

AN ORDINANCE BY 
COUNCIL MEMBER NATALYN ARCHIBONG

AN ORDINANCE TO ACTIVATE §158-12 (CURRENTLY RESERVED) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, SO AS TO EXEMPT PROPERTIES CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION AS WILDLIFE HABITATS, FROM ALL CITY OF ATLANTA VEGETATIVE GROWTH, WEED, GRASS AND NUISANCE ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS; TO WAIVE CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND CODE SECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is a community that lives in harmony with nature and wildlife while developing the area to accommodate a growing economy and population; and

WHEREAS, as such, the City of Atlanta acknowledges the Wildlife Habitat Conservation Program as advocated by the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta seeks to become an even more wildlife friendly community
NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1: §158-12 (currently reserved) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, is hereby activated and shall provide as follows:

§158-12. Properties exempt from vegetative growth, weed, grass and nuisance ordinances and regulations.

(a) All properties and parcels of land certified by the National Wildlife Federation as wildlife habitats shall be exempt from all vegetative growth, weed, grass and nuisance ordinances and regulations of the city.

(b) To be eligible for certification, a property must have a food source, water source, cover for animals and places to raise young animals.

(c) A property may be certified at the National Wildlife Federation website at <http://www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Outdoor-Activities/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify-Your-Wildlife-Garden.aspx>

Section 2: All ordinances and code sections and parts of ordinances and code sections in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of any such conflict.