

¹CHAPTER 49: GENERAL ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS

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49-101 Applicability

Notwithstanding any provision contained herein to the contrary, the enforcement of the provisions contained in this Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, 2005, shall be enforced via the methods enumerated in this Chapter.

49-102 Complaints Regarding Violations

Whenever a violation of this Code of Ordinances occurs, or is alleged to have occurred, any person may file a written complaint. Such complaint stating fully the causes and basis thereof shall be filed with the administrative official. He shall record properly such complaint, immediately investigate, and take action thereon as provided by this Ordinance.

49-103 Enforcement

This Code of Ordinances shall be enforced by the Director of the Department of Planning & Zoning, by the Director's duly authorized representative, by the City Clerk, by the City Clerk's duly authorized representative, or by the City of Lawrenceville Police Department.

49-104 Unlawful Acts

It shall be unlawful for a person, firm or corporation to be in conflict with, or in violation of, any provision contained in this Code of Ordinances.

The owner and tenant of any building, structure, premises, or part thereof, and any architect, builder, contractor, agent or other person who commits, participates in, assists in, or maintains such violation may each be found guilty of a separate offense and suffer the penalties herein provided.

49-105 ³Violations

Reserved.

49-106 ²Penalties

- (1) Fines and/or Sentence

Unless otherwise specifically stated herein, any person convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of violating any provision of this Code of Ordinances shall be guilty of violating a duly adopted ordinance of the City and shall be punished either by a fine not less than \$250 per day and not to exceed \$1,000.00 per day, or by a sentence of imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months in jail, or both a fine and jail or work alternate. Each day that violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

(2) Powers of the Court

The court shall have the power and authority to order the violation corrected in compliance with this Code of Ordinances and the court may require payment of restitution or impose other punishment allowed by law.

(3) Lien Imposition

If, after thirty (30) days from the date of the Municipal Court imposed fine, any person or entity has not paid said fine in full, the City of Lawrenceville shall have the authority to file a lien on the property in violation for the amount of the imposed fine and shall record it with the Gwinnett County Clerk's Office.

(4) Other Legal Remedies

In any case in which a violation of this Code of Ordinances has occurred, the City, in addition to other remedies provided by law, may petition for a restraining order, injunction, abatement, or take any other appropriate legal action or proceeding through a court of competent jurisdiction to prevent, restrain, or abate such unlawful use or activity.

Where a determination is made that the property is in violation of The Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, 2005, and any other codes and laws enforced by the City of Lawrenceville, and all reasonable efforts and means to obtain compliance having been exhausted, the City of Lawrenceville is authorized to effect such compliance at public expense. The cost of effectuating compliance shall constitute a lien upon the property and said lien shall be recorded by the City of Lawrenceville with the Gwinnett County Clerk's Office.

¹ Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, 2005, to Add Chapter 49: "General Enforcement Provisions" was adopted on February 15, 2005.

² Ordinance to Amend Penalty Provisions and to make Technical Revisions within Certain Sections of the City of Lawrenceville's 2005 Lawrenceville Code of Ordinances was adopted on September 10, 2007.

³ Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49, Section 105 of the City of Lawrenceville's 2005 General Code of Ordinances was adopted on March 3, 2008.