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#### **§ 50.01 CREATION OF WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY**

The Board of Commissioners of Pike County, Georgia request that the local legislative delegation to the General Assembly of Georgia be requested to introduce the necessary legislation to create the Pike County Water & Sewer Authority.  
(Res. Passed 02-09-00)

#### **§ 50.02 REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN**

- (A) For planning purposes, the Pike County Board of Commissioners wish to have the future water supply needs of Pike County included in the planning for any allocation of water associated with the proposed Flint River Regional Water Supply Plan.
  - (B) Without committing to any particular course of action, the Pike County Board of Commissioners intend to cooperate in the planning and implementation of facilities for the Flint River Regional Water Supply Plan.
  - (C) Nothing herein shall be construed as to irrevocably commit Pike County to be included in any allocation of water associated with the proposed Flint River Regional Water Supply Plan.
  - (D) The City of Griffin agrees that at any time prior to actual contract signing and prior to any expenditures by Griffin for the actual production of water for Pike County, the City of Griffin will allow the transfer of Pike County's allocation to Pike County upon EPD approval.
- (Res. passed 3-13-96)

#### **§ 50.03 WATER ORDINANCE**

- (A) Title.  
This subchapter shall be known as the “Water System Regulations Ordinance.
- (B) Spacing of fire hydrants.
  - (1) Public fire hydrant spacing.
    - (a) All water mains in the county shall have fire hydrants installed in accordance with the current “Standard Specifications for Water Distribution System” adopted by the Pike County Water & Sewage Authority. The maximum

distance between the fire hydrants along water mains of six inches in diameter or greater shall be as follows:

- (i) 500 feet in existing or planned new subdivision;
- (ii) 1,000 feet along straight-aways (i.e. highways); and
- (iii) 500 feet in commercial and/or industrial areas.

Hydrant distance shall be measured along the centerline of the street or roadway.

- (b) In areas zoned commercial, manufacturing and/or industrial, in order to meet minimum required hydrant water flow, additional hydrants shall be installed where designated by the Authority or its authorized designee.

(2) Variance.

Any variance for fire hydrant spacing must be approved by the Authority or its authorized designee. Such variances must be noted on appropriate site drawings.

(C) Reserved.

(D) Water Services.

- (1) The water distribution system of the Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority was created for the purpose of providing a dependable drinking water source and improved fire safety to its customers and the citizens of unincorporated Pike County. In order to further fire safety, all residential developments, as defined by the Pike County Code of Ordinances, involving the construction of multiple units within a development, shall be required to connect to the water distribution system of the Authority in the event any property line of the proposed residential development is within 2,500 feet of any water distribution line of the Authority. Said distance shall be measured from the property line along public right of way or easements of the Authority to the distribution line designated by the Authority. The design of the connection line shall be in conformance with this ordinance. The costs associated with the design and construction of the connection line shall be the responsibility of the developer/owner of the residential development and shall be governed by the provisions of this subsection §50.03(Q). This requirement shall only be applicable to multiple unit residential development (single family or multifamily) permitted by the County following the adoption of this section §50.03(D)

- (2) Following adoption of this subsection §50.03(D), new family residences and all commercial construction permitted by the County shall be required to connect to the water distribution system of the Authority in the event the lot or site of the new construction is adjacent to any right of way or easement containing a water distribution line of the Authority. For purposes of this Section “adjacent” shall encompass a water distribution line located within the right of way or an easement directly across a public right of way from the lot or site in question. This requirement shall not be applicable to single family residences or commercial uses which pre-exist the adoption of this Section.

(E) Water Service Application.

- (1) Water services shall not be connected to any property without application having first been made to and having been officially granted by the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority or its designee. Application must be made by the owner of the

property to be served or the authorized agent of the owner. The application must be made on the form provided by the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority. Upon acceptance of the application for water service by the Authority and the installation of a water meter, the applicant shall be considered a customer.

- (2) The providing of water service by the Authority shall be contingent upon the water line availability to the property for which the application is made and water capacity of the water distribution system of the Authority. In the event a water line of the system owned and maintained by the Authority is adjacent to or directly across a public right of way from the applicant's property, service will be provided upon the applicant's satisfaction of the applicable requirements of the Authority regarding new service.
- (3) Line extensions are addressed in §50.03(Q) inclusive to the allocation of costs associated with the line extension.

(F) Water Service Deposit.

- (1) In order to secure the prompt payment of accounts and charges for services and facilities and connection afforded, and as condition precedent to the rendering of such service, each water/or sewer customer shall deposit a sum as fixed from time to time by the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority based on the size of the water meter installed.
- (2) Upon payment of all outstanding charges for services and a cut-off fee as fixed from time to time by the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority, the customer's deposit shall be refunded without interest.

(G) Separate Water Meters.

- (1) Each separate house, duplex unit, office, and garage apartment shall be served by a separate water meter unless otherwise specifically exempted by resolution of the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority or otherwise provided in this code.
- (2) Shopping centers and similar developments, apartments and condominiums shall be served by a single master meter. If exempted by resolution of the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority, fee simple condominiums, townhouses, duplexes, cluster homes and office condominiums may be served by separate meters.
- (3) Any building or structure served by water lines designed and constructed for the purpose of fire sprinkler supply, shall be served by a double detector check valve/backflow preventer or reduced pressure zone backflow device. The customer will be billed monthly for the fire line connection. Any water usage detected on the fire line detector meter will be billed to the customer.

(H) Inspection Emergencies.

The authorized designee of the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority shall have the right at all reasonable hours to enter upon any property where the Authority water is connected for the purpose of inspecting the pipes and fixtures, setting and repairing meters and turning water on or off. Entry to buildings or enclosed areas shall require notice and permission of the occupant or owner. In the case of emergencies, the authorized designee of the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority, being the sole judge of the time and necessity regarding an emergency situation, may stop the supply of water to any property in case of emergency or may shut off the water supply to make emergency repairs or extensions. In the case of such emergency storage and/or shut off, reasonable notice shall be given to the affected owner(s) when practicable.

- (I) Water or sewer connection.  
No individual shall connect to any water or sewer line maintained, leased or owned by the Pike County Water Authority without written authorization from the Authority.
- (J) Water or sewer tap fee.  
Upon the application for a new service connection, the applicant shall pay to the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority such tap fee as fixed from time to time by the Authority.
- (K) Water rates, independent water systems.
  - (1) (a) The rate schedule for water furnished to customers shall be as fixed from time to time by the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority. A current copy of the rate schedule shall be maintained on file in the office of the Authority where it shall be available for public inspection.
  - (b) A minimum service fee shall be charged to all water customers of the Authority for which an application has been accepted by the Authority and a meter has been installed. In the event a customer does not utilize any water for the billing period in question, the minimum monthly service fee shall still apply. Customers shall not be charged a minimum monthly service fee and minimum water bill for the same billing period. The minimum monthly service fee shall be fixed from time to time by the Authority.
  - (2) The following regulations shall apply to independent water supply systems buying water from the county:
    - (a) Definition of water supply system. A supply system which has been certified and sanctioned by the state pursuant to the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (OCGA §12-5-20 et seq.)
    - (b) Requests. Each request for water by such a water supply system shall be evaluated based on the anticipated user's needs and the Authority's ability to meet the needs of the user.
    - (c) Minimum and maximum use. If the Authority grants assistance to the requesting water supply system, the minimum established under this section shall be billed to the user whether or not that amount is actually used by the system.
      - (i) Minimum. A minimum amount of water to be allowed the user shall be established by the Authority at the time the Authority decides to assist the user.
      - (ii) Maximum. The maximum number of gallons which may be supplied to the using system shall be three (3) times the minimum usage.
    - (d) Rates. Using systems shall pay for the minimum use gallons established in this section, whether or not the water is actually used, at a rate of 100 percent of the then existing water rate. Usage of water over the minimum amount and up to the maximum amount allowed shall be charged at the same rate.
    - (e) Usages over the maximum. Usage of water in excess of the maximum amount established in this section shall not be allowed except by special request to the authorized designee of the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority and then only for a designated time period. If the special request for above the maximum usage is granted by the authorized designee of the Authority, the rate of the charge shall be those in effect at the time of the request.
    - (f) Ability. The Authority may furnish water under this section to its discretion based upon the water supply needs of Authority customers.

