ORDINANCE NO. 2017-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE 2017 TO AMEND SECTION 911. I-1 LIGHT IDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR STORAGE UNDER SECTION B. PERMITTED USE, PARAGRAPH 31.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Social Circle desire to amend the current zoning ordinances to change the requirements for screening for outdoor storage in the light industrial district to allow black chain link fencing under specific conditions and provided certain standards are met; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this ordinance is to change the standards under Section 911. I-1 Light Industrial District to modify the requirements for outdoor storage under Section B. Permitted Uses, Paragraph 31 to allow for greater fencing options for property owners; and

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 deleting the current Paragraph 31 of Section 911. I-1 Light Industrial District Section B. Permitted Use, in its entirety.

SECTION 2. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Social Circle 2017 is hereby amended, by adding as Paragraph 31 of Section 911. I-1 Light Industrial District Section B. Permitted Use, the following provision:

"31. Outdoor Storage yards, other than junkyards (see Section 615 for definition of junkyards), shall be allowed provided they strictly meet the following requirements: (1) the outdoor storage area shall be surrounded by a fence on all sides; (2) 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 three (3) foot high landscaped strip surrounding the entire outdoor exterior fence line of the outdoor storage yard; (4) if the fence screening the outdoor storage yard 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.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> 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.