

ACC from A to Z

A Guide to the Athens-Clarke
County Unified Government
and Community Services



2025
Edition

Sam Blue

Detailed listings for departments and agencies listed below can be found within this book.

Emergency (Fire / Police / Sheriff / Ambulance) 911	
ACC Animal Services Department.....	706-613-3540 / 911 (After Hours Emergency)
ACC Clerk of Superior & State Courts.....	706-613-3190
ACC Code Enforcement Division	706-613-3790
ACC Communication Department (formerly Public Information Office).....	706-613-3795
ACC Crime Stoppers Tip Line	706-705-4775
ACC Elections & Voter Registration Department.....	706-613-3150
ACC Emergency Management Agency (Non-Emergency).....	762-400-8222
ACC Fire Department (Non-Emergency).....	706-613-3360
ACC Municipal Court.....	706-613-3690
ACC Police Department (Non-Emergency General Information)	706-613-3888
ACC Police Department (Non-Emergency After Hours).....	706-613-3345
ACC Public Utilities Department (Brown, Discolored, or Other Water Quality Issues).....	706-613-3481
ACC Public Utilities Department (Water or Sewer Emergencies)	706-613-3495 / 706-613-3481 (After Hours)
ACC Solid Waste Department / Leaf & Limb Service	706-613-3501
ACC Transit Department (Public Transportation)	706-613-3430
ACC Transportation & Public Works Department (After Hours)	706-613-3345 (Police)
Clarke County School District.....	706-546-7721
Georgia Crisis Line - Mental Illness / Substance Abuse / Developmental Disabilities	988 / 800-715-4225
Georgia Health Department.....	706-389-6921 / 706-389-6871 (Birth Certificates)
Georgia State Government Information.....	800-GEORGIA
Georgia Travel Info	511
Information & Referral Helpline for Health and Human Services (United Way)	211
University of Georgia Directory Assistance	706-542-3000

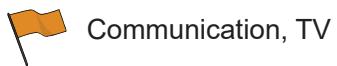
Underground utility line marking colors

Call 811 before you dig

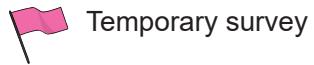
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Proposed excavation



Communication, TV



Temporary survey



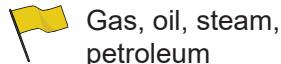
Potable water



Electric



Reclaimed water, irrigation



Gas, oil, steam, petroleum



Sewer and drain lines

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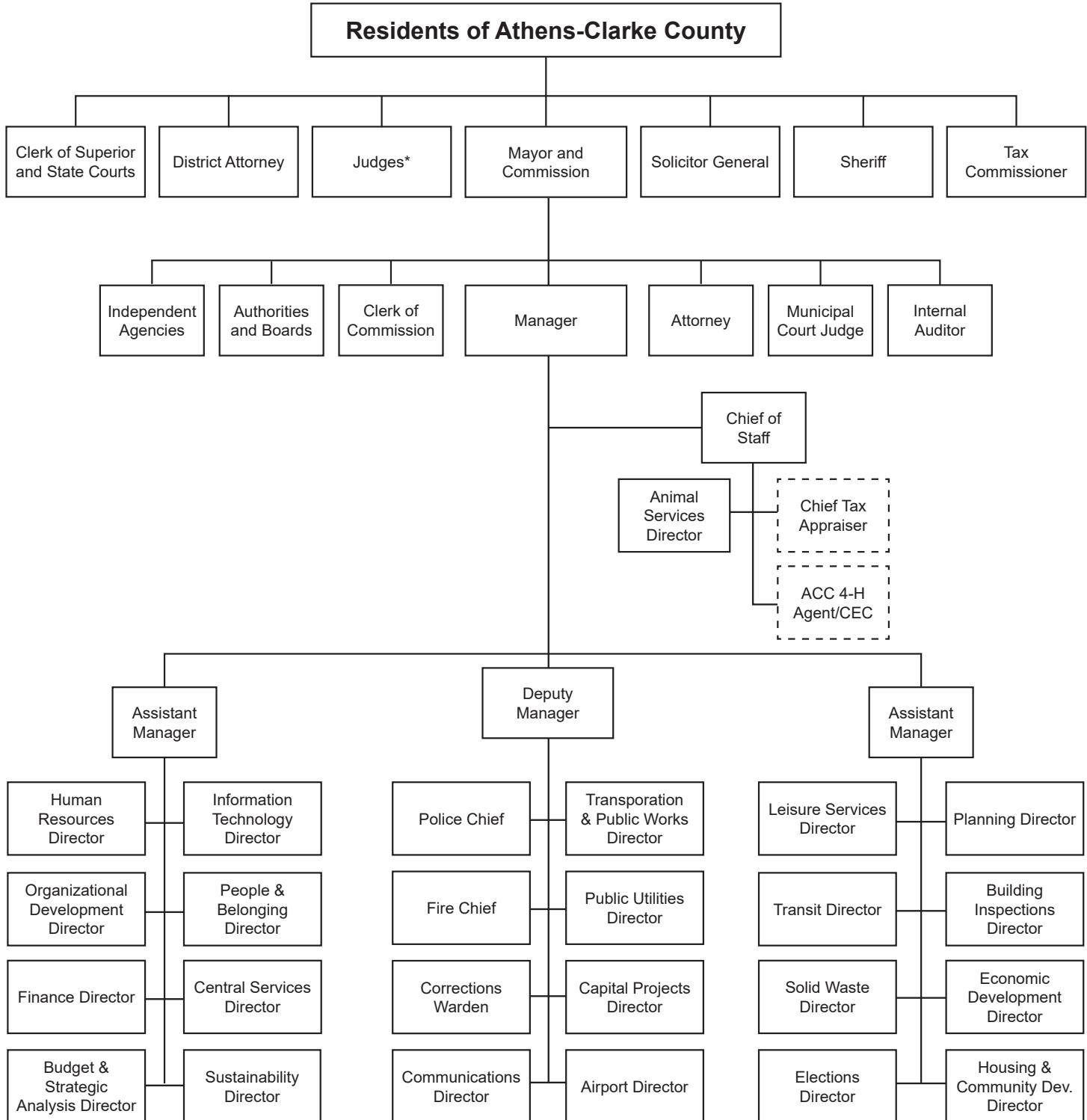
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Urgent Issues & Who to Call in Athens-Clarke County

- 1 Traffic signal issues**
ACC Traffic Engineering (706-613-3460) or 911
- 2 Broken street light**
Contact the power provider tagged on the pole. acgov.com/streetlights for more info.
- 3 Pothole**
 - Locally-Maintained Roads - 706-613-3465
ACC Streets & Drainage Division
 - State-Maintained Roads - 706-583-2644
GA Department of Transportation
- 4 Water line issue**
ACC Public Utilities
 - 706-613-3495 (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, M-F)
 - 706-613-3481 (After hours / Weekends)
- 5 Road obstruction**
911 or ACC Streets & Drainage Division (706-613-3465)
- 6 Downed electrical line**
911
- 7 Damaged or broken street sign**
 - Broken Stop or Yield signs: 911
 - All else: ACC Traffic Engineering - 706-613-3460
- 8 Fallen tree**
 - Regular business hours (7:00 AM - 3:30 PM, M-F) - 911 or ACC Landscape Management Division (706-613-3561)
 - After 3:30 PM (Seven days a week) - 911
- 9 Sewer overflow**
ACC Public Utilities
 - 706-613-3495 (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, M-F)
 - 706-613-3481 (After hours / Weekends)
- 10 Street flooding**
911 or ACC Streets & Drainage Division (706-613-3465)

Athens-Clarke County Organizational Chart Overview



* Excludes Municipal Court Judge, who is appointed by the Mayor & Commission.

----- Appointed by others

As of January 2025

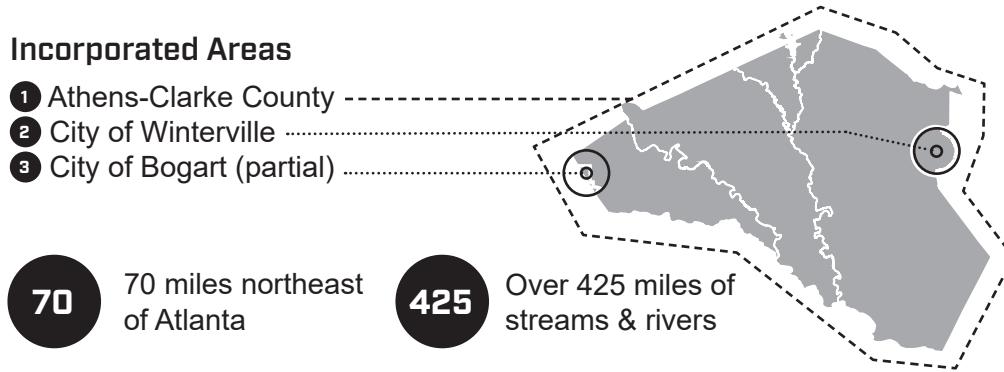
Athens-Clarke County By the Numbers

Incorporated Areas

- 1 Athens-Clarke County -----
- 2 City of Winterville -----
- 3 City of Bogart (partial) -----

70 70 miles northeast of Atlanta

425 Over 425 miles of streams & rivers



Geography

122 mi²

Approximately 122 square miles in area

159th

Smallest of Georgia's 159 counties

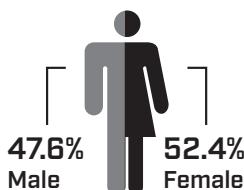
History

- 44 nationally-registered historical sites
- 16 districts on National Register of Historic Places
- 16 local historic districts
- 44 individual local historic landmarks
- Athens named for Greek center of learning
- Clarke County named for Revolutionary War General Elijah Clarke

1785
1801
1806
1991

University of Georgia (UGA) chartered
Clarke County created as 25th county in Georgia and the site of UGA selected
Town of Athens chartered
Clarke County and the City of Athens governments unified on January 14

Demographics (2023 Census ACS estimates, unless noted)



Racial Makeup

- White – 57.2%
- Black – 25.9%
- Asian – 4.2%
- Other (one race) – 4.4%
- Other (2+ races) – 8.2%
- Hispanic or Latino – 12.0%
(may be any race above)

6th

Most populous of Georgia's 537 cities/towns

19th

Most populous of Georgia's 159 counties

Population, including students	128,423
UGA enrollment (Athens only, Fall 2023)	40,675
Median age in years	29.5
Median household income	\$53,775
High school graduates (ages 25+)	89.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher (ages 25+)	49.9%
Persons below poverty level	25.0%
Unemployment (GA Dept. of Labor, Nov. 2024)	3.4%

Employment

Largest employers (estimates, Jan. 2025)

Figures may include part-time employees

- 12,083 – University of Georgia
- 3,300 – Piedmont Athens Regional
- 2,350 – Clarke County School District
- 1,863 – St. Mary's Health Care System
- 1,796 – Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (FY25)
- 1,500 – Caterpillar
- 1,300 – Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

- GA Entrepreneur-Friendly Community
- GA Certified Work-Ready Community
- #8 - Best-Performing Small Cities 2018 index of 201 U.S. metros for economic growth (Milken Institute)

Information from UGA, the Georgia County Guide, GA Department of Community Affairs, U.S. Census Bureau, GA Department of Labor & ACC Unified Government departments. Updated January 2025.

Education

- Clarke County School District is separate from the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
- 9 elected to the Board of Education
- Public schools: 15 Pre-K sites, 14 elementary, 4 middle, 3 high
- Private schools: 7 secondary & elementary
- Higher education: The University of Georgia, Athens Technical College, Piedmont University

Accolades

- Best Places to Travel in 2023 (Forbes Advisor)
- South's Best College Town (Southern Living, 2022)
- Top 100 Best Places to Live in 2020 (#32 nationally, #1 in Georgia, Livability)
- Coolest Small Towns in America (Discoverer, 2020)
- Best Places to Retire in 2019 (Forbes)
- Prettiest Town in Georgia (The Daily Meal, 2017)

Athens-Clarke County Unified Government

Mission: Athens-Clarke County, an open and responsive government, facilitating a positive environment for individuals to obtain a high quality of life and local organizations to achieve success by providing innovative, high quality services and responsible stewardship of the community's resources, to benefit current and future generations. (Adopted November 4, 1997)



Legislative

Elected Mayor and 10 elected Commissioners. Each resident has two directly-elected local representatives.



Executive

Day-to-day operations are overseen by a Manager appointed by the Mayor and Commission, a Deputy Manager, and two Assistant Managers.

Judicial

- Magistrate Court
- Juvenile Court
- Municipal Court
- Probate Court
- State Court
- Superior Court (circuit includes Oconee County)
- Accountability courts: DUI/Drug Court, Felony Drug Court, Family Treatment Court, Parental Accountability Court, Treatment & Accountability Court, and Veterans Court

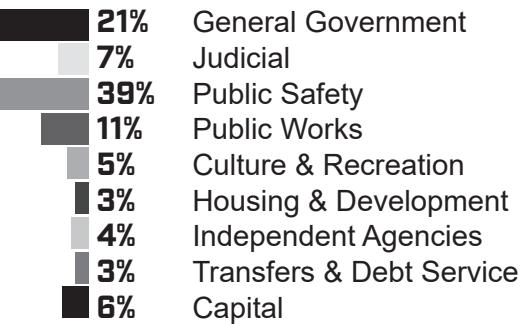


Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Budget

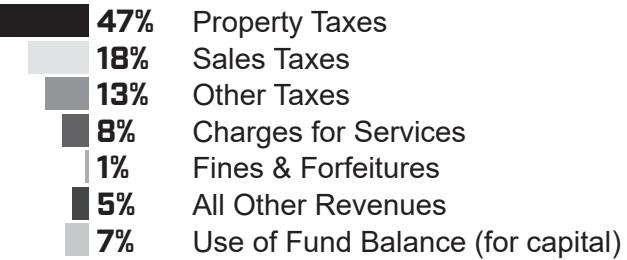
- Runs July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
- \$359.6 million total budget for all funds
- The General Fund supports the majority of basic government services

**\$203.6 million
[General Fund]**

General Fund Expenditures

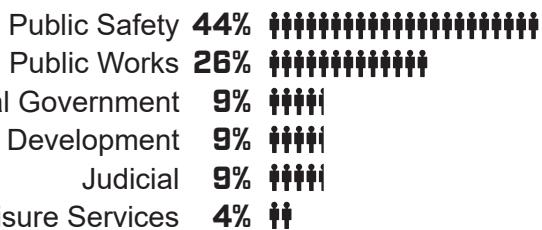


General Fund Revenues



Employees

- 43 departments / courts
- 1,796 (FY25) approved full-time positions
- 14 (FY25) employees per 1000 residents



Average General Fund cost per ACC resident for local government services (FY25):

\$ 627	Public Safety
\$ 114	Judicial Services
\$ 332	General Government
\$ 173	Public Works
\$ 82	Culture & Recreation
\$ 53	Housing & Development
\$ 57	Independent Agencies
\$ 98	Capital Projects
\$ 54	Transfers to Other Funds & Debt Services

Average overall cost per resident

\$1,591	\$132.58	\$4.36
annually	monthly	daily

Property Taxes

For a \$250,000 home in 2025 (Note: only an estimate – other exemptions possible)

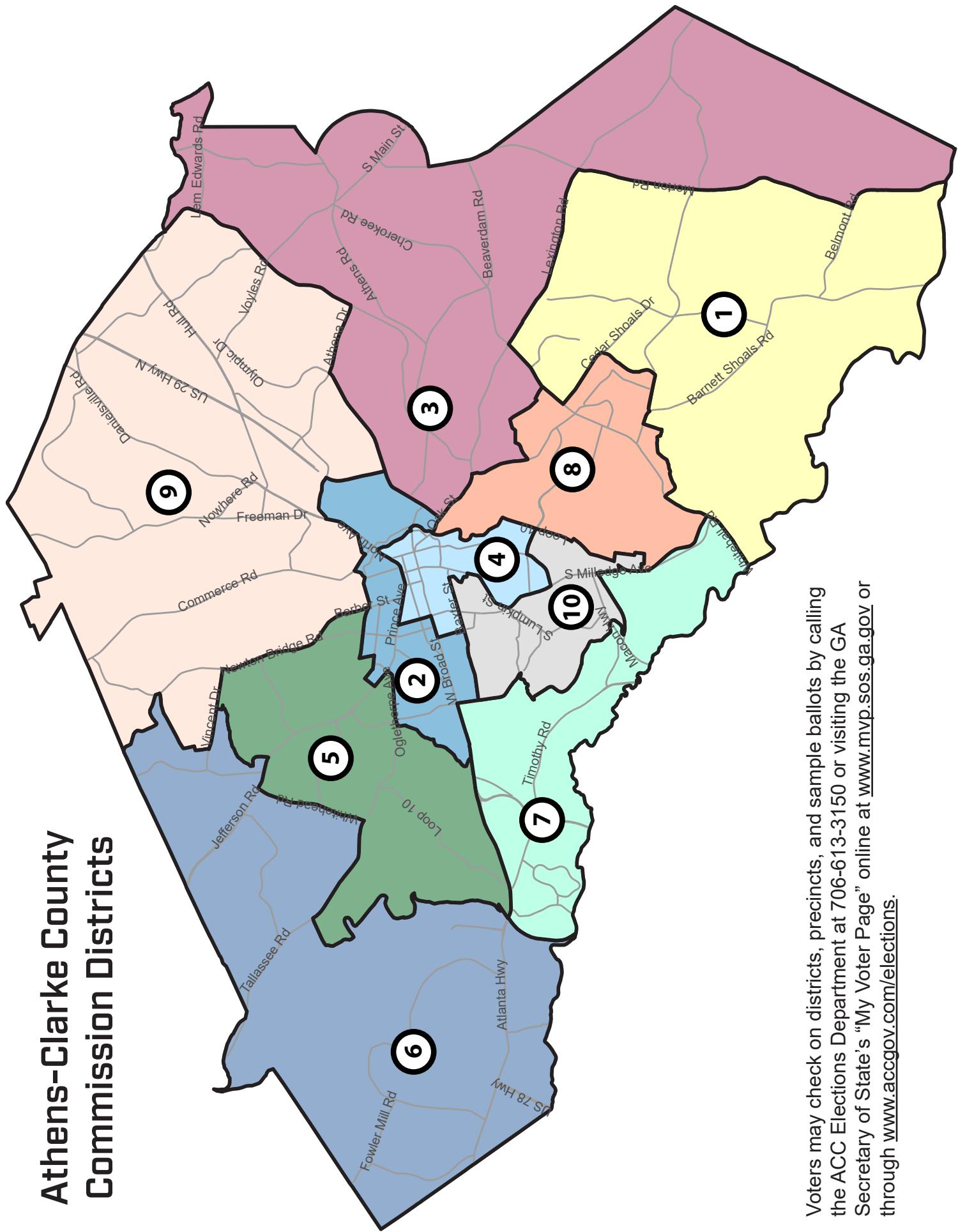
Millage Rate (FY25)

<i>[property tax rates]</i>	
18.80	School district
12.45	ACCGov
31.25	Total

With local homestead exemption	No exemptions
ACC	\$1,289.77
School	\$1,692.00
State	\$0
LOST credit (see below)	-\$356.02
Total	\$2,625.75
	\$3,125.00

Sales Tax: 8%

- 4% State of Georgia
- 1% SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
- 1% LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) - ACC General Fund credit on property taxes
- 1% E-SPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
- 1% TSPLOST (Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)



Voters may check on districts, precincts, and sample ballots by calling the ACC Elections Department at 706-613-3150 or visiting the GA Secretary of State's "My Voter Page" online at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov or through www.accgov.com/elections.

Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission



Mayor – Kelly Girtz *

706-613-3010 (office) • 301 College Avenue, Suite 300, Athens, GA 30601
kelly.girtz@accgov.com
 Initial Term: 01-08-19

1

District 1 – Patrick Davenport *

706-202-4339
 P.O. Box 1868, Athens, GA 30603
patrick.davenport@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district1
 Initial Term: 01-08-19

2

District 2 – Melissa Link **

706-372-3382
 P.O. Box 1868, Athens, GA 30603
melissa.link@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district2
 Initial Term: 04-04-23

3

District 3 – Tiffany Taylor *

762-772-0708
 P.O. Box 1868, Athens, GA 30603
tiffany.taylor@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district3
 Initial Term: 01-03-23

4

District 4 – Allison Wright **

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 430 Hampton Court, Athens, GA 30605
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www.accgov.com/district4
 Initial Term: 01-02-13

5

District 5 – Dexter Fisher *

762-772-0750
 P.O. Box 1868, Athens, GA 30603
dexter.fisher@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district5
 Initial Term: 01-03-23

6

District 6 – Stephanie Johnson **

762-402-3315
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stephanie.johnson@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district6
 Initial Term: 1-7-25

7

District 7 – John Culpepper *

770-354-5444
 824 Hawthorne Avenue, Athens, GA 30606
john.culpepper@accgov.com
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 Initial Term: 01-03-23

8

District 8 – Carol Myers **

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www.accgov.com/district8
 Initial Term: 1-06-21

9

District 9 – Ovita Thornton *

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 Initial Term: 01-08-19

10

District 10 – Mike Hamby **

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www.accgov.com/district10
 Initial Term: 01-06-09

Commissioner Fisher is the mayor pro-tempore for 2025 and presides in the absence of the mayor.

* Election takes place in 2026 / ** Election takes place in 2028

Regular Voting Meetings: 1st Tuesdays monthly at 6:00 PM at City Hall
Work Session Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays monthly at noon at Dougherty St.
Agenda Setting Sessions: 3rd Tuesdays monthly at 6:00 PM at City Hall
Special Called Sessions: Scheduled when necessary
Committee Meetings: Schedule varies by committee

Meetings subject to change due to holidays, elections, or other factors.

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 • Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV channels (accgov)
 • ACTV Spectrum Ch. 180 (pg. 16)

Mayor and Commission biographies, a full calendar of meetings, meeting minutes, and online comment forms are available at www.accgov.com/commission. Tentative meeting agendas are available at www.accgov.com/agendas at least 24 hours before each meeting and include public comment information. For additional information, contact the Clerk of Commission's Office at 706-613-3031 (City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 204).

Additional Athens-Clarke County Local Elected Officials



Clerk of Superior and State Court

Elisa Zarate **

706-613-3190
325 East Washington Street, Suite 450
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 1805, Athens, GA 30603

Coroner

Michael Eberhart **

706-613-3999
150 Buddy Christian Way
Athens, GA 30605

District Attorney

Kalki Yalamanchili **

706-613-3240
325 East Washington Street, Suite 500
Athens, GA 30601

Magistrate Court Chief Judge

Benjamin Makin **

706-613-3310
325 East Washington Street, Suite 240
Athens, GA 30601

Probate Court Judge

Susan Schaffer **

706-613-3320
325 East Washington Street, Suite 200
Athens, GA 30601

Sheriff

John Q. Williams **

706-613-3250
325 East Washington Street, Suite 125
Athens, GA 30601

Solicitor General

Will Fleenor *

706-613-3215
325 East Washington Street, Suite 550
Athens, GA 30601

State Court Chief Judge

Charles Auslander **

706-613-3200
325 East Washington Street, Suite 425
Athens, GA 30601

State Court Judge

Ryan Hope **

706-613-3200
325 East Washington Street, Suite 425
Athens, GA 30601

Superior Court Chief Judge

Eric Norris *

706-546-7704
325 East Washington Street, Suite 580
Athens, GA 30601

Superior Court Judge

Lawton E. Stephens **

706-613-3175
325 East Washington Street, Suite 315
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 8064, Athens, GA 30603

Superior Court Judge

H. Patrick Haggard **

706-613-3780
325 East Washington Street, Suite 405
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 1623, Athens, GA 30603

Superior Court Judge

Lisa Lott *

706-310-3606
325 East Washington Street, Suite 325
Athens, GA 30601

Tax Commissioner

JP Lemay **

706-613-3120
325 East Washington Street, Suite 250
Athens, GA 30601

* Election takes place in 2026

** Election takes place in 2028

All offices listed above are elected county-wide. Superior Court Judge and District Attorney offices cover the Western Judicial Circuit, which also includes Oconee County.

State Elected Legislators



Governor Brian Kemp *

Republican

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State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-1776

Representative Houston Gaines *

Republican – GA District 120

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404-656-5025

Senator Bill Cowser *

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Representative Marcus Wiedower *

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Senator Frank Ginn *

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121-I State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-4700

Representative Spencer Frye *

Democrat – GA District 122

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706-363-0637
604-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-0265

Representative Trey Rhodes *

Republican – GA District 124

trey.rhodes@house.ga.gov

1051 Ben Hammond Dr., Greensboro, GA 30642
228-A State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-5099

Federal Elected Legislators



Senator Raphael Warnock **

Democrat – Senator

warnock.senate.gov

Russell Senate Office Building,
Suite 416
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-3643
District Address - Atlanta
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
100 Alabama St. SW Suite 3R8
Atlanta, GA 30303
770-394-7828

Senator Jon Ossoff *

Democrat – Senator

ossoff.senate.gov

Hart Senate Office Building,
Suite 303
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-3521 / 202-224-2575 (fax)
District Address - Atlanta
271 17th Street, Suite 1510
Atlanta, GA 30363
470-786-7800 / 404-949-0912 (fax)

Representative Mike Collins *

Republican – 10th Congressional
District
collins.house.gov

1223 Longworth House Office
Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-4101 / 202-226-0776 (fax)
District Address – Monroe
100 Court St.
Monroe, GA 30655
770-207-1776 / 770-226-6751 (fax)

Selected Ordinances

The ordinances listed below are for general information only and are current as of January 8, 2025.
Visit www.accgov.com/code for full versions and updates to all ACC ordinances.



Animal Services - Dogs, Cats & Other Animals [ACC Code Chapter 4-1]

- Keep pets under control at all times, meaning:
 - (1) on a leash or in a crate when off your property except in dog park off-leash areas
 - (2) in passenger areas of a vehicle (not in a truck bed)
 - (3) on your property and attended by a person
 - (4) confined by an electronic containment system, pen, fence, or other structure to prevent escape.
- Do not attach or tether pets to stationary objects unless it is temporary with a collar or harness while a person is with them.
- Do not leave animals in vehicles without sufficient ventilation and protection from excessive heat or cold.
- Keep pets off of others' property without permission.
- Do not let pets pee or poop on others' property without permission. Remove poop immediately from public property and private property not under your control, such as apartment complex common areas.
- Do not let pets disturb the peace by making loud, persistent noises such as barking. You can be cited if you have received a written warning within 90 days of the charged violation and at least two complaining witnesses have signed a written statement.
- Rabies vaccinations must be current and displayed on tags at all times (except ear-tipped community cats).
- Know the new rules approved in 2022 on transferring or selling pets (Section 4-1-31) before doing either.
- Provide safe and sanitary shelter for pets from the elements with space for them to make normal body movements appropriate to their age, size, and health.
- Provide clean water at all times.
- Do not let pets menace or attack persons on public rights-of-way or on someone else's property.
- Report concerns to Animal Services at 706-613-3540.



Bicycle Rights, Duties & Sidewalk Riding [ACC Code Chapter 3-10]

- Bicyclists have generally the same rights and duties as vehicle drivers.
- Only children 12 years old or younger can ride bicycles on sidewalks. No one can ride bicycles on sidewalks downtown or where the door of a building opens directly onto a sidewalk.
- Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks.



Dumping [ACC Code Section 5-2-14(g) & 5-2-19]

- Do not dump or otherwise place trash, dead animals, or other discarded personal property on any public road or on another's property.
- Do not place trash in a dumpster without permission.



Noise Ordinance

[ACC Code Section 3-5-24 & O.C.G.A. § 40-6-14]

- Generally, noise is prohibited if it is audible:
 - 300 feet from the property line:**
Sundays – Thursdays: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
Fridays & Saturdays: 7:00 AM – midnight.
 - 100 feet from the property line:**
Sundays – Thursdays: 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM
Saturday & Sunday mornings: midnight – 7:00 AM
 - 100 feet away at any time:**
Vehicle stereos
 - 5 feet beyond the wall or boundary:**
Any apartment, condominium, duplex, or other dwelling unit with adjoining points of contact.
- Landscape maintenance devices (leaf blowers, lawn mowers, etc.) within 300 feet of any residential zoning district cannot be used from 8:00 PM – 8:00 AM (9:00 PM – 7:00 AM in AR district).
- Construction noise cannot be plainly audible within any residential zoning district more than 100 feet beyond the property between 11:00 PM – 6:00 AM except for projects with a variance from the ACC Building Permits and Inspections Department and government and utility company construction and maintenance projects.
- See 'Fireworks' entry for details on fireworks noise.
- Report complaints to the ACC Police Department at 706-613-3345 or 911.



Disorderly Conduct Activities & Behaviors

[ACC Code Section 3-5-1]

These are only some of the behaviors and activities considered disorderly conduct.

- Making a person fear for their safety or placing a person's property in danger through violent actions.
- Causing, provoking, or engaging in any fight or riotous conduct or gathering for that purpose.
- Intending to get money from a person by fraud in a public place.
- Suddenly starting, stopping, turning, or operating a vehicle so as to endanger a person or their property.
- Aiding or encouraging a minor to do any act of disorderly conduct or a breach of peace.
- Gathering for unlawful purposes, including gaming.
- Using "fighting words."



Posting Handbills / Notices / Posters

[ACC Code Section 3-12-17]

Do not post notices, posters, handbills, or other items on any lamppost, public utility pole, tree, or public structure or building.



Single Family Housing - Number of Residents [ACC Code Section 9-15-18]

Definitions

- “Family”: Two or more persons residing in a single dwelling unit where all members are related by blood, marriage, adoption, or foster care, up to the second degree of consanguinity.
- “Consanguinity”: Spouses, parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, siblings, aunts and uncles, nephews and nieces, and first cousins.
- “Residing”: Staying overnight for more than 30 days in a 90-day period.
- RS = Single Family Residential district & AR = Agricultural Residential district. Call the Planning Department (706-613-3515) for zoning details.

Within RS zoning districts or “AR neighborhoods”

- A single dwelling unit cannot have more than two unrelated individuals residing there.
- Families, as defined above, cannot have more than one unrelated individual residing with them.



Smoking [ACC Code Chapter 4-3]

- No smoking in any enclosed public places and enclosed places of employment, except for a few specified locations.
- No smoking in any park, youth sports complex, or recreation area owned, leased, or operated by Athens-Clarke County.



Picketing & Demonstrations [ACC Code Section 6-5-23]

- Picketing, demonstrations, gatherings, processions, or other activities protected by the Constitution cannot block entry and exit from any public or private place.
- Persons or groups planning these activities must submit an application to the ACC Police Department.



Trash Receptacles / Rollcarts [ACC Code Section 5-2-14(a)]

Trash receptacles must be stored behind or next to the service location or screened from view from the public right-of-way, except from 6:00 PM the day before the scheduled collection day to noon the day after the scheduled collection day.



Junk Vehicles [ACC Code Sections 3-9-2 & 3-5-8]

- A junk vehicle is one that does not have a current license plate lawfully displayed or is abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or otherwise inoperable.
- Junk vehicles include golf carts, RVs, boats, buses, campers, go-karts and other means of conveyance.
- Do not park a junk vehicle on public property for more than three days or on private property for more than 30 days unless under a carport or similar structure.



Open Containers - Alcoholic [ACC Code Section 6-3-12] & Glass [ACC Code Section 3-12-23]

- Alcoholic beverages in open containers and all open glass containers (even non-alcoholic) are prohibited on public streets, sidewalks, alleyways, or rights-of-way; in public or semi-public parking facilities; or on outdoor public patios, except licensed sidewalk cafes.
- Semi-public parking facilities include privately-owned areas where vehicles are parked by the public for a business, office, church, school, or multi-family dwelling.
- These restrictions do not apply to Board of Regents property such as the University of Georgia; passengers of limousines, similar vehicles, or buses driven by a commercially-licensed driver; or occupants in a living area of a camper or motor home.



Outdoor Event Registration [ACC Code Section 3-5-24(d)]

(see also: *Events, Special and/or Outdoor in listings*)

- Outdoor events with commercial entertainment or electronic amplification must register at least 72 hours beforehand with the ACC Police Department.
- Events cannot take place during 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Sunday through Thursday and between midnight – 7:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday mornings.



Parking [ACC Code Chapter 3-3 & Section 9-30-8]

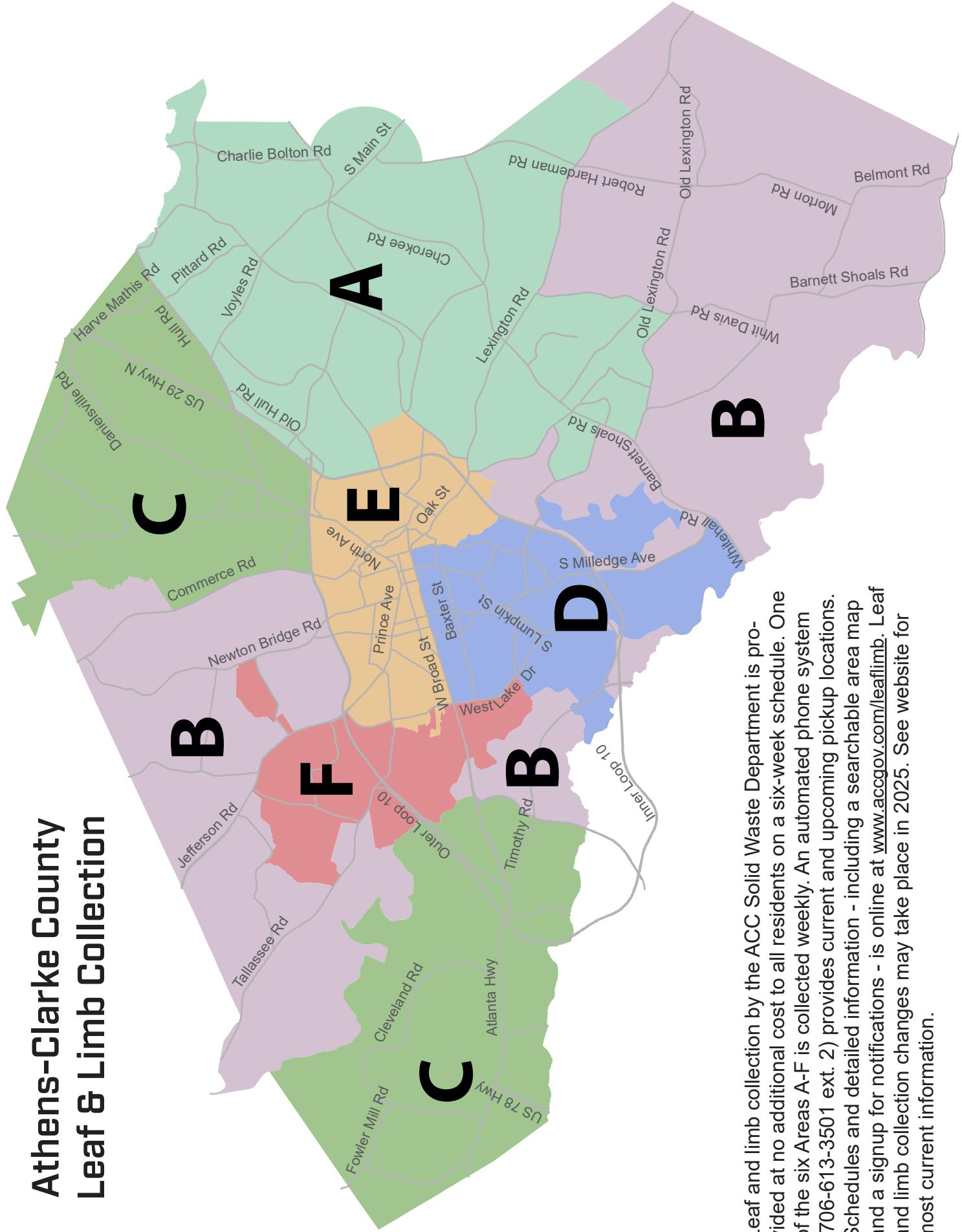
- Do not park a vehicle on a non-prepared, unimproved surface such as grass in a front or side yard in a residential zone.
- Vehicles parked downtown may be immobilized or towed if they have six or more unpaid citations or more than \$200 in penalties.
- Certain residential streets allow permit parking only. Permits must be displayed prominently at all times.
- Do not park in marked handicapped spaces at any time without a displayed permit. Report violations to the ACC Police Department at 706-613-3345 or 911.
- Do not park in a loading zone unless (1) the vehicle is properly identified as a delivery or pickup vehicle; (2) the person is parked there for no longer than 30 minutes; and (3) the person is actively loading/unloading materials while parked in the loading zone.



Property Maintenance [ACC Code Sections 3-12-19, 3-13-17, 5-2-14(k) & 7-1-1]

- Keep property free of litter and undesirable vegetation
- Keep property in compliance with local codes, as well as those sections of the International Property Maintenance Code (linked at www.acgov.com/codeenforcement) adopted by Athens-Clarke County.
- Solid waste (e.g., litter, trash, debris, or other materials), whether yours or others', should not accumulate on a property for more than 15 days.

Athens-Clarke County Leaf & Limb Collection



Leaf and limb collection by the ACC Solid Waste Department is provided at no additional cost to all residents on a six-week schedule. One of the six Areas A-F is collected weekly. An automated phone system (706-613-3501 ext. 2) provides current and upcoming pickup locations. Schedules and detailed information - including a searchable area map and a signup for notifications - is online at www.acgov.com/leafimb. Leaf and limb collection changes may take place in 2025. See website for most current information.

Disposal of Items in Athens-Clarke County

RECYCLE



Visit acgov.com/recycle for a detailed list of items accepted for recycling in Athens-Clarke County.



Hard Plastic Bottles & Containers



Glass Jars & Bottles



Metal Cans & Containers



Paper, Cartons & Flattened Cardboard

LANDFILL



Visit acgov.com/landfill for more information on landfill hours, fees, and procedures.



Chip and candy wrappers



Diapers



Hoses



Food soiled items



Plastic utensils



Straws



No construction materials

Construction materials must go to the C&D Landfill in Oglethorpe County



**ALL TRASH
MUST BE
BAGGED!**



Visit acgov.com/charm for more information on CHaRM hours, fees, and a list of items accepted for recycling.



