

AN ORDINANCE
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DIVISION II, PART 8, PLANNING AND REGULATION OF DEVELOPMENT, CHAPTER 3, ZONING, ARTICLE 8.0, USE STANDARDS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8.7.22 OUTDOOR VENDING MACHINES, FREESTANDING AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINES (LESS THAN 25 SQUARE FEET) AND 8.7.23 OUTDOOR VENDING UNIT (25 SQUARE FEET OR GREATER); TO PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE DATES; 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 Division II, Part 8, Planning and Regulation of Development, Chapter 3, Zoning of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia hereinafter be referenced as “Code”, be amended to read as follows:

*Note: Revisions shown in red.
Text to be enacted shown in bold and underlined.
Text to be repealed shown in bold and strikethrough.*

Article 8.0 Use Standards

8.7.22 Outdoor Vending Machines, Freestanding Automatic Teller Machines (Less than 25 square feet)

Outdoor vending machines and freestanding automatic teller machines shall comply with the standards below.

Commentary: For the purpose of this Section, outdoor vending machines shall include newspaper/magazine racks, whether or not a fee is charged for the product, LP gas storage racks, ice boxes and machines that offer for sale or rent DVDs, drinks, snacks, candy, toys and similar items.

a. Location

- i.** Outdoor vending machines and freestanding automatic teller machines may only be established in conjunction with a principal building and shall be located without impeding pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or occupying parking spaces, drive aisles, greenspace, buffers or landscaped areas required for the principal building.
- ii.** Outdoor vending machines ~~shall be which are not~~ located immediately adjacent to the principal building ~~as allowed by applicable building codes and ordinances shall be shielded from vehicles by bollards or similar~~

devices.

- iii. ii. Outdoor vending machines and freestanding automatic teller machines more than four (4) feet tall shall not block any window.
- iv. iii. Within any local historic district, outdoor vending machines, ~~not including newspaper/magazine racks, shall not be~~ that are visible from any right-of-way, except for lanes, shall be placed on the side or rear of the principal building. Vending machines that are within a building yet are visible due to an open door or wall shall not be considered outdoor vending machines. This standard does not apply to newspaper/magazine racks.
- v. iv. Except when designed for drive-up use, ~~v~~ vending machines shall maintain at least four (4) feet of walkway free of obstruction to allow for pedestrian movement around such use.

b. Size

Outdoor vending machines and freestanding automatic teller machines shall occupy no more than 25 square feet of ground area per machine and shall be no more than eight (8) feet in height. The total width of all vending machines along a façade shall not be more than 10% of the length of such façade or 15 linear feet, whichever is less.

c. Signs

Signage on outdoor vending machines shall be limited to four (4) square feet on each side. Signage on automatic teller machines shall be limited to 12 square feet or two (2) square feet per linear foot of the machine, whichever is less, per side. Sign illumination shall be internal or shielded so as to be directed at the sign face with the light source not visible from any public right-of-way.

d. Lighting

A lighting plan shall be required if outdoor lighting is proposed.

e. Maintenance

Outdoor vending machines and freestanding automatic teller machines shall be maintained in a clean and litter free condition. For automatic teller machines, a waste receptacle shall be integrated into the structure housing the automatic teller machine.

f. Design

Outdoor vending machines and freestanding automatic teller machines shall be constructed and maintained with durable waterproof and rustproof material and shall identify the telephone number of the operator or responsible person to contact in the event of machine malfunction or if the machine is inoperative.

8.7.23 Outdoor Vending Unit (25 square feet or greater)

a. Location

- i.** Such units shall be allowed only within the OI-E, B-N, B-C, B-M, IL-T, IL and IH zoning districts.
- ii.** The use shall be located on a road classified as a collector or arterial as identified in Appendix A-1.

- iii. Such units shall only be allowed on a site occupied by another principal building.
- iv. ~~;~~ ~~and further, such~~ Such units ~~shall be which are not~~ located immediately adjacent to the ~~other~~ principal building ~~as allowed by applicable building codes and ordinances shall be shielded from vehicles by bollards or similar devices.~~
- v. ~~iv.~~ Such use shall not be allowed within the boundaries of any local historic overlay district.
- vi. ~~v.~~ Ice Vending Units
 1. An ice vending unit shall not be located within a 300-foot radius of an existing ice vending unit on the same side of the collector or arterial street required in part ii above.
 2. Only one (1) ice vending unit shall be allowed on any single parcel.

b. Development Standards

- i. A site plan shall be submitted for review according to Sec. 3.8, Development Plan Review unless waived by the City Manager or his or her designee.
- ii. Such units shall be not less than 25 nor more than 250 square feet in size.
- iii. Such use shall not be located on or in any parking spaces required for a principal use.
- iv. Such use shall provide a minimum of two (2) off-street parking spaces.
- v. A trash receptacle with a minimum capacity of at least 30 gallons shall be placed adjacent to an ice vending unit. Such receptacles shall be properly maintained and emptied by the ice vending unit owner or his designee at least once every two (2) days-weeks.

c. Signage

Signage shall be permitted on any two (2) sides of the unit only and shall not exceed one (1) square foot for each linear foot of unit wall as measured along the longest wall. In no case shall permitted signage exceed 20 square feet per side. Sign illumination shall be internal or shielded so as to be directed at the sign face with the light source not visible from any public right-of-way.

SECTION 2: That the requirements of Section 3.2 of the Zoning Ordinance effective the 1st of September 2019 and the law in such cases made and provided has been satisfied. An opportunity for a public hearing was afforded anyone having an interest or property right which may have been affected by this zoning amendment, said notice being published in the Savannah Morning News, on the 29th day of April 2026, a copy of said notices being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective as of the date hereof.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: ____ day of _____ 2026.

Van R. Johnson, II
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Massey
Clerk of Council