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## Article I

### Motor Vehicles and Traffic

**§12-101** Registration and License; Penalties. Every owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, tractor (except tractors used only for agricultural purposes) or motorcycle shall, on or before the first day of April in each year, before he shall operate such motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or motorcycle, or within seven days following the purchase of a new or unregistered motor vehicle, trailer, tractor (except tractors used only for agricultural purposes), or motorcycle, register such vehicle in the office of the State Revenue Commissioner, and obtain a license to operate the same for the ensuing year; and every chauffeur employed to operate motor vehicles shall likewise register and obtain a license as hereinafter provided. Provided, that on and after the second day of April in each year the owner of an automobile, truck or trailer, registered for the previous year, who shall have failed to comply with the provisions of this Section, shall be deemed and held to be a delinquent under the provisions of this Section, and the registration of such automobile, truck or trailer shall, on said second day of April and thereafter, be subject to a penalty of 25 per cent of the registration fee for said automobile, truck or trailer in addition to the fee herein provided; and all applications made to the State Revenue Commissioner for the registration of said delinquent automobile, truck or trailer shall, before being accepted by the State Revenue Commissioner, be first endorsed by the sheriff or a deputy sheriff, chief of police, or his designated representative, or by a State highway patrolman or by a State motor vehicle license inspector; and for said endorsement the officer making said endorsement shall first receive from the applicant the sum of \$1.00, and the officer endorsing such delinquent application shall indicate, with his endorsement on said application, the total amount of the prescribed registration fee together with the 25 per cent penalty herein provided, and the full total of such amount shall be remitted or paid to the State Revenue Commissioner before any license tag or serial numbers as provided for in this Chapter shall be assigned to said applicant. Provided, further, that the purpose of this provision being the better and more complete enforcement of the motor vehicle law, all such penalties as are herein assessed shall be accredited in the office of the State Revenue Commissioner when received in the name of the officer making the endorsement without regard to the residence of the applicant, whether the same are received through the exercise of their authorities as an arresting officer or whether through appearance of the applicant at their offices for proper endorsement on an application; and between the first and fifth day of each calendar month the State Revenue Commissioner shall remit to the respective officers the full amount of such penalties accredited to such officers during and for the preceding

calendar month; provided, in all counties and cities of 135,000 or more according to 1950 and future census the full amount of all penalties collected in such counties shall be remitted to the fiscal authorities of such counties and cities; provided, however, all sums accredited to State highway patrolmen and motor vehicle license inspectors shall be paid to the State treasury, and it shall be expressly understood and provided that the penalty herein levied and designated shall be in lieu of and stand in the place of any and all other penalties for delinquency in the registration provided for in this Section on or before the first day of April in each year; provided, however, that upon the failure of said officers in any county to enforce the provisions of this Section, the State Revenue Commissioner shall have the right to employ an inspector in such county, at not more than \$4.00 a day and actual expenses to be itemized and sworn to, who shall be empowered to perform the duties herein set out as to the officers named herein, and the person so appointed shall be paid his compensation and expenses from the penalties provided for in this Section; provided, further that the provisions of this section shall not apply to motor vehicles, trailers, tractors or motorcycles owned by the State of Georgia or any municipality or other political subdivision of this State and used exclusively for governmental functions; provided, further, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any four-wheel trailer that has no springs and is being employed in hauling unprocessed farm products to their first market destination. (1927 Ga. Laws 226; 1931 Ga. Laws 7; 1931 Ga. Laws 213; 1943 Ga. Laws 341; 1953 Ga. Laws 392; 1957 Ga. Laws 590; 1959 Ga. Laws 351; 1960 Ga. Laws 777; 1966 Ga. Laws 252; 1969 Ga. Laws 266)

**§12-102**    Maximum Weights of Vehicles.

1.    The County Engineer shall prescribe maximum weights for all vehicular traffic using county roads and bridges, and shall post signs giving notice to the general public.
2.    The maximum gross loaded weight for a two-axle vehicle shall be 40,000 pounds, and the maximum gross loaded weight of three-axle vehicles shall be 56,000 pounds.
3.    The County Engineer shall have the right to establish a lower maximum gross loaded weight in order to insure the public safety and prevent hazards created by excessive weights, and in this instance the County Engineer shall have the authority to post a lower maximum load limit and such posted gross load limit shall have the same weight and force as if set forth herein.
4.    The County Engineer shall have the authority to issue a permit to vehicles carrying a gross load weight in excess of that prescribed in this ordinance upon a special application and upon the posting of an indemnity agreement providing for

repair in case of destruction or damage to said roads or bridges occurring as a result of said use.

5. From the adoption of this Section and after the posting of signs prescribed herein, any person, persons or legal entity violating said Section by driving, propelling or towing, or directing and permitting the driving, propelling or towing of vehicles, shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum of not less than \$5.00 nor in excess of \$100.00 or shall be imprisoned in the County Jail for a term of not less than 1 day nor more than ten (10) days, either or both, in the discretion of the Court trying said defendant(s). (#302, 5/16/69)

**§12-103** Mufflers Required for Motor Vehicles.

1. No motor vehicle, motor bike, motor scooter, or other or like vehicles shall be operated on the roads, streets, or highways of Chatham County, Georgia, without the corporate limits of any municipality therein, without having its engine exhaust muffled so as to substantially reduce the output of noise therefrom.
2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction before the Police Court and/or the Recorder of the County of Chatham or other court having jurisdiction thereof, be fined not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) or exceeding Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), or imprisoned on the County Farm for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days, either or both, in the discretion of the court trying such person. (#240, 10/27/67)

**§12-104** Headlights to be Dimmed. Every motor vehicle or motorcycle while in use or operation upon the Public Roads of Chatham County, Georgia, shall have its head light(s) equipped with dimmers which shall be put on by the operator of said machine upon the public roads of this County when approaching a machine or vehicle within two hundred (200) yards from said machine or vehicle, and the headlight(s) shall be kept dim until after said machine or vehicle has been passed. (#2, 9/25/25)

**§12-105** Racing on Private Property.

1. That after the effective date of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful to operate a racetrack for motor vehicles or conduct motor vehicle races on private lands which are commonly known as racetracks within the unincorporated area of Chatham County, Georgia, between the following hours and on the following dates:
  - (a) On Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m.

- (b) On Friday and Saturday between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 8:30 a.m.
2. This Ordinance was first enacted on February 15, 1980, and amended October 19, 1990, and August 12, 1994.
  3. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine as provided in §2-108 of this Code.
  4. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. (2/15/80).

**§12-106 Use of Closed Roads Prohibited.**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon or use any public road or portion thereof of this County which has been closed by order of this Board and a barricade or sign placed at the entrance at either end of such closed road or portion thereof which has been so closed.
2. It shall be unlawful in such circumstances for any person to remove any notice, sign and/or barricade or other structure indicating that such road or portion thereof has been closed. (#17, 4/12/29)

**§12-107 Obstruction of Roads by Railroads.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to permit any railroad train, car or engine to remain stationary on any road, street or public way crossed by a railroad track for a longer time than ten minutes or to obstruct any such road, street or public way for a longer time than ten minutes; provided, however, the provisions hereof shall not apply in those instances where a road, tree, or public way is blocked as a result of a derailment or other emergency occurring during the operation of a railroad train, car or engine. (#199, 7/29/66)

**§12-108 Open Containers of Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited in Motor Vehicles.**

1. As used in this ordinance, "open container" means (a) any container from which its content is immediately capable of being consumed; or (b) any container the seal of which has been broken.
2. It is unlawful and punishable as provided in this ordinance for any person to knowingly possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage while operating a vehicle in the county or while a passenger in or on a vehicle being operated in the county.
3. An open container shall be considered to be in the possession of the operator of a vehicle if the container is not in the possession of a passenger and is not located in a locked glove

compartment, locked trunk, or other locked non-passenger area of the vehicle, or in a luggage storage area if the vehicle does not have a locked non-passenger area.

4. An open container shall be considered to be in the possession of a passenger of a vehicle if the container is in the physical control of the passenger.
5. This ordinance shall not apply to:
  - a. A passenger of a vehicle in which the driver is operating the vehicle pursuant to a contract to provide transportation for passengers and such driver holds a valid chauffeur's license pursuant to Georgia law or any other state;
  - b. A passenger of a bus in which the driver holds a valid chauffeur's license pursuant to Georgia law or any other state; or
  - c. A passenger of a self-contained motor home which is in excess of 21 feet in length.
6. Any person, operator of a vehicle, or passenger who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$300.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 or 90 days in jail, or both. (Ord. 6-23-89)

## ARTICLE II

### Abandoned Motor Vehicles

**§12-201** Permit and Decal Required. Every person, firm or corporation, which owns an abandoned motor vehicle located within Chatham County and outside of the corporate limits of any municipality, shall obtain from the Chatham County Inspection Department a permit and decal for the possession of said abandoned motor vehicle. No person shall allow or permit more than one abandoned motor vehicle on their private property at one given time. (2/9/84)

**§12-202** Application. Said owner of said abandoned motor vehicle shall furnish on an application the following information, to-wit:

1. Make of the abandoned motor vehicle;
2. Manufacturer of said motor vehicle;
3. Location of said motor vehicle; and
4. Proof of payment of all applicable taxes, municipal and county

**§12-203** Definitions:

1. Abandoned vehicle shall be defined as follows: Any motor vehicle which is parked on private property and which does not have affixed thereto a valid current state motor vehicle tag and is not defined as a junk vehicle. (Amended 22 February 1991)
2. Junk vehicle shall be defined as follows: Any motor vehicle that is partially dismantled or wrecked or incapable of self propulsion or being moved in the manner for which it was originally intended. (Amended 22 February 1991)
3. Motor vehicle shall be defined as follows: Every vehicle which is self-propelled, designed and intended for use in transporting people or goods, whether operative or inoperable. (Amended 22 February 1991)

**§12-204** Registration. The owners of abandoned motor vehicles must register said motor vehicle as hereinbefore set forth, and shall pay to said Inspections Department the sum of \$10.00 for issuance of the permit and decal quarterly. (Amended November 20, 1992)

**§12-205** Decal. The Building Inspector of Chatham County shall issue a permit and decal for each motor vehicle, bearing the serial number of said motor vehicle, location and date of issue, provided all applicable taxes have been paid. Application for said permit and decal shall be made each year by the owner thereof no later than May 15th each year. The decal issued shall be affixed to the abandoned motor vehicle

in such manner as to cause it to be easily visible for inspection.

**§12-206** Exceptions. The foregoing ordinance shall not apply to farm vehicles, or vehicles in an enclosed building, or those located on the property of a regularly licensed junkyard.

**§12-207** Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to the payment of a fine of \$100.00 or confinement in the county jail for a period of thirty days, either or both or in any part of either or both in the discretion of the judge of the Recorder's Court or Police Court of Chatham County, Georgia.

**§12-208** Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this act are hereby repealed. (9/1/72 as amended by 9/1/78 and 5/16/80)

Amendment Note: The Ordinance of September 1, 1978, transferred responsibility for enforcement of the above provisions from the Tax Assessor to the Finance Department.

## ARTICLE III

### Commercial Vehicles Parking in Residential Areas Prohibited

On April 27, 2007, Article III of Chapter 12 was stricken and new Article III was adopted as follows:

**§12-301** Parking of Specified Motor Vehicles, Motor Homes, Trailers, Semitrailers or Truck Tractors on any Lot or Private Property in Residential Zone Prohibited. "It shall be unlawful for any person to park or cause to be parked any motor vehicle exceeding 22 feet in length, and or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, or any trailer coach, motor home, trailer, semitrailer, or truck tractor, or part of such vehicle. on any lot or private property located within a subdivision zoned residential that has, or has had in the past, a restrictive covenant against parking of commercial vehicles, motor homes, semi trailers or truck tractors on lot within said subdivision zoned residential . within the unincorporated areas of Chatham County, Georgia.

**§12-302** Parking of Specified Motor Vehicles, Motor Homes, Trailers, Semitrailers or Truck Tractors in Residential Zone Prohibited. No motor vehicle exceeding 22 feet in length, and or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, or any trailer coach, motor home, trailer, semitrailer, or truck tractor, or part of such vehicle, shall be parked or stored upon the road, street or right-of-way adjacent to any lot or property zoned residential except:

1. Commercial vehicles, when such vehicles are being expeditiously loaded or unloaded, or equipment on such vehicles is being used to perform the special operations for which it was designed, including, but not limited to, the construction, operations, removal or repair of utility or public utility property or facilities or public streets and rights-of-way.

2. Motorcoaches, trailer coaches or motor homes when parked for a period of less than 24 hours.

**§12-303** Definitions.

1. "Gross vehicle weight" shall mean the weight of a vehicle without load plus its rated carrying capacity, as specified by the manufacturer of the vehicle.
2. "Trailer" shall mean any type of wheeled vehicle, regardless of the use for which it is designed, which is designed to be pulled by a motor vehicle.
3. "Motorcoach," shall mean any wheeled motor vehicle which is a single self-contained unit with motor powers, which is designated and generally used for occupancy by persons for residential purposes.

