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AN ORDINANCE OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING CONDUCT ON BRIDGES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Newton County Board of Commissioners desires to protect the public from the dangers presented by persons jumping from the public bridges of the County or from otherwise loitering or congregating thereon; and

WHEREAS, the dangers presented by such activities include physical harm to persons jumping from a bridge, and to the traveling public from parking, congregating or loitering on bridges; as well as the problems associated with trespassing on private property outside of the public right-of-way, and other damage to public and private property;

WHEREAS, the Newton County Board of Commissioners deem it to be in the best interests of the citizens of the County that this ordinance be adopted;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, pursuant to Georgia law and the powers vested in the Board of Commissioners, that the Code of Ordinances, Newton County, Georgia, is hereby amended by providing the following new section 31-112 entitled Use of Public Bridges:

Section 31-112 Use of Public Bridges

1. Prohibitions.

- A. It shall be unlawful to for any person to jump, or cause another to jump, leap fall, or dive from a public bridge in Newton County.
- B. It shall be unlawful to congregate or loiter on a public bridge, unless such activity occurs in a designated pedestrian walkway that is separated from the lanes constructed for motor vehicle traffic.
- C. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in such way that it creates an obstruction or hazard for the traveling public on any public bridge.

2. Penalties and Enforcement.

Any person found guilty of violating these provisions shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand hundred dollars (\$1,000.00).

3. Exceptions.

This provision shall not be interpreted so as to apply to persons congregating on any bridge for the purpose of authorized construction, maintenance, or repair of any bridge.

SO ORDAINED, this 16th day of October, 2007.

Newton County Board of Commissioners

By: *Aaron Varner*
Aaron Varner, Chairman

Attest: *Jackie Smith*
Jackie Smith, Clerk

