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AN ORDINANCE  
 BY  
 COUNCILMEMBER JOYCE SHEPHERD

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA SO AS TO REORGANIZE THE OFFICE OF CODE COMPLIANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DPCD) TO THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO RENAME THE OFFICE OF CODE COMPLIANCE TO THE OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT; TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA TO CLASSIFY THE VARIOUS BUREAUS WITHIN DPCD AS OFFICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
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 Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
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Committee: CD/HR  
 Date: 11/29/11  
 Chair: Joyce Shepherd  
 Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)  
 Other:  
 Members: *[Signatures]*  
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- FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
- 2nd
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  - 3rd
  - Consent
  - V Vote
  - RC Vote

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 DEC 05 2011  
 ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
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MAYOR'S ACTION  
**APPROVED**

DEC 14 2011  
 WITHOUT SIGNATURE  
 BY OPERATION OF LAW

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**WHEREAS**, the Office of Code Compliance is organizationally structured under the Department of Planning and Community Development; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3-302 of the Charter empowers the Mayor to initiate, direct, and implement the reorganization of any department by proposing the adoption of an ordinance by city council for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the re-organization of the Office of Code Compliance into the Atlanta Police Department fits with the concept of community policing, will leverage Atlanta Police Department resources and structure, will improve quality and efficiency of documentation and will accelerate inspection process and action; and

**WHEREAS**, once re-organized, the Office of Code Compliance will fall under the Community Services Division of the Atlanta Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public health, safety and welfare to re-organize the Office of Code Compliance into the Atlanta Police Department and to rename the Office to the Office of Code Enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3-301 of the Charter sets forth that the first degree of organization shall be department; that the second degree of organization shall be office; that the third degree of organization shall be division, that the fourth degree of organization shall be bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, the various agencies within DPCD operate as "offices" within the department but the Atlanta City Code refers to them as "bureaus" and it is prudent to amend the Atlanta City Code to reflect the proper degree of organization.

**NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**Section 1:** Atlanta City Code Sec. 2-222(9) which reads as follows:



Department of planning and community development to be headed by a commissioner of planning and community development; and said department to be composed of the following bureaus:

- a. Bureau of buildings;
- b. Bureau of planning;
- c. Bureau of economic development; and
- d. Bureau of housing and code compliance.

Is amended to read as follows:

Department of planning and community development to be headed by a commissioner of planning and community development; and said department to be composed of the following offices:

- a. Office of buildings;
- b. Office of planning;
- c. Office of economic development; and
- d. Office of housing.

**Section 2:** Atlanta City Code Sec. 2-239 which reads as follows:

Sec. 2-239. - Bureaus in the department of planning and community development.

The department of planning and community development shall consist of the following bureaus:

- (1) Bureau of buildings;
- (2) Bureau of planning;
- (3) Bureau of economic development;
- (4) Bureau of housing;
- (5) Bureau of code compliance.

Shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-239. - Offices in the department of planning and community development.

The department of planning and community development shall consist of the following offices:

- (1) Office of buildings;
- (2) Office of planning;
- (3) Office of economic development;



(4) Office of housing;

**Section 3:** Atlanta City Code Sec. 2-243.1 which outlines the functions and duties of the bureau of code compliance within the Department of Planning and Community Development is hereby *repealed*.

**Section 4:** Atlanta City Code Sec. 98-53 which is currently reserved shall hereafter read as follows:

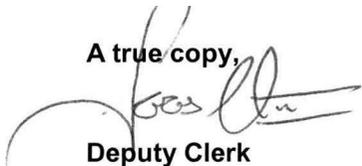
Sec. 98-53. - Office of Code Enforcement.

- (a) The department of police shall contain the office of code enforcement.
- (b) The functions and duties of the office of code enforcement shall include:
  - (1) Administration and enforcement of The Atlanta Housing Code;
  - (2) Administration and enforcement of The Atlanta Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial Building Maintenance Code;
  - (3) Administration and enforcement of housing demolition and in rem activities.

**Section 5:** The Office of Code Compliance shall hereafter be named the Office of Code Enforcement.

**Section 6:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature by the Mayor or by operation of law.

A true copy,



Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council  
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

DEC 05, 2011  
DEC 14, 2011

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REGULAR SESSION

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REORGANIZE AND RENAME CODE COMPLIANCE  
TO CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE  
ADOPT

YEAS: 12  
NAYS: 1  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 3  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 0

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