



SAVANNAH
Code Compliance

EQUINE HEAT ORDINANCE



The Code Compliance Department promotes a safe, clean and healthy environment by enforcing a wide variety of local ordinances to including:

- property maintenance
 - residential parking
 - sanitation
- short-term vacation rentals
 - tourism
- towing operators
 - vehicles for hire
 - zoning



LOCATION

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HEAT INDEX OF 100°F - 110°F OR 90°F - 95°F

- The rectal temperature readings and respiratory rates shall be taken at the end of every circuit of the tour route prior to hosing down the horse. Information shall be recorded and kept on the carriage or at the carriage stand for the City to review.
- Horses shall be hosed down with cold water at the end of their tour route. Sweat scrapes shall be used to remove excess water from the horse's body once it is hosed down.
- Water stations shall contain fresh and cold water. Electrolytes are recommended as needed.
- Signs of heat exhaustion shall immediately be addressed and the horse returned to their stable.
- Horses shall have a minimum of 15 minutes rest per hour when touring.

HEAT INDEX OF 110°F & UP OR 95°F AND UP

- Horse-drawn carriages shall not be allowed to tour on city streets.
- Horses currently on the street shall have the option of staying at their stand to keep cool to prevent the horse from being put into a dangerous situation by being sent back to the stables. If needed, appropriate emergent care shall be provided to the horse.



SEC. 6-1564; EQUINE HEAT

(c) Horse stand inspections. The city shall reserve the right to ask for temperature readings on all horses currently in circulation when the heat index is 100 degrees or higher or air temperature is 85 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Temperature records shall be available for inspection by the City.

Horse drawn carriage companies unable or willing to provide proof that temperatures are being taken shall be subject to being removed from operation on city streets. The City shall reserve the right to have temperatures taken in their presence.

(d) Elevated horse temperatures. If the temperature of any horse on the street is 102 degrees or above, the horse-drawn carriage company shall retake the temperature in the presence of the City.

If the temperature of the horse remains above 102 degrees after 30 minutes from initial reading, that horse shall be ordered off of the street by the City and returned to the stable for the day. If needed, appropriate emergent care shall be provided to the horse.

TEMPERATURE OF 85°F

- The rectal temperature readings and respiratory rates shall be taken at the end of every circuit of the tour route prior to hosing down the horse. Information shall be recorded and kept on the carriage or at the carriage stand for the City to review.
- Visual inspection of the horses shall be made by the city to detect stress.

The City shall use weather information provided by the National Weather Service (www.weather.gov) to monitor the temperature and heat index. The specific weather location shall be Hunter U.S. Army Airfield (KSVN).