- (3) The following regulations shall apply to customers seeking adjustments for water and wastewater charges billed:
  - (a) Water bill adjustments for broken water lines and leaks.
    - (i) In cases where it is clear and evident that water usage as reflected by a monthly meter reading is not indicative of water used due to an unusual circumstance, the Authority or its authorized representative may authorize an adjustment of not more than one-half the usage in excess of the average bill.
    - (ii) The adjustment can only be made for the two most recent billings regardless of the duration of the leak.
    - (iii) Leak adjustments will only be given for broken water lines and meter leaks on the customer's side of the meter.
    - (iv) Receipts, invoices or statements that support service on the Authority's side of the meter needed to repair the leak in question, shall be presented to Authority water resources customer service to be considered for an adjustment for such repairs.
- (L) Billing and water disconnection.
  - (1) All water bills shall be due and payable by the date specified on the bill. Failure to pay the bill by the due date shall result in the imposition of such delinquent penalties as fixed from time to time by the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority.
  - (2) Unless otherwise provided in this section, the bill shall be delinquent and service may be disconnected by order of the authorized designee of the Authority when the bill becomes more than 30 days delinquent, provided no service shall be disconnected prior to being given notice. In the event delinquent bill consists in total of minimum monthly service fees as provided by Section 50.03(K)(1), the water meter may be removed by the Authority by order of the authorized designee of the Authority when such bill becomes more than 30 days delinquent, provided such action shall not be taken prior to providing the customer notice.
  - (3) Unless otherwise provided in this section, any customer whose water service has been cut off or disconnected by the Authority shall not have water service restored until all charges due are paid in full and the following charges are paid:
    - (i) a fee for reconnection of service as fixed from time to time by the Authority; and
    - (ii) in the event of a removal of the water meter by the Authority as provided by section 50.03(L)(2), a tap fee renewal as fixed from time to time by the Authority. Reconnections made after regular business hours and on weekends shall be made only upon customer's request and for the established after hours reconnect fees.
  - (4) Unless otherwise provided in this section, the Authority or its designee shall be vested with the authority to determine any and all cases of hardship and waive any penalties stated in this article.
  - (5) Any and all outstanding balances for delinquent water bills inclusive of billings for minimum monthly service fees may be collected by the Authority through the filing of appropriate civil proceedings.



- (M) Damaging or tampering with water meter or water lines; discontinuing service.
- (1) No person, other than authorized personnel of the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority, shall remove, damage, break, disconnect or tamper with a water meter or a water measuring device. Upon the unauthorized removal, damaging, breaking, disconnecting or tampering with a water meter or a water measuring device, the customer or user in whose name the meter is registered shall be billed for estimated use of water while the meter was removed, damaged, broken, disconnected or tampered with.
  - (2) If any bill for water as provided in subsection §50.03(M)(1), including the charge for removing, damaging, breaking or tampering with the meter, shall not be paid within ten (10) days after due date stated in the bill, the Authority may discontinue water service as set forth because of the customer's failure to pay his or her water bill under this section. The customer's meter will not be reactivated until the outstanding bill is paid in full, and the customer pays a charge as fixed from time to time by the Authority for the restoration of service.
  - (3) No person, other than authorized Authority personnel, shall remove, damage, break, disconnect, or tamper with water mains or lines. Upon the unauthorized removal, damaging, breaking, disconnecting or tampering with a water main or line, such person may be responsible for any necessary repairs as determined by the Authority, or, the repairs may be made by the Authority and such person may be responsible to the Authority for the cost of such repairs.
  - (4) Any intentional or negligent act resulting in the unauthorized removal, damaging, breaking, disconnecting or tampering with a water meter or a water measuring device shall be considered unlawful and the Authority will prosecute under the applicable state criminal statute to the fullest extent possible.  
**State law references:** Theft of services, OCGA §16-8-5; damaging or interfering with property of a political subdivision, OCGA §16-7-25.
- (N) Appeal of service disconnection; notice of contested charges; hardship cases; meter tests.
- (1) The receipt by the customer or user of a water bill with extra charges under section §50.03(L) and §50.03(M), other than for the normal use of water, shall be sufficient notice to the customer or user that he is in violation of this article and is subject to have his water service discontinued.
  - (2) A person desiring to contest or dispute the amount of any bill rendered under this section, including an amount charged for removing, damaging, breaking, disconnecting or tampering with a water meter or water measuring device may pay such charges under protest prior to the date due and request a hearing before the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority's designee. Should the Authority or its designee determine that any portion of the charges have been erroneously or illegally imposed, refund of the charges so erroneously or illegally paid shall be promptly made or such amount credited to the customer's account. If a person is dissatisfied with an adverse ruling by the Authority's designee, he may appeal that ruling within five (5) working days to the Authority who shall review the case and receive such evidence as necessary to make its determination. The decision of the Authority shall be final.
  - (3) In cases of hardship, a person may apply to the Authority to permit installment payments to cover overdue payments. If granted, such installments must be kept

