

CHARITABLE SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, there are charitable organizations desiring to solicit funds for their projects on the streets, roads and highways in unincorporated Douglas County;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has empowered the Douglas County Board of Commissioners to regulate the solicitation of funds on streets, roads and highways within the unincorporated area via the issuance of permits; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners believes that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County demands that a permitting system be implemented.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED PURUSANT TO O.C.G.A. § 40-6-97.1 that a new Article VIII to be known as “Charitable Solicitation” be added to Chapter 14 (relating to Roads, Streets and Sidewalks) of the Douglas County Code of Ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a new Code Section 14-100 be added to Article VIII of Chapter 14 to read as follows:

“Sec.14-100. Charitable Solicitation Along Roads and Road Right of Way.

No person shall stand on any street, highway, road or right of way for the purpose of transacting business or soliciting contributions directly from the occupant of any vehicle, except in accordance with a charitable solicitation permit issued pursuant to this section. Charitable solicitation permits may be issued by the Director of Development Services or his or her designee to charitable organizations registered in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-17-5 and to charitable organizations exempt from registration in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-17-9. The issuance of a charitable solicitation permit shall be accompanied by the issuance of County-owned safety vests for each individual who will participate in the solicitation. Safety vests issued by the County shall be worn by all persons participating in charitable solicitation along roads and rights-of-way. No permit shall be issued where the Director of Development Services or his or her designee deems the same to be a substantial threat or impediment to public safety or to traffic efficiency. The Director or his or her designee may consult with the Douglas County Department of Transportation to evaluate any application for a permit. Every permit shall be for a specified location and for one continuous time period. The Director or his or her designee may impose reasonable safety restrictions upon any permit, including a minimum age limit for all solicitors, as well as adult supervision. The Development Services Director shall create and

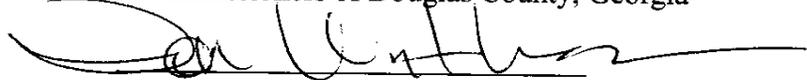
maintain a list of intersections at which charitable solicitation will not be permitted, said list to include but not be limited to all intersections with signalized turn lanes. The fee for a charitable solicitation permit shall be set by the Development Services Director and shall include a refundable sum as a deposit for the issuance of County-owned safety vests, which sum shall be refunded upon the return of the safety vests in satisfactory condition.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any paragraph, subparagraph, or clause of this ordinance is invalidated by the State Legislature or a court of competent of jurisdiction, those portions of the ordinance which are not invalidated shall remain in full force and effect until repealed by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective on 9-1-09.

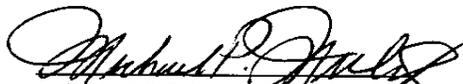
So ordained this 1st day of September, 2009.

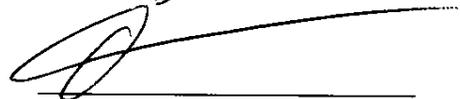
Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, Georgia


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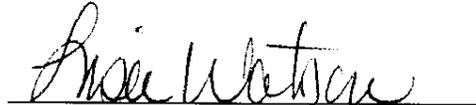

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