

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE 2017 TO AMEND SECTION 910. GC. GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO DELETE THE CURRENT BAN OF OUTDOOR STORAGE AND TO ADD A PROVISION TO ALLOW OUTDOOR STORAGE UNDER SPECIFIC STANDARDS AS A CONDITIONAL USE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Social Circle desire to amend the current zoning ordinances to change the requirements for outdoor storage in the General Commercial District provided the storage area is screened; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this ordinance is to change the standards under Section 910. GC General Commercial District to delete the ban on outdoor storage and to allow outdoor storage as a conditional use provided specific standards are met by the owner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Social Circle, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by authority of same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Social Circle 2017 is hereby amended, by amending Section 910. GC General Commercial District, Section E. Other Provisions (1) to provide “No outdoor storage except as otherwise provided herein or unless as a Conditional Use Permit is granted under Section D.”

SECTION 2. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Social Circle 2017 is hereby amended, by adding the following Conditional Use under Section 910. GC General Commercial District Section D. the following provision:

“Outdoor Storage areas, other than junkyards (see Section 615 for definition of junkyards) shall be allowed provided the applicant strictly meets the following requirements: (1) the outdoor storage area shall be surrounded by a fence on all sides; (2) only an eight (8) foot high black chain link fence or an eight (8) foot high opaque fence may be used; (3) if the fence surrounding the outdoor storage yard is a black chain link fence, the fence shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from any side yard or rear yard property lines and completely screened by a landscaped strip at least three (3) feet high surrounding the entire exterior fence line of the outdoor storage area; (4) if the fence screening the outdoor storage area is opaque, there is no setback or screening requirement; (5) all fencing shall be kept in good repair and maintained for the conditional use permit to remain valid.”

SECTION 3. Unless otherwise provides herein, the penalties provided for violations of this Ordinance are set out in the general penalties sections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Social Circle, are under the authority of the Municipal Court as established by the Code and are hereby incorporated herein as if fully set out.

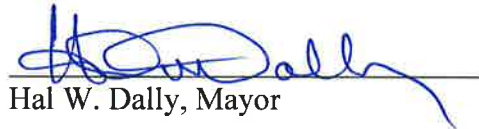
SECTION 4. Except as provided otherwise herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to the Section 2.25 of the City Charter, authority is hereby delegated to the City Clerk to cause this Ordinance to be numbered and codified in the City Code of Social Circle, Georgia, in such a way as to place this Ordinance in the Code in an organized and orderly sequence to maximize the organization of the Code. The City Clerk is authorized to designate to the City Attorney or to such other Mayor and Council approved contractors to assist in the effort to codify this provision provided the decision of the City Clerk is final as to the placement of this Ordinance within the City Code of Social Circle, Georgia. The goal of this authorization is to codify and number this Ordinance in the Code in such a way as to be clear and orderly.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council of the City of Social Circle, Georgia.

SECTION 7. It is hereby declared that if any phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof shall be found or declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining phrases, sentences and paragraphs hereof shall remain in full force and effect as if enacted without the phrase, sentence, or paragraph declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SO ORDAINED this 19th day of September, 2017.


Hal W. Dally, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan M. Roper, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Anthony O. L. Powell, City Attorney
Webb, Tanner & Powell P.C.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting on September 19, 2017.

 4 Council members voting in favor

 0 Council members voting against

 0 Council members abstaining