according to the agreement in order to prevent service from being disconnected. All current charges must be paid in full when due.

- (4) A customer believing his meter to be faulty may request the Authority to test the meter. Upon the request, along with a deposit as fixed from time to time by the Authority which is to partially cover the costs of removing the meter, sending the meter to a checking station and replacing the meter, this work will be accomplished and a check of the registering device made. Should the results of the test be within three (3) percent of correct registration, a fee as fixed from time to time by the Authority shall be charged to the customer's account. Should the results of the check show the meter to be in error more than three (3%) percent or registering more water than actually is passing through the meter, the Authority shall repair or replace the meter and an adjustment shall be made to the account to cover the inaccurate billing.

(O) Landlord's water liability.

The Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority shall not hold responsible any owner or landlord for indebtedness of a prior owner, prior occupant, or prior lessee. The Authority shall hold responsible and seek reimbursement for unpaid charges only from the person who incurred the charges. The Authority shall not impose a lien against real property to secure unpaid charges for water furnished unless the owner of such real property is the person who incurred the charges.

**State law references:** Similar provision, OCGA §36-60-17.

(P) Procedures during periods of water shortage and drought.

- (1) In order to maintain adequate pressure and supply for customers of the water system, the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority may implement demand management consistent with demand management measures implemented by either the State, Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, the water system's Water Conservation Plan, the water system's Drought Management Plan, or the provisions of water supply contracts with third parties, individually or collectively. Subject to the foregoing, the Authority, upon determining adequate pressure and water supply cannot be maintained by the system, may implement demand management measures.
- (2) The measures shall remain in effect until the conditions prompting implementation have diminished sufficiently to eliminate concern and/or the agencies, plans or contracts referenced in this subsection 50.03(P)(1) authorizes the discontinuance of such measures.
- (3) The public shall be notified through the news media of the demand management measures as ratified by the Authority. Additional notification may be provided by mailing notices with monthly water bills or by posting notices at the office of the Authority.
- (4) It shall be a violation of this section for any person to engage in any activity that is prohibited by the demand management measures ratified by the Authority. It shall be a violation of this section for any water customer to cause or permit any activity at the water customer's address for water service that is prohibited by such measures. It shall be the final responsibility of the water customer for the water service address of the customer to ensure that no activity is conducted at the address of the customer that is in violation of such measures.

