

## Ordinance 15-03

**To Repeal “The Zoning Ordinance Of The City of Dalton,” Adopted March 4, 1968, As Amended, In Its Entirety And To Substitute In Lieu Thereof, The “ Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Whitfield County, Georgia”; To Provide An Effective Date; To Repeal All Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide For Severability; And For Other Purposes.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton in regular meeting and by authority of the same it is hereby ordained as follows:

### Section 1.

The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Dalton adopted March 4, 1968, as amended, is hereby repealed in its entirety and the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Whitfield County, Georgia is hereby substituted in lieu thereof and shall read as follows:

### **Article I - Introduction**

**Preamble.** An Ordinance of Whitfield County, Georgia, the City of Dalton, Georgia, and the City of Varnell, Georgia, regulating the location, height, bulk, and size of buildings and other structures; the density of population; the uses of land, buildings and structures for business, industry, agriculture, conservation, recreation, residence, public activities and other purposes; defining certain terms used herein; creating districts for said purposes and establishing the boundaries thereof; providing for a method of administration, amendment, and enforcement and for the imposition of penalties for violation; repealing conflicting ordinances; and other matters.

**Short Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as, referred to as, and cited as the *Unified Zoning Ordinance of Whitfield County, Georgia*.

**Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish minimum standards for the use of land and improvements thereon within Whitfield County, Georgia and the participating municipalities. This Ordinance shall serve as a tool to promote health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and/or the general welfare of the present and future residents of Whitfield County; to lessen congestion in the roads; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to provide adequate transportation, water, sewerage, parks and open spaces and other public requirements; to protect properties against blight and depreciation; to encourage the most appropriate use of land, building and other structures throughout the County; to protect and conserve irreplaceable natural resources; to secure economy in government expenditures; to minimize visual blight and enhance scenic characteristics and for other purposes, all in accordance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Whitfield County. The Governing Authority does hereby ordain and enact into law the following Articles, Sections and Maps of the *Unified Zoning Ordinance of Whitfield County, Georgia*.

**Section 2.**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon the adoption of the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Whitfield County, Georgia by the Board of Commissioners of Whitfield County and as of July 1, 2015.

**Section 3.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton that the section, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance.

**SO ORDAINED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

The foregoing Ordinance received its first reading on \_\_\_\_\_ and a second reading on \_\_\_\_\_. Upon second reading a motion for passage of the ordinance was made by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_, second by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_ and upon the question the vote is \_\_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_\_ nays and the Ordinance is adopted.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk