

CITY OF MOLENA

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ORDINANCE NO. 32 -04 1108

FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

ARTICLE 1. STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION, FINDINGS OF FACT. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION A. AUTHORIZATION

Article IX, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and Section 36-1-20(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have delegated the responsibility to local governmental units to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry. Therefore, the City Council of MOLENA, GEORGIA, does ordain as follows:

SECTION B. FINDINGS OF FACTS

- (1) The flood hazard areas of Molena, Georgia are subject to periodic inundation which results in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood relief and protection, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare.
- (2) These flood losses are caused by the occupancy in flood hazard areas of uses vulnerable to floods, which are inadequately elevated, flood-proofed, or otherwise unprotected from flood damages, and by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains causing increases in flood heights and velocities.

SECTION C. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to :

- (1) require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities, which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- (2) restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health, safety and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which increase flood heights, velocities or erosions;
- (3) Control filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion, and; [text not available]