**§12-304** Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

## ARTICLE IV

### Bicycle Paths

**§12-401** Motorized Vehicles Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person, association or corporation to operate any gasoline motor propelled machinery on the Bicycle Path on Wilmington Island, including but not limited to, motorcycles, mini-bikes, go-carts or any other motorized vehicle.

**§12-402** Penalty. The penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) or service of not more than thirty (30) days in jail, either or both, in part of either or both at the discretion of the Court.

**§12-403** Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**§12-404** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective on December 21, 1984. (12/21/84)

## ARTICLE V

### Uniform Rules of the Road

#### **§12-501** Rules of the Road Adopted by Reference.

1. Adoption by reference. Pursuant to Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Code Sections 40-6-372 to 40-6-376, Code Sections 40-6-1 to Code Sections 40-6-376, except that the words "police chief and authorized members of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department" shall be substituted for the words "the director and members of the department of public safety," of that chapter known as the Uniform Rules of the Road and the definitions contained in Code Section 40-1-1 are hereby adopted as and for the traffic regulations of unincorporated Chatham County with like effect as if recited herein. (Amended 27 February 2009)
2. Penalties. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by law, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or by imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Amended 27 February 2009)
3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2009. (Amended 27 February 2009)
4. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. (Amended 27 February 2009)
5. No person shall stand on a roadway for the purpose of soliciting employment, business, or contributions from the occupant of any vehicle or for any other purpose except for authorized law enforcement purposes. (Amended 8 September 1996)

**§12-502** Speed Zone Regulations. This ordinance is to revise the County's current speed zone regulations pursuant to Georgia Code 40, Article 9, Section 40-6-183, of the Uniform Rules of the Road Act, for local authorities to alter lawful speed limits.

**§12-503** Title and Jurisdiction. This Speed Zone Ordinance shall apply to the unincorporated area of Chatham County, Georgia and be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners that the following speed zones are established based on the attached engineering and traffic investigation.

All signs on State Routes to be installed by D.O.T.

**§12-504** State Routes. (Amended 27 June 1997)

S.R. 17 - That segment of Roadway on State Route 17 beginning at State Route 404/I-16 (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 17 to Seaboard Coastline Crossing (M.P. 2.18), a distance of 2.18 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 17 beginning at Seaboard Coastline crossing (M.P. 2.18) and continuing on State Route 17 to State Route 26/US 80 (M.P. 2.97) a distance of 0.79 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

- S.R. 17 School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 17 beginning at Gregor Street (M.P. 2.55) and continuing on State Route 17 to East Moore street (M.P. 2.82), a distance of 0.27 mi. to be zoned for 25 mph. from 0800 - 0900 A.M. and from 1500 - 1600 P.M.

That segment of roadway on State Route 17 beginning at State Route 26/US 80 (M.P. 2.97) and continuing on State Route 17 to Osteen Road (M.P. 3.41), a distance of 0.44 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 17 beginning at Osteen Road (M.P. 3.41) and continuing on State Route 17 to the Effingham County Line (M.P. 4.67), a distance of 1.26 mi. to be zoned for 55.

- S.R. 21 - That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at State Route 204 (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 21 to Montgomery Street (M.P. 0.43), a distance of 0.43 mi. to be zoned for 40 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at Montgomery Street (M.P. 0.43) and continuing on State Route 21 to Mildred Street (M.P. 0.72), a distance of 0.29 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at Mildred Street (M.P. 0.72) and continuing on State Route 21 to the North City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 1.61), a distance of 0.89 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at the North City Limit of Savannah (M.P. 1.61) and continuing on State Route 21 to State Route 25 (M.P. 3.37), a distance of 1.76 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at the North City Limit of Savannah (M.P. 5.40) and continuing on State Route 21 to the North City Limit of Savannah (M.P. 5.81), a distance of 0.41 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at the North City Limit of Savannah (M.P. 6.19) and continuing on State Route 21 to the East City Limit of Garden City (M.P. 6.99), a distance of 0.80 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at the East City Limit of Garden City (M.P. 6.99) and continuing on State Route 21 to the East City Limit of Port Wentworth (M.P. 9.81), a distance of 2.82 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

S.R. 21 School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at a point 100 feet West of State Route 21 Spur (M.P. 7.92) and continuing on State Route 21 to Oglesby Avenue (M.P. 8.36), a distance of 0.44 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph. from 0715 - 0815 A.M. and from 1400 - 1500 P.M.

That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at the East City Limit of Port Wentworth (M.P. 9.81) and continuing on State Route 21 to Grange Road (M.P. 10.41) a distance of 0.60 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at Grange Road (M.P. 10.41) and continuing on State Route 21 to State Route 30 (M.P. 11.80), a distance of 1.39 mi. to be zoned for 50 mph.

S.R. 21 - That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at State Route 30 (M.P. 11.80) and continuing on State Route 21 to the West City Limit of Port Wentworth (M.P. 15.06) a distance of 3.26 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 21 beginning at the West City Limit of Port Wentworth (M.P. 15.06) and continuing on State Route 21 to the Effingham County Line (M.P. 17.91), a distance of 2.85 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

S.R. 21 SPUR - That segment of roadway on State Route 21 Spur beginning at State Route 21 (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 21 Spur to the East City Limit of Garden City (M.P. 0.38), a distance of 0.38 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 21 Spur beginning at the East City Limit of Garden City (M.P. 0.38) and continuing on State Route 21 Spur to the gate of the Georgia Ports Authority (M.P. 1.27) a distance of 0.89 mi. to be zoned for 40 mph.

S.R. 25/U.S. 17 - That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 beginning at the Bryan County Line (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 25/US 17 to Ft. Argyle Road (M.P. 10.77), a distance of 10.77 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

S.R. 25/U.S. 17 School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 beginning at 0.10 mi. South of Burkhalter Road (M.P. 8.09) and continuing on State Route 25/US 17 to 0.10 mi.

North of Burkhalter Road (M.P. 8.29), a distance of 0.20 mi. to be zoned for 25 mph from 0730 - 0845 A.M. and from 1430 - 1530 P.M.

State Route 25/US 17 runs common with State Route 21 from M.P. 10.77 to M.P. 14.60.

That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 beginning at State Route 21 (M.P. 14.61) and continuing on State Route

25/US 17 to State Route 21 Spur (M.P.15.34), a distance of 0.73 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 beginning at State Route 21 Spur (M.P. 15.34) and continuing on State Route 25/US 17 to Pipe Makers Canal (M.P. 16.45), a distance of 1.11 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

- S.R. 25/U.S. 17 - That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 beginning at Pipe Makers Canal (M.P. 16.45) and continuing on State Route 25/US 17 to the East City Limit of Port Wentworth (M.P. 16.73), a distance of 0.28 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 beginning at the East City Limit of Port Wentworth (M.P. 16.73) and continuing on State Route 25/US 17 to Coleraine Dr. (M.P.17.88), a distance of 1.15 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

- S.R. 25/U.S. 17 School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 beginning at a point 800 feet South of Coleraine Drive (M.P. 17.73) and continuing on State Route 25/US17 to a point 250 feet North of Coleraine Drive (M.P. 17.93) a distance of 0.20 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph. from 0830 - 0930 A.M. and from 1500 - 1600 P.M.

That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 beginning at Coleraine Drive (M.P. 17.88) and continuing on State Route 25/US 17 to a point 500 feet East of the Houlihan Bridge (M.P. 19.96), a distance of 2.08 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 beginning at a point 500 feet East of the Houlihan Bridge (M.P. 19.96) and continuing on State Route 25/US 17 to the Middle River Bridge (M.P. 20.88), a distance of 0.92 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 beginning at the Middle River Bridge (M.P. 20.88) and continuing on State Route 25/US 17 to the South Carolina Line (M.P. 21.45), a distance of 0.57 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

- S.R. 25 Coll. Dist. - That segment of roadway on State Route 25/US 17 Coll. Dist. beginning at State Route 404 Spur (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 25/US 17 Coll. Dist. to State Route 25 Conn. (M.P. 0.56) a distance of 0.56 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

State Route 25 Conn. runs common with State Route 26 from M.P. 0.00 to M.P. 0.25.

- S.R. 25 Conn. - That segment of roadway on State Route 25 Conn. beginning at State Route 26/West Lathrop (M.P. 0.25) and continuing on State Route 25 Conn. to MLK Blvd. (M.P. 2.20), a distance of 1.95 mi. to be zoned for 40 mph.

S.R. 25 Conn. - That segment of roadway on State Route 25 Conn. beginning at MLK Blvd. (M.P. 2.20) and continuing on State Route 25 Conn. to State Route 404 Spur (M.P. 3.09), a distance of 0.89 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

State Route 26/US 80 runs common with State Route 17 from M.P. 0.00 to M.P. 1.70.

S.R. 26/U.S. 80 - That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at State Route 17 (M.P. 1.70) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the West City Limit of Pooler (M.P. 3.46), a distance of 1.76 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the West City Limit of Pooler (M.P. 3.46) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the beginning of State Route 26 Dual North (M.P. 4.43), a distance of 0.97 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the beginning of State Route 26 Dual North (M.P. 4.43) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the end of State Route 26 Dual North (M.P. 5.50), a distance of 1.07 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the end of State Route 26 Dual North (M.P. 5.50) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Pine Barren Road (M.P. 7.02), a distance of 1.52 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Pine Barren Road (M.P. 7.02) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Dublin Road (M.P. 8.22), a distance of 1.20 mi. to be zoned for 50 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Dublin Road (M.P. 8.22) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the West City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 8.60), a distance of 0.38 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the West City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 8.60) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the West City Limits of Garden City (M.P. 8.63), a distance of 0.03 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the West City Limits of Garden City (M.P. 8.63) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Alfred Street (M.P. 11.61), a distance of 2.98 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

S.R. 26/U.S. 80 - That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Alfred Street (M.P. 11.61) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the East City Limits of Garden City (M.P. 12.03), a distance of 0.42 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the East City Limits of Garden City (M.P. 12.03) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the West City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 12.24), a distance of 0.21 mi. to be zoned for 40 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the West City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 12.24) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Old West Lathrop Ave. (M.P. 13.00), a distance of 0.76 mi. to be zoned for 40 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Old West Lathrop Ave. (M.P. 13.00) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to State Route 21 (M.P. 13.30), a distance of 0.30 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph. State Route 26/US 80 runs common with State Route 21 from M.P. 13.30 to M.P. 15.98.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at State Route 21 (M.P. 15.98) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Ogeechee Road (M.P. 17.25), a distance of 1.27 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Ogeechee Road (M.P. 17.25) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to East Broad Street (M.P. 18.87), a distance of 1.62 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

S.R. 26/U.S. 80 School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Sadler Street (M.P. 17.54) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Stevens Street (M.P. 17.71), a distance of 0.17 mi. to be zoned for 25 mph from 0800 - 0900 A.M. and from 1500 - 1600 P.M.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at East Broad Street (M.P. 18.87) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the West City Limit of Thunderbolt (M.P. 21.34), a distance of 2.47 mi. to be zoned for 40 mph.

S.R. 26/U.S. 80 School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Reynolds Street (M.P. 18.94) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to East Atlantic Avenue (M.P. 19.04), a distance of 0.10 mi. to be zoned for 30 mph from 0730 - 0830 A.M. and from 1445 - 1545 P.M.

S.R. 26/U.S. 80 School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Harmon Street (M.P. 19.29) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Waters Avenue (M.P. 19.44), a distance of 0.15 mi. to be zoned for 25 mph from 0730 - 0830 A.M. and from 1445 - 1545 P.M.

S.R. 26/U.S. 80 - That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the West City Limits of Thunderbolt (M.P. 21.34) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the West end of the Wilmington River bridge (M.P. 21.68), a distance of 0.34 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the West end of the Wilmington River bridge (M.P. 21.68) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the East City Limits of Thunderbolt (M.P. 22.08), a distance of 0.40 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the East City Limits of Thunderbolt (M.P. 22.08) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Gray Creek (M.P. 22.95), a distance of 0.87 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Gray Creek (M.P. 22.95) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to the West City Limits of Tybee Island (M.P. 32.66), a distance of 9.71 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

S.R. 26/U.S. 80 - That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at the West City Limits of Tybee Island (M.P. 32.66) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Byers Street (M.P. 34.17), a distance of 1.51 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Byers Street (M.P. 34.17) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Chimney Creek (M.P. 34.66), a distance of 0.49 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Chimney Creek (M.P. 34.66) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to 2nd Avenue (M.P. 35.34), a distance of 0.68 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at 2nd Avenue (M.P. 35.34) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to 3rd Street (M.P. 35.61), a distance of 0.27 mi. to be zoned for 30 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at 3rd Street (M.P. 35.61) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to 14th Street (M.P. 36.66), a distance of 1.05 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

S.R. 26/U.S. 80 School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at Sixth Street (M.P. 35.83) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to Tenth Street (M.P. 36.24), a distance of 0.41 mi. to be zoned for 30 mph from 0730 - 0830 A.M. and from 1400 - 1500 P.M.

S.R. 26/U.S. 80 - That segment of roadway on State Route 26/US 80 beginning at 14th Street (M.P. 36.66) and continuing on State Route 26/US 80 to 16th Street (M.P. 36.86), a distance of 0.20 mi. to be zoned for 30 mph.

S.R. 26 CONN. - That segment of roadway on State Route 26 Conn. beginning at State Route 26/US 80 (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 26 Conn. to State Route 25/US 17 (M.P. 0.18), a distance of 0.18 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

S.R. 26 DUAL - That segment of roadway on State Route 26 Dual beginning at State Route 26/US 80 (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 26 DUAL to State Route 26/US 80 (M.P. 1.04), a distance of 1.04mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

S.R. 30 - That segment of roadway on State Route 30 beginning at the Effingham County Line (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 30 to State Route 21 (M.P. 3.41), a distance of 3.41 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

State Route 30 runs common with State Route 21 from M.P. 3.41 to 6.68

That segment of roadway on State Route 30 beginning at State Route 21 (M.P. 6.68) and continuing on State Route to Bonnybridge Baptist Church (M.P. 7.28), a distance of 0.60 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 30 beginning at the Bonnybridge Baptist Church (M.P. 7.28) and continuing on State Route 30 to State Route 25/US 17 (M.P. 7.62), a distance of 0.34 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

S.R. 204- That segment of roadway on State Route 204 beginning at the Bryan County Line (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 204 to the beginning of the curb and gutter section (8.15), a distance of 8.15 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 beginning at the beginning of the curb and gutter section (M.P. 8.15) and continuing on State Route 204 to Gateway Blvd. (M.P. 8.56), a distance of 0.41 mi. to be zoned for 45mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 beginning at Gateway Blvd. (M.P. 8.56) and continuing on State Route 204 to the Forest River bridge (M.P. 14.56), a distance of 6.00 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 beginning at the Forest River bridge (M.P. 14.56) and continuing on State Route 204 to State Route 21 (M.P. 21.47), a distance of 6.91 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

S.R. 204 - That segment of roadway on State Route 204 beginning at State Route 21 (M.P. 21.47) and continuing on State Route 204 to Columbus Drive (M.P. 22.28), a distance of 0.81 mi. to be zoned for 40 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 beginning at Columbus Drive (M.P. 22.28) and continuing on State Route 204 to 37th street/Abercorn street (M.P. 23.55), a distance of 1.27 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

S.R. 204 School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 204 beginning at 49th street (M.P. 22.87) and continuing on State Route 204 to Washington Avenue (M.P. 22.98), a distance of 0.11 mi. to be zoned for 25 mph from 0730 - 0830 A.M. and from 1445 - 1545 P.M.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 beginning at 37th street/Abercorn street (M.P. 23.55) and continuing on State Route 204 to a point 1330 feet Northwest of Ogeechee Road (M.P. 24.65), a distance of 1.10 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

S.R. 204 School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 204 beginning at Burroughs street (M.P. 24.09) and continuing on State Route 204 to Harden street (M.P. 24.26), a distance of 0.17 mi. to be zoned for 25 mph from 0730 - 0830 A.M. and from 1445 - 1545 P.M.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 beginning at a point 1330 feet Northwest of Ogeechee Road (M.P. 24.65) and continuing on State Route 204 to State Route 404/I-16 (M.P. 25.03), a distance of 0.38 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

S.R. 204 SPUR - That segment of roadway on State Route 204 Spur beginning at State Route 204 (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on

State Route 204 Spur to Hodgson Memorial Drive (M.P. 0.75), a distance of 0.75 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 Spur beginning at Hodgson Memorial Drive (M.P. 0.75) and continuing on State Route 204 Spur to the East City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 1.69), a distance of 0.94 mi. to be zoned for 40 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 Spur beginning at the East City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 1.69) and continuing on State Route 204 Spur to Lavon Avenue (M.P. 2.11), a distance of 0.42 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 Spur beginning at Lavon Avenue (M.P. 2.11) and continuing on State Route 204 Spur to Old Montgomery Road (M.P. 2.63), a distance of 0.52 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

- S.R. 204 SPUR School Zone - That segment of roadway on State Route 204 Spur beginning 500 feet North on Halycon Drive (M.P. 2.20) and continuing on State Route 204 Spur to 500 feet South of the South School driveway (M.P. 2.60), a distance of 0.40 mi. to be zoned for 25 mph. from 0800 - 0900 A.M. and from 1500 - 1600 P.M.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 Spur beginning at Old Montgomery Road (M.P. 2.63) and continuing on State Route 204 Spur to Whitfield Avenue (M.P. 3.49), a distance of 0.86 mi. to be zoned for 40 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 204 Spur beginning at Whitfield Avenue (M.P. 3.49) and continuing on State Route 204 Spur to McWhorter Drive (M.P. 7.33), a distance of 3.84 mi. to be zoned for 50 mph.

- S.R. 307 - That segment of roadway on State Route 307 beginning at State Route 25 (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 307 to the South City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 2.43), a distance of 2.43 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 307 beginning at the South City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 2.43) and continuing on State Route 307 to the North City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 6.67), a distance of 4.24 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 307 beginning at the North City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 6.67) and continuing on State Route 307 to the North City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 6.83), a distance of 0.16 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 307 beginning at the North City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 6.83) and continuing on State Route 307 to the North City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 6.98), a distance of 0.15 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 307 beginning at the North City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 6.98) and continuing on State Route 307 to State Route 21 (M.P. 7.47), a distance of 0.49 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 307 beginning at State Route 21 (M.P. 7.47) and continuing on State Route 307 to the second railroad crossing (M.P. 8.22), a distance of 0.75 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

S.R. 307 - That segment of roadway on State Route 307 beginning at the second railroad crossing (M.P. 8.22) and continuing on State Route 307 to State Route 25/US 17 (M.P. 8.56), a distance of 0.34 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

S.R. 404/I-16 - That segment of roadway on State Route 404/I-16 beginning at the Effingham County Line (M.P. 149.86) and continuing on State Route 404/I-16 to the West City Limits of Bloomingdale (M.P. 151.23), a distance of 1.37 mi. to be zoned for 70 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 404/I-16 beginning at the West City Limits of Bloomingdale (M.P. 151.23) and continuing on State Route 404/I-16 to the East City Limits of Bloomingdale (M.P. 154.00), a distance of 2.46 mi. to be zoned for 65 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 404/I-16 beginning at the West City Limits of Pooler (M.P. 154.00) and continuing on State Route 404/I-16 to the East City Limits of Pooler (M.P. 159.43), a distance of 5.43 mi. to be zoned for 65 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 404/I-16 beginning at the East City Limits of Pooler (M.P. 159.43) and continuing on State Route 404/I-16 to the Savannah City Limits (M.P. 160.14), a distance of 0.71 mi. to be zoned for 65 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 404/I-16 beginning at the Savannah City Limits (M.P. 160.14) and continuing on State Route 404/I-16 to the West City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 164.68), a distance of 4.54 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 404/I-16 beginning at the West City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 164.68) and continuing on State Route 404/I-16 to Gwinnett Street (M.P. 166.18), a distance of 1.50 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 404/I-16 beginning at Gwinnett Street (M.P. 166.18) and continuing on State Route 404/I-16 to the Martin Luther King exit (M.P. 166.51), a distance of 0.33 mi. to be zoned for 45 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 404/I-16 beginning at Martin Luther King exit (M.P. 166.51) and continuing on State

Route 404/I-16 to the end at Montgomery Street (M.P. 166.81), a distance of 0.30 mi. to be zoned for 35 mph.

- S.R. 404 SPUR - That segment of roadway on State Route 404 Spur beginning at State Route 404 (M.P. 0.00) and continuing on State Route 404 Spur to the North City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 1.88), a distance of 1.88 mi. to be zoned for 50 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 404 Spur beginning at the North City Limits of Savannah (M.P. 1.88) and continuing on State Route 404 Spur to the South Carolina State Line (M.P. 3.07), a distance of 1.19 mi. to be zoned for 50 mph.

- S.R. 405/I-95 - That segment of roadway on State Route 405/I-95 beginning at the Bryan County Line (M.P. 91.17) and continuing on State Route 405/I-95 to M.P. 95.80, a distance of 4.63 mi. to be zoned for 70 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 405/I-95 beginning at M.P. 95.80 and continuing on State Route 405/I-95 to the South City Limits of Pooler (M.P. 100.24), a distance of 4.44 mi. to be zoned for 65 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 405/I-95 beginning at the South City Limits of Pooler (M.P. 100.24) and continuing on State Route 405/I-95 to the North City Limits of Pooler (M.P. 103.33), a distance of 3.09 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 405/I-95 beginning at the North City Limits of Pooler (M.P. 103.33) and continuing on State Route 405/I-95 to the South City Limits of Port Wentworth (M.P. 105.77), a distance of 2.44 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 405/I-95 beginning at the South City Limits of Port Wentworth (M.P. 105.77) and continuing on State Route 405/I-95 to the Old Urban Area Boundary (M.P. 108.75), a distance of 2.98 mi. to be zoned for 55 mph.

That segment of roadway on State Route 405/I-95 beginning at the Old Urban Area Boundary (M.P. 108.75) and continuing on State Route 405/I-95 to the North City Limits of Port Wentworth/Effingham County Line (M.P. 111.38), a distance of 2.63 mi. to be zoned for 65 mph.

**§12-505** On System School Zones.

<u>SCHOOL/LOCATION</u>	<u>FROM/TO</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
State Route 25/US 17 Southwest Middle School	From 0.13 mi. N of Fort Argyle Rd. to 0.02 mi. N. of Chevis Rd. 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM	0.46	35

State Route 25 Gould Elem. School Pineland Christian Academy	From M.L. 8.10 to M.L. 8.30 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM	1000	25
Whitfield Ave.	Halcyon Dr./Old Montgomery Rd. 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM	0.30	25
School Zones effective on school days <u>only</u> . (Amended 9 April 1999)			

**§12-506** Off System County Roads.

All signs on County Roads to be installed by Chatham County.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM/TO</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
ACL Blvd	Mills B Lane/ACL Shops	1.30	25
Aimar Drive	LaRoche Ave/Dead End	0.40	25
Albert Street	Washington St./Dupon St.	0.40	25
Al Henderson Blvd.	Little Neck Rd./Al Henderson Ln.	1.13	35
Al Henderson Blvd.	Al Henderson Ln./0.38 mi. W. on Al Henderson Ln.	0.38	25
Bartram Rd.	Priest Landing Dr/Landings Way	2.20	30
Beauford Rd.	Chevis Rd./Ridgeland Rd.	0.70	25
Beaulieu Avenue	Shipyard Rd/Whitfield Ave	1.10	35
Beaver Run Rd.	Red Fox/Barksdale	0.50	25
Bethesda Rd.	Whitfield Ave./Ferguson Ave.	0.40	25
Bob Harmon Rd	White Ave./Mikell Ave.	0.70	35
Bowsprit Lane	Mapmaker Road/Dead End	0.20	25
Bradley Point Rd.	Johnny Mercer Blvd./Fairwind Road	0.98	25
Brandenberry Rd.	Tidewater Way/Yam Gandy Rd.	0.50	30
Brandlewood Dr.	Garrard Ave./Dead End	0.50	25
Bristlecone St.	Red Fox Dr./Dead End	0.28	25
Bryan Woods Rd.	US 80/Johnny Mercer Dr.	1.00	45
Buccaneer Bend	Herb River Dr./Cul de Sac	0.30	25
Buckhalter Rd.	GA 25/Garrard Ave.	2.30	40
Burton Rd.	SR 25-US 17/Linda Dr.	0.37	25
Bush Rd.	Little Neck Rd./South of Stell Park	0.50	25
Bush Rd.	South of Stell Park/GA 204	2.50	40
Candleberry Lane	Whitfield Rd./Dead End	0.40	25