- (5) For purposes of this section, the term “outdoor water usage” shall be defined as lawn and garden watering, noncommercial washing of motor vehicles and the filling of swimming pools.
  - (6) Any person in violation of this section shall be guilty of a county ordinance violation and may be punished as provided by State and Local Law. However, for any first alleged violation of this section, a written warning will be given. Subsequent violations will result in the issuance of a citation.
  - (7) The Authority shall be entitled to terminate water service for a water service address upon two (2) convictions of violations related to this Ordinance and/or the water service address.
- (Q) Expansion of water and sewer system; acceptance of water and sewer facilities.
- (1) The installation of water and sewer infrastructure for the providing of water and/or sewer service to a property not served by the Authority’s system shall be subject to the discretion of the Authority. Design and construction of all water and sewer facilities shall be subject to the following conditions:
    - (a) Design and construction of all water and sewer facilities shall conform to the Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority “Standard Specifications for Water Distribution System” as adopted from time to time by the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority.
    - (b) The owner or developer shall pay the entire cost of expansion of the water and sewer system unless approved otherwise by the Authority. Materials and labor for all water and sewer facilities shall be furnished by the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority.
    - (c) The owner or developer shall execute a dedication agreement before extending or expanding water or sewer facilities. The dedication agreement shall clearly specify the water and sewer facilities are to become property of the Authority.
    - (d) The owner or developer shall pay any required connection or inspection fees before connecting to water or sewer facilities. Fees for the inspection of water and sewer expansion shall be in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Authority.
    - (e) The designee of the Authority shall review and approve all plans and inspect all work for conformance to the Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority “Standard Specifications for Water Distribution System” and perform a final inspection before acceptance. All inspections required by the Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority “Standard Specifications for Water Distribution System” shall require written approval.
    - (f) Installation of water and sewer facilities shall be performed by a certified utility contractor licensed by the State.
    - (g) Water and sewer facilities to be dedicated to the Authority shall become the property of the Authority upon completion of such facilities. Final acceptance of such facilities shall be issued in writing only.
    - (h) The owner or developer shall furnish an “as-built” record drawing of all water and sewer facilities constructed. Specifications for such drawings shall be as described in the Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority “Standard Specifications for Water Distribution System.”

- (1) The owner or developer shall warrant all water facilities constructed for a period of two (2) years. A bond shall be provided in the amount described in the Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority “Standard Specifications for Water Distribution System.” The warranty period shall begin on the date of written final acceptance of the work.
  - (2) The Authority shall not accept any water facilities and Pike County shall not issue a final plat for subdivision or issue a certificate of occupancy for a new structure related to such water facilities, unless the provisions of this section have been satisfied or waived, for good cause shown, by a resolution of the Authority.
  - (3) The Authority may extend, connect to or modify any water line or sewer line dedicated to the Authority without compensation to those responsible for original construction of the line.
- (R) Sizing and location of water lines.
- (1) It being the intent of the county and the Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority to provide the best possible water service to Authority customers, affording adequate pressure and supply, and to anticipate and meet future demands placed on the water and sewer system, all lines constructed and installed by the Authority or other individuals shall meet the following criteria:
    - (a) Water lines to be dedicated to the Authority shall be installed along public thoroughfares and rights-of-way. The Authority may approve an alternate location upon determination that a hardship (other than financial) would be created by this requirement.
    - (b) Water lines installed on all existing or future thoroughfares or drainage ways shall be sized and constructed as specified in the current Water and Sewerage Master Plan on file in the office of the Authority.
    - (c) Water and Sewer lines to be installed in new developments shall be sized and constructed as authorized in Pike County Water & Sewerage Authority “Standard Specifications for Water Distribution System.”
  - (2) When, in the opinion of the designee of the Authority, the pipe size specified by the Standard Specifications that will connect a residential subdivision required to serve the requirements of such subdivision, development, or user, the Authority, by proper motion and resolution, may rebate or reimburse the cost to increase the line size to comply with the Standard Specifications. Such rebate or reimbursement shall be limited to paying the difference in the cost of installation and material size necessary to serve the development and the larger diameter pipe. No other rebates or reimbursements shall be considered by the Authority.
- (S) Water service lines responsibility.
- (1) All water or sewer service lines running from the meter, or, in the case of sewer, the street right-of-way, to the customer’s property shall be the responsibility of the customer.
  - (2) The Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority owns and maintains water service lines from the main through the meter inclusive. The Authority owns and maintains sewer service lines from the main or manhole to the street right-of-way.

- (3) All water service lines shall have a suitable backflow preventor installed on the customer's side of the water meter. The Pike County Water and Sewerage Authority shall own and maintain the backflow preventor. All sewer service lines shall have a suitable sewer clean-out installed at the right-of-way limit or easement limit. The customer shall own and maintain the clean-out.
- (4) Any installation of or change to the connection at the meter in the customer's side shall be the responsibility of the customer, provided all such work shall be performed under the supervision of the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to maintain and replace meters.
- (T) Water fees required for building permit.  
Any applicant for a building permit for construction or development governed by the provision of this section 50.03(A) through 50.03(MM) must pay all applicable water connection fees and obtain water permits before a building permit will be issued by the County.
- (U) Water Purchase Fire Hydrants.  
An individual may apply to the Authority for a permit to utilize a fire hydrant for water purchase under limited circumstances as may be authorized by the Authority. In addition to the requirement of securing a permit, the permittee must utilize such equipment designated by the Authority including but not limited to the meter devices and back flow preventors. The purchase rate for water supplied in such fashion shall be established from time to time by the Authority through the adoption of its rate schedule.
- (V) Repeal and Severability.
  - (1) Any ordinance, resolution or regulation of Pike County deemed to be in conflict with the Ordinance shall be hereby repealed.
  - (2) If any paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, or if any provision of any part of this Ordinance as applied to any particular set of circumstances or situation be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portion of this Ordinance not held to be invalid, or the application of this Ordinance or other circumstances not held to be invalid. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Commissioners to provide for the severance of any portion of the Ordinance lawfully deemed invalid and that the remaining valid portion(s) shall remain with full force and effect.
- (W) Effective Date.  
The effective date of this Ordinance shall be upon the second reading and the execution of this Ordinance by the Pike County Board of Commissioners
- (X) – (MM) Reserved.  
(Ord. Passed 09-10-08)

## **§ 50.04 OUTDOOR LANDSCAPE WATERING**

### **(A) Restriction on Outdoor Watering of Landscape.**

Outdoor watering for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants may occur only between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.; provided, however, that this limitation shall not create any limitation upon the following outdoor water uses:

- (1) Commercial raising, harvesting, or storing of crops; feeding, breeding or managing livestock or poultry; the commercial production or storing of feed for use in the production of livestock, including, but not limited to, cattle, calves, swine, hogs, goats, sheep, and rabbits, or for use in the production of poultry, including, but not limited to, chickens, hens, ratites, and turkeys; producing plants, trees, fowl or animals; or the commercial production of aquacultural, horticultural, dairy, livestock, poultry, eggs, and apiarian products or as otherwise defined by O.C.G.A. § 1-3-3;
- (2) Capture and reuse of cooling system condensate or storm water in compliance with applicable City ordinances and State guidelines;
- (3) Reuse of gray water in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 31-3-5.2 and applicable local board of health regulations;
- (4) Use of reclaimed water by a designated user from a system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to provide reclaimed waste water;
- (5) Watering personal food gardens;
- (6) Watering new and replanted plant, seed or turf in landscapes, golf courses, or sports turf fields during installation and for a period of 30 days immediately following the date of installation;
- (7) Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses;
- (8) Hand watering with a hose with automatic cutoff or a handheld container;
- (9) Use of water withdrawn from private water wells or surface water by an owner or operator of property if such well or surface water is on said property;
- (10) Watering horticultural crops held for sale, resale or installation;
- (11) Watering athletic fields, golf courses, or public turf grass recreational areas;
- (12) Installation, maintenance, or calibration of irrigation systems; or
- (13) Hydro seeding.

### **(B) Enforcement.**

- (1) No person shall use or allow the use of water in violation of the restrictions on outdoor water use contained in the ordinance.
- (2) Pike County through the Code Enforcement division of the Department of Planning and Development shall be the enforcement authority for this ordinance. The County Manager may also authorize other departments as may be deemed necessary to support enforcement.
- (3) Criminal and alternative penalties. Any violation of this section may be enforced by a citation or accusation returnable to the Magistrate Court of Pike County, Georgia or by any other legal means as set forth in this code.

(C) Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

(D) Severability.

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases in this ordinance are severable. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be rendered invalid by any court of law, the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases shall not be affected but shall continue in effect until amended or repealed by action of the governing authority of Pike County, Georgia.

(E) Effective Date.

This ordinance shall go into effect upon the second reading and adoption by the Pike County Board of Commissioners (December 8, 2010).

(Ord. Passed 12-08-10)