

Code Enforcement Section

404-546-3800 codesrequests@atlantaga.gov

The Code Enforcement Section is responsible for the inspection and enforcement of residential and commercial properties that violate the Atlanta Housing Code, Graffiti Ordinance, and/or Commercial Maintenance and Industrial Code. Properties are inspected for violations such as: *Examples - Open & Vacant Buildings / Fire Damaged Building / Dilapidated Buildings (roof cave-in, leaning walls, etc.) / General Housing Problems (structural, electrical, plumbing, heating) / Yard Violations (overgrown grass, weeds, trash, debris, old furniture and appliances) / Junk vehicle (any car, truck or other automobile stored outside, that is not operable and does not have current tag is considered vehicle) Parking on the grass / Vacant Lots (there should be no overgrowth of grass or weeds, including kudzu POISONOUS plants, trash, junk and or debris on the property*

Office of Building

Permit Division- 404-330-6150 CodeBustersDCP@atlantaga.gov

The City of Atlanta Office of Buildings authorizes activities like construction, tree removal, sign placement and technical work. The Office of Buildings upholds local, state-wide and national standards to protect your family and the clients you serve from safety risks, such as structural failures, fire hazards caused by electrical and heating systems, and electrical shock. Permits are required for all new construction as well as for specific alterations to existing structures, including structural, plumbing, mechanical and electrical changes. *Examples - construction / Building Repairs (it is unlawful to construct, renovate, repair or demolish any building without first having a permit) * A permit is also required for the installation or replacement of heating and air conditions systems, electrical and / or plumbing equipment.*

Arborist Division

404-330-6874 - arborist.dpcd@atlantaga.gov or CodeBustersDCP@atlantaga.gov

The Division conducts building plan reviews related to trees, verifies trees to be removed and posts properties prior to tree removal under building permits (this allows the public to appeal decisions). The Arborist Division also inspects dead, dying, diseased and hazardous trees, investigates illegal tree destruction or removal, presents tree related cases to the Tree Conservation Commission, and inspects properties before Final Certificate of Occupancy (CO) certificates are issued. *The Arborist Division also inspects dead, dying, diseased and hazardous trees, investigates illegal tree destruction or removal. All issues with trees not located on private property should be reported to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (404-546-6813).*

Zoning Division

404-330-6145 – CodeBustersDCP@atlantaga.gov

Office of Zoning and Development- This office is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the zoning ordinance. The Zoning Division checks all building permits for compliance with the zoning ordinance and conducts research to verify the zoning classification for a given property

Examples of Zoning Violations - Signage – All signage on private property / Illegal Auto Repair Shops (shade tree mechanics) / Rooming Houses / Large Commercial Vehicles in a Residential Neighborhood / Building a room addition to close to neighbor's property line / Operating retail sales from residential property (ex. candy lady) / Fence / Walls exceeding maximum height in residential and commercial districts

Public Works Department 404-546-0311 or www.atl311.com

The Solid Waste Education Enforcement Team (SWEET) serves to promote public safety, public health and the welfare of the citizens of the City of Atlanta. SWEET oversees enforcement of all sanitation regulations for the City of Atlanta including provisions for proper storage, collection and disposal of solid waste, recycling and illegal dumping as well as guidelines for the proper maintenance of residential yards and commercial establishments. *Examples - Any violation existing on Sidewalk, Right-of-Way or the city street. Herbie Curbie and the black recycling bins left on the curb after the pick-up date / Dumpster Violations Right of Way Containers / Illegal Dumping / Yard Trimmings (No Plastic Bags) / Mixed Rubbish Refuse / Construction Material / Maintenance Inspection of Property / Dumpster Enclosure / Dumpster Overflow / Scrap Tires / Illegal Signs*