

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF GORDON  
CITY OF CALHOUN**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A - ZONING, ARTICLE VI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 6.3 - OFF-STREET AUTOMOBILE PARKING AND STORAGE; TO REPEAL ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council for the City of Calhoun seek to amend the former municipal code of ordinances regarding the general provisions for the municipal zoning regulations to better regulate and control the amount of vehicles parked on the street particularly in residential neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council for the City of Calhoun recognize that due to the continued reduction in the size of land employed for individual residential lots by developers to maximize the ability to develop available properties which has resulted in less square footage being dedicated for use as paved driveways resulting in an increased use of parking on the municipal streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have additionally identified that the continued use of street parking, particularly in dense residential developments, has brought about traffic issues and street congestion that threatens the health, safety and welfare of the community in hindering rescue vehicles and municipal services such as curbside trash collection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council for the City of Calhoun seek to amend and adopt these provisions to require;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALHOUN HEREBY ORDAIN:**

**SECTION ONE: *PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A - ZONING, ARTICLE VI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 6.3 - OFF-STREET AUTOMOBILE PARKING AND STORAGE***, including the discrete sections and subsections, is hereby stricken in its entirety and replaced with *PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A - ZONING, ARTICLE VI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 6.3 - OFF-STREET AUTOMOBILE PARKING AND STORAGE* to read as follows:

“ **Sec. 6.3. Off-street automobile parking and storage.**

Except in the C-1, central business district, off-street automobile parking or storage space shall be provided on every lot on which any of the following uses are hereafter established. Such automobile parking or storage space shall be provided with vehicular access to a street or alley and shall be equal in area to at least the minimum requirements for the specific use as set forth below. Each off-street parking space shall be at least nine feet wide and 18 feet deep. The number, design and location of parking spaces provided to ensure handicapped access shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for accessible design.

6.3.1. If the required automobile parking or storage space cannot be provided on the same lot on which the principal use is located, the building inspector may permit such space to be provided on other off-street property, provided such space is within 500 feet of such principal use. Such space shall be associated with the permitted use and shall not thereafter be reduced or encroached upon in any manner.

6.3.2. All off-street automobile parking and storage space in residential districts shall be so arranged that vehicles will not be required to back onto a public street, road, or highway when leaving the premises.

6.3.3. [Minimum requirements.]

Use Classifications	Minimum Requirements
Single-Family detached and attached residential structures	2 spaces for each dwelling unit. Spaces shall be side by side.
Two-family and multifamily residential structures	2 spaces for each dwelling unit
Room[ing] and boarding houses, hotels	1 space for each dwelling unit or guest room
Churches, synagogues, or other places of public assembly	1 space for each accommodation
Fraternal organizations, and other places of public assembly	1 space for each accommodation
Tourist homes, tourist courts, or motels	1 space for each accommodation
Hospitals, nursing homes or similar institutions	1 space for each 2 beds intended for patients, plus one space for each 3 employees
Retail businesses	3.5 spaces for each 1,000 square feet of sales floor area
Offices, including banks	3.5 spaces for each 1,000 square feet of total floor area
Filing stations	2 spaces for each gas pump, plus 3 spaces for each grease rack or similar facility

Mortuary or funeral parlor	1 space for each 4 seats in the chapel, 1 additional space for each 2 employees, 1 additional space for each resident family, and 1 additional space for each funeral vehicle
Restaurant or similar eating establishment	1 space for each 4 seats provided for patron use and 1 additional space for each 2 employees
Wholesaling	1 space for each 2 employees
Industrial	1 space for each 2 employees at maximum employment on a single shift
Schools	1 space for each six seats in the main assembly room

6.3.4. All off-street parking and turnarounds (industrial, commercial, and multi-family) shall be clearly defined by the use of concrete or paving material, and shall have a vehicular turnaround. Single-family residential uses shall be exempt from the turnaround requirement.

(1) Outdoor storage yards and less traveled interior drives in commercial and industrial areas may be surfaced with gravel.

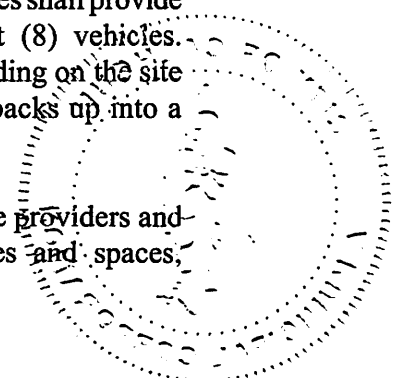
(2) Access driveways for off-street parking in single-family residential zoning districts of R-1, R-1A, and R-1 B shall be allowed to use a gravel surface material with the exception that when gravel is used, a concrete or asphalt paved area shall be required to meet the road being accessed. Said paved area shall have a minimum length of five (5) feet and a minimum width of twelve (12) feet and of sufficient depth to accommodate conventional vehicular traffic. PRD zoning and platted subdivision shall not be allowed to use gravel material.

6.3.5. Drive-thru Facilities and Stacking Lanes:

(1) All uses and facilities providing drive-up or drive-thru service shall provide stacking lanes in compliance with the standards of this section.

(2) Restaurants with drive-up or drive-thru facilities shall provide a minimum stacking space to accommodate eight (8) vehicles. Additional space may be required by the City depending on the site plan and the distance required to ensure no traffic backs up into a roadway. A by-pass lane shall be required.

(3) Banks, financial institutions, fast food service providers and other such businesses shall provide stacking lanes and spaces,



including a by-pass lane as follows:

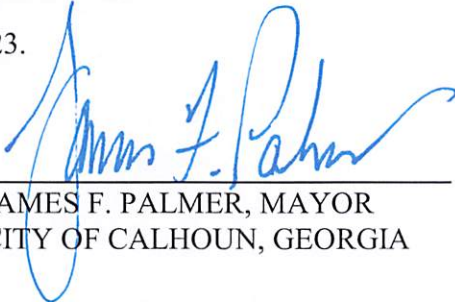
Number of Drive-thru Lanes	Total Number of Vehicles
1	6
2	10
Each additional lane	2 additional vehicles accommodated

**SECTION TWO:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately following enactment by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia, the public health, safety, and welfare requiring it.

**SECTION THREE:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

**SO ADOPTED,** this the 11th day of September, 2023.

  
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JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR  
CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

ATTEST:

  
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SHARON NELSON, CITY CLERK

Date of First Reading: 8/14/2023  
Date of Second Reading: 8/28/2023  
Date of Public Hearing: 9/11/2023

