

**CITY OF RINGGOLD
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 0727

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 66 CAPTIONED "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 66-37 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 66-37; 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 66 captioned "Traffic and Vehicles" by striking, deleting and repealing Section 66-37 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 66-37 which shall read as follows:

Sec. 66-37. - Restricted parking—Public parking areas.

(a) Public Parking Lots- Except as otherwise provided in this section, no vehicles shall be parked between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. in any city-owned public parking lot, including but not limited to those located at Creekside Park, Martha Denton Pool, Patriot Hall, Depot Street, Market Way, Tennessee Street, and City Hall. The city manager or designee is authorized to designate additional public parking areas where such restrictions shall apply. Such restrictions shall be effective upon the posting of appropriate signage or notice, and such designation shall be based on public safety, operational needs, or recreational use.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not be applicable to the following:

(1) Any vehicle of the city, the county, the state or the United States.

(2) Any vehicle owned by a person attending an ongoing event at a city-owned or city-operated facility, provided such vehicle is removed from the applicable public parking area no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of such event.

(c) All Public Parking areas- Except as otherwise provided in this section, the parking of commercial vehicles and heavy equipment, storage of any kind, and overnight parking are prohibited in any city-owned public parking lot or any designated public parking area described in subsection (a). The city manager and the chief of police, or their designees, are authorized to grant permission to park or store property in such public parking areas on a temporary basis. This subsection (c) shall not apply to vehicles, equipment and other property of the city. It is the intent of the mayor and council that any unauthorized parking or storage in said public parking areas shall constitute a trespass upon public lands of the city, and public notice is given to that effect.

(d) Any vehicle parked, or any property stored, in violation of this section may be impounded by the city and towed to or stored at any location designated by the chief of police. Any wrecker bill, moving or storage charge for property impounded under this section shall be paid by the owner thereof prior to the release of said property.

(e) The city manager or designee is authorized to post signage, markings, or other notices necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this section, and such restrictions shall be effective upon installation of said signage or markings.

(f) Encroachment permits and special event permits. The city may authorize the temporary use of public parking areas upon approval of an encroachment permit and/or a special event permit. Requests may be submitted by members of the public in accordance with city procedures. Approved uses may include, but are not limited to, activities related to public safety, construction, maintenance, or public events. Any use authorized under this subsection shall be subject to such conditions, time limitations, and restrictions as imposed by the city. Failure to comply with the conditions of an approved permit shall constitute a violation of this section.

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 July 27, 2026. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be its adoption date

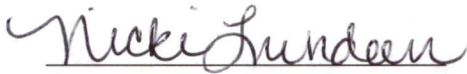
SO ORDAINED, this 27th day of July, 2026.

CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA



KELLY BOMAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK