

ORDINANCE NO. OR 14-344

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES  
WITNESSETH:**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. Adoption by Reference.** That Title 8, Chapter 8.12 (Sign Regulations) of the current Code of the City of Stockbridge, Georgia be amended by adding a new section 8.12.080 (J), so as to read precisely as contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and such Exhibit "A" is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2. Intention of the Governing Body.** It is the intention of the governing body, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Stockbridge, Georgia, and the sections of the ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

**SECTION 3. Approval of Execution.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Attestation.** The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**SECTION 5. Codification and Severability.**

- (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are and were upon their enactment believed by the City Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.
- (b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that to the greatest extent allowed by law each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the City Council that to the greatest extent allowed by law no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.
- (c) In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the City Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the ordinance and that to the greatest extent allowed by law all remaining Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.** Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Stockbridge as provided in the City Charter.

SO ORDAINED this 10 day of March, 2014.

  
TIM THOMPSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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(SEAL)  
STEPHANIE TIGNER, INTERIM CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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MICHAEL WILLIAMS, CITY ATTORNEY

## EXHIBIT A

### “J. Master Sign Plan for Multi-Jurisdictional Developments

The intent of the Master Sign Plan for Multi-Jurisdictional Developments is to promote consistency among signs within a development that is situated within the City of Stockbridge and one or more other municipalities or the unincorporated areas of a county and enhance the compatibility of signs with the architectural and site design features within such development.

1. The City Council may authorize a master sign plan for a development that is situated within the City of Stockbridge and one or more other municipalities or the unincorporated area of Henry County. All signs erected or maintained shall conform at all times to the approved master sign plan. The signs approved through the master sign plan are the only signs allowed; any deviations from an approved master sign plan shall be unlawful unless and until a revised master sign plan is approved by the City Council.
2. Master sign plan application. An application for a master sign plan for a multi-jurisdictional development shall include the following information:
  - a. All information as outlined in Section 8.12.030 (b) of this Article;
  - b. Accurate site plan, including location of buildings, parking lots, driveways, and landscaped areas;
  - c. An accurate indication of the location of each present and proposed future sign of any type, whether requiring a permit or not;
  - d. An elevation drawing or photo depicting the proposed location of signs on buildings, walls or windows;
  - e. Computation of the maximum total sign area. For buildings with two or more separate businesses, computations shall identify the total maximum area each individual business will be allowed;
  - f. Plans, including window signage should indicate the areas of the windows to be covered;
  - g. Master sign plans must be signed by all owners or their authorized agents.
3. The master plan may include standards for signs which deviate from the general standards provided for herein so long as each jurisdiction approves the same master plan.
4. Individual sign permits. Individual sign permits are required for all signs contained within an approved master sign plan.
5. Amendments. A master sign plan may be amended by filing a new master sign plan application that conforms to all requirements in this section.”