Plastic bags & stretchy plastic



Electronics



Shredded paper



Glass: plates, cups, mugs, windows, mirrors



Batteries Light bulbs



Styrofoam (all kinds)



Metal: pots, pans, tools, auto parts, cords, chains, hangers



SPLOST 2020

- Approved by voters Nov. 5, 2019
- 35 projects totaling \$314 million
- Collections began April 1, 2020
- Collections projected to end after ~11.5 years
- www.accgov.com/splost2020

SPLOST 2020 Projects & Sub-projects

1. Facilities Space Modernization
 1. Judicial Center
2. Affordable Housing
3. Classic Center Arena
4. SPLOST Bond Debt Service
5. Fire Department Equipment
 3. Fit-out Equipment for New Fire Rescue Truck
6. Fire Station #5 Replacement
7. E911 Phone System Replacement
8. Public Safety Vehicle & Equipment Replacement
 1. Fire Rescue Truck
9. Mobile Medical Services Facility
10. Environmental Mitigation & Restoration
11. Renewable Energy
12. Greenspace Acquisition & Sustainability
13. Holland Youth Sports Complex Improvements
14. Athens West Park
15. Sandy Creek Nature Center Exhibit
16. Memorial Park Improvements
17. Beech Haven Park Improvements
18. Tallassee Forest Nature Preserve Improvements
19. Bishop Park Improvements
 1. Pool Improvements
20. Parks Facilities Improvements
 1. Rainbow Forest Access
 2. Memorial Park Dog Park Improvements
 3. Water Fountain Replacements at Bishop Park & Memorial Park
4. Bishop Park BBQ Pavilion Rehabilitation
5. Bishop Park Shade Structure Replacement
7. Trail Bridge Replacement
8. Southeast Clarke Park Ball Field Conversion
9. Southeast Clarke Park Skate Park Rehabilitation & Expansion
10. Greenway Wayfinding Signage
11. Lay Park & Heard Park Improvements
21. Bear Hollow Zoo Improvements
22. Broadband Connectivity Enhancement
23. East Athens Youth & Community Enrichment Facilities
24. Animal Shelter Improvements
25. East Side Public Library
26. Recovered Material Processing & Reuse Facilities
27. Facilities Equipment / Systems Replacement
28. Mental Health Recovery Facility
29. Welcome Center Access Improvements
30. Airport Capital Improvements
31. Vincent Drive Sidewalk
32. Tallassee Road Connector
33. Jackson Street Art Walk
34. Water Trails
 1. Macon Highway Launch
35. Live Stream Pipe Replacement
36. City of Winterville Projects
37. Town of Bogart Projects

SPLOST 2011

- Approved by voters Nov. 2, 2010
- 35 projects totaling \$195 million
- Collections began April 1, 2011
- Collection ended March 31, 2020
- www.accgov.com/splost2011

SPLOST 2011 Projects

1. Jail Expansion
2. Classic Center Expansion
3. Fire Protection Services & Safety Equipment
4. Integrated Public Safety / Judicial Information System*
5. Public Safety Communications Improvements
6. Bicycle Transportation Improvements*
7. Transit Vehicles & Bus Stops*
8. Rails-to-Trails Network Program
9. Oconee Greenway Rivers Network Connectors
10. Cooperative Extension Service Center
11. County Library Improvements*
12. Pedestrian Safety & Safe Routes to Schools Program
13. Morton Theatre Repair / Renovation
14. Sandy Creek Park Renovation*
15. Rocksprings Park Pool Renovations
16. Parks Facilities Improvements*
17. Dudley Park Improvements
18. Satterfield Park Renovations
19. Animal Shelter Expansion
20. Government Facilities Fire Protection
21. Public Art Program*
22. Youth & Community Enrichment*
23. Energy Sustainability Program*
24. Affordable Housing Improvements*
25. Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM)
26. Road & Bridge Improvements*
27. Areawide Stormwater Improvement*
28. Greenspace Acquisition Program
29. Facilities Management Facility Relocation
30. Expansion of Property & Evidence Facility
31. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)*
32. Costa Building Renovation*
33. Ware-Lyndon House Historic Garden
34. City of Winterville Projects
35. Town of Bogart Projects

* - Projects that remain in progress

What is SPLOST, TSPLOST & E-SPLOST?

A Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is a 1% sales tax voted on by residents to fund a wide variety of community capital projects. The SPLOST Program provides opportunity to use the sales tax dollars that nonresidents provide to ease the burden on funding from local taxpayers.

TSPLOST is a special type of SPLOST that can be used only for

transportation-related projects.

The SPLOST management team for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government oversees the planning, design, and construction associated with SPLOST and TSPLOST projects and assists in program scheduling, financial management, and reporting.

An E-SPLOST is an educational SPLOST separately managed by the Clarke County School District.

TSPLost 2023

- Approved by voters May 24, 2022
- 34 projects totaling \$150 million
- Collections began Oct. 1, 2022
- Projected collection end date: November 30, 2026
- www.accgov.com/tsplost2023

TSPLost 2018

- Approved by voters Nov. 7, 2017
- 19 projects totaling \$109.5 million
- Collections began April 1, 2018
- Collection ended Sep. 30, 2022
- www.accgov.com/tsplost2018

TSPLost 2023 Projects

1. Winterville Storm Drainage Improvements
2. Lexington Road Corridor Improvements
3. Lexington Road Sidewalk Gap
4. Atlanta Highway / West Broad Street Improvements
5. Prince Avenue / Jefferson Road Corridor Improvements
6. Timothy Road / Mitchell Bridge Corridor Improvements
7. East Athens Pedestrian & Lighting Safety
8. East Athens Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
9. East Athens Neighborhood Pavement Rehabilitation
10. East Athens Neighborhood Transit Improvements
11. East Athens MLK Parkway Oconee River Greenway Trail
12. East Athens Neighborhood Greenway Connectors
13. East Athens Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvements
14. North Athens Transportation Improvements
15. Sycamore Drive Pedestrian Improvements
16. Westchester Neighborhood Area Pedestrian Improvements
17. Stonehenge Neighborhood Area Pedestrian Improvements
18. Firefly Trail Project
19. ACCGov Public Transit Operations
20. Electrify the Fleet Program
21. Pavement & Bridge Maintenance Program
22. Culvert & Live Stream Pipe Replacement Program
23. Greenway Trail Safety Improvements
24. Historic District Street Signage
25. Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements Program
26. West Broad & Hancock Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvements Program
27. Five Points Intersection Safety Improvements
28. College Square Pedestrian Plaza
29. Smithonia & Smokey Road Pedestrian Improvements
30. Traffic Safety Infrastructure Improvements
31. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
32. Traffic Signage Replacement Program
33. City of Winterville Projects
34. Town of Bogart Projects

TSPLost 2018 Projects & Sub-projects

1. Airport Capital Improvement Program Matching Funds
 1. Runway 9-27 Rehabilitation
 2. Relocation of Runway 9-27 Localizer
 3. Taxiway A Rehabilitation*
2. Transit Vehicle Expansion & Replacement*
3. Bus Stop & Transfer Facilities*
4. Transit Service Expansion
5. Oconee Rivers Greenway
 - 1./3./5. Oconee Rivers Greenway sub-projects funded by SPLOST 2011 Project #9
 2. Oconee Hill Cemetery Connector
 4. Research Drive Connector
 6. Carr's Creek / Barnett Shoals Road Connector*
 7. Oak / Oconee Bridge Underpass*
 8. Riverside Trail – MLK Parkway*
6. Firefly Trail
 1. Old Winterville Road to Winterville Road Section
 2. Winterville Road to County Line Section
 3. Bridge over Trail Creek
7. Pavement Rehabilitation
8. Tallassee Road Bridge Replacement
9. Downtown Transportation Improvements
10. Whitehall Road at South Milledge Avenue
11. Bicycle Improvements Program*
 1. Cherokee Road Multiuse Path*
 2. Riverbend Road Multiuse Path*
 3. Jefferson River Road Multi-use Path*
 7. Barber Street Multi-use Path*
12. Pedestrian Improvements Program
 1. Cherokee Road Multiuse Path*
 2. Riverbend Road Multiuse Path*
 3. Jefferson River Road Multiuse Path*
 4. West Broad Sidewalk Gap
 5. King Avenue Sidewalk
 6. FY17 Sidewalk Gaps
 7. Barber Street Multiuse Path*
13. West Broad Pedestrian Improvements
 1. Roundabout at West Broad Street & West Hancock*
14. Lexington Highway Corridor Improvements*
15. Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements*
16. Prince Avenue Corridor Improvements*
17. Acquisition of Private Streets
 1. Laurel Springs
18. City of Winterville Projects
19. Town of Bogart Projects

ACTV Government Access Television

ACTV, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government's television channel, is produced by the ACC Communications Department and airs government-related programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on TV, online, and in some public space waiting areas.

Programming includes bulletin board information, public service announcements, videos, and live and rebroadcast Mayor and Commission meetings. Special programming may replace scheduled programming; watch ACTV or check online for details. Background music over bulletin board information exclusively features Athens musicians.

Programming Schedule

Televised Mayor & Commission Meeting Schedule

- 1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 6:00 PM (live)
- 2nd Tuesdays – 6:00 PM (rebroadcast)
- Other Tuesdays – 6:00 PM (rebroadcast)
- Thursdays – 6:00 PM (rebroadcast)
- Sundays – 3:00 PM (rebroadcast)

Note: Some live televised meeting days may be altered due to holidays, elections, or other factors.

Bulletin Board Government Information Programming (Hourly)

The following 10-minute magazine schedule repeats every hour when not superceded by other programming.



Mayor & Commission Information

Biographical and contact information for the Mayor and Commissioners, goals and objectives, agendas, district maps, updates on other issues.



ACTV is seen live on:

- Spectrum Cable Channel 180
- www.accgov.com/actv



Live streaming of meetings

- www.accgov.com/videos
- www.youtube.com/acgov
- www.facebook.com/acgov
- YouTube app (Apple TV, Roku, etc.)
- Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV channels (acgov)



Government Services Updates

Road work reports, water restrictions, leaf and limb pickup schedules, water conservation tips, Transportation and Public Works updates, Public Utilities updates, Solid Waste information.



Job Opportunities with ACCGov

Current listing of available jobs with the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government, including full-time, part-time, and summer opportunities.



What's Happening in Athens?

Time sensitive information on ACCGov activities and programs, Leisure Services program information, and public meetings and forum information.



Public Safety Updates

Fire and crime prevention tips, reward and persons wanted information, public safety (Police, Fire, Sheriff) information, warnings and alerts, requests for resident assistance, recognition for personnel.



All About Athens

General ACC information, dog listings, ordinance information, operating hours, general parks and recreation information, important phone numbers, and more.



Videos online at www.accgov.com/videos & available on YouTube, Roku, Apple TV, & Fire TV

Watch videos of ACTV programming such as Mayor & Commission meetings, public service announcements, short videos, and special events on-demand. Most videos are also on YouTube (www.youtube.com/acgov), the YouTube mobile device/TV app & the accgov channel on Roku, Apple TV, and Fire TV devices.

For questions about ACTV, suggestions for local government programming, or reporting ACTV problems, contact the ACC Communications Department at 706-613-3795 or actv@acgov.com.



Common Athens-Clarke County Acronyms

Detailed information for most acronyms listed below can be found within the guide, usually under the full name.

ACC	Athens-Clarke County (geographic area) or Athens-Clarke County Unified Government	GOC	Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission's Government Operations Committee
ACCFD	Athens-Clarke County Fire Department	HCD	Athens-Clarke County Housing and Community Development Department
ACCGov	Athens-Clarke County Unified Government	HPC	Historic Preservation Commission
ACCPD	Athens-Clarke County Police Department	HRC	Human Relations Commission
ACT	Athens Creative Theatre	HUD	United States Housing and Urban Development
ACTV	Athens-Clarke County Television (Government Access Channel)	ICE	United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement
ADDA	Athens Downtown Development Authority	IRS	Internal Revenue Service
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution	KACCB	Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful
AIMC	Athens In Motion Commission	LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
AMI	Advanced (Water) Metering Infrastructure	LRC	Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission's Legislative Review Committee
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocates	MACORTS	Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study
CCSD	Clarke County School District	MRF	Materials Recycling Facility
CCSO	(Athens-)Clarke County Sheriff's Office	NNI	Neighborhood Notification Initiative
CDBG	Community Development Block Grants	NTMP	Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
CERT	Community Emergency Response Team	PIO	Public Information Officer
CHaRM	Center for Hard to Recycle Materials	PSCOB	Public Safety Civilian Oversight Board
CTC	Community Tree Council	PUD	Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities Department
CVB	Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau	RDC	Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center
DAPS	Downtown Athens Parking System	SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
DCA	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	SPLOST	Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
DFCS / DFACS	Georgia Division of Family and Children Services	STR	Short Term Rental
EADC	East Athens Development Corporation	TAD	Tax Allocation District
EFNEP	Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program	TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
E-SPLOST	Education Local Option Sales Tax	TSPL	Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
EMA	Athens-Clarke County Emergency Management Agency	TPW	Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works Department
EMS	Emergency Medical Services	VITA	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation	UGA	The University of Georgia
GBI	Georgia Bureau of Investigation		
GDOT	Georgia Department of Transportation		
GEMA	Georgia Emergency Management Agency		
GIS	Geospatial Information Systems		



211

unitedwaynega.org/211

United Way of Northeast Georgia's 211 provides residents with information about community-based resources including food, clothing, and food and utility assistance. 211 offers bilingual support, is available 365 days a year and serves Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Hart, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Stephens, and Walton counties (see also: *United Way of Northeast Georgia*)

4-H

706-613-3640

www.acccgov.com/4h

The mission of Georgia 4-H is to assist youth in grades 5-12 in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society. This mission is accomplished through "hands-on" learning experiences, focused on agriculture awareness, environmental issues, leadership, communication skills, food and nutrition, health, energy conservation, and citizenship. 4-H is coordinated by Athens-Clarke County Extension locally and offers a variety of programs and summer camps (see also: *Extension, ACC*).



