

GWINNETT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA

ORDINANCE ENTITLED: Gwinnett County Construction Code

READING AND ADOPTION: December 16, 2014

At the regular meeting of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners held in the Justice and Administration Center, Auditorium, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Name	Present	Vote
Charlotte Nash, Chairman	Yes	Yes
Jace Brooks, District 1	Yes	Yes
Lynette Howard, District 2	Yes	Yes
Tommy Hunter, District 3	Yes	Yes
John Heard, District 4	Yes	Yes

On motion of Commissioner Hunter, which carried 5-0 the Code of Ordinances of Gwinnett County is hereby amended by repealing Article II of Chapter 14 of the Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances, entitled "Construction Codes" and the Gwinnett County Construction Code adopted on November 5, 1991 and all amendments thereto and replacing them with a new Gwinnett County Construction Code codified as a new Appendix B to the Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Construction Code was adopted on November 5, 1991 by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Construction Code adopts by reference the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes and provides for administrative procedures for the administration and enforcement of the Gwinnett County Construction Code; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes have been revised and updated since the adoption of the Gwinnett County Construction Code; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26(a) authorizes the governing body of any municipality or county to adopt by ordinance or resolution any reasonable provisions for the proper administration and enforcement of the requirements of the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has deleted Chapter I from the state minimum standard codes for local governments to develop their administrative procedures in accordance with the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed and revised the Gwinnett County Construction Code, including the County's administrative procedures, to ensure compliance with the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes and to update administrative procedures for the proper administration and enforcement of the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes; and

WHEREAS, staff also reviewed and revised the Gwinnett County Construction Code to clarify contractor responsibilities in accordance with Georgia Law; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners finds that the revised Gwinnett County Construction Code safeguards the public health, safety, and general welfare of the occupants of the built environment within Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners finds that adoption of the revised Gwinnett County Construction Code is in the best interest of the residents and businesses of Gwinnett County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners hereby repeals Article II of Chapter 14 of the Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances, entitled "Construction Codes" and the Gwinnett County Construction Code adopted on November 5, 1991 and all amendments thereto and replaces them with a new

Gwinnett County Construction Code which is attached hereto as Exhibit A to be codified as a new Appendix B to the Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gwinnett County Construction Code adopted hereto and contained within Appendix B of the Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances shall be effective beginning January 1, 2015. Applications pending or active permits on this effective date shall not require change to previously approved plans provided that the permit has not expired and actual building construction is commenced and being carried on in accordance with the issued permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all regulations or parts of the same in conflict with this Resolution are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict.

GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Charlotte J. Nash
Charlotte J. Nash, Chairman

Date Signed: Diane Kemp

ATTEST:

By: Diane Kemp
Diane Kemp, County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Theresa Cox
Theresa Cox, Senior Assistant County Attorney