Cane Break Rd.	GA 25/Gateway Blvd.	0.60	45
Canvasback Rd.	GA 204/Dead End	0.90	25
Cape Fear Rd.	GA 204/Dead End	0.40	25
Cardinal Rd.	LaRoche Ave./Dove Lane	0.70	25
Carmel Dr.	LaRoche Ave./Dead End	0.40	25
Central Ave.	City Limits/Norwood Ave.	0.60	25
Central Ave.	Paxton Dr./Parkersburg Rd.	0.60	25
Chatham Pkwy.	I-16/GA 26	1.00	45
SCHOOL ZONE Chatham Pkwy.	150 ft. N. of W.B. I-16 on ramp/0.3 mi. S. of Telfair Place FROM: 7:45 AM to 8:45 AM and 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM On School Days Only	0.20	35
Chevis Rd.	GA 25/US 17/Waynesboro Rd.	1.00	40
Chevis Rd.	Waynesboro Rd/SCL Tracks	0.80	25
Cobb Rd.	Penn Waller Rd./Palmetto Bay Rd.	0.50	25
Concord Rd.	Penn Waller Rd./Walthour Rd.	0.50	35
Cornus Dr.	Bluff Dr./Parkersburg Rd.	0.80	25
Cottonvale Rd.	GA 25/Dead End	0.90	25
Cresthill Blvd.	Montgomery Crossroads/Laberta Dr.	1.10	25
Cromwell Rd.	Wilmington Island Rd./Biltmore Rd.	2.10	25
Darque Rd.	Bob Harmon Rd./SR 307 (Dean Forest Rd.)	0.20	30
Davidson Dr.	Bob Harmon Rd./SR 307 (Dean Forest Rd.)	0.25	35
Deerwood Rd.	Cromwell Rd./Penn Waller Rd.	1.00	25
Delegal Rd.	Landings Way/S. Landings Way	1.60	30
Druid Circle	Druid St./Druid Circle	0.50	25
Dutch Island Dr.	Herb River Dr./Dead End	0.50	25
East Point Rd.	Quarterman Dr./Dead End	0.62	25
Ferguson Ave.	Shipyards Rd./Skidaway Rd.	3.60	45
Franklin Creek Rd.	Landings Way/Dead End	1.30	30
Gamble Rd.	GA 25/ACL Blvd.	1.00	25
Garfield St.	Washington Ave./Dead End	0.30	25
Garland Dr.	Halcyon Dr./Halcyon Dr.	0.70	25
Garrard Ave.	GA 25/Dead End	3.30	35
Grace Dr.	Whitfield Ave./Melody Dr.	0.30	25

Grant Street	Washington St./Leghorn St.	0.30	25
Gray's Creek Dr.	Gray's Creek Cir./Lyman Hall Rd.	0.90	25
Green Island Dr.	Diamond Causeway/Dead End	2.14	40
Grimble Point Rd.	LaRoche Ave./Dead End	0.90	25
Grove Point Rd.	King George Blvd./Grove Point Plant.	2.30	45
Grumman Rd.	GA 21/Grumman Plant Gate	1.60	35
Gwinnett St.	I-516/Telfair Rd.	1.10	35
Halcyon Dr.	SR 204 Spur/Garland Dr.	0.30	25
Hendry Ave.	Old Whitfield Rd./Old Montgomery Road	0.40	25
Herb River Dr.	Main Gate/40 MPH Speed Limit Sign	0.70	40
Herb River Dr.	40 MPH Speed Limit/25 MPH Speed Limit Sign	0.60	25
Holiday Dr.	Holiday Circle/Winding Way	0.80	25
Hopecrest Rd.	LaRoche Ave./McIntosh Rd.	0.70	25
Howard Foss Rd.	Beaumont Ave./Bonna Bella Ave.	0.90	35
Hunt Club Court	Lansing Ave./Dead End	0.30	25
Island Expressway	President St./GA 26	3.10	50
Island Dr.	Grimble Point Rd./Dead End	0.30	25
Jameswood Ave.	Grimble Point Rd./Tiffany Place	0.30	25
Jasmine Ave.	Bonna Bella Ave./Savannah St. College	0.80	25
Johnny Mercer Boulevard	SR 26/US80W/0.30 mi. S.E. of Turner's Creek	2.69	45
Johnny Mercer Boulevard	0.30 mi. S.E. of Turner's Creek/SR 26/US 80E	2.16	35
SCHOOL ZONE King George Blvd.	1000 Feet North and South of St. Ives Drive From:8:00 AM to 9:25 AM and 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM On School Days Only	0.38	25
Kingsway Blvd.	Whitfield Ave./Dead End	0.70	25
Kolb Dr.	Meriweather Dr./Verdell Dr.	0.25	25
Lagoon View X-ing	Sea Palm Road/Palmetto Bay	0.20	25
Landings Way North	Deer Run/North Gate	3.10	30
Landings Way South	Main Gate/Marina Dr.	3.30	35
Lansing Avenue	Garfield St./LaRoche Ave.	0.80	25
Larchmont Dr.	GA 25/Holiday Circle	0.80	25

LaRoche Ave.	DeRenne Ave./Bluff Dr.	2.70	35
Lathrop Ave.	Savannah City Limits/Savannah City Limits	2.00	25
Laurel Green Ct.	Quacco Rd./Dead End	0.30	25
Laurelwood Dr.	Quacco Rd./Dead End	0.57	25
Lavon Ave.	Whitfield Ave./Halcyon Dr.	0.30	30
Liberty Creek Dr.	Dutch Island Dr./Dead End	0.30	30
Little Neck Rd.	GA 25/Bush Rd.	5.00	45
Little Neck Rd.	Bush Rd./I-16	6.00	55
Louis Mills Blvd.	ACL Blvd./Garrard Ave.	0.60	25
Louisville Rd.	W. Limits Savannah/Dead End	1.40	40
Lyman Hall Rd.	Johnny Mercer Blvd./Dead End	1.30	25
McWhorter Rd.	Modena Plant./Dead End	5.30	50
Mapmaker Road	GA 26/US 80/Whitemarsh Island	0.90	25
Marcy Circle	Whitfield Park Dr./Whitfield Pk. Dr. semi-circle back	0.40	25
Marsh Pt. Dr.	Meriweather Dr./Cul de Sac	0.30	25
Melanda Circle	Hardee Dr./Dead End	0.40	25
Meriweather Dr.	Dutch Island Dr./Liberty Creek Dr.	0.80	25
Meriweather Dr.	Dutch Island Dr./Mulberry Bluff Dr.	0.70	25
Mills B. Lane	Hopkins St./GA 25	1.40	35
Montgomery X-rds.	Hayner's Creek/Skidaway Rd.	2.20	45
SCHOOL ZONE Montgomery X-rds.	Whitfield Ave./Laberta Ave. From 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM and 2:30 AM to 3:30 PM On School Days Only	0.30	25
Mulberry Bluff Dr.	Undeveloped dead-end/Cul de Sac	0.80	25
Nicholson Dr.	Bob Harmon Rd./SR 307 (Dean Forest Rd.)	0.30	30
Norwood Ave.	LaRoche Ave./Skidaway Rd.	1.10	40
Nottingham Dr.	Howard Foss Dr./LaRoche Ave.	0.60	30
Oemler Loop	Walthour Road/Walthour Road	0.80	25
Old Dean Forrest Rd.	GA 307/GA 26	0.60	35
Old Louisville Rd.	Dogleg Rd./GA 26	2.80	35
Old Montgomery Rd.	Montgomery X-rds./Whitfield Ave.	1.10	25

SCHOOL ZONE Old Montgomery Road	Buckingham Way/Whitfield Ave. From: 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM On School Days Only	0.30	25
Old River Rd.	GA 204/Effingham Co. Line	2.00	55
Ossabaw Rd.	Islandwood Rd./Johnny Mercer Dr.	0.70	25
Palmetto Bay Rd.	Sea Palm Rd./Walthour Rd.	0.60	25
Parkersburg Rd.	Cornus Dr./Skidaway Rd.	1.80	25
Paxton Dr.	Skidaway Rd./Peridot Lane	0.50	25
SCHOOL ZONE Parkersburg Rd.	From the intersection of Skidaway Rd. & Paxton Dr. to the intersection of Parkersburg Rd. & Rose Ave. From: 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM On School Days Only	0.40	25
Penn Waller Rd.	Johnny Mercer Dr./Walthour Rd.	1.30	35
SCHOOL ZONE Penn Waller Rd.	Port Royal Rd./Deerwood Rd. From: 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM	0.20	25
Penrose Dr.	Bryan Wood Rd./Ga 26	0.70	25
Peregrine Crossing	Landings Way South/Landings Way South	1.10	30
Pine Barren Rd.	GA 204/Bloomingdale Rd.	3.10	45
Pine Barren Rd.	City Limits(Bloomingdale)/GA 26	4.70	45
Pineland Dr.	Salt Creek Rd./Fall Ave.	1.60	25
SCHOOL ZONE Pineland Dr.	Fall Ave. west/Pineland Dr. From: 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM On School Days Only	0.25	25
Pooler X-rds.	Pine Barren Rd./City Limits Pooler	1.00	35
President St. Extension	City Limits Savannah/0.10 mi. W. of Kayton Canal	0.35	40
President St. Extension	0.10 mi. W. of Kayton Canal/Island's Expressway	1.95	50
Priest Landing Dr.	Landings Way/Dead End	1.20	30
Quacco Rd.	US17-SR 25/Quacco Trail	2.00	40
Quacco Rd.	Quacco Trail/Rogers St.	5.00	50
Quarterman Dr.	Falligant Ave/GA 26	0.60	25
Quarterman Dr.	GA 26/Johnny Mercer Dr.	0.70	35
Radick Dr.	Dutch Island Dr./Mulberry Bluff Dr.	0.60	25
Redan Drive	Mapmaker Road/Dead End	0.40	25

Red Fox Dr.	King George Blvd/Beaver Run Dr.	0.50	25
Richmond Dr.	Skidaway Rd./Avenue of Pines	0.55	25
River Oaks Rd.	Walthour Rd./Dead End	0.40	25
Robert B. Miller Rd.	Bourne Ave./ANG Warehouse	0.75	35
Robert B. Miller Rd.	ANG Warehouse/Grumman Road	0.60	40
Ropemaker Lane	Mapmaker East/Mapmaker West	0.30	25
Runabout Ln.	Barnacle Ct./Cul-de-Sac	0.30	25
Runner Rd.	Teakwood Dr./Cul-de-Sac	0.36	25
Salt Creek Rd.	Silk Hope Rd./Dead End	1.30	30
Sand Rd.	Quarterman Dr./Hillary Dr.	0.50	25
Sandnettlles Rd.	Quarterman Dr./Calley Rd.	0.50	30
Sapelo Rd.	Islandwood Rd./Dead End	0.70	25
Sea Island Dr.	Oaktee Rd/Shopping Center	0.50	25
Sea Island Rd.	Wilmington Island Rd./Johnny Mercer Blvd.	0.30	30
Sea Palm Road	Palmetto Bay/Sweet Gum Rd.	0.45	25
Shipyard Rd.	Whitfield Ave/Shipyard Creek	1.00	35
Shipyard Rd.	Shipyard Creek/Sullivan Rd.	0.60	40
Shellwind Rd.	Diamond Causeway/Loop	2.50	30
Silk Hope Rd.	GA 25/GA 25	1.30	25
Skidaway Rd.	Montgomery Crossroads/Richmond Dr.	1.29	35
Southbridge Boulevard	SR 307/Southbridge Golf Club	1.40	25
Stockbridge Rd.	Cambridge Rd./Cambridge Rd.	0.20	25
Stonebridge Dr.	Mapmaker Rd./Bryanwood Rd.	0.60	25
Sugar Mill Ct.	Sugar Mill Rd./Sugar Mill Rd.	0.30	25
Suncrest Blvd.	US 80/SR26/Falligant Cr.	0.60	25
Suncrest Blvd.	US 80/SR26/Quarterman Dr.	1.50	25
Teakwood Dr.	Walthour Rd./Dead End	0.35	25
Tidewater Way	McWhorter Rd./Brandenberry Dr.	1.20	30
Veterans Pkwy. (S.W. By-Pass)	SR 204/SR 21/I-516	5.80	55
Walthour Rd.	Johnny Mercer Blvd/Wilmington Island Rd.	4.30	40
SCHOOL ZONE Walthour Rd.	Betz Creek Rd./Woodpecker Rd. From:8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM On School Days Only	0.40	25

