

WHY SHOULD YOU REPORT ABANDONED OR DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS?

AN ABANDONED BUILDING:

- * Attracts crime (vagrants, trespassers, drug activity, vandalism, etc.)
- * Serves as blight in the neighborhood
- * Creates a potential fire hazard
- * Lowers property values or holds values down
- * Becomes a nuisance for children
- * Attracts graffiti and gang markings



- * Usually deteriorates faster than occupied dwellings
- * When they begin deteriorating, they become health hazards, and pose many dangers.
- * If you let them sit abandoned, you have to pour tons of money into them to make them habitable.



If you notice an open, vacant, or improperly boarded building in your neighborhood, please contact the City's Department of Inspections Code Enforcement Officer.

If you have questions or comments regarding this information, please call:

City of Hinesville

Department of Inspections

876-4147

City of Hinesville

Department of Inspections
115 East Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Hinesville, Georgia 31313
www.cityofhinesville.org

ARE ABANDONED BUILDINGS A PROBLEM FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?



WHEN BUILDINGS MUST BE BOARDED

The City of Hinesville Code of Ordinances allows a vacant building to be boarded **ONLY as a temporary measure to stop unlawful entry and help preserve the building.** The following are required to **“clean and close” a vacant building:**



1. Clean the building and the yard:

- remove all trash and debris
- cut & remove overgrown grass/weeds
- remove any junk or abandoned vehicles

2. Close the building:

- use exterior grade plywood sheathing (1/2 inches or thicker)
- cut all boards to fit openings & properly secure
- paint all boards on the exterior surface
- install dead bolt locks on the exterior doors

3. Correct all exterior violations

correct all housing code violations on the building's exterior, including roof, walls, etc.

4. Monitor the property regularly:

- check all around the structure, including the rear & crawl spaces
- re-board openings, as needed
- maintain a clean yard, cut grass and weeds

5. Observe time limit on boarding

- do not keep the building boarded longer than six (6) months
- after 6 months, insure that the entire property, interior & exterior, is brought into full compliance with the City of Hinesville Code of Ordinances

6. Other things you can do to help

- place “No Trespassing” signs on the property
- notify the City of Hinesville Police Department so that they can put it on their monitoring list
- if you are up for a Permanent Change of Station, on TDY or

Deploying; remember to contact a local realtor to attend to your home or contact a lawn maintenance contractor to care for your lawn.

Housing programs are available through the City of Hinesville. The Community Development Department will assist homeowners and rental property owners with their housing rehabilitation needs. For more information on the housing programs call (912) 876-3164

OR

call your local “Habitat for Humanity” organization for information on rehab programs.



☺THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO PRESERVE AND REVITALIZE HINESVILLE'S NEIGHBORHOODS!☺