Aaron Heard Park and Community Center (see: *Heard Park and Community Center*)

Abandoned Vehicles

706-613-3345

It is unlawful to leave a vehicle parked in one place on a public street, highway, or other ACCGov-owned property for more than 48 hours. If a vehicle is reported to have been abandoned, it is first determined whether or not it has been reported stolen. If it has been reported stolen, or if its position on a roadway makes it a potential traffic hazard, the vehicle can be towed immediately. If it has not been reported stolen and is not a potential traffic hazard, then its tires will be marked. After 48 hours, if the marked vehicle has not been moved, it can lawfully be towed (for vehicles on private property, see 'Junk Vehicles' ordinances on pg. 11).

Absentee Voting

706-613-3150

www.acccgov.com/absenteevoting

Voters may vote by absentee ballot by mail or in person

prior to elections. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the ACC Elections Department or through the GA Secretary of State website (www.mvp.sos.ga.gov).

Access to Justice Initiative, Athens

www.athensaccesstojustice.org

Provides resources to people who are taking on a civil legal action without an attorney (see also: *Legal Aid and Assistance*).

ACCGov to You

706-613-3795

www.acccgov.com/communications

The ACCGov to You community engagement van provides mobile tabling opportunities with ACCGov staff at community events and other locations to provide information about ACCGov services, surveys, and other activities. Contact the Communications Department to inquire about availability.

Accident Reports

Arrest reports may be obtained from the law enforcement agency that issued it for a fee:

- **ACC Police Department**

- Online at acccgov.com/police (For troubleshooting issues – 706-613-3888)
- East Precinct, 3035 Lexington Road – 706-613-3888

- **UGA Police Department – 706-542-5813**

286 Oconee Street, Suite 100

- **Georgia State Patrol – 706-552-4439**

- Online record requests at dps.ga.gov
- 1505 U.S. Highway 29 North

Accounts Payable [by Athens-Clarke County]

706-613-3040

ACC Finance Department

Accountability Courts

Accountability courts aim to address underlying problems such as substance abuse and mental health. Graduates of accountability courts can receive reduced sentences, lower fines, and other incentives. There are six accountability courts that operate out of the ACC Courthouse: DUI / Drug Court (State Court), Family Treatment Court, Felony Drug Court (Superior Court), Parental Accountability Court, Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC), and Veterans Court (see also: *individual entries*).

ACTION, Inc.

706-546-8293 [Admin] /

706-546-8293 ext. 21 [Community Services]

706-546-8293 ext. 19 [Weatherization]

www.actionathens.org

2440 West Broad Street

A community-based human development service agency that operates programs in a 10-county area.

ACTV

www.acccgov.com/actv

The ACC Communications Department operates this government access channel on Spectrum Cable Channel 180 with programming regarding ACCGov activities. Some meetings of the Mayor and Commission are broadcast live and rebroadcast, while some content also displays on digital displays in some public spaces (see also: *Communications Department; ACTV schedule on pg. 16*).

ADDA (see: *Athens Downtown Development Authority (ADDA)*)

Addiction (see: *Advantage Behavioral Health Systems*)

Addresses (see: *Street Addresses*)

Adopt Athens

706-613-3501 ext. 7879

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful
ACC Solid Waste Department

www.acccgov.com/kacccb

Community appearance program that engages volunteer organizations to “adopt” public spaces for maintenance and beautification. Includes Adopt-A-Highway, Adopt-A-Bus Stop, Adopt-A-Stream, Adopt-A-Park, as well as neighborhood greenspaces, ACCGov facilities and grounds, and other public spaces.

Adopt-a-Bus Stop (see: *Adopt Athens*)

Adopt-a-Highway (see: *Adopt Athens*)

Adopt-a-Park (see: *Adopt Athens*)

Adopt-a-Stream

Volunteers can monitor water quality in streams through the Georgia Adopt-a-Stream program. Sandy Creek Nature Center staff (706-613-3615) is the regional coordinator for Georgia Adopt-a-Stream and offers occasional training workshops. For stream clean-ups, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful and ACC Stormwater Management Program provide opportunities for groups to clean up streams and coordinate community clean-up efforts through programs such as Rivers Alive (see also: *Adopt Athens; Rivers Alive*).

Adoption, Animal

706-613-3540

ACC Animal Services Adoption Center

www.acccgov.com/adoptioncenter

125 Buddy Christian Way

An application, a fee, and an adoption appointment are required (see also: *Animal Services Department*).

Adoption, Child

877-210-5437 [877-210-KIDS]

www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov

GA Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services

Advance Voting

706-613-3150

www.acccgov.com/advancevoting

Administered by the ACC Elections & Voter Registration Department, advance voting allows voters to cast ballots in person prior to each election. A full schedule and voting location(s) are available through the ACC Elections Department.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

706-613-3479

www.acccgov.com/ami

This automated water meter system used by the ACC Public Utilities Department eliminates the need for manual meter readings by using low power radio signals to record, store, and transmit information from water meters. The highly accurate data collection decreases the possibility of incorrect manual meter readings, identifies potential leaks quickly, and improves customer service. Customers can access the data to better manage and monitor their water use through the online WaterSmart AMI Portal.

Advantage Behavioral Health Systems

www.advantagebhs.org

The GA Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (dbhdd.georgia.gov) contracts with Advantage Behavioral Health Systems (ABHS) as a publicly-funded provider of behavioral health, developmental disabilities, and addictive disease services for 10 counties in Northeast Georgia, including Athens-Clarke County. ABHS provides treatment, counseling, supportive services for community living, activity groups, and other services for people whose health affects their behavior, such as people suffering from mental illness or people battling alcohol or drug addiction (see also: *Crisis Line (GA)*).

- **Behavioral Health Center – 706-389-6767 / 855-333-9544**
240 Mitchell Bridge Road (mental health, addiction, intellectual and disability services, youth and adult programs, therapy and day programs, medical and pharmacy services)
- **Intellectual and Development Disabilities Services – 706-389-6790**
126 Barrington Drive
- **Homeless Day Service Center – 706-354-1154**
240 North Avenue (see also: *Homeless Services*)
- **Youth Services Clinic – 706-369-6363**
240 Mitchell Bridge Road

- **Women's Services – 706-389-6789 ext. 1145**
250 Bray Street

Aging (see: *Council on Aging, Athens Community*)

Agriculture & Natural Resources

706-613-3640

ACC Extension provides a wealth of information for residents and home gardeners including landscaping, identification of plants, insects, plant diseases, soil, and water testing (see also: *Extension, ACC*).

ADR (see: *Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)*)

Airport [Athens-Ben Epps Airport]

706-613-3420

www.acccgov.com/airport

1010 Ben Epps Drive

Athens-Ben Epps Airport provides air travel services for Athens-Clarke County and Northeast Georgia. Services are provided for charter air travel, general aviation, and military users.

Akins Ford Arena (see: *Classic Center*)

Alcohol & Other Addictive Drug Services

(see: *Advantage Behavioral Health Systems*)

Alcohol Licenses

706-613-3047

www.acccgov.com/finance

ACC Finance Department

Alternative Dispute Resolution [ADR]

706-613-3210

www.acccgov.com/adr

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210
This process refers to any form of settling a dispute other than litigation. Mediation is one type and the method used by the courts in Athens-Clarke County. Mediation is a process by which a neutral third party facilitates negotiations between other parties in conflict.

AMI (see: *Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)*)

Animal Emergency Veterinary Services (see:

Veterinary Services - Emergency)

Animal Services Department

706-613-3540 / 911 [After Hours Emergency]

www.acccgov.com/animalservices

125 Buddy Christian Way

The ACC Animal Services Department operates the animal shelter and adoption center and protects the public from dangerous or seriously sick animals and at-large dogs. The department also investigates animal cruelty allegations, enforces the animal ordinances, manages adoptions and reclaims of impounded and surrendered dogs and cats, and provides public

education on a variety of animal-related topics, including information regarding lost or found dogs and cats (see also: *Adoption, Animal; Animal Shelter; Cats; Wildlife; 'Animal Services' ordinances on pg. 10*).

Animal, Dead Removal

Dead animals are only removed from public rights-of-way. Dead animals on private property can be disposed of by private wildlife removal companies or by transporting them to the ACC Landfill.

- **Outside Urban Service District** (area where residential waste is collected by private haulers): ACC Transportation and Public Works Department Streets & Drainage Division – 706-613-3465 ext. 9
- **Inside Urban Service District** (area where residential waste is collected by ACC Solid Waste): ACC Solid Waste Department – 706-613-3501
- **State roads** (any road maintained by the state in Athens-Clarke County): GA Department of Transportation – 706-583-2644

Animal Shelter (see: *Adoption, Animal*)

Animal Spaying/Neutering (see: *Humane Society, Athens Area or call private veterinarians*)

Annulments

706-613-3190

The Clerk of Superior & State Courts charges a filing fee and the Sheriff's Office charges a fee for their service. Copies of the petition and Sheriff's information are needed.

Appraisal, Property (see: *Property Values*)

Aquatics [ACC Leisure Services]

www.acccgov.com/aquatics

(see: *Pools, Public; Splash Pads*)

Arborist

706-613-3515

The Athens-Clarke County Arborist, housed in the Planning Department, is responsible for the successful implementation of the Community Tree Management Ordinance during the development process. The Arborist reviews tree management plans and notices of timber harvesting, and also inspects properties before, during, and after development to ensure that trees are conserved and planted in accordance with the tree ordinance. The position also provides educational outreach and works with some environmental commissions (see also: *Community Forester; Planning Department*).

Arrests (see: *Jail*)

Art, Public

706-613-3623

www.acccgov.com/publicart

The ACC Leisure Services Arts Division's Public Art Coordinator oversees public art installations, calls for art, and art selection processes with recommendations from the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission. Residents interested in being part of public art selection panels can contact the Public Art Coordinator. Funding for public art comes from a public art budget, as well as from 1% of total construction costs for public art components of most SPLOST and TSPLOST projects (see also: *Cultural Affairs Commission, Athens*).

Arts Center (see: *Lyndon House Arts Center*)

Asbestos

404-363-7026

GA Department of Natural Resources

Athens Area Community Foundation

706-357-7148

www.athensareacf.org

The Athens Area Community Foundation is a public grantmaking foundation that exists to build, distribute, and preserve philanthropic assets to enhance the quality of life in the Athens area.

Athens Creative Theatre [ACT]

706-613-3628

www.accgov.com/act

ACT is a unit of the Arts Division of the ACC Leisure Services Department with offices housed at the Morton Theatre and both performance and rehearsal space at Quinn Hall inside Memorial Park. Athens Creative Theatre has provided quality workshop opportunities, classes, and live theatrical performances since 1966. Their Quinn Hall black box performance space at Memorial Park is named for ACT founder and former UGA drama professor Jane Quinn and is available for event rentals. ACT is known for its main stage musicals, second stage dramas, all-inclusive programming (including programs for the cognitively challenged), and "Hit the Pit" live pit orchestra program.

Athens Downtown Development Authority [ADDA]

706-353-1421

www.downtownathensga.org

Gameday Building, 250 West Broad Street, Suite 108
The ADDA promotes, maintains, and enhances a safe and economically viable Central Business District by focusing both private and public resources on the potential of downtown to benefit the entire community (see also: *Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS)*).

Athens Film Office (see: *Film Office, Athens*)

Athens in Motion

www.accgov.com/athensinmotion

The Athens In Motion Plan identifies a clear strategy

for near and long-term projects that will result in a safe, connected, and equitable bike and pedestrian network for Athens-Clarke County. The Athens in Motion Commission (AIMC) is responsible for development, implementation, and modification of the plan for a safe and connected network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout Athens-Clarke County (see also: *Bicycle Facilities; Boards, Authorities, and Commissions*).

Athens Land Trust (see: *Land Trusts*)

Athens Regional Medical Center

(see: *Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center*)

Athens Technical College

706-355-5000

www.athenstech.edu

800 US Highway 29 North

Athens Transit System (see: *Transit*)

Athens Wellbeing Project

www.athenswellbeingproject.org

The Athens Wellbeing Project is a community wide partnership between the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government, the Clarke County School District, the Athens Area Community Foundation, Family Connection-Communities in Schools, the United Way of Northeast Georgia, and the University of Georgia. The project's mission is to integrate planning efforts and improve the outcomes achieved by local institutions, organizations, and community stakeholders through collecting and sharing open-access, neighborhood-level data representative of the community's population.

Athens Wellness Clinic

706-613-6976

www.athenswellnessclinic.org

240 North Avenue

Athens Wellness Clinic is a nonprofit health clinic that provides free, comprehensive healthcare to low- to no income members of the Northeast Georgia community who have no health insurance.

Attorney's Office

706-613-3035

www.accgov.com/attorney

Civic Hall, 155 East Washington Street

The ACC Attorney's Office provides legal services to the Mayor and Commission, the Manager, and all other departments and divisions of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government. The office researches and drafts local legislation concerning ACC and all ordinances to be adopted by the Mayor and Commission.

