

AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE FOR HIRE ORDINANCE, ARTICLE S OF PART 6 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003), TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS ON HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE OPERATION DURING ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled, and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Article S of Part 6 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003) be amended by inserting a new Section, 6-1596A, entitled “Adverse Weather Conditions” as follows:

ARTICLE S. HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES FOR HIRE
Section 6-1596A. – Adverse Weather Conditions.

(a) An owner, operator or custodian of a horse engaged in the horse-drawn carriage trade shall not drive, use or work a horse on a public street or right-of-way in the City:

- (1) During periods when the temperature is below 35 degrees Fahrenheit as determined by the National Weather Service (www.weather.gov) for Hunter U.S. Army Airfield (KSVN);
- (2) During periods when it is snowing, sleeting or during the fall of freezing rain; or
- (3) During adverse weather or other conditions which are a threat to the health or safety of the horse and the public. Adverse weather conditions shall include but not be restricted to snow, ice, heavy rain, sleet, freezing rain or other slippery conditions.

A horse being worked when such conditions develop shall be returned to the stable by the most direct route as soon as practicable.

(b) The owner, operator or custodian of a horse engaged in the horse-drawn carriage trade shall cover each horse with an appropriately-sized equine blanket:

- (1) During the winter months when the temperature, as specified by the National Weather Service for Hunter U.S. Army Airfield, falls below 35 degrees Fahrenheit and the horse is stabled; and

- (2) During the winter months when the temperature, as specified by the National Weather Service for Hunter U.S. Army Airfield, falls below 35 degrees Fahrenheit and the horse is stationed outdoors and awaiting rides or passengers.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This Section shall be effective when the Mayor affixes his signature below.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: _____

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Clerk of Council