

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MODIFYING FORSYTH COUNTY SIGN ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 74, AS
CODIFIED AT CHAPTER 66 OF CODE OF FORSYTH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph 1 thereof, that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, and regulations, and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-1-20 authorizes the County to adopt ordinances preserving the public health, safety, and welfare, and to adopt appropriate measures to enforce those ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.1 of the County's codified local laws authorizes the County to adopt ordinances exercising the police powers of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in the interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Forsyth County, Georgia, the Board of Commissioners of Forsyth County desires to exercise its authority to adopt the amendment attached hereto as Exhibits A and B; and

WHEREAS, appropriate notice and hearing on the amendments contained herein have been carried out according to general and local law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Forsyth County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

1. The text of Section 66-101 is modified by adding section (c), containing the language set forth in Exhibit A;
2. The text of Section 66-116(a) of the Forsyth County Code of Ordinances is hereby replaced in its entirety by the text set forth in Exhibit B;
3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Todd Levent, Chairman

Rick Swope, Vice-Chairman

Laura Semanson, Secretary

Cindy J. Mills, Member

Ralph (Pete) Amos, Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Exhibit A

Sec. 66-101(c) – A nonconforming sign adjacent to a public road that is subject to disassembly, razing or removal due to condemnation or state or county-initiated road work may be re-erected on the same lot so long as the height and sign face of the replacement sign is equal to or less than that of the removed sign.

Exhibit B

Sec. 66-116. – Electronic message boards.

(a) Zoning. Electronic message boards are authorized only as follows:

(1) In commercial and industrial zoning districts;

(2) In any district where the property:

(a) has a minimum of 100 feet of frontage along a two-lane or greater state roadway;
and

(b) has a principle use that is either a religious facility, college, university, private or parochial school, hospital, military or veteran organization.