



**CITY OF ATLANTA  
NEIGHBORHOOD DEPUTIES PROGRAM**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION**

**HOUSING CODES**

**Housing Code Enforcement  
404-330-6190**

All houses, apartments, condos, and other living units should meet minimum standards set by the Atlanta Housing Code. These standards are in place to help protect the health, safety, and property values of the citizens and property owners of Atlanta. The following items are violations of the Housing Code:

- Open & vacant buildings
- Fire damaged buildings
- Dilapidated buildings (roof caving in, walls leaning, etc.)
- General housing problems (structural, electrical, plumbing, heating)
- Yard violations (overgrown grass and weeds, old furniture, appliances, junk, trash, and debris)

**JUNK VEHICLES**

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Any car, truck, or other automobile stored outside of a building in a residential neighborhood, is not operable and does not have a current tag is a junk vehicle. Storage of a junk vehicle in a residential neighborhood is prohibited. A junk vehicle may cause a safety hazard and blight on the neighborhood. This problem may be corrected by repairing the vehicle and obtaining a current tag and registration, by placing the vehicle inside a garage or moving the vehicle to a non-residential area which allows auto storage. Some auto salvage and junk dealers will pay for used cars and parts. You may also donate your car to a charity, such as the National Kidney Foundation, who will provide free towing and you may qualify for a tax deduction. For information on the Kidney Cars Program, call 404-248-1315 or 1-800-633-2339.

**COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**

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Buildings that are used for commercial, industrial, or institutional purposes should meet the minimum standards set by the Commercial Building Maintenance Code. These buildings should be properly maintained and be free of any hazards, including leaky roofs, broken glass, loose or missing siding, broken light fixtures, tripping hazards, etc. The grounds should be clean and safe; including the landscaped area and parking lot.

**VACANT LOTS****Housing Code Enforcement  
404-330-6190**

All vacant lots should be properly maintained. There should be no overgrowth of grass, weeds, including kudzu and other poisonous plants; nor any trash, junk, and debris allowed on the property.

**SIGNS****Zoning Code Enforcement  
404-330-6175**

Only one (1) sign per residence is permissible in residential zoning districts. The size of the sign should not exceed 1 x 2 feet. Signs in other zoning districts require a permit before being erected.

**CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING REPAIRS****Bureau of Buildings  
404-330-6150**

It is unlawful to construct, renovate, repair, or demolish any building without first obtaining a building permit. A permit is also required for the installation or replacement of heating and air conditioning systems, electrical and plumbing equipment. No permit or permit fee is required for any repair work with a total valuation of less than \$2,500, provided that such work is otherwise lawful.

**AUTO REPAIR SHOPS****Zoning Code Enforcement  
404-330-6175**

Auto repair shops, including "shade tree mechanics" are illegal in residential zoning districts. Auto repair shops are only allowed in non-residential zoning districts and must be located in a fully enclosed building, not on the street or in the yard.

**ROOMING HOUSES****Zoning Code Enforcement  
404-330-6175**

It is illegal for houses to be changed to rooming houses without a proper license and building permit. Rooming houses are not allowed in single-family residential districts, unless the use is "non-conforming", that is the rooming house was there before the ordinance was enacted. A rooming house must be licensed from the Police Department, a permit from Business Licenses obtained, and meet the applicable Building and Fire and Housing Code requirements.

**PARKING OF LARGE  
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES****Zoning Code Enforcement  
404-330-6175**

Parking large commercial vehicles in a residential neighborhood is prohibited.

**GARBAGE SERVICE****Sanitary Services  
404-330-6250-6333**

Solid waste services provided for residential neighborhoods composed of regular household garbage service with "Herbie Curbies", recycling service with separate black bins for newspapers, glass bottles and jars, plastic containers with #1 or #2, aluminum and steel cans, and yard trimming service.