

FIRST READING March 15, 2022

SECOND READING April 19, 2022

PASSED April 19, 2022

AN ORDINANCE NO. BR2022-10

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 (“TRAFFIC CODE”),
ARTICLE II (“PARKING SCHEDULES”) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY
OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA BY REPEALING AND REPLACING, IN ITS
ENTIRETY, SECTION 22-51 (“RESTRICTED PARKING”); PROVIDING
FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Chapter 22 (“Traffic Code”), Article II (“Parking Schedules”), Sec. 22-51 (“Restricted Parking”) of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia currently limits to two hours parking in certain designated areas within the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, parking availability has been a significant problem in the downtown business district for many years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recently conducted a public meeting, during which the City Council heard from a number of citizens, businesses, property owners, and other stakeholders regarding the parking problem in the downtown business district; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the input it has received, the City Council of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia, finds it in the public interest to amend Chapter 22 (“Traffic Code”), Article II (“Parking Schedules”) of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia by repealing and replacing, in its entirety, Sec. 22-51 (“Restricted Parking”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the authority of the City Charter and general law, that Chapter 22 (“Traffic Code”), Article II (“Parking Schedules”) of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia be amended by repealing and replacing, in its entirety, Sec. 22-51 (“Restricted Parking”) as follows:

SECTION 1.

**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 22 (“TRAFFIC
CODE”), ARTICLE II (“PARKING SCHEDULES”),
SEC. 22-51 (“RESTRICTED PARKING”)**

Chapter 22 (“Traffic Code”), Article II (“Parking Schedules”) of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia is hereby amended by repealing and replacing, in its entirety, Sec. 22-51 (“Restricted Parking”) as follows

ARTICLE II. PARKING SCHEDULES

Sec. 22-51. Restricted parking.

(a) No person shall park a motor vehicle on any sidewalk or street within the city in any zone or area posted by a sign as prohibited parking or in violation of any sign posted within the city that sets forth parking prohibitions or restrictions.

(b) No vehicle shall be parked within 15 feet of any fire plug or intersection in the city.

(c) There shall be a three (3) hour parking limit between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day within the downtown business district, more specially described as the parking areas on (i) East Main Street between Church Street and Mountain Street and (ii) West Main Street between Depot Street and Mountain Street.

(d) The mayor or the mayor's designee shall arrange to have posted parking time limit signs for each specific street outlined in subsection (c) above, and signs designating areas for free parking for business owners and employees, giving notice thereof.

(e) The city police department is authorized to enforce this section. The first violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of \$50.00, the second violation shall be punished by a fine of \$100.00, and each violation thereafter shall be punished by a fine of \$250.00, provided however that no violation of the parking time limits shall be punished unless the signs in subsection (d) have been installed at the time of the alleged violation.

SECTION 2.

SEVERABILITY.

If any paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or any portion of this ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction or if the provisions of any part of this ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to effect the portions of this ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Council of the City of Blue Ridge to provide for separate and divisible parts, and it does hereby adopt any and all parts hereof as may not be held invalid for any reason.

SECTION 3.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be upon its passage by the City Council.

SO ORDAINED this 19th day of April, 2022.

BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL

By: Rhonda Haight
Mayor

Attest:

Amy Mintz
Amy Mintz, City Clerk

