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ABOUT THE OFFICE OF BUILDINGS

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.

ABOUT BUILDING PERMITS

Building codes are designed to ensure safe building techniques. These important standards help protect your family from safety risks and ensure the public safety, health and general welfare. The City of Atlanta issues building permits to uphold standards of structural strength and stability, means of egress, adequate light and ventilation, safety to life and property from fire and other hazards incidental to the design, construction, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of buildings or structures.

According to the Atlanta Municipal Code, "it shall be unlawful to construct, erect, demolish, install, alter or repair or to commence the construction, erection, demolition, installation, alteration or repair of any building, structure, equipment, appliances or system without first obtaining a building permit." These building permits are needed for any construction, alteration, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to such buildings or structures, unless otherwise exempted from the provisions of the Atlanta Municipal Code.

Building permits are issued by the Office of Building, upon the approval by the appropriate review entities based on the scope of work.