Code Enforcement

The City of Hinesville employs two Code Enforcement Officers whose job is to ensure the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Hinesville. Each officer addresses violations of the City's Code of Ordinances by way of complaints and inquiries. On average, Code Enforcement receives 60-70 new complaints/inquiries per month from the general public, City officials, and other agencies.

Both Officers are active members of the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement (GACE) and must maintain proper certification. Other memberships, certification, and/or training include International Code Council (ICC), Building Officials' Association of Georgia (BOAG), and Coastal Georgia Inspectors Association (CGIA).

The most common violations are:

- Temporary signs (yard sale signs, realtor signs, etc.)
- Residential parking restrictions (parking on the front lawn, commercial vehicles & recreational vehicles/equipment)
- Inoperable vehicles
- Overgrown property
- Tenants' rights

Each complaint is investigated and photographed with all contacts and actions well documented. Contacts are made verbally or in writing by way of door knockers and/or certified letters. Most tenants/owners comply without legal action. Code Enforcement has the authority to issue citations, court summons and request warrants, if needed.

Code Enforcement Officers also serve as Field Agents for the Business License Department to ensure that home-based businesses and transient merchants are licensed and meet specific local and state regulations. In addition,

they verify charitable and/or non-profit events have proper permits.

In an effort to educate the public, the following brochures are available online at www.cityofhinesville.org as well as in the Inspections Department brochure racks:

- Abandoned Buildings
- Buyer Beware
- Inoperable Vehicles
- Temporary Signs
- Tenants' Rights

To view the City Ordinances in its entirety, go to www.cityofhinesville.org or www.municode.com. To make inquires or file a complaint, please contact Code Enforcement at (912) 876-4147/4148 or at the City's Inspections Department at 115 East M. L. King Jr. Drive Hinesville, GA 31313.