

ORDINANCE 6711-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII – STANDARDS FOR WATER AND SEWER, CHAPTER XII – SPRINKLER STANDARDS, AND CHAPTER XV – STREET, SIDEWALK, TRAIL, AND ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE STANDARDS OF THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED FIRE PROTECTION, SPRINKLER STANDARDS, AND FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS REQUIREMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Whereas, the City of Woodstock, Georgia (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "City") is a municipality duly formed and existing pursuant to Georgia Law; and

Whereas, the 1983 Constitution of the State of Georgia provides for the self-government of municipalities without the necessity of action by the General Assembly¹; and

Whereas, the City of Woodstock, Georgia has the legislative power to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions or regulations relating to its property, affairs and local government for which no provision has been made by general laws, and which are not inconsistent with the Constitution or any charter provision applicable thereto²; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Woodstock, Georgia desires to amend Article IV of the Code of Woodstock, Georgia as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL ORDAINS, by the lawful authority vested in them as follows:

Section 1. That Section 8.210 – Fire Protection of Article II – Design Requirements for Water Distribution System of Chapter VIII – Standards for Water and Sewer of The City of Woodstock Land Development Ordinance is deleted and replaced as follows:

¹ Ga. Const. 1983, Article IX, Section II, Paragraph II provides in pertinent part as follows:

"The General Assembly may provide by law for the self government of municipalities and to that end is expressly given the authority to delegate its power so that matters pertaining to the municipalities may be dealt with without the necessity of action by the General Assembly."

² O.C.G.A. §36-35-3(a) provides as follows:

"(a) The governing authority of each municipal corporation shall have legislative power to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions or regulations relating to its property, affairs, and local government for which no provision has been made by general law and which are not inconsistent with the Constitution or any charter provision applicable hereto. Any such charter provision shall remain in force and effect until amended or repealed as provided in subsection (b) of this Code Section. This Code Section, however, shall not restrict the authority of the General Assembly, by general law, to define this home rule power further or to broaden, limit, or otherwise regulate the exercise thereof. The General Assembly, shall not pass any local law to repeal, modify or supersede any action taken by a municipal governing authority under this Code section, except as authorized under Code Section 36-35-6."

“8.210. - Fire Protection.

All fire/water lines shall be 8-inch ductile iron pipe.

1. Fire-Flow Requirements and Hydrants. Appendices B and C of the International Fire Code are hereby adopted, now and as amended, and incorporated by reference.
 - a. Submit GIS coordinates for all new and relocated hydrants along with the flow test data in an approved electronic format to the Fire Marshal's office prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Horizontal locations should be referenced to the US State Plane coordinate system, NAD 83 (2011), GA West Zone, US Survey Feet. Vertical locations should be referenced to the NAVD88 datum, GEOID12A, US Survey Feet.
 - b. Fire department connections shall be located within 50' and on the same side of the road of a fire hydrant.
2. *Accessibility for Fire Fighting Equipment.*
 - a. Provide reasonable accessibility to and around all buildings for firefighting equipment, including fire department ground ladders on multiple-story projects. (Minimum of ten (10) feet on all sides and a curb radius of twenty-five (25) feet).
 - b. Maintain accessibility for firefighting equipment throughout all stages of construction and occupancy.”

Section 2. That Chapter XII – Sprinkler Standards of The City of Woodstock Land Development Ordinance is hereby deleted and reserved.

Section 3. That Section 15.301 – Minimum Specifications of Article III – Fire Apparatus Access Roads of Chapter XV – Street, Sidewalk, Trail, and Additional Infrastructure Standards of The City of Woodstock Land Development Ordinance is deleted and replaced as follows.

“15.301. - Minimum Specifications.

1. Grade. Fire apparatus access roads shall not exceed ten (10) percent in grade. Grades steeper than ten (10) percent may be approved by fire chief.
2. Turning Radius. The curb radius of a fire apparatus access road shall be twenty-five (25) feet. The measurement shall be from the face of curb.
3. Dead Ends. Dead-end fire apparatus access roads in excess of one hundred fifty (150) feet shall be provided with width and turnaround provisions in accordance with the following table.
4. Where header curb is to be used, a minimum of 10.5' wide lanes shall be provided.
5. Where curb and gutter are to be used a minimum pavement width of 20' not inclusive of shoulders or curb and gutters shall be provided.

Length (feet)	Width (feet)	Turnaround Required
0-150	20	None required
151-500	20	120 ft Hammerhead, 60 ft "Y" or 96 ft diameter cul-de-sac in accordance with Illustration 1
501-750	26	120 ft Hammerhead, 60 ft "Y" or 96 ft diameter cul-de-sac in accordance with Illustration 1
Over 750		Special approval required

4. Fire Apparatus Access Road Gates. Gates securing the fire apparatus access roads shall comply with all of the following criteria:
 - a. The minimum gate width shall be twenty (20) feet.
 - b. Gates shall be of the swinging or sliding type.
 - c. Construction of gates shall be of materials that allow manual operation by one (1) person.
 - d. Gate components shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times and replaced or repaired when defective.
 - e. Electric gates shall be equipped with a means of opening the gate by fire department personnel or emergency access. Emergency opening devices shall be approved by the fire code official.
 - f. Manual opening gates shall not be locked with a padlock or chain and padlock unless they are capable of being opened by means of forcible entry tools or when a key box containing the key(s) to the lock is installed at the gate location.
 - g. Locking device specifications shall be submitted for approval by the fire code official.
 - h. Electric gate operators where provided, shall be listed in accordance with UL 325.
 - i. Gates intended for automatic operation shall be designed, constructed and installed to comply with the requirements of ASTM F 2200.
 - j. A Knox key shall be provided where access control gates limit fire department access.
 - k. Where structures protected by automatic alarm systems have access control gates, the gates shall automatically open upon transmission of an alarm.

5. Signs. Where required by the fire code official, fire apparatus access roads shall be marked with permanent NO PARKING—FIRE LANE signs complying with Illustration 2. Signs shall have a minimum dimension of twelve (12) inches wide by eighteen (18) inches high and have red letters on a white reflective background. Signs shall be posted on one (1) or both sides of the fire apparatus road as required by this chapter.
 - a. Fire lane signs as specified in this chapter shall be posted on both sides of fire apparatus access roads that are twenty (20) to twenty-six (26) feet wide.
 - b. Fire lane signs as specified in this chapter shall be posted on one (1) side of fire apparatus access roads that are more than twenty-six (26) feet wide and less than thirty-two (32) feet wide.
6. Provide reasonable accessibility to and around all buildings for firefighting equipment, including fire department ground ladders on multiple-story projects. A minimum of ten (10) feet on all sides of the building shall be provided to provide such access.


Note— The illustrations referenced in this section are not set out at length in this Code but may be found in the offices of the City.”

Section 4. Should any provisions of this Ordinance be declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any provision thereof other than the provisions specifically declare to be invalid. The Mayor and Council hereby declare that it would have passed this Ordinance and each subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA, THIS 26th DAY OF October, 2020.

First Reading Date: October 12, 2020
Second Reading Date: October 26, 2020



DONNIE HENRIQUES, MAYOR
CITY OF WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA



RHONDA L. PEZZELLO, CLERK
CITY OF WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA

