

**CITY OF RINGGOLD
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 0713-02 AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA BY AMENDING ARTICLE XII CAPTIONED “OVERLAY DISTRICTS” OF APPENDIX B CAPTIONED “ZONING” BY DELETING AND REPEALING SUBSECTION (g) OF SECTION 12-4 CAPTIONED “ADU OVERLAY DISTRICT” AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SUBSECTION (g); 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 Article XII captioned “Overlay Districts” of Appendix B captioned “Zoning” by striking, deleting and repealing Subsection (g) of Section 12-4 captioned “ADU Overlay District” in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Subsection (g) which shall read as follows:

(g) Dimensional and Placement Standards.

ADUs shall be sited behind the Primary Building Line. Minimum side and rear setbacks shall be ten (10) feet. Detached ADUs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) feet in height or one story above a garage.

ADUs shall be no less than 400 square feet and no greater than 800 square feet in size.

Vegetative Buffer Requirement for Detached ADUs. The construction of a detached ADU shall require installation and permanent maintenance of a vegetative buffer of evergreen plant material within the required setbacks along any property line adjoining residential or commercial properties. The minimum length of the required buffer shall be equal to two (2) times the linear length of the detached ADU structure, measured along the longest wall of the ADU. Buffers shall be of sufficient density to provide year-round visual screening and shall be installed prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the ADU.

Section 2.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 3.

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 4.

The adoption date of this Ordinance shall be August 24, 2026. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be its adoption date

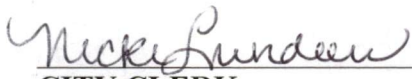
SO ORDAINED, this 24th day of August, 2026.

CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA



KELLY BOMAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:



**NICKI LUNDEEN
CITY CLERK**