Auctions, Property

(see: *Foreclosure Auctions; Surplus Items, ACCGov; Tax Sale Auctions*)

Auditor's Office (see: *Operational Analysis Office*)**Authorities** (see: *Boards, Authorities, and Commissions*)**B****Babies Can't Wait**

706-369-6101

www.bcw-bibs.com

740 Prince Avenue, Building 15

Statewide system run by the GA Health Department for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities and their families.

Background Checks

706-613-3888 [Police] or

706-613-3250 [Sheriff's Office Field Section]

For a fee, both the ACC Police Department (East Precinct on Lexington Road) and ACC Sheriff's Office Field Section (ACC Courthouse) can conduct a criminal records background check for employment or housing.

Bankruptcy Court [Federal Court]

478-752-3505 [Macon Divisional Office]

www.gamb.uscourts.gov

US Post Office & Federal Courthouse

115 East Hancock Avenue

Athens is part of the Middle District of Georgia, which has its main office in Macon.

Barking Dogs (see *Animal Services ordinances on pg. 10*)**Bear Creek Reservoir**

www.bearcreekwtp.com

This regional reservoir located north of Bogart and west of Cleveland Road in Jackson County serves Athens-Clarke, Jackson, Barrow, and Oconee counties. The Upper Oconee Water Basin Authority was formed by these counties to address long-term water needs through regional approaches. The 505-acre lake helps Athens-Clarke County to ensure an adequate water supply during periods of drought. ACC's 44% share of the reservoir water is pumped to Athens-Clarke County for treatment (see also: *Public Utilities*).

Bear Hollow Zoo

706-613-3580

www.acgov.com/bearhollow

Memorial Park, 293 Gran Ellen Drive

Bear Hollow is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services

Department and the home to more than 35 native non-releasable animals housed in natural habitat exhibits. Educational programming is offered year-round.

Ben Burton Park

706-613-3620 [Trails & Open Spaces Office]

www.acgov.com/benburton

616 Mitchell Bridge Road

This 35-acre park is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department and features nature trails on the Middle Oconee River, picnic tables, grills, and a canoe/kayak boat launch.

Ben Epps Airport (see: *Airport (Athens-Ben Epps Airport)*)**Benefits, Government**

www.benefits.gov

Better Business Bureau

404-766-0875 / 877-651-4222 [text]

www.bbb.org

200 North Point Center East, Suite 510, Alpharetta, GA 30022

The Better Business Bureau of Atlanta and Northeast Georgia provides free business reliability reports on member and non-member companies alerting buyers to complaint history, law enforcement actions, and advertising practices. Consumer alerts of scams and fraud may be accessed on the website. Compliments about a company may also be submitted, and national charities may also be evaluated (see also: *Consumer Protection Unit*).

Bicycle Facilities

www.acgov.com/bicycles

ACCGov provides a variety of facilities and services for bicycles and riders in the community including:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safety Coordinator
- Bicycle lanes on roadways
- Bicycle racks on ACC Transit
- Firefly Trail / Rails-to-Trails multiuse paths
- Mountain bike trails at Walker Park
- Oconee Rivers Greenway multiuse paths
- Bike racks in the downtown areas and buildings
- Bike lockers at the Multimodal Transportation Center & Oconee Street Park and Ride Lot

(see also: *Athens in Motion; Bicycle Lanes; Bicycle Trails; Oconee Rivers Greenway; Transit; Walker Park; 'Bicycle Rights, Duties & Sidewalk Riding' ordinances on pg. 10*).

Bicycle Lanes

706-613-3460

ACC Transportation and Public Works – Traffic Engineering Division

Bicycle Trails**706-613-3620 [Trails & Open Spaces Office]**

(see: *Firefly Trail; Oconee Rivers Greenway; Walker Park*)

Bid Information**706-613-3072**www.accgov.com/bids

Contact the ACC Purchasing Division to inquire about bids or to be placed on the vendor list for Athens-Clarke County. Bid opportunities are also available online and through ACCGov's website notification system.

Birchmore Trail**706-613-3580 [Memorial Park]**www.accgov.com/birchmore

The Birchmore Trail is a 1.25-mile natural surface trail located at Memorial Park in the Five Points neighborhood. The trail winds through a mature hardwood ravine, over bridges, near creeks, and along the massive Great Wall of Happy Hollow stone wall built by legendary Athenian Fred Birchmore while he was in his 70's. The five and a half-year project used 12 train boxcar loads of large rocks and reaches 18' high.

Birth Certificates**706-389-6871 [Vital Records] /****706-389-6921 [Health Department Main Line]**www.publichealthathens.com

345 North Harris Street

The GA Health Department has birth records for Athens-Clarke County and all other Georgia counties dating back to July 1919. Anyone born prior to 1919 should call GA Archives, 678-364-3710. Certified copies are available for a fee. Identification is required. Birth certificates can also be requested online or by mail from the GA Department of Community Health, 404-679-4702, www.health.state.ga.us (see also: *Health Department*).

Birthday Parties [Athens-Clarke County Facilities]

A number of Athens-Clarke County Unified Government facilities offer birthday packages. Rental fees and programs vary by facility. Locations include:

• **Fire Department**

- Fire Station #1 (College Avenue) – 706-613-3360

• **Leisure Services Department**

- Bear Hollow Zoo – 706-613-3580
- Bishop Park (Gymnastics) – 706-613-3589
- Sandy Creek Nature Center – 706-613-3615
- Tennis Center – 706-613-3991

Bishop Park**706-613-3589**www.accgov.com/bishop

705 Sunset Drive

This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department

is named in honor of former City of Athens Mayor Julius Bishop. The 33-acre park features athletic fields, basketball courts, a large gymnasium, a playground, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a pickleball court, a walking trail, and a picnic area. The park offers a range of youth sports during the year, including the area's premier gymnastics program.

Board of Education (see: *Clarke County School District*)**Board of Elections** (see: *Boards, Authorities & Commissions; Elections Department*)**Boards, Authorities, and Commissions**www.accgov.com/bacs

The following Boards, Authorities, and Commissions have positions that are advertised and have applications submitted to the Clerk of Commission for consideration by the Mayor and Commission for appointments. Other advisory boards not listed below follow other appointment processes. The Clerk of Commission releases announcements of board openings to local news media, on ACTV, and on the ACCGov website usually three times a year. For more information, contact the Clerk of Commission at 706-613-3031 (see also: *individual entries for some Boards, Authorities, and Commissions*).

- Airport Authority
- Athens Downtown Development Authority (ADDA)
- Athens in Motion Commission (AIMC)
- Board of Elections
- Board of Health
- Board of Tax Assessors
- Classic Center Authority
- Construction Board of Appeals
- Deferred Compensation Board
- Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities Region 2 Advisory Council
- Development Authority of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County
- Family and Children Services, Division of
- Georgia Innovation Corridor Joint Development Authority
- Hearings Board
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Industrial Development Authority
- Library Board
- Pension Board
- Planning Commission
- Public Safety Civilian Oversight Board
- Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Authority
- Solid Waste Advisory Commission
- Vision Committee

Boating

www.accgov.com/boating

ACC Leisure Services offers opportunities for lake and river boating. The 260-acre Lake Chapman at Sandy Creek Park is open to small watercraft and boats with electric motors only. Boat launches for non-motorized craft only are available at several locations, including access to the Middle Oconee River from Ben Burton Park and access to the North Oconee River from Dudley Park and along the North Oconee River Greenway near MLK Parkway/College Avenue.

Bogart, City of

770-725-7386 [City Hall]

www.cityofbogart.com

125 Main Street, Bogart, GA

Booting, Vehicle

- **Private property:** Booting on private property can only take place where signage is posted and only by a vehicle immobilization service or operator that is licensed by the ACC Police Department. Additional requirements for signage, fees, payment types, equipment, and other specifics can be found in ACC Code Section 3-3-67 or at www.accgov.com/booting (see also: *Ordinances*).
- **Public Property:** Vehicles may be booted on public property if they accumulate a certain number of parking violations or amount of unpaid fines for penalties from parking violations. If a vehicle's owner is determined, written notice will be provided to them prior to the vehicle being subject to booting. Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS) handles most booting at meters and public parking spaces (see also: *Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS)*).

Boulevard Woods Park

706-613-3620 [Trails & Open Spaces Office]

www.accgov.com/boulevardwoods

298 Barber Street

Boulevard Woods Park is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. The 1.8-acre park is passive in nature and features a small paved walking loop, a bench, and an open lawn area.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Athens

www.greatfuturesathens.com

- **Administrative / Main Office** – 706-546-5910
Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse, 705 Fourth Street
- **The Club @ H.T. Edwards** – 706-357-5368
440-4 Dearing Extension

Brown Water [Faucet / Tap] (see: *Water Quality / Testing*)

Budget, Athens-Clarke County

706-613-3685

www.accgov.com/budget

The budget for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government runs for a fiscal year (FY) from July 1 of one year until June 30 of the following year and is adopted by the Mayor and Commission. The ACC Budget and Strategic Analysis Department is responsible for coordinating the development of the budget each year. Full budgets and *Budgets in Brief* are available on the ACCGov website.

Budget and Strategic Analysis Department

706-613-3872

www.accgov.com/bsa

301 College Avenue, Suite 301B

The Budget and Strategic Analysis Department - formerly the Geospatial Information Office - develops and oversees ACCGov's annual operating budget and Capital Improvement Plan, coordinates data governance and geospatial activities, and oversees ACCGov's strategic planning process (see also: *Budget, Athens-Clarke County*).

Building Permits and Inspections Department

706-613-3520

www.accgov.com/buildinginspection

120 West Dougherty Street

The ACC Building Permits and Inspections Department protects public safety, health, and general welfare with respect to the built environment. The department issues permits for building, electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, gas, graphics, demolition, temporary structures, manufactured homes, swimming pools, and building relocations.

Burn Permits & Burning

706-613-3365

ACC Fire Department – Fire Marshal

Most types of open burning – including the burning of vegetative matter such as leaves, tree stumps, brush, and forest residue – are prohibited in Athens-Clarke County. Additionally, non-containment devices such as backyard fireplaces, open metal drums, burn barrels, or burn pits cannot be used for open burning. There are a few exceptions for such things as cooking food, using open flame devices such as welding torches, and “prescribed burning” permitted by the GA Forestry Commission (see also: *Forestry Commission; Burning*).

Bus Information

706-613-3430

www.accgov.com/transit

Live bus tracking, schedules, and trip planning are available through the myStop app, the Transit app, and on Google Maps. Bus routes, schedules, videos,

and downloadable route flyers are available on the ACC Transit website. Passenger wayfinding kiosks are available at the Multimodal Transportation Center, the Classic Center, ACC Parking Services on College Avenue, and the ACC Library.

Business Licenses

706-613-3050

www.accgov.com/finance

ACC Finance Department

Prospective businesses should check their location with the ACC Planning Department before contacting the ACC Finance Department to fill out a Business Occupation Tax Application form. In most cases, a certificate can be issued in approximately 24 hours. Fees are based on the number of people involved in the business. A general information booklet for new businesses and a list of existing businesses are available from the Finance Department, the Communications Department, and the ACCGov website.



Cable Television

Private cable television companies are provided franchises by either Georgia or Athens-Clarke County to operate and utilize the public rights-of-way. Cable problems should initially be addressed with cable companies directly. Residents with continued service issues after contacting the company may contact the ACC Communications Department at 706-613-3795.

Cadets, Police

706-613-3888

www.accgov.com/police

Program for high school or college students age 16 to 22 who have an interest in learning more about law enforcement functions, developing job skills and experience, and improving the community.

Cafes, Sidewalk

706-613-3530

Sidewalk cafes on public rights-of-way are administered and permitted by the ACC Central Services Department.

Call Before You Dig (see: *Utilities Protection Services or Utilities Locator*)

Camera Ready (see: *Filming*)

Camera Registry, Police

706-613-3888

www.accgov.com/cameraregistry

Residents and business owners can register their

home and/or business camera systems with the Police Department. The registry does not allow the Police Department to view camera systems. Instead, it informs officers that a registered camera is nearby. An officer or detective could then contact a registrant if the camera system could provide evidence for a criminal case.

Camps, Summer [ACC Leisure Services]

www.accgov.com/camps

The ACC Leisure Services Department offers more than 50 camps every summer. Camp listings are available online and on ACTV.

Candidate Qualification

706-613-3150

ACC Elections Department

Career Academy, Athens Community

706-357-5244

www.clarke.k12.ga.us/o/acca

440-1 Dearing Extension

The Athens Community Career Academy is operated by the Clarke County School District and available to high school students in the District. The program provides student opportunities to learn technical skills and participate in various internships and apprenticeships.

CASA (see: *Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)*)

Casa de Amistad

706-621-5464

www.athensamistad.com

Casa de Amistad is an organization based in Athens, Georgia, that works to identify and address the needs of the Hispanic community.

Cats

706-613-3540 [Adoption Center]

www.accgov.com/animalservices

125 Buddy Christian Way

The ACC Animal Services Department responds to reports of seriously sick or injured cats, cats trapped within a living space, or cat bites or scratches to persons or other domestic animals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Animal Services also investigates reports of animal neglect or animal cruelty involving cats during normal business hours. Animal Services will not set traps for cats or pick up cats in traps. Animal Services also operates the adoption center. Persons who wish to register as a colony caretaker must submit an application to Animal Services, which is available on the website. Animal Services can also issue citations to a cat owner in violation of ordinances. The ACC Fire Department does not remove cats from trees or other places (see also: *Animal Services Department; Humane Society, Athens Area*).