Waite Rd.	Grimball Pt./Herb River Dr.	0.30	25
Waters Ave. Ext.	Savannah City Limits/Whitfield Ave.	0.30	40
Waycross Rd.	Sylvania Rd./Chevis Rd.	0.30	25
Wedgefield Circle	Southbridge Blvd./Dead End	1.20	25
Westcross Rd.	Landings Way South/Diamond Causeway	1.10	30
Westminister Dr.	King George Blvd./Wimbleton Dr.	0.28	25
Whatley Ave.	Victory Dr./Falligant Rd.	1.00	35
White Bluff Rd.	SR 21 (DeRenne Ave)/SR 204 (Abercorn St.)	1.80	40
Whitfield Ave.	Diamond Causeway/Dead End	2.40	35
SCHOOL ZONE Whitfield Ave.	Halcyon Dr./Old Montgomery Rd. From: 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM On School Days Only	0.30	25
Whitfield Park Dr.	Whitfield Ave./Whitfield Pk. Cir.	0.60	25
Whitemarsh Island Rd.	GA 26/US 80/Johnny Mercer Dr.	0.60	30
SCHOOL ZONE Whitemarsh Island Road	From GA 26/US 80 to 1300 Feet North of Johnny Mercer From: 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM On School Days Only	0.35	25
Wild Heron Rd.	Chevis Road/Beg. of 2-Way Divided Sect.	0.77	35
Wild Heron Rd.	Beg. of 2-Way Divided Sect./Grove Point Rd.	0.69	25
Wilmington Island	Johnny Mercer Dr./Wilmington Island Connector Road	0.20	30
SCHOOL ZONE Wilmington Island Connector	Burns Lane/Wilmington Island Rd. From: 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM 2:20 PM to 3:15 PM On School Days Only	0.10	25
Wilmington Island Rd.	Winchester Rd./Todd St.	1.00	40
Wilmington Island Rd.	Johnny Mercer Dr./Winchester Rd.	1.90	35
Wilmington Island Rd.	Todd St./Walthour Rd.	0.70	25
SCHOOL ZONE Wilmington Island Rd.	Dogwood Rd./Palmetto Dr. From: 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM and 2:30 PM to 3:15 PM On School Days Only	0.30	25
Winchester Rd.	Wilmington Island Rd./Walthour Rd.	1.00	25
Yam Gandy Rd.	Landings Way South/Landings Way South	1.60	30
(Amended 9 April 1999)			

**§12-507** Off System School Zones.

SCHOOL/LOCATION	FROM/TO/TIME	DIST	SPEED
Heese Elementary Whitfield Avenue	Halcyon Dr./Old Mont. Road 8:00 am to 8:30 am 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	0.30	25
Isle of Hope Elem. Parkersburg Road	Skidaway Road at Paxton Dr Parkersburg at Rose. 8:00 am to 9:00 am 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm	0.40	25
Johnson High School Shell Rd & Whatley Ave.	Rowland Avenue/Sunset Road 7:30 am to 8:30 am 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	0.75	25
Mae Howard Elem. Wilmington Island Rd.	Dogwood Rd./Palmetto Drive 8:30 am to 9:15 am 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm	0.30	25
Pathway Day School Howard Foss Drive	Countryside/Bon-Air 8:00 am to 9:00 am 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	0.30	25
St. James School Montgomery X-Rd at Whitfield Avenue	Whitfield Avenue/Laberta 7:30 am to 8:30 am 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	0.30	25
St. Andrews on the Marsh Penn-Waller Road	Penn-Waller at YMCA/Deerwood Rd 7:30 am to 8:30 am 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	0.20	25
St. Francis School Walthour Road	Betz Creek Road/Woodpecker 8:30 am to 9:30 am 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	0.40	25
(Amended 24 March 1994) School Zones effective on school days <u>only</u> .			

**§12-508** Repeal of Previous Ordinances. The Speed Zone Ordinance amended November 17, 1986, is rescinded in its entirety. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**§12-509** Conflict With Other Laws. Whenever the requirements of this Ordinance are more restrictive than the standards required in or under any other statutes covenant, ordinance, or resolution, the requirements of this Ordinance shall govern. Whenever the provisions of any other statute, covenant, ordinance, or resolution are more restrictive standards than those of this Ordinance, the provisions of said statute, etc. shall govern.

**§12-510** Abrogation and Greater Restrictions. This Ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing easements, covenants, or deed restrictions. However, where

this ordinance and another conflict or overlap, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail.

**§12-511** Severability. Should any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provisions thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

## ARTICLE VI

### Uniform Traffic Control Devices

- §12-601** Adoption by Reference. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) dated 1978 as adopted by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, as amended from time to time, is adopted by reference (Georgia 32-6-50 Code C).
- §12-602** Amendments. Future amendments to the MUTCD shall be adopted automatically by Chatham County and without further action by the Board of Commissioners. (Amended August 27, 2004)
- §12-603** Jurisdiction. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) shall govern all traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings within the rights-of-way of all public and private roads located in Chatham County.
- §12-604** Administration. The Public Works Director shall administer the installation of all signs and markings within the County's public and private rights-of-way in accordance with the MUTCD; the County Engineer shall assist the Public Works Director on signs and markings and shall administer the installation, operation and maintenance of traffic signals within the County's rights-of-way in accordance with the MUTCD.
- §12-605** Appeals Process. Appeals may be filed on decisions of the administrator of this Ordinance with the Zoning Board of Appeals based on the appeals' procedures established in the County Zoning Ordinance. The Board shall not vary the standards of the MUTCD which are established by State regulation but may interrupt the application of the standards to a specific situation. The Board shall endeavor to coordinate the interpretation of the MUTCD and the Sign Regulations of the County Zoning Ordinance.
- §12-606** Exceptions to the MUTCD. All other signs not in accordance with the MUTCD may be allowed on the public or private rights-of-way within Chatham County only by authorization of the provisions of the County's Zoning Ordinance - Sign Regulations.
- §12-607** Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.
- §12-608** Conflict with Other Laws. Whenever the requirements of this Ordinance are more restrictive than the standards required in or under any other statutes, covenant, ordinance, or resolution, the requirements of this Ordinance shall govern. Whenever the provisions of any other statute, covenant,

ordinance, or resolution are more restrictive standards than those of this Ordinance, the provisions of said statute, etc. shall govern.

**§12-609** Severability. Should any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provisions thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

## ARTICLE VII

### Parking Violations

**§12-701** Failure to Obey Notice of Parking Violation. Whenever any person upon whose automobile or other vehicle a parking violation notice is placed by a peace officer of the County shall fail to report to the County Police Department in response to the notice, such person shall, upon conviction in the police court for the violation charged in the notice, be subject to a fine of not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in the discretion of the Court.

Whenever a subpoena shall be issued by the County Police Department, returnable to the police court for such illegal parking, the person to whom such subpoena is issued shall be authorized to make payment in the amount of the fine on the ticket, plus five dollars (\$5.00), to the traffic office of the County Police Department, prior to such case having been entered upon the Judge's docket book. Before the issuance of such subpoena, and within five (5) days after the notice has been attached to the vehicle, the traffic office is authorized to collect the fine specified on the ticket. After the expiration of such five (5) days, the traffic office shall collect such fine, plus five dollars (\$5.00).

**§12-702** Penalty for Obstructing Traffic. Any person violating any parking regulation of the County, which violation obstructs or tends to obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic upon the streets of the County or in other prohibited areas as designated by the County, shall, upon conviction in the Recorder's Court, be punished by a fine in a sum not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) and not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or by confinement of (30) days in jail, thereof, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court, for the first offense. For subsequent offenses, the minimum fine shall in no case be less than ten dollars (\$10.00). This Section shall not apply to parking over-time in a metered zone, unless the parking constitutes a hazard to traffic.

The minimum fees for violation of the traffic laws of the County shall be as prescribed from time to time by the County Commissioners.

The Judge of the Recorder's Court shall have the right to relieve persons charged with penalties for parking violations.

**§12-703** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective on May 13, 1983.

**§12-704** Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. (5/13/83)

**§12-705** [12-805 through 12-825]

## ARTICLE VIII

### Public Roads

#### §12-801 Protection of Public Roads, etc.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, injure or destroy any public bridge or culvert of Chatham County, or to print or paint signs of any nature upon any such bridge or culvert of said county.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb or remove from the public road beds or highways of said county any dirt, sand or paving material, or to make any excavations upon said road beds or highways without first obtaining permission in writing from the county commissioners of said county.
3. It shall be unlawful for any person to cast, throw, or place any broken glass, bottles, or any other obstructions whatever in or upon the public roads of said county.
4. It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct in any manner the ditches, drains, or culverts along the public roads of said county.
5. It shall be unlawful for any person to trim, cut, deface or destroy, or to print, paint or tack signs of any nature or kind whatever upon any trees or shrubbery along and upon the rights-of-way of any of the public roads of said county.
6. The sheriff, his deputies or any lawful constable or bailiff shall have power and authority to arrest any one they see or find violating any of the provisions of this Act, and immediately carry him or them before some justice of the peace or notary public and have them bound over to the higher court as is prescribed in the Penal Code of Georgia.
7. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (1907 Ga. Laws 270)

## ARTICLE IX

### Street Paving by Participation of Property Owners

**§12-901** Enabling Legislation Authorized. The General Assembly of Georgia may grant to the governing authority of Chatham County the right to provide for the construction and maintenance of streets, sidewalks and curbing within any subdivision of the county located outside the corporate limits of any municipality where the lots have been subdivided with frontages of 150 feet or less, and to assess the costs thereof pro rata against the abutting property owners, provided the owners of 51% of the property abutting such improvements shall consent thereto, and to provide for the issuance and enforcement of execution for the collection of such assessments and for the creation of liens thereby against such abutting property. (1955 Ga. Laws 665, 666 - Ga. Const. Art. VII, Sec. IV, Para. II) Constitutional Amendment continued 1986 Ga. Laws 4214)

**§12-902** Definition. Wherever the term "commissioners" is used in this Act, it shall refer to the Commissioners of Chatham County, Georgia and ex-officio judges thereof, or to any officer or officers who may be by law hereinafter enacted be vested with control of the fiscal affairs of said county. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044)

**§12-903** Authority Granted. The commissioners are given full and complete authority to provide for the construction and maintenance of streets, sidewalks and curbing within any subdivision of Chatham County, Georgia, located outside the corporate limits of any municipality, where the lots have been subdivided with frontage of one hundred fifty feet or less, and to determine when such construction and maintenance is necessary. The terms "construction and maintenance" as used herein shall include laying out, grading, repairing, paving, or otherwise improving the travel and drainage of such street and sidewalks, which are now in existence or which may hereafter be opened, laid out or constructed, and to lay curbing along any of the same. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044, 2045)

**§12-904** Costs. The commissioners shall provide by regulation a method for determining the costs of such construction and maintenance and the proportion of the costs to be assessed against the abutting property owners, and they shall have authority to assess the entire cost of such maintenance and construction, or any properties thereof against such abutting property owners. However, no assessments shall be made against abutting property, unless the same is consented to in writing by the owners of fifty-one percent of the property abutting such improvements. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044, 2045)

**§12-905** Public Hearings. Whenever any such construction or maintenance is to be done and the costs assessed against abutting property owners, the commissioners shall set a date for a hearing on such proposed construction or maintenance and shall publish a notice in the newspaper in Chatham County in which the sheriff's advertisements are published at least once fifteen (15) days prior to the date of said hearing, and by certified mail to the owners of the land liable by assessment to pay for such improvements to the address to which tax notices are mailed, which notice shall give a brief description of the subdivision in which the work is to be done, the nature of the improvements to be made and the beginning and terminus of the road or street upon which such improvements are to be made and such notice shall set forth the time and place of the hearing. At said hearing, which shall be before the commissioner, any person by himself, his agent or attorney whose property or interest is affected may appear and present evidence in objection thereto. After said hearing, the commissioner shall make a decision with reference to said improvements in the present interest of the county and the territory to be served. Said decision shall be entered on the minutes of the commissioners and if the construction of the improvements is ordered, the same shall be construed as a public necessity or convenience and all matters relating to the construction of the same, and the assessment of costs thereof against the abutting property and the owners thereof shall be determined. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044, 2045; 3/9/84)

**§12-906** How Work Completed. The commissioners after determining the costs of such street improvements, including the costs of acquiring rights-of-way, if any are to be required and all costs necessary therefore including the cost of engineering, supervision and inspection shall proceed to lay and construct the same either by the county forces or public works department or by contract as in their judgment seems best. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044, 2046)

**§12-907** Assessments. The commissioners after the completion of any construction or maintenance authorized hereunder in any designated area may prescribe regulations for making up of an assessment roll properly describing said improvements and how the owners of the abutting property are to be assessed with the total cost of any given project. In making an assessment against abutting property the same shall be equitable and in proportion to the street frontage to be served by said improvements. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044, 2046)

If, after such hearing, the Commissioners shall deem such work or improvements a public need and convenience to be constructed, the Commissioners shall have the power to cause the improvements to be made and to contract therefore.

A property owner may pay for his pro rata share of the cost of street improvements in one of two ways:

1. The assessment may be paid in full within thirty days of the date of the bill and no interest charges will be added.
2. If the assessment is not paid within thirty days, a five year installment plan goes into effect automatically.

Under the installment plan, one-fifth of the assessment plus interest on the unpaid balance at nine percent (9%) per year is due each September 1, for five years. An installment bill will be sent to the property during the first week of August each year for payment by September 1.

The unpaid balance plus interest for the year may be paid off at any time during the five year period to save further interest charges.

**§12-908** Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. (3/9/84)

**§12-909** Liens. All assessments made hereunder, shall be liens against the property abutting such street, sidewalk or curbing from the date of the adoption of the resolution authorizing such improvements. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044, 2046)

**§12-910** Dockets; Levy; fi. fas. The commissioners shall provide by regulation for a street improvement docket for the listing of property owners and property and the amounts assessed thereon; and shall have authority to establish by regulation how such assessment may be paid and they may provide that the same be paid in annual installments, not in excess of five years, and said commissioners shall provide by regulation for the due date of such installments and payments and the rate of interest, and shall provide by regulation that execution shall issue for the collection of such assessments, the same to be signed by the Commissioners of Chatham County, Georgia and ex-officio judges thereof. Said executions shall be issued in the name of Chatham County, and shall be recorded on the general execution docket in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County and shall be turned over to the sheriff for collection as other fi. fas., and in the event the defendant in fi. fas. shall claim that the amount thereof, or some part of same is not owing, or that the same is proceeding illegally, he may file illegality thereto, and the procedure thereon, in such event shall be the same as provided for illegalities in case of tax fi. fas. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044, 2046)

**§12-911** Fi. fas. Transferable. Any fi. fas. issued hereunder may be transferred or assigned and the property levied upon and sold under the rules governing judicial sales. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044, 2047)

**§12-912** Personnel. The commissioners shall be authorized to employ such personnel as may be required to carry out the provisions of this Act. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044, 2047)

**§12-913** Eminent Domain; Purchase. The commissioners shall be authorized to acquire title to any lands or rights-of-way or easements which may be required in the exercise of the powers herein granted either by purchase or condemnation under the power of eminent domain. (1958 Ga. Laws 2044, 2047)

## ARTICLE X

### Streets, Roads, and County Property

**§12-1001 Ordinance.** Whenever the Commissioners shall deem it necessary to clear, drain, grade, pave and surface or otherwise improve any street, road, avenue, alley, lane, or any part thereof in the unincorporated areas of Chatham County regardless of lot frontage width, said Commissioners shall, before adopting a resolution to declare such work or improvements a public need and convenience to provide for construction, give notice to the property owners of a public hearing to be held within fifteen (15) days by publishing such notice in a newspaper published and having a general circulation in the County of Chatham and by certified mail to the owners of the land liable by assessment to pay for such improvements at the address to which tax notices are mailed.

If, after such hearing, the Commissioners shall deem such work or improvements a public need and convenience to be constructed, the Commissioners shall have the power to cause the improvements to be made and to contract therefore.

Assessments shall be levied against the property abutting such improvements, and its owner, at the same rate as established pursuant to the ordinance regarding street improvements by petition of property owners originally adopted September 28, 1962, as amended.

Notice of assessment shall be prepared by the County and shall be mailed by ordinary mail to the current owner of the affected property as shown by the tax records of Chatham County.

Assessments shall be payable in full within sixty days of the date of mailing of the assessment without interest. The fee simple owner of the property may, within the said sixty-day period, by application to the County Finance Department, request that payment be made in not more than five annual installments due on the anniversary date of the assessment with interest at nine percent (9%) per year, and upon execution of proper documents establishing the terms of payment and collection in the event of default. Failure to pay any installment shall cause the whole amount to be due.

In the event an assessment is not paid when due, an execution shall issue against the owner, if known, and the property in rem in the name of Chatham County signed by the Board of Commissioners, and shall be recorded in the General Execution Docket maintained by the Clerk of the Superior Court, and shall be turned over to the sheriff or collector as other fi fas, and in the event the defendant in fi fas shall claim that the amount thereof or some part of same is not owing, or that the same is proceeding illegally, he may file illegality thereto, and the procedure thereon in such event shall be the same as

provided for illegalities in case of tax fi fas. Any fi fas issued hereunder may be transferred or assigned and the property levied upon and sold under the rules governing judicial sales.

## ARTICLE XI

### Rights-of-Way Encroachment

**§12-1101** Title and Jurisdiction. This Rights-of-Way Encroachment Ordinance shall apply to the unincorporated area of Chatham County, Georgia, and to all public and private utilities, and to any person who desires to gain access to or locate a structure within any right-of-way within the County. (Amended September 10, 1999)

**§12-1102** Definitions. Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this Ordinance shall be defined in the Illustrated Book of Development Definitions, Moskowitz, (1981 Rutgers). Words not defined herein or within the above mentioned book shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, current edition, and to give this Ordinance its most reasonable application. Words used in the singular shall include the plural, and the plural the singular; words used in the present tense shall include the future tense. The words "shall," "will" and "must" are mandatory and not discretionary. The word "may" is permissive.

1. Administrator - means the staff person designated to administer and implement the provisions of this Ordinance. The Public Works Department Director is hereby designated as the administrator.
2. Appeal - means a request for a review of the administrator's interpretation of any provision of this Ordinance or a request for a variance.
3. County Engineer - means the Director of the Chatham County Engineering Department, or their designee.
4. Owner - means a person having sufficient proprietary interest in the utility or other entity seeking approval for a right-of-way encroachment permit.
5. Permittee - the person or agency to whom the permit is issued. (Amended September 10, 1999)
6. Person - means any human being, firm, partnership or joint stock company, association, company, corporation, a state, and all political subdivisions of a state or any agency or instrumentality thereof.
7. Public Works Director - means the Director of the Public Works Department of Chatham County, or their designee, who is also designated as the administrator of this Rights-of-way Encroachment Ordinance. (Amended September 10, 1999)

8. Rights-of-way - means property owned or controlled by Chatham County including but not limited to roads, streets, alleys, bridges, pedestrian walkways, ditches, storm sewers, and canals within the unincorporated areas of Chatham County. (Amended April 24, 2009)
9. Structure - means a combination of materials to form a construction for use, occupancy or ornamentation whether installed on, above, or below the surface of land or water.

**§12-1103** Establishment of Encroachment Permit. An encroachment permit shall be required in conformance with the provisions of this Ordinance prior to the commencement of any construction activity within a right-of-way. Emergency repairs made to existing facilities shall be allowed prior to issuance of a permit provided that the permittee/owner applies to the County for an encroachment permit within 2 working days of commencing the work. Construction activities that must be permitted include but are not limited to the following: (Amended April 24, 2009)

1. The most common utility facilities that are affected by this Ordinance involve the installation of telephone lines, gas lines, water lines, sanitary sewer lines, electrical lines, fuel lines, steam lines, television cables, overhead lines of the same;
2. Storm water drainage ditches and facilities, canal improvements, storm sewer lines;
3. Landscaping/tree maintenance and installation;
4. Driveway Access; (Amended September 21, 2001)
  - a. Driveways.
  - b. Culvert.
5. Any other existing or future structure, public or private that desires to encroach on any right-of-way.

**§12-1104** Compliance. No utility company, public utility agency, public agency, or person may hereafter construct, install or pave any structure within the public right-of-way, or physically enter or alter any right-of-way without being in full compliance with the terms and requirements of this Ordinance and other applicable regulations, codes and ordinances of Chatham County. (Amended April 24, 2009)

**§12-1105** Work Standards/Specifications.

1. Quality of Work. The work shall be performed in a workmanlike manner by contractors licensed by the State of Georgia in their

respective professions (e.g. underground utility work, plumbing, electrical) unless specifically allowed otherwise as a condition of the permit. All installations shall be done by the permittee/owner in such a way as to leave free flows in drainage ditches, pipes, culverts or other surface water drainage facilities of the roadway or its connections. No part of any installation shall be attached to any portion of a bridge, culvert or other structure of the roadway without special authorization of the Chatham County Engineer after detailed information is furnished as he may require. (Amended April 24, 2009)

2. Cutting of Pavement. Request for cutting of pavement must be shown under the "Special Requirements" section of the application form. Where cutting of the pavement has been approved, a six inch concrete slab shall be poured over the 100% compacted backfilled trench and will rest on undisturbed soil (see attached detail). If the pavement is asphalt, the surface of the 6 inch concrete slab must be 1 and ½ inch below the surface of the abutting pavement. The finished surface must be smooth and flush with abutting pavement using asphaltic concrete type "E" or "F." No pavement shall be cut unless specifically authorized by the permit.
3. Underground Piping.
  - a. To as much as possible, vertical and horizontal alignment of underground utility lines must be according to the County Engineering Policy for Preferred Utility Location plan. Any revisions to the plan must be identified in the application. (Amended September 10, 1999)
  - b. Service and other small diameter pipes shall be jacked, driven or otherwise forced, not washed, underneath the pavements on any surfaced road without disturbing said pavement. No pavement shall be cut unless specifically authorized by the permit.
  - c. The facility trench shall be backfilled carefully after the facility has been installed, in accordance with the standard practice for installing culverts and minor structures. In crossing roadways the backfill must be made in six inch layers and each layer firmly compacted. Where roadway grass is disturbed, satisfactory replacement will be accomplished including adequate seeding of new grass. All driveway cuts must be repaired with the same material as originally constructed or better. (Amended September 10, 1999)
4. Driveways. All driveways shall be paved from the edge of the road pavement to the right-of-way line according to the County Engineering Policy in concurrence and for the construction or placement of a new residence. The paving of the driveway shall be the responsibility of the permittee. (Amended September 21, 2001)

5. Culverts. Installation of driveway culverts to gain access to the public road across the roadside ditch is the responsibility of the permittee. When an application for a permit is made, the Public Works Department will establish the pipe size and grade prior to installation of driveway culverts. Acceptable culvert materials are reinforced concrete and high density polyethylene. All driveway culverts must have an end treatment such as a concrete headwall or flared end section. The permittee is required to notify the Administrator 24 hours prior to installation of the culvert. Culverts improperly installed will be considered a violation of this Ordinance. The permittee will be required to remove and appropriately reinstall the culvert at the request of the Administrator at no cost to the County. (Amended September 21, 2001).

**§12-1106 Minimum Conditions for a Permit**

1. Chatham County to be Held Harmless; and Cost of all Work. The full and entire expense and cost of the facility installation and maintenance shall be borne by the permittee/owner and the permittee shall make necessary arrangements for traffic over said point during such work as may be directed by the Administrator.

The permittee agrees by the acceptance of the encroachment permit to indemnify and hold harmless Chatham County, its Commissioners, officers, agents and employees from all suits or claims from any and all damages done by; or on the part of; the permittee, its agents, servants, officers or employees, or contractors, engaged in doing said work, or any injuries or damages suffered by any person as a result of said work.

2. Liability for Future Relocation Lies with Owner. In case Chatham County should, in the future, desire to make construction and/or maintenance improvements to any part of a County road, water system, sanitary sewer system, or drainage system, or appurtenance thereof, including, but not limited to, widening, relocating, reconstructing, etc., Chatham County reserves the right to require the owner to take up and relay those sections of the facility within the right-of-way as may be necessary to accommodate said improvements; the taking up and relaying to be at the expense of the owner. This work shall be completed within thirty (30) working days after notification by Chatham County, or within such other time as may be approved in writing by the County. (Amended April 24, 2009)

Should owner upon notification by Chatham County fail to remove and/or take up and relay any property encroaching in the right-of-way within 30 days, then Chatham County shall have the right to remove the obstruction or encroachment with all cost and expenses plus \$500 charged to owner in constituting a lien against the property. (Amended April 24, 2009)

3. Notification of Start of Work Required. The permittee shall notify the Chatham County Public Works Department, of the location of the permit and the exact proposed time of execution, the name and telephone number of the company, utility, or agency that is performing the work. (Amended September 10, 1999)
4. Permit to be Kept at the Worksite. This permit shall be kept at the site of the work at all times while said work is under way and must be shown to any representative of Chatham County or any law enforcement officer on demand.
5. Restoration of Facilities upon Moving or Removing of Encroachment. If, and when, the encroachment contemplated herein shall be moved or removed, either on the demand of Chatham County or at the option of the permittee, the roadway, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, ditch and/or canal and all other existing facilities shall immediately be restored to their original condition at the expense of the permittee. (Amended April 24, 2009)
6. Permission of Abutting Property Owners. It is understood that this permit does not in any manner grant to the permittee or release from the owners any rights lawfully possessed by the abutting property owners. Any such rights necessary by the permittee for completion of the work shall be secured from said abutting property owners by the permittee.
7. Public Convenience and Safety.
  - a. The permittee/owner shall at all time conduct the permitted work within the right-of-way according to the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and in such a manner as to provide for and insure the safety and convenience of the traveling public and the residents along and adjacent to the road, street or highway and to offer the least practicable obstruction to the flow of traffic. (Amended April 24, 2009)
  - b. The permittee/owner shall not close to traffic any bridge, culvert, or any portion of the road, street or highway until permission has been granted by the Administrator or his designee and notice published with map (if required by the Administrator) in the local newspaper for three consecutive days immediately prior to closing and during construction if road is closed for more than one day. The permittee shall notify each abutting occupant at least 24 hours prior to when a driveway will be cut or blocked for any length of time. (Amended April 24, 2009)
  - c. The permittee/owner will maintain the roadway and adjacent driveways in a safe and passable condition at all times and will take immediate corrective action to remedy any and all problems called to his attention by the County or local residents/property owners. (Amended April 24, 2009)

- d. Should the permittee/owner not respond to a notice, oral or written that corrective action is needed in a timely manner, it shall be deemed grounds for revocation of the permit. In a timely manner shall mean the next day (within 24 hours) unless an extension is granted to the permittee where circumstances beyond his control prohibit correction but a temporary solution can be agreed upon.
  - e. Should it be deemed necessary by the Administrator, in a situation where permittee/owner, his agent and/or contractors are not capable of performing temporary repairs within the required time limits, the Public Works Department may perform the temporary repairs. The County will in no way be responsible for any damage to utilities which might occur as a result of these repairs. The permittee will be billed for the cost of repairs at a rate of cost plus fifty percent.
8. Penalty. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be grounds for revocation of the permit issued under this Ordinance and reason for not issuing future permits to the permittee or owner concerned. In addition, the failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, including, but not limited to obtaining or applying for a encroachment permit, upon conviction thereof, shall result in a fine of not more than \$500, or imprisonment in the County jail for not more than 30 days, for any single offense, or any combination thereof, and in addition, the payment of all costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent Chatham County from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation of this Ordinance. (Amended September 21, 2001)

**§12-1107 Permit Approval Process**

- 1. Application. Application for a Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit shall be made to the Public Works Director of Chatham County who shall review the application for compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance. The Administrator shall effect coordination with other County departments and agencies plus affected outside organizations and persons as needed and appropriate to accomplish a full review of all aspects of the application. At a minimum, the application shall include the following: (Amended September 10, 1999)
  - a. completed application in full;
  - b. sketch of engineering quality with dimensions on 8½" x 11" paper showing proposed work;
  - c. name and phone number for 24 hour contact.

- d. Application Fee. An application fee shall be required as set forth in the Revenue Ordinance. This fee shall not apply to §12-1103 Paragraph 4(a) and to businesses which are subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission as set for under Georgia law. Examples of such businesses are: all common carriers, express companies, railroad or street railroad companies, dock or wharfage companies, terminal or terminal station companies, telephone and telegraph companies, gas or electric light and power companies, and persons or private companies who operate rapid rail passenger service lines within this state. (Amended September 21, 2001)
2. Review of Projects by County Engineer. All permit applications (excluding utility services that run perpendicular) shall be reviewed by the Chatham County Engineer. In addition, County Arborist review is required where a utility is over-building or under-building on an existing transmission line that requires the pruning or removal of any canopy tree as defined in the County's Land Disturbing Activities Ordinance. (Amended September 10, 1999)
3. Review and Approval of all Construction Projects by Public Works Director is Required. All encroachment permit applications shall be reviewed and either approved, modified with conditions, or denied by the Public Works Director after the appropriate review process has been completed as specified above. (Amended September 10, 1999)
4. Optional Review by Board of Commissioners. The Administrator may request the County Manager review and submit to the Board of Commissioners any application which he deems to be of a sensitive nature or to have possible adverse impacts to the County along with a professional recommendation for either the approval, modification, or denial of the application. (Amended September 10, 1999)
5. Variance Procedure. Any applicant that is aggrieved by the decision of the Administrator may file a request for an appeal for an interpretation or a variance to the terms of this Ordinance with the Public Works Administrator who shall forward said appeal request application along with his report to the County Manager for review and submittal to the Board of Commissioners for their review and consideration. The applicant shall be allowed to present the proposed use to the Board at a regular meeting of the Commission. The Board may uphold the decision of the Administrator or modify the terms of the permit as it deems appropriate to accomplish the intent of this Ordinance.

#### **§12-1108 Financial Guarantee**

1. Financial Guarantee Required. Utility companies that are regulated by the Public Service Commission, Federal Government

or other governmental agency, shall not be required to provide a financial guarantee with Chatham County. Otherwise, all applicants are required to provide a financial guarantee as described in the County Subdivision Regulation Ordinance or herein as described to guarantee that the work is done according to the approved plans and in an acceptable manner and that the right-of-way is replaced to the previous condition. (Amended September 10, 1999)

- a. The financial guarantee shall be the amount that the Public Works Director estimates it would take Chatham County to restore the right-of-way to the pre-utility encroachment condition should the contractor damage the right-of-way or structure thereon.
- b. Driveways. . The permittee for driveway access to a public road without curb and gutter will require a \$300 financial guarantee. The guarantee will be returned by request of the permittee upon satisfactory construction and inspection by the Public Works Department. The work must be completed within 12 months of the issuance of permit or the financial guarantee will be forfeited. (Amended September 21, 2001)
- c. Once the utility installation has been completed and approved by Administrator, the Administrator shall release and return the financial guarantee to the permittee.

**§12-1109** Repeal of Previous Ordinances. The Utility Facility Ordinance adopted September 2, 1977 and amended September 16, 1977, is rescinded in its entirety. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**§12-1110** Conflict With Other Laws. Whenever the requirements of this Ordinance are more restrictive than the standards required in or under any other statutes covenant, ordinance, or resolution, the requirements of this Ordinance shall govern. Whenever the provisions of any other statute, covenant, ordinance, or resolution are more restrictive standards than those of this Ordinance, the provisions of said statute, etc. shall govern.

**§12-1111** Abrogation and Greater Restrictions. This Ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing easements, covenants, or deed restrictions. However, where this Ordinance and another legal authority conflict or overlap, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail.

**§12-1112** Severability. Should any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent

jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provisions thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

## ARTICLE XII

### Streetlighting Ordinance

**§12-1201** Title and Jurisdiction. This Streetlighting Ordinance shall apply to the unincorporated area of Chatham County, Georgia.

**§12-1202** Definitions. Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this Ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, current edition, and to give this Ordinance its most reasonable application. Words used in the singular shall include the plural, and the plural the singular; words used in the present tense shall include the future tense. The words "shall," "will" and "must" are mandatory and not discretionary. The word "may" is permissive.

1. Administrator - means the staff person designated to administer and implement the provisions of this Ordinance. The Engineering Department Director (County Engineer) is hereby designated as the Administrator.
2. Subdivision - means all divisions of a tract or parcel of land into two or more lots, building sites, or other divisions for the purpose of immediate or future sale, legacy or building development and as further defined in the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations Ordinance, current edition.
3. Project - means a principal building or structure, or group of buildings or structures, planned and designated as an interdependent unit together with all accessory uses or structures, utilities, drainage, access, and circulation facilities, whether built in whole or in phases. Examples include: a principal building on a lot, a subdivision, a multi-family development, a shopping center, an office park or a community sized development.
4. Streetlighting Project - means the planned installation of streetlights within a service area.
5. Streetlighting Service Area - means a geographic area designated on a plan map and on the ground as the service area for a streetlighting project.
6. Streetlighting Assessment Rate District - means an official assessment district established by the County Commission for the purpose of charging a uniform assessment rate for those streetlighting service areas assigned thereto as further explained in Section 1205.

7. Major Street Intersection - means the area of public right-of-way located at the intersection of any arterial or collector streets/roads that is so designated by the Administrator.
8. Major and Secondary (Minor) Arterial and Collector Streets and/or Roads - means any street and/or road in Chatham County that is so designated on the official Chatham County Street Classification Map, current edition, or functions as a Collector or Arterial Street and/or Road as determined by the County Engineer.
9. Outside Agency - means an agency outside of County Government designated by the Administrator to handle portions of the petition process of this ordinance. (Amended March 9, 1990)

**§12-1203** Streetlighting Request Procedure and Criteria. The following sub-sections outline the procedures and criteria to be followed by the applicant and the County in order to obtain streetlights.

1. Subdivisions and Other Areas. In subdivisions, commercial, or other non-residential built-up areas with more than 50 property owners, the criteria and procedures listed below shall apply. Areas with less than 50 property owners may qualify for service if their area can be added to an existing Streetlighting Assessment Rate District.
  - a. When streetlighting is desired a majority of the property owners (each property owner has one vote) in an appropriate area must petition the County for streetlights:
    - (1) To be considered, the area for which streetlighting is petitioned must be either a subdivision or an area that has no fewer than fifty property owners; or
    - (2) The property owners must be on both sides of the requested roadway which should be a minimum of 2,000 feet in length, or as determined to be feasible by the County Engineer.
    - (3) Property abutting a street that presently has existing streetlights shall also be included in that Streetlighting Service Area. These additional lots shall be made part of the Streetlighting Assessment Rate District during the next billing cycle.
    - (4) All new subdivisions (residential and non-residential) or other urban type development projects requesting streetlighting which are bordered by, or contiguous to, an existing or proposed arterial or collector street shall include that portion of said street adjoining the

development in the proposed Streetlighting Service Area.

- (5) All new major subdivisions, residential and commercial, shall be required to have streetlights. The owner/developer shall be considered to have properly petitioned the County for streetlighting by submitting the plat for County review and approval. The public hearing for the establishment of the Streetlighting Assessment Rate District shall take place at the same time the subdivision plat is presented to the County Commissioners for recording approval. No public notice is required for this meeting since the developer is the sole property owner. (Amended March 9, 1990)
  - (6) All new minor subdivisions, residential and commercial, shall be required to have streetlights if the subdivision has at least 500' frontage on an open County street right-of-way. All lots in the minor subdivision shall be included in the Service Area whether or not the lots front on the County street. (Amended March 9, 1990)
  - (7) In lieu of the initial petition from the property owners, an outside agency designated by the Administrator of this ordinance, may initiate a project request, and proceed to obtain an approving majority of the property owners as provided in Section 12031-1-c. (Amended March 9, 1990)
- b. Upon receiving such a petition the County Engineer shall define the area for which streetlighting has been petitioned, develop a plan for the streetlighting project, and determine an annual cost estimate.
  - c. All property owners in the proposed Streetlighting Service Area shall be notified (according to the County Tax Assessment records) in writing of the total annual cost and the pro rata share of the cost for each property. This notification shall be in such form as to allow each property owner the opportunity to notify the County Engineer, or designated Outside Agency, of his/her approval or disapproval of the proposed streetlighting project. (Amended March 9, 1990)
  - d. After receipt of notification of approval from at least a majority of the property owners (one vote per property), the streetlighting plan shall be submitted for approval to the County Commissioners. Public notice of the Commission meeting at which the plan is to be presented shall be advertised once in a newspaper of general circulation in Chatham County, at least 15 days prior to the day of the meeting. In addition all property owners in the proposed

Streetlighting Service Area shall be notified in writing of the Commission meeting date, time and place.

- e. The Commission shall consider the petition, staff recommendations, and results of the meeting and approve, deny or modify the streetlighting project. When a project is approved, the Commission shall establish a Streetlighting Assessment Rate District for the purpose of assessing all of the real property within the Streetlighting Service Area for the annual cost of the streetlights and electricity as further described in Section 1205.
- f. The administrator of this Ordinance shall assist and cause notice by First Class Mail to be sent to property owners in the proposed street lighting assessment district, the notice of which consists of information required under Section 12-1203(1)(c) to determine should the property be included in the petition for the street lighting project. In the event that any notices are returned marked "undeliverable" or other designation demonstrating that the mail was returned unopened, the administrator shall assist and cause said notification and information under 12-1203(1)(c) to be re-mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested. The administrator, prior to re-mailing the notice and information by certified mail, return receipt requested, shall exercise reasonable diligence to determine an address so that said notice and information have an opportunity for delivery. Should, the re-mailed notice sent certified mail, return receipt requested, be re-retuned marked undeliverable or such other designation that the mail was returned unopened, then said notice and information as related to a particular property shall not be counted either as a yes or no vote for joining in the petition for the street lighting project and said notice to property owner shall not be included for purposes of calculating the total number of owners within the street lighting district, or for purposes of determining the majority of property owners within said district for purposes of calculating a majority within the petition (Amended December 17, 2004)

2. Major Street Intersections. Citizens, staff, or the Commission may request that streetlights be installed at any major street intersection that meets the criteria listed below. These criteria are to be used as a minimum or threshold authorization level. Each intersection shall be included in an adjacent Streetlighting Assessment Rate District when such district is adjacent to the intersection at any point. (Amended June 23, 1995)

- a. Streetlights may be authorized by the County Commission when the following criteria are met:

- (1) At least one of the intersecting streets is classified as collector street or above; and
  - (2) Traffic volumes on the major road must be greater than 6,000 Average Daily Traffic (ADT); while on the minor road volumes must be greater than 2,000 ADT; or
  - (3) Two nighttime accidents occurred within a twelve month period that could have otherwise possibly been avoided had intersection visibility been provided; or
  - (4) Geometrics of the intersection, man-made or natural obstacles, or vision impairments are present at the intersection and streetlighting will improve safety at the intersection.
- b. If the major street intersection meets the minimum requirements as established in a. above, the County Engineer may make a recommendation concerning a proposed streetlighting project (including funding availability) to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration.
  - c. In the event that there are insufficient funds in the Streetlighting Budget to undertake the proposed project the Commission may either increase the Streetlighting Budget if funds are available, or place the requested project on a waiting list for the next fiscal year's budget.
3. Illuminating Public Areas. On request from citizens, staff or Commission, Streetlights may be authorized by the County Commission in Public Areas as follows: (Adopted June 23, 1995)
    - a. Public Areas can include, but not limited to, bikepaths, jogging/walking trails, sidewalks, recreational areas, public buildings, parking lots, access roadways etc.
    - b. The County Engineer, in cooperation with the local electric power company, shall develop lighting plans for public areas that provide for appropriate levels of lighting based on the characteristics of each specific area.
    - c. All or part of the proposed lighting plan may be added to an adjacent Streetlighting Assessment Rate District when such district is adjacent to the proposed lighting plan.
    - d. On obtaining a satisfactory lighting plan, County Engineer may make a recommendation concerning a proposed lighting plan (including funding availability) to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration.

