

GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

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Dear Business Owners,

Re: Loitering Notice

Thank you for making the City of South Fulton your home.

The City has passed a Loitering Ordinance and needs your help to reduce the negative impacts caused by loitering in our communities. The Ordinance requires convenience store owners to (1) prohibit loitering on their property; and (2) prominently display a sign prohibiting loitering in and outside their businesses for the general public to view. For your convenience, language from the ordinance is below:

“Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the following meaning, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

“Convenience goods” means basic food, household and/or pharmaceutical items.

“Convenience store” means any business that is primarily engaged in the retail sale of convenience goods, or both convenience goods and gasoline, and has less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet of retail floor space. Convenience store does not include any business where there is no retail floor space accessible to the public.”

“Condoning of Loitering Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for the owner, manager and/or operator of a convenience store to allow any person to loiter on or about the licensed premises, without taking prompt action to cause for such loiterer to be removed from the premises.

The unlawful loitering of a person at a convenience store for a period of more than 30 minutes shall constitute prima facie evidence that the owner, manager and/or operator of the establishment is unlawfully condoning such prohibited conduct.”

“Prominent Display of Loitering Prohibition. Convenience stores maintaining alcohol licenses pursuant to this chapter shall cause for the following language to be prominently displayed, in no less than 48-inch font, in a manner which is visible to the general public on the exterior and interior of the licensed establishment:

Loitering Prohibited:
This establishment is required to prohibit loitering, pursuant to Title 15, Sec. 15-4005, of the South Fulton Code of Ordinances.”

“Notice to Convenience Stores Selling Alcohol. In addition to other penalties and sanctions authorized by state law and the City Code, the violation of this chapter by owners, managers and/or operators of convenience stores shall subject the convenience store to termination, revocation and/or suspension of its license to sell alcoholic beverages.”

Please direct any questions or concerns to the Department of Community Development and Regulatory Affairs at 470-809-7200.

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