREAS the City endeavors to protect its scenic character through undertaking proper controls on development; and

WHEREAS the City regulates signage for purposes of protecting public safety in addition to the City’s aesthetic interests and other vital purposes;

WHEREAS City officials have become aware that there may be infirmities in the City’s sign regulations; and

WHEREAS the City seeks to maintain the status quo while it undertakes to expeditiously revise and/or readopt its sign regulations if needed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick Board of Commissioners finds that time is needed to study, assess, review, consider, and determine what amendments are needed to the Zoning Ordinance and/or zoning classifications to properly regulate billboard signs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick Board of Commissioners deems it necessary and advisable to enact a moratorium, applicable the City of Brunswick for a limited period of time, to bar the acceptance and/or receipt of applications for approval of applications for building permits, sign permits, site plan approval related to billboard signs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick Board of Commissioners deems it necessary and in the best interests of the health, safety, prosperity, and welfare of the citizens of the of Brunswick, Georgia, to enact this moratorium for the reasons stated above and herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Brunswick Board of Commissioners, acting in its capacity as the governing authority of the City of Brunswick, Georgia, as follows:

Section 1. Moratorium on Acceptance of Certain Applications. The City of Brunswick Board of Commissioners does hereby enact a moratorium to bar the acceptance and/or receipt by the City of applications for permission to erect or install any sign that would be considered a “Billboard” as determined by the Director of the City’s Planning, Development and Codes Department.

Section 2. Applications to Amend. This moratorium shall also apply to applications to amend any existing sign permits, site plan, or building permits for a billboard that has already been issued or approved.

Section 3. Applications Received prior to Adoption of Resolution.

(a) *Complete Applications.* The moratorium enacted herein shall not apply to complete applications for any of those items referenced above in Section 1 and Section 2 of this Resolution which: (i) contain the documents, forms, and information required by the applicable ordinances and regulations of the City; and (ii) were received by the City of Brunswick Planning, Development and Codes Department prior to the adoption of this Resolution.

(b) *Incomplete Applications.* The moratorium enacted herein shall apply, however, to incomplete applications for any of those items referenced above in Section 1 and Section 2 of this Resolution which were received by the City of Brunswick Planning, Development and Codes Department prior to the adoption of this Resolution. Applications filed without the documents, forms, and/or information required under the applicable ordinances or regulations of the City shall be deemed incomplete.

Section 4. Other Types of Applications. No other types of applications received by the City of Brunswick and/or its Planning, Development and Codes Department, other than those for which the acceptance and/or receipt is specifically barred or prohibited pursuant to this Resolution, shall be affected or prohibited by this moratorium. Finally, this moratorium shall not apply to applications for zoning decisions filed by, or initiated by, the City of Brunswick.

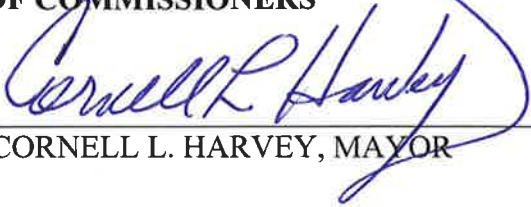
Section 5. Duration. The moratorium enacted herein shall be effective and begin immediately upon adoption of this Resolution on July 21, 2021, and shall continue for a period of ninety (90) days thereafter, expiring on October 19, 2021, at 11:59 p.m., in order to allow the City of Brunswick, Georgia, to pursue the objectives stated above and herein. The City of Brunswick Board of Commissioners may, by affirmative action of the Board of Commissioners, approve an extension of the moratorium beyond its scheduled expiration date or approve the termination of this moratorium prior to its scheduled expiration date. Should the City adopt a new or revised sign ordinance prior to the stated expiration of this moratorium, the same shall terminate on the date of the adoption of the City’s new or revised sign ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this the 21st day of July, 2021.

**CITY OF BRUNSWICK BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS**

By:


CORNELL L. HARVEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


NAOMI D. ATKINSON, CLERK

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GLYNN

