

## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE ORDINANCES?

The following are brief descriptions of ordinances that generate the most questions about the code. Questions about the code should be directed to the Community Protection Division.

### CURBSIDE TRASH CANS (5-2-14)



Other than on scheduled collection days, receptacles shall be stored behind or adjacent to the residence or otherwise screened from view of the public right of way.

### ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE (5-2-14K)

No owner or occupant of any establishment shall permit the accumulation of solid waste upon any premises for a period in excess of fifteen days.

### UNLAWFUL DUMPING (5-2-14J)

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited, nor sort, scatter, throw, drop or leave any solid waste, hazardous waste, banned materials, construction or demolition debris, leaf and limb material or recyclable materials upon any street, right-of-way, alley or other public or private property.

### LEAF AND LIMB REQUIREMENTS (5-2-7)

Leaves and grass shall be placed in paper lawn bags or other approved biodegradable containers. Limbs shall not be over 6 feet in length or 4" in diameter. Debris shall not be placed within the public right-of-way more than 10 calendar days prior to the Monday of the week scheduled for collection.

### LITTERING (3-12-18)

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any occupied private property whether owned by that person or not.



Private property should be free of litter at all times. The responsibility to maintain the property is with the owner or the person in control of the property.

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any vacant or open private property whether owned by that person or not.

### JUNK VEHICLES (3-5-8)



It shall be unlawful for any person to park, store, leave, or permit the parking, storing or leaving of any junked vehicle upon any private property within Athens-Clarke County for a period in excess of 30 days.

### OVERGROWN VEGETATION (3-13-7)



It is unlawful for the owner, occupant, or agent of a lot to permit or maintain any growth of undesirable vegetation as determined by the code official.

### UNSAFE STRUCTURES (3-13-3)



Any building that endangers the life, health, property, or safety of its occupants or the general public, as determined by the building inspector, is illegal and shall be immediately repaired, rehabilitated, or demolished.

### PARKING ON AN UNIMPROVED SURFACE (FRONT YARD PARKING) (9-30-8)



Parking on a unimproved surface in a front yard in a residential zone is a violation of this ordinance. In all residential zones, all off-street parking of auto-mobiles, trucks, trailers and recreational vehicles in the front yard shall be limited to a contiguous area which is no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the area of the front yard, or a contiguous area twelve (12) feet wide and the depth of the front yard, whichever is greater. Such parking area shall be paved with pervious or impervious concrete or asphalt, or graveled if edged in a permanent fashion.

### BUILDING PERMITS (7-1-6)



No building, structure, or building service equipment shall be erected, constructed, enlarged, altered, or improved unless a separate permit has been obtained.

### DEFINITION OF FAMILY RESTRICTIONS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES (9-15-18)



**Family:** Two or more persons residing in a single dwelling unit where all members are related by blood, marriage, or adoption up to the second degree of consanguinity, or foster care. For the purposes of

this definition, "consanguinity" means only for the following persons are related within the second degree of consanguinity: Husbands and wives, parents and children, grand-parents and grand-children, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, nephews and nieces, and first cousins. For the purposes of this definition, a person shall be considered to reside in a dwelling unit if he or she stays overnight in a dwelling unit for more than 30 days within a 90 day period. The term "family" does not include any organization or institution group.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any single dwelling unit located in any RS zoning district or any "AR neighborhood" to have more than two unrelated individuals residing therein, whether or not a family also resides therein nor shall any family as defined in Section 9-15-18 have, additionally, more than one unrelated individual residing with such family. When a dwelling is located in any zoning district other than RS or in an "AR Neighborhood," one of the following is permitted:

1. Family related by blood, marriage, adoption or foster care may have two additional unrelated individuals; or
2. Unrelated individuals not exceeding four.

**AR Neighborhood:** Properties in any AR (Agriculture Residential) zoning district which are in proximity of ten or more single family dwelling units, not separated by other uses or vacant property.

## **BUSINESS OCCUPATION TAX (6-1-1)**



A business occupation tax certificate is required for each person engaged in business, trade, or occupation. The certificate must be displayed.

## **SMOKING (4-3-4)**



Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed areas within places of employment in Athens-Clarke County, including, but not limited to, common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, medical facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms, and all other enclosed facilities.

## **Athens-Clarke County Community Protection Division**

Each citizen has a right and is encouraged to report code violations. Reports may be made by telephone or in person to Community Protection Division, a member of the Athens-Clarke County Commission, or the Clerk of Commission.

The Code of Athens-Clarke County is available to all citizens through the Clerk of Commission and on the Athens-Clarke County web site at

[www.athensclarkecounty.com](http://www.athensclarkecounty.com)

### **Community Education Project**

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## **HELPFUL NUMBERS**

**Animal Control**  
(706) 613-3540

**Athens-Clarke Attorney**  
(706) 613-3035

**Building Inspections & Permits**  
(706) 613-3520

**Business Tax & Permits**  
(706) 613-3050

**Clerk of Commission**  
(706) 613-3031

**Community Protection Division**  
(706) 613-3790

**Fire Marshal & Permits**  
(706) 613-3360

**Municipal Court**  
(706) 613-3690

**Planning & Zoning**  
(706) 613-3515

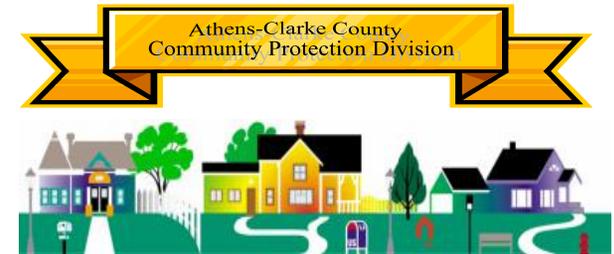
**Police Services**  
(706) 613-3330

**Public Information**  
(706) 613-3795

**Public Utilities**  
(706) 613-3470

**Public Works & Transportation**  
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**Solid Waste & Leaf/Limb**  
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