- e. In the event that there are insufficient funds in the Streetlighting Budget to undertake the proposed lighting plan, the Commission may either increase the Streetlighting Budget if funds are available, or place the requested project on a waiting list for the next fiscal year's budget.

**§12-1204 Lighting Standards.** The following lighting standards shall be used in designing the streetlighting plans for the various areas, intersections or roadways:

1. Residential Areas.

- a. In residential areas with overhead electrical distribution, poles are placed approximately 150 to 200 feet apart; underground distribution requires a pole to be placed between 300 to 400 feet apart.
- b. Streetlights are to be installed on every other pole where there is overhead distribution, or on every pole if the electrical distribution is underground. The standard residential light is the 8550 (100 W) High Pressure Sodium (HPS).
- c. At the intersections of residential streets a streetlight will be located at the intersection. It is to be placed on the main street with the streetlight on the cross street located one pole away from the intersection (if overhead distribution) or one lot away (if underground distribution); thereafter, the normal placement of streetlights is to be observed as described in B. above.
- d. On curves in residential areas, streetlights may be located a lesser distance apart (but not less than 150 feet) depending on the nature and severity of the radius or terrain as determined by the County Engineer.

2. Arterial and Collector Streets. The County Engineer shall develop lighting plans, in cooperation with the local electric power company, that provide for appropriate levels of lighting based on the characteristics of each road section.

- a. On streets classified as collectors, lights may be located on every pole (overhead distribution) with 8550 (100 W) HPS, or with 14,500 (150 W) HPS fixtures when they are located at major intersections or less often if appropriate as determined by the County Engineer.
- b. On streets that are classified as minor arterials, lights may be located on every pole (overhead) with 27,000 (250 W) HPS or less often if appropriate as determined by the County Engineer.

- c. On streets that are classified as major arterials, lights may be located on every pole (overhead) with 45,000 (400 W) HPS or less often if appropriate as determined by the County Engineer.
3. Streetlight Poles. Streetlight plans will be developed to utilize as many existing poles as possible. If additional poles are required to implement the proposed plan, the poles used will be 30 feet Type 3 wooden poles, the yearly rental cost of such poles will be included to the yearly electric bill for annual assessment calculation purposes. (Adopted June 23, 1995)
  4. Fiberglass/Decorative Poles. (Adopted June 23, 1995)
    - a. For Districts created when new subdivisions are approved for recording, the developer will have the option of having Streetlights installed on fiberglass poles, as long as the developer is willing to pay a one time cost difference between fiberglass poles and wooden poles to the power company. The annual assessment will be based on wooden pole charge only. (Adopted June 23, 1995)
    - b. For Districts created in existing subdivisions by virtue of a property owner's petition, the property owners will have the option of having Streetlights installed on fiberglass poles and the yearly cost of such poles added to their annual assessment only if such a request is made in writing by the spokesperson of the petitioned area before polling letters are mailed out to individual property owners for their approval or disapproval of the proposed streetlighting project. (Adopted June 23, 1995)
    - c. Any other type of Decorative poles may also be used in lieu of fiberglass poles as described in A) and B) above as long as there is no compromise on illumination, spacing and other requirements as determined by the County Engineer. (Adopted June 23, 1995)

**§12-1205** Billing and Collection. The cost of streetlighting as defined in Section 1203-1. above shall be established annually for each Streetlighting Assessment Rate District by the Chatham County Commissioners and shall be an assessment against all properties in each Streetlighting Assessment Rate District. The same shall be collected by the Tax Commissioner of Chatham County or such other official as the Board shall designate and may be enforced by the issuance of fi.fas. or executions for said assessments in the same manner and with the same lien dignity and priority as fi.fas. executions are issued for State and County taxes. The Board may also establish additional charges for late payment and assess any costs incurred in collecting delinquent assessments and may establish and compel compliance with reasonable rules and regulations for the provision of streetlighting services. The Board may combine or assign non-contiguous Streetlighting Service Areas that will receive streetlighting services into one of the existing

Streetlighting Assessment Rate Districts in order to minimize the administrative cost of billing for streetlighting and to provide the most equitable rate for each service area.

**§12-1206** Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions. The Streetlighting Ordinance adopted May 11, 1984 is rescinded in its entirety. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

§12-1207 Conflict With Other Laws. Whenever the requirements of this Ordinance are more restrictive than the standards required in or under any other statute, ordinance, or resolution, the requirements of this Ordinance shall govern. Whenever the provisions of any other statute, ordinance, or resolution are more restrictive standards than those of this Ordinance, the provisions of said statute, etc. shall govern.

§12-1208 Severability. Should any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provisions thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Red Light Camera Enforcement Ordinance

Adopted February 4, 2005

**§12-1301** Title. This ordinance shall be entitled "The Red Light Camera Enforcement Ordinance."

**§12-1302** Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance public safety through the use of technologies which reduce the violation of red traffic signals.

**§12-1303** Definitions. As used in this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Owner shall mean the registered owner of a motor vehicle, except that such term shall not include a motor vehicle company when a motor vehicle registered by such company is being operated by another person under a rental agreement with such company.
2. Operator shall mean any individual driving and/or possession of a vehicle.
3. Traffic-control signal monitoring device shall mean a device with one or more motor vehicle sensors working in conjunction with a traffic-control signal to produce recorded images of motor vehicles being operated in disregard or disobedience of a circular red or red arrow signal.
4. In operation shall mean operating in good working condition.
5. System location shall mean the approach to an intersection toward which a photographic, video digital or electronic camera is directed and is in operation.
6. Recorded images shall mean images recorded by a traffic-control signal monitoring device:
  - a. With:
    - i. Not less than two photographs;
    - ii. Not less than two microphotographs;
    - iii. Not less than two electronic images; or
    - iv. Videotape; and
  - b. Showing a traffic-control signal displaying a circular red or red arrow signal along with the rear of a motor vehicle apparently operated in disregard or disobedience of such signal and, on at least one image or portion of tape, clearly depicting the number or other identifying designation of the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle; or

c. A picture of the operator shall be taken, and may be introduced as evidence of the identity of the operator of the vehicle.

7. Signature shall mean any manual or facsimile of a person's signature.

**§12-1304** Violation; Monetary penalty.

1. Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal alone shall stop at a clearly marked stop line or, if there is no stop line, before entering the crosswalk on the nearside of the intersection or, if there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection, and shall remain standing until an indication is to proceed is shown by a steady circular green signal.
2. Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow signal indication shall stop at a clearly marked stop line or, if there is no stop line, before entering the crosswalk of the nearside of the intersection, or if there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection, and shall remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown by a steady green arrow signal indication.
3. The driver of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty imposed pursuant to this ordinance if such motor vehicle is found, as evidenced by information obtained from a traffic-control signal monitoring device, to have failed to comply with a traffic light signal as designated in subsections 1 and 2 of this section within the unincorporated area of Chatham County.

**§12-1305** Proof; certificate.

1. Proof that a particular vehicle entered an intersection in violation of section 12-1304 (1) or (2) of this ordinance, as detected by a traffic-control signal monitoring device, together with proof that the particular vehicle is registered with the Georgia Department of Public Safety (or any other state or local vehicle registration office) in the charged person's name, shall raise the evidentiary presumption and constitute prima facie evidence in any prosecution of a violation of that section that the charged person was the person driving the vehicle depicted in the recorded image.
2. A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a trained law enforcement officer or a technician employed by the MPD, or a copy thereof, based on inspection of recorded images produced by a traffic-control signal monitoring device shall be considered prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein.
3. Recorded images made for the purpose of this subsection shall not be a public record.

4. The provisions of this article shall not limit law enforcement agencies to the use of traffic-control signal monitoring devices in enforcing O.C.G.A. §40-6-20 (a); and, when there is evidence obtained from other source or sources which constitutes a prima facie case or a violation of O.C.G.A. §40-6-20 (a), such violation may be prosecuted as otherwise provided by law in lieu of, but not in addition to, enforcement under this article.
5. Such presumption may be rebutted if the owner or lessee of the vehicle files a sworn notarized statement with the MPD or other agency or employee of Chatham County designated by the County Manager prior to the return date established on the citation identifying the name and address of the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. Upon review of the notarized statement by the MPD or appropriate Chatham County employee, a hearing may be set for prosecution of the alleged violation.
6. Such presumption may be rebutted if the charged person can prove that he or she was not the operator of the vehicle through photographic evidence produced and maintained by the MPD when the vehicle owned by the charged person was in violation of section 12-1304 (1) or (2) of this ordinance.
7. Such presumption may be rebutted if the owner or lessee of the vehicle testifies under oath in open court or other appropriate administrative hearing that he or she was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of alleged violation and provides evidence acceptable to the court that he or she was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation.
8. Such presumption may be rebutted if a certified copy of a police report, showing that the vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged violation, is present, prior to the return date established on the citation issued pursuant to this section, to the court adjudicating the alleged violation. Upon review of said report the notarized statement by the MPD or appropriate Chatham County employee, a hearing may be set for prosecution of the alleged violation.
9. Such presumption may be rebutted if the recorded image depicts that the vehicle passed through the intersection in violation of section 12-1304 (1) or (2) of this ordinance as part of a funeral procession.
10. Such presumption may be rebutted if the recorded image depicts that the vehicle passed through the intersection in violation of section 12-1304 (1) or (2) of this ordinance in order to avoid impeding the efforts of an emergency vehicle to pass through the intersection.
11. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained here, the prosecution and conviction for a violation of this ordinance

shall not require a picture of the driver described in section 12-1303 (6) (c) above.

**§12-1306 Penalty; effect of a conviction.**

1. Imposition of a penalty pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a criminal conviction and shall not be made a part of the operating record of the person upon whom such penalty is imposed nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage. The civil monetary penalty imposed by this section for each violation shall be no greater than \$70.00.
2. Upon a failure to respond to any notice of violation by the prescribed date, the notice shall be considered a judgment and shall carry interest at the legal rate.

**§12-1307 Summons.**

1. A summons for a violation of this section may be executed by sending by first class mail, a copy thereof to the address of the owner or lessee of the vehicle shown, in the case of vehicle owners, in the records of the Georgia Department of Public Safety (or any other state vehicle registration office) or, in the case of vehicle lessees or renters, in the records of the lessor. Said summons shall be postmarked not later than ten days after the date of the alleged violation.
2. No proceedings for contempt or arrest shall be instituted for failure to appear on the return date of the summons.

**§12-1308 Private entities.**

1. A private entity may enter into an agreement with the County to be compensated for providing the traffic light signal violation monitoring system or equipment and all related support services, to include consulting, operations and administration. However, only a trained law enforcement officer or a technician employed by the MPD may swear to or affirm the certificate required by section 12-1305 (2) of this ordinance.
2. No portion of any fine collected through the use of a traffic control signal monitoring devices may be paid to the manufacturer or vendor. Compensation to the manufacturer or vendor shall be based on the value of such equipment and shall not be based on the number of traffic citations issued or the revenue generated by traffic-control signal monitoring devices.

**§12-1309 Signage.**

1. Chatham County shall erect signs on every highway, which comprises a part of the state highway system at that point on the highway which intersects the jurisdictional limits to the County. A sign shall be erected also by the County on each

public road on the approach to the next traffic-control signal monitoring device which is monitoring such next signal for such road.

2. Such signs shall be at least 30 inches by 30 inches in measurements and shall warn motorists that traffic-control monitoring devices are being employed.

**§12-1310** Warning period. Only warning notices and not citations shall be sent during the 30-day period commencing with each installation of a traffic-control monitoring device.

**§12-1311** Severability. Should any section, provision, or clause of any part of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or if the provisions of any part of this ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect portions of this ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the County that this ordinance would have been adopted had any such invalid portion not been included herein.

**§12-1312** Effective Date. This ordinance will become effective upon adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.