CDBG (see: *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*)

Central Services Department

706-613-3530

www.acccgov.com/centralservices

150 East Hancock Avenue

The ACC Central Services Department manages ACCGov buildings, facilities, grounds, vehicles, landscaping, parking, records, and department support services. The department also provides services to the public through special event permitting, sidewalk cafes, sidewalk vending, and publication racks.

Certified Blue

706-613-3729

www.acccgov.com/blue

ACC Water Conservation Office

The Certified Blue program assists restaurants, bars, and venues in ACC with using less water and promoting water efficiency.

Chamber of Commerce, Athens Area

706-549-6800

www.athensga.com

246 West Hancock Avenue

The mission of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce is to serve its members by developing an environment conducive to business. Visitors may stop by to obtain maps and relocation packages.

Charities (see: *Better Business Bureau*)

CHaRM [Center for Hard to Recycle Materials]

706-613-3501 ext. 4

www.acccgov.com/charm

1005 College Avenue

The CHaRM is a one-stop drop-off location for items that cannot be recycled at the curb or at other Athens-Clarke County recycling drop-off sites. Accepted items, hours of operation, and appointment forms are available online.

Charter, Athens-Clarke County

www.acccgov.com/code

The Charter of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County was adopted on August 7, 1990 and details the government's structure, functions, and organization. Copies of the charter are available from the Clerk of Commission or on the ACCGov website.

Checks [Bad]

706-613-3310 ext. 5

The ACC Magistrate Court's Criminal and Bad Check Division accepts reports from both businesses and individuals who have received a bad check.

Chickens

706-613-3515 [ACC Planning Department]

Keeping chickens for noncommercial purposes is permitted with some restrictions by ordinance in all zoning districts. Private neighborhood covenants prohibiting or restricting chickens supersede the ordinance.

Child Abuse and Neglect

855-422-4453 / 911 [Emergency]

dfcs.georgia.gov

GA Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) (see also: *Family and Children Services, Division of*)

Child Care Resource & Referral

1-877-255-4254

families.decal.ga.gov

Provides referrals to parents seeking Georgia child care, afterschool programs, Georgia Pre-K, Early/Head Start, and summer camps in Northeast Georgia.

Child Support Services

877-423-4746 [GA Hotline]

childsupport.georgia.gov

GA Department of Human Services
850 Hawthorne Avenue

Christmas Parade, Downtown (see: *Downtown Athens Parade of Lights*)

Citizen Police Academy (see: *Community Police Academy*)

City Hall

www.acccgov.com/cityhall

301 College Avenue

City Hall houses the ACCGov Mayor, Manager, Budget and Strategic Analysis Department, Communications Department, ACTV, Operational Analysis Office, Clerk of Commission, SPLOST, and Commission Chamber.

Clarke County School District

706-546-7721

www.clarke.k12.ga.us

595 Prince Avenue

The Clarke County School District is a separate entity from ACCGov and consists of all public elementary, middle, and high schools in the county. The Board of Education is made up of nine members elected by districts to four-year terms.

Classic Center

706-208-0900 / 706-357-4555 [Event Line]

706-357-4444 [Box Office]

www.classiccenter.com

300 North Thomas Street

The Classic Center contains meeting and exhibit space,

a performing arts theatre, breakout space in a series of renovated warehouses, and the Akins Ford Arena. It also houses the offices for the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau (*see also: Convention and Visitors Bureau, Athens (CVB)*).

Clerk of Commission

706-613-3031

www.accgov.com/clerkofcommission

City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 204

The ACC Clerk of Commission directs the activities necessary to prepare for Commission meetings and dispenses information regarding the decisions and actions of the Commission. Agendas and other information can be found on the website.

Clerk of Superior and State Courts

706-613-3190

www.accgov.com/clerkofcourts

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 450

The Clerk of Superior and State Courts is the Clerk of Superior Court and the Clerk of State Court. The Clerk of Superior and State Courts keeps the official record of all civil and criminal actions filed in each court, Courts' minutes, notary appointments, and requested filings of DD2-14 forms from US Military Service personnel (certificate of release or discharge from active duty). The Clerk of Superior Court is also the official custodian for all land records and the Appeal Administrator charged with the oversight of the Board of Equalization.

Code Enforcement Division

706-613-3790

www.accgov.com/codeenforcement

120 West Dougherty Street

The ACC Code Enforcement Division is a division of the ACC Building Permits and Inspections Department and responsible for code compliance and enforcement.

Code of Ordinances (see: Ordinances)

Commission of Athens-Clarke County

www.accgov.com/commission

The Commission is the governing authority of Athens-Clarke County and consists of 10 members, each representing a geographical district. As a result, each ACC resident has two direct representatives, including the Mayor. Terms last four years and are staggered.

The Mayor serves as the Chair of the Commission and can only vote in case of a tie. The Commission normally holds its regular voting session on the first Tuesday of each month, a work session on the second Tuesday of each month, and an agenda-setting session on the third Tuesday of each month, except in the case of holidays or elections. Meetings are generally televised live and rebroadcast on ACTV, as well as streamed

live and on-demand online at www.accgov.com/videos and ACCGov's YouTube, Roku, Apple TV, and Fire TV channels. Committee meeting schedules vary by committee. Among powers conferred by the Charter, the Commission has the power to set tax rates, adopt a budget, and establish policy through the adoption of ordinances and resolutions. For more information, contact the Clerk of Commission at 706-613-3031 or visit the website (*see also: Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission on pg. 7; Athens-Clarke County Commission Districts on pg. 6; Clerk of Commission*).

Commissions (see: Boards, Authorities, and Commissions)

Communications Department

706-613-3795

www.accgov.com/comms

City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 102

The ACC Communications Department, formerly the Public Information Office, provides clear and open communications to the residents of Athens-Clarke County about ACCGov goals, activities, and services. Along with providing other services, the department maintains acccgov.com, this guide to services, the main ACCGov social media channels at @acccgov, digital content systems for public displays, Roku/Apple TV/Fire TV channels, the ACCGov to You van, and the ACTV government access cable television channel (*see also: ACCGov to You; ACTV Government Access Television; Website*).

Community Affairs, GA Department of [DCA]

800-359-4663 [Central Office] / 770-806-5050

[Northern Regional Office – Rental Assistance]

www.dca.ga.gov

60 Executive Park S, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

DCA operates a host of state and federal grant programs; serves as the state's lead agency in housing finance and development; promulgates building codes to be adopted by local governments; provides comprehensive planning, technical, and research assistance to local governments; and serves as the lead agency for the state's solid waste reduction efforts (*see also: Housing Choice Voucher Program*).

Community Development Block Grant [CDBG]

706-613-3155

www.accgov.com/cdbg

ACC Housing and Community Development Department CDBG is a federal grant program administered locally that provides direct benefits to low and moderate income families and individuals concerning housing and economic development opportunities. These grants create jobs and job training programs and also fund single-family housing construction and repairs, as well as community infrastructure improvements.

Community Forester

706-613-3561

www.accgov.com/forester

The ACC Community Forester, based in the ACC Central Services Department's Landscape Management Division, is responsible for implementing the Community Tree Program to support public and private tree conservation and management (see also: *Arborist*).

Community Government Academies

www.accgov.com/cga

A number of ACCGov departments offer periodic programs designed to give residents opportunities to learn about government functions, services, and activities and to gain a better understanding about how to become involved in local government (see also: *Community Police Academy*).

Community Police Academy

706-613-3888

www.accgov.com/police

This 13-week course is held twice a year by the ACC Police Department to expose residents to the inner workings of its functional units.

Community Protection Division [CPD] (see: Code Enforcement Division)

Community Rooms

A number of ACC departments offer rooms and meeting spaces for use by the general public and community groups. Rental fees may apply and vary by facility. Community rooms available include:

- **Airport – 706-613-3420**
 - Commercial Terminal Community Room
- **Athens-Clarke County Extension – 706-613-3640**
 - Extension Office Community Room
- **Central Services – 706-613-3530**
 - Courthouse Atrium
- **Fire Department – 706-613-3360**
 - Station #2 (265 Cleveland Road)
 - Station #3 (1198 South Milledge Avenue, Five Points)
 - Station #4 (900 Oglethorpe Avenue)
 - Station #7 (2350 Barnett Shoals Road)
 - Station #8 (3955 Jefferson Road)
 - Station #9 (1650 Danielsville Road)
- **Leisure Services**
 - Bishop Park – 706-613-3589
 - East Athens Educational Dance Center – 706-613-3624
 - Heard Park and Community Center (formerly East Athens Community Center) – 706-613-3593
 - Howard Park and Community Center (formerly Rocksprings Community Center) – 706-613-3603
 - Lay Park – 706-613-3596

- Lyndon House Arts Center – 706-613-3623

- Memorial Park – 706-613-3580

- Morton Theatre – 706-613-3770

- Quinn Hall – 706-613-3580

- Sandy Creek Nature Center – 706-613-3615

- Sandy Creek Park – 706-613-3631

- **Police Department – 706-613-3888**

- East Precinct / Headquarters Community Room

- **Public Utilities**

- Customer Service Center / Water Business Office (124 East Hancock Avenue) – 706-613-3500

- Water Resource Center Presentation / Training Room (780 Barber Street) – 706-613-3481

Community Tree Council

706-613-3561 [Community Forester]

www.accgov.com/ctc

The Community Tree Council (CTC) offers programs and events for the local government, the private sector, and resident groups in order to provide resource information, outreach, and education about tree management. The CTC also promotes sustainability and responsible stewardship of community trees. The ACC Community Forester serves on the Council (see also: *Community Forester*).

Community Tree Program (see: Community Forester)

Compost

www.accgov.com/compost

- **Backyard Compost Bins – 706-613-3501 ext. 9**

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful sells compost bins to the public for backyard composting.

- **Commercial Composting – 706-613-3508 / 706-613-3501 ext. 8 (Site Tours)**

Landfill, 5700 Lexington Road

The ACC Landfill operates a commercial composting facility designed to handle a high volume of organic material. The compost is produced using bio-solids collected from ACCGov's Water Reclamation Facilities and leaf and limb debris. Compost can be purchased by the cubic yard or by the bucket at the landfill.

- **Drop-Off Program**

The ACC Solid Waste Department offers drop-off for food scraps and compostable products (paper plates, napkins, clamshells) for residential composting at no charge. Locations include the CHaRM, Extension Office, Landfill, and Solid Waste Administration Office (see also *CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials)*; *Food Scraps*; *Landfill*).

- **Master Composter (see: Master Composter Program)**

Comprehensive Plan**706-613-3515**www.accgov.com/compplan

ACC Planning Department

ACCGov's update of its Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Mayor and Commission after approval by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in June 2023. The document is required by the state and represents ACCGov's initial step toward implementing the recommendations of the community. The Comprehensive Plan is a main source for identifying agreed upon goals, vision, policies, needs, opportunities, and a work program over the next 10 years (see also: *Development Standards*; *Envision Athens*; *Future Development Map / Plan*; *Zoning Code*).

Computers and Peripherals, Recycling (see: *CHaRM* (*Center for Hard to Recycle Materials*); *Landfill*; *'Disposal of Items in Athens-Clarke County'* on pg. 13)

Concealed Weapon Permit (see: *Firearms Permit*)

Conservation Ranger [Game Warden]**770-535-5499 / 800-241-4113 [Ranger Hotline]**www.georgiawildlife.com

2150 Dawsonville Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501
GA Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division

Consumer Affairs (see: *Consumer Protection Unit*)

Construction Noise (see: *'Noise Ordinance'* on pg. 10)

Construction, Road (see: *Road Work Reports*)

Consumer Protection Unit**404-651-8600 / 800-869-1123**www.consumer.georgia.gov

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 356, Atlanta, GA
The Georgia Department of Law's Consumer Protection Unit is the consumer protection agency for the State of Georgia. The office helps protect consumers from unfair and deceptive acts and practices in consumer transactions. It investigates consumer problems, monitors the marketplace to promote fair and honest competition, takes enforcement action against violators, and publishes consumer education materials and alert warnings (see also: *Better Business Bureau*; *National Do Not Call List*).

Convention and Visitors Bureau, Athens [CVB]**706-357-4430**www.visitathensga.com

300 North Thomas Street (Classic Center Firehall)
The CVB's primary goal is to increase the economic impact of the hospitality and visitor industry by attracting individual visitors, group tours, and meetings and

conventions to Athens. It publishes and distributes visitor information, maintains a community events calendar, and assists local businesses and associations in bringing meetings and conventions to Athens.

Cook's Trail**706-613-3615**www.accgov.com/trails

205 Old Commerce Road

Cook's Trail connects Sandy Creek Park and Sandy Creek Nature Center as part of the Greenway. The one way trail is open from Sandy Creek Park to Oxbow Loop. The section of trail from Oxbow Loop to Sandy Creek Nature Center is closed indefinitely (see also: *Sandy Creek Park*; *Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC)*; *North Oconee River Greenway*).

Cooling Assistance (see: *ACTION, Inc.*)

Cooperative Extension (see: *Extension, ACC*)

Coronavirus (see: *COVID-19 Information*)

Coroner**706-613-3999**www.accgov.com/coroner

150 Buddy Christian Way

The primary mission of the Coroner's office is to hold investigations and inquests regarding persons having died by unlawful, violent, suicidal, or mysterious means. The Coroner's Office is located at the Athens-Clarke County morgue.

Corrections**706-613-3400**www.accgov.com/corrections

2825 County Farm Road

The ACC Corrections Department provides a humane and safe environment for inmates, staff, and the community at large through the use of modern correctional management techniques and supervision. The department manages the Correctional Facility and the Diversion Center (see also: *Diversion Center*).

Costa Buildingwww.accgov.com/costa

133 East Washington Street

The Costa Building was built in 1910 by the Costa Built in 1910 by the Costa family, who operated a popular ice cream parlor in the space for many years, the building was later purchased by the local government as part of the City Hall campus and renovated as part of the SPLOST program. Re-opening in 2025, it will house staff from the ACCGov Economic Development, Elections, Housing and Community Development, and People and Belonging departments. One exterior wall features the Hot Corner public art mural.

Cottage, The
706-546-1133 [Office] / 706-353-1912 or
877-363-1912 [24-Hour Hotline]
www.northgeorgiacottage.org

3019 Lexington Road

The Cottage provides intervention, advocacy, referrals, and support to survivors and families impacted by child abuse and sexual assault, and provides sexual assault prevention education and awareness to the community. It was formerly known as the Sexual Assault Center of Northeast Georgia.

Council on Aging, Athens Community

706-549-4850

www.accaging.org

135 Hoyt Street

A resource for education, information, referral, counseling, support, and general assistance for older persons, including a Meals on Wheels program, Adult Day Care Center, and Senior Center.

Court Administrator

706-613-3161

www.accgov.com/courts

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 400

The Court Administrator provides a broad range of management and administrative services to the Juvenile, Magistrate, Municipal, Probate, State, Superior, and Treatment and Accountability Courts of Athens-Clarke County.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

706-613-1922

www.athensoconeecasa.org

The CASA program is an organization of volunteers who advocate in the juvenile court system for abused and neglected children, helping them find safe, permanent homes. A trained CASA volunteer assesses the child's situation and reports to the judge on the child's best interests.

Court, Bankruptcy (see: *Bankruptcy Court (Federal Court)*)

Court, Federal (see: *Federal Court (US District Court)*)

Courthouse [Athens-Clarke County]

325 East Washington Street

The ACC Courthouse houses ACC's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Clerk of Superior and State Courts, Court Administrator, District Attorney, DUI / Drug Court (State Court), Family Treatment Court, Felony Drug Court, Juvenile Court, Law Library, Magistrate Court, Municipal Court, Parental Accountability Court, Probate Court, Records, Real Estate, Sheriff's Office, Solicitor General, State Court, Superior Court, Tax Assessor,

Tax Commissioner, Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC), and Veterans Court.

Courthouse [Federal] (see: *Federal Court (US District Court)*)

Courts, Athens-Clarke County

www.accgov.com/courts

(see: *Accountability Courts; Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); Court Administrator; Drug Courts; Family Treatment Court; Juvenile Court; Magistrate Court; Municipal Court; Parental Accountability Court; Probate Court; State Court; Superior Court; Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC); and Veterans Court entries*)

COVID-19 Information

- **ACCGov:** www.accgov.com/coronavirus
- **Region:** publichealthathens.com
- **State:** dph.georgia.gov
- **Federal:** cdc.gov

Crime Prevention

762-400-7160

ACC Police Department East Substation
385 Fairview Street

Crime Reports

(see: *Police*)

Crime Stoppers Tip Line

706-705-4775

Callers with information about a crime that has been committed in Athens-Clarke County can speak directly to an operator between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays. Callers can leave messages if they call outside of this time frame. To ensure confidentiality, residents calling the tip line do not leave their names, but are assigned a number to guarantee anonymity.

Criminal Investigations

762-400-7083

ACC Police Department

Criminal Records (see: *Background Checks*)

Crisis Line [GA]

800-715-4225 [24 Hour Hotline] / 988

Mental health, substance abuse, and crisis and emergency services.

Cruising

Motor vehicles, except for excluded vehicles, cannot pass the same traffic point in a no-cruising zone on any day of the week between midnight and 4:00 AM within any one hour period more than three times. The no-cruising zone is designated as the area enclosed by Broad Street, Pulaski Street, Hancock Avenue, and

Foundry Street downtown. Excluded vehicles include vehicles for business purposes and permitted special events, as well as those used by residents of no-cruising zones traveling to a specific destination.

Cultural Affairs Commission, Athens

www.accgov.com/acac

Advises ACCGov on cultural affairs and the aesthetic development of the built environment with public art projects and artwork (see also: *Art, Public; Boards, Authorities, and Commissions*).

Curbs, Yellow (see: *Parking, Residential*)

Curfew, Juvenile

706-613-3345

ACC Police Department

By local ordinance, it is unlawful in many instances for unsupervised minors under the age of 18 to loiter, wander, stroll, or play in public places at night between 11:00 PM (midnight on Fridays and Saturdays) and 5:00 AM and during school days between 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Exceptions are detailed in the Code of Ordinances (see also: *Ordinances*).



DD2-14 Form (see: *Clerk of Superior and State Courts*)

Dead Animals (see: *Animals, Dead Removal*)

Death Certificates

706-389-6871 [Vital Records]

www.publichealthathens.com

The GA Health Department maintains a collection of death certificates for those who have died in Athens-Clarke County. There is a fee for the general public for a death certificate (see also: *Health Department*).

Decks, Parking

- **Behind Classic Center** – Managed by the Classic Center (706-208-0900)
- **College Avenue** – Managed by the Downtown Athens Parking System (706-613-7978)
- **Courthouse** – Managed by the ACC Central Services Department (706-613-3552 - direct / 706-613-3530 - Central Services))
- **University of Georgia (8 decks)** – Managed by UGA Parking Services (706-542-7275)
- **West Washington Street** – Managed by the Downtown Athens Parking System (706-613-7978)

Deeds

706-613-3190

ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts

Deed records are housed in the Real Estate / Deeds Room (ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 450). Index information from 1998 to within 14 days of current date is available at www.gsccca.org.

Defender, Public (see: *Public Defender*)

Definition of Family (see: *Family, Definition of*)

Demonstrations (see: *'Picketing & Demonstrations' ordinances on pg. 10*)

Development Services

www.accgov.com/devservices

The Site Development Services Coordinator, housed in the ACC Economic Development Department, serves as a point of contact and liaison between the development community, business community, and ACCGov staff and officials to help projects navigate the site development process efficiently.

Development Standards

706-613-3515

ACC Planning Department

The Development Standards establish guidelines and performance measures for the development of specific site and building design standards, subdivision of property, environmental areas, historic preservation, signage, tree management plans, and parking. The Zoning and Development Standards are collectively called the Development Regulations (see also: *Comprehensive Plan; Future Land Use Map / Plan; Zoning Code*).

DFCS (see: *Family and Children Services, Division of*)

Diaper Bank, Athens Area

706-621-7265

www.athensareadiaperbank.com

Provides diapers to low-income families in the Athens area. Diapers are distributed to families from their partner organizations around the community. A list of current partners can be found on the website.

Digging [Private Property] (see: *Utilities Protection Services or Utilities Locator*)

Disability Programs (see: *Therapeutic Recreation Programs*)

Disability Transportation (see: *Lift Information*)

Disabled Person's Parking Permit

706-613-3130

dor.georgia.gov/documents/forms

GA Department of Revenue

3700 Atlanta Highway (inside Georgia Square Mall)

A Disabled Person's Parking Affidavit form from the GA

Department of Revenue must be submitted to the ACC Tag Office.

Disc Golf

www.accgov.com/discgolf

Sandy Creek Park's Disc Golf course currently includes 27 holes and is open to the public during regular park hours. There is a fee of \$1 per person to play plus regular park admission (see also: *Sandy Creek Park*).

Discharge Papers [Military – DD2-14 Forms] (see: *Clerk of Superior and State Courts*)

Discrimination

The ACCGov local ordinance on unlawful discrimination (Athens-Clarke County Code of Ordinances Chapter 6-21) provides the right of an otherwise qualified person to be free from discrimination because of that person's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, marital status, familial status, or veteran/military status (see also: *Ordinances*).

- **All Businesses:** Businesses, as defined in Code Chapter 6-21, are prohibited from discriminating against a person based on the above categories in employment, public accommodations, service in retail establishments, and housing.
- **Bars:** Bars are prohibited from discriminating by refusing any person admission, service, or products based on any of the protected classes in Athens-Clarke County Code Sections 6-3-6. Bars using a dress code must apply it uniformly to all persons, enforce it consistently on any given day, and post the dress code clearly to all persons seeking admittance.
- **Filing Complaints:** The form for discrimination complaints of either kind is available at www.accgov.com/attorney and can be submitted by email, mail, or in person at the ACC Attorney's Office. Complaint forms must be notarized, which can be done at the ACC Attorney's Office (see also: *Attorney's Office*).

Disorderly Conduct (see: *'Disorderly Conduct Activities & Behaviors' ordinances on pg. 10*)

Dispossessory Warrant (see: *Evictions*)

District Attorney

706-613-3240

www.accgov.com/da

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 370
The District Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecuting all criminal offenses, felonies and misdemeanors, as well as certain civil actions such as drug, gambling, and bond forfeitures in the Superior Courts of the Western Judicial Circuit. These

prosecutions, both civil and criminal, are generated primarily by the police agencies in and around the area.

District Court (see: *United States District Court*)

Diversion Center

706-613-2022

www.accgov.com/corrections

2725 Lexington Road

The center is operated by the ACC Corrections Department and provides quality cost-effective management of non-violent offenders whose confinement in traditional incarceration would limit them from more quickly integrating into society. It also helps build skill sets to encourage successful re-entry back into the community.

Divorce Filing

706-613-3190

ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts

Divorce records are maintained in the Clerk of Superior and State Courts Office. If residents of Athens-Clarke County are planning to file for divorce, it is suggested they seek an attorney for legal advice prior to contacting the Clerk of Superior and State Courts. The public may call the number listed here with questions about the status of divorces that have already been filed.

DMV (see: *Driver Services, Georgia Department of*)

Do Not Call List (see: *National Do Not Call List*)

Dog Parks

www.accgov.com/dogparks

Off-leash dog parks can be found at ACC Leisure Services' Sandy Creek Park, Memorial Park, and Southeast Clarke Park, as well as at UGA's Lake Herrick

Dogs (see: *Adoption, Animal; Animal Services Department; Dog Parks; 'Animal Services' ordinances on pg. 10*)

Domestic Partner (see: *Municipal Court*)

Door-to-Door Sales

706-613-3050 [Permits] / 706-613-3345 or

706-613-3790 [Report Violations]

Individuals selling items door-to-door must have a vending permit from the ACC Finance Department and display a vendor badge. They may not sell on properties posted with 'No Solicitation' signs. Violators may be reported to the ACC Police Department or to the ACC Code Enforcement Division.

Dougherty Street Governmental Building

120 West Dougherty Street

This building houses an auditorium, as well as the ACC Building Permits and Inspections Department,

Code Enforcement Division, Planning Department, and Transportation and Public Works Department.

Downtown Athens Parade of Lights

706-613-3800

www.acgov.com/parade

This annual tradition celebrates the beginning of the holiday season with a parade and lighting of the community Christmas tree downtown. It is held on the first Thursday in December. The parade is coordinated by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS)

706-613-7978

www.downtownathensga.org

287 College Avenue (lower level of parking deck) DAPS is a division of the Athens Downtown Development Authority established in 1993. It manages Athens-Clarke County on- and off-street parking facilities including parking meters, off-street lots, and the College Avenue and West Washington Street Parking Decks (see also: *Athens Downtown Development Authority (ADDA); Parking Tickets*).

Downtown Development Authority (see: *Athens Downtown Development Authority (ADDA)*)

Drainage, Street

706-613-3465

ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division

Driver Services, Georgia Department of

678-413-8400 (State)

dds.georgia.gov

1505 Highway 29 North

Open Tuesdays – Saturdays only

This office issues driver licenses and Georgia ID cards.

Driver's License (see: *Driver Services, Georgia Department of*)

Drought Information (see: *Public Utilities*)

Drug Courts

The ACC Drug Courts provide a non-traditional approach to sentencing criminal offenders who are drug and/or alcohol addicted (see also: *Veterans Court*).

- **DUI Treatment Court (State Court)**

706-613-3206

www.acgov.com/duitreatmentcourt

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 430

- **Felony Drug Court (Superior Court)**

706-208-7078

www.acgov.com/courts

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210

Drug Hotline

706-613-3297

ACC Police Department – Drug Task Force

Residents may call this hotline at any time to report illegal drug activity. Calls can be anonymous.

Drug Lab, Athens

706-613-3911 ext. 6606

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 430 The Athens Drug Lab is part of the ACC State Court's DUI/Drug Court program. It is currently available to the courts for court-ordered drug and alcohol screens. The lab can also provide drug and alcohol screening for government agencies and local businesses.

Drugs & Other Addictