

**CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

14-R-3671

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WHEREAS, it is the vision of the Office of Code Compliance to make the City of Atlanta a better place to live, work, play and conduct business through the laws and regulations governing code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Code Compliance is responsible for the inspection and enforcement of residential and commercial properties that violate the Atlanta Housing Code ("Code"), Graffiti Ordinance and/or Commercial Maintenance and Industrial Code; and

WHEREAS, there are communities in the City of Atlanta that are riddled with vacant and unsightly dwellings and other buildings which are subject to conforming to the applicable requirements of the Atlanta Housing Code and these dwellings and other buildings become potential breeding grounds for criminal activity and a blight on the community they are in; and

WHEREAS, these properties are inspected and/ or cited for violation of code such as: decayed/damaged leaking roofs; holes in flooring (both inside and out); broken window glass; flaking/peeling paint; units not supplied with water or adequate heat; rodent infestation or unsanitary conditions; overgrown, littered vacant lots; junk/inoperative vehicles; graffiti; electrical hazards; open and vacant structures; dilapidated buildings, and numerous other deficiencies which render properties substandard, or unsafe to its occupants or the general public; and

WHEREAS, the property owners of these dwellings and other buildings are not coming forward to address the requirements that are articulated in the "Code" regarding their lots and the required maintenance; and

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expressed their frustrations to their local officials; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is actively restoring the quality of life of all its communities and this legislation will assist in addressing the concerns of the citizens of Atlanta.

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SECTION 1: That a Code Enforcement Commission of individuals is impaneled to study best practices to further combat habitual violators of the Atlanta Housing Code, both commercial and residential.

SECTION 2: That the Code Enforcement Commission will consist of the following twenty (20) members:

- 1) Mayor or his designee
- 2) City Council President or his designee
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- 12) Commissioner of the Department of Public Works or his designee
- 13) Fulton County Code Enforcement or designee
- 14) Fulton County Health Department or designee

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<p>(Do Not Write Above This Line)</p> <p>A RESOLUTION BY <i>Joyce Sheperd</i> COUNCIL MEMBERS JOYCE SHEPERD AND MARY NORWOOD</p> <p>AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDING BEST PRACTICES IN MANAGING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES CODE VIOLATORS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT REFER <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR REPORT REFER <input type="checkbox"/> ADVERTISE & REFER <input type="checkbox"/> 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL PAPER REFER</p> <p>Date Referred: <u>6/2/14</u> Referred To: <u>Public Safety</u> Referred To: _____ Date Referred: _____ Referred To: _____ Referred To: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">First Reading</p> <p>Committee _____ Date _____ Chair _____ Referred To _____</p> <p>Committee _____ Date _____ Chair _____ Action Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) Other _____ Members _____</p> <p>Refer To _____</p>	<p>Committee _____ Date _____ Chair _____ Action Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) Other _____ Members _____</p> <p>Refer To _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 1st & 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> V Vote <input type="checkbox"/> RC Vote</p>	<p>FINAL COUNCIL ACTION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Readings</p> <p>CERTIFIED</p> <p>MAYOR'S ACTION</p>
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COUNCIL MEMBERS JOYCE SHEPERD AND MARY NORWOOD

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