

**CITY OF RINGGOLD
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 0424

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA BY (A) AMENDING CHAPTER 6 CAPTIONED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 6-5(f) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 6-5(f); (B) AMENDING CHAPTER 6 CAPTIONED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 6-27(a) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 6-27(a); (C) AMENDING CHAPTER 46 CAPTIONED “OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS” BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 46-1(d) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 46-1(d); (D) AMENDING CHAPTER 46 CAPTIONED “STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES” BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 58-4 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 58-4; (E) AMENDING CHAPTER 66 CAPTIONED “TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES” BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 66-2 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 66-2; AND (F) AMENDING CHAPTER 66 CAPTIONED “TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES” BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 66-8 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 66-8; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is authorized under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to adopt reasonable ordinances to protect and improve the public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetics of the citizens of the City of Ringgold, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is the Mayor and Council thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 6 captioned “Alcoholic Beverages” by striking, deleting and repealing Section 6-5(f) in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 6-5(f) which shall read as follows:

- (f) No alcoholic beverages may be sold by the drink for consumption on the premises where sold except (i) in restaurants; and (ii) in non-eatery establishments located within

the entertainment district defined in Section 6-26. For the purposes of this chapter, packaged beer or wine purchased from a hotel or motel licensee by a registered guest of the hotel or motel licensee and consumed in a lodging room of such hotel or motel shall not constitute consumption on the premises.

Section 2.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 6 captioned "Alcoholic Beverages" by striking, deleting and repealing Section 6-27(a) in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 6-27(a) which shall read as follows:

- (a) A specialty cup is hereby defined as a clear plastic 16-ounce cup.

Section 3.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 46 captioned "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" by striking, deleting and repealing Section 46-1(d) in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 46-1(d) which shall read as follows:

- (d) *Penalties.* Unless another penalty is expressly provided by law, every person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00.

Section 4.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 58 captioned "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places" by striking, deleting and repealing Section 58-4 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 58-4 which shall read as follows:

Sec. 58-4. - Special event prohibitions.

- (a) *Definitions.*

- (1) *Service animal* shall mean any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.
- (2) *Special event* shall mean any organized activity having as its purpose entertainment, recreation and/or education, such as a festival or celebration, crafts fair, parade or march, rally or assembly that takes place on a public property, street, sidewalk or right-of-way, or occurs on private property and impacts government services on public rights-of-way.

(b) The following are prohibited within the boundaries of a special event held in the city:

- (1) Pets, except for service animals; and
- (2) Bicycles, except for official use.

Section 5.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 66 captioned "Traffic and Vehicles" by striking, deleting and repealing Section 66-2 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 66-2 which shall read as follows:

Sec. 66-2. - Use of go-carts, homemade vehicles prohibited; penalty.

- (a) It is unlawful to operate, ride or use any go-carts, whether motorized or not motorized, or soapbox derby type homemade vehicles on any public street or right-of-way of the city.
- (b) It is unlawful to erect, place, use or possess any ramp or any other device designed solely for the use of the riding, launching or boosting or acceleration of skateboards on any public street or right-of-way of the city.
- (c) Anyone who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to punishment as provided in section 1-11. Any alleged violation of this ordinance shall be tried in the mayors court of the city.

Section 6.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 66 captioned "Traffic and Vehicles" by striking, deleting and repealing Section 66-8 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 66-8 which shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-22. - Same—Prohibited uses.

Prohibited uses of recreation paths are as follows:

- (1) Automobiles and trucks (except authorized maintenance vehicles);
- (2) Motorcycles;
- (3) Street and trail motorized bikes or vehicles (not to include electric bicycles);
- (4) Mini-bikes and mopeds;
- (5) Horses;
- (6) Go-carts;
- (7) Motorized play vehicles;
- (8) Except, as permitted in section 66-7, any vehicle designed by the manufacturer to be able to travel at speeds in excess of 20 miles per hour under its own power on a flat surface; and

Section 7.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 8.

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

Section 9.

The adoption date of this Ordinance shall be April 22, 2024. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be its adoption date

SO ORDAINED, this 22nd day of April, 2024.

CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA



NICK MILLWOOD, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK