



SAVANNAH

Code Compliance

ABANDONED SHOPPING CART ORDINANCE



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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



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ABANDONED SHOPPING CART RETRIEVAL PLAN

Retail establishments with 10 or more shopping carts are required to develop and implement a plan to retrieve its shopping carts that are found throughout the city. Retail establishments must provide a copy of this plan, upon request, to code compliance officers within 24 hours of request.

Retrieval Plans Shall Include:

- Name of the owner/manager
- Physical address of the retail establishment
- Name, address and telephone number of the owner/manager and any point of contact to call and report an abandoned cart including any changes of such persons.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Identification Affixed to Carts:

Every shopping cart made available for use by customers shall affix on each shopping cart and maintain thereon legible information identifying the name of the retail establishment with which it is owned or otherwise associated.

Employee Training:

The owner/manager of the retail establishment shall communicate the cart retrieval plan to new and existing store managers designed to educate such employees concerning the requirements of the plan and the provisions of state law prohibiting the unauthorized removal of shopping carts from the premises of the retail establishment.

KEY DEFINITIONS

Abandoned: a shopping cart that is left unattended or discarded upon any public or private property other than the premises of the retail establishment from which the shopping cart was removed.

Preventative Measures: specific measures that the business owner will implement to prevent removal of any cart from the business premises.

Shopping Cart: a basket mounted on wheels or a similar device which is generally used in a retail establishment by a customer for the purpose of transportation of goods of any kind.

CARTS TO BE MAINTAINED ON SITE

The following are required measures to contain shopping carts on-site. The owner of the establishment may install specific physical measures on the carts or implement other measure to prevent cart removal.

These may include but are not limited to:

- Installing disabling devices on all carts
- Installing bollards and chains around entrances/exits to prevent cart removal
- Providing carts for rental or sale that can be used for transporting purchases
- Providing personnel for purposes of retrieval of the lost, stolen, or abandoned carts. Such personnel may be employees or contractors.



PENALTIES

Failure to submit, modify or implement a plan is a violation of the ordinance and will be subject to the procedure and penalties as follows:

1. Once a merchant point of contact has spoken with Code Compliance, the merchant has 72 hours to remove carts.
2. If the City of Savannah has to remove carts they will be disposed of and the business will be fined a recovery fee.
3. The fees are \$250 for one cart. More than one cart at the same location is \$250 plus \$125 for each additional cart at the same location.
4. Failure of any business to provide a cart retrieval plan within 24 hours of request shall result in a fine not to exceed \$500.

Shopping carts that have been illegally removed from the premises of businesses and left abandoned on public and private property throughout the city constitute a public nuisance and a potential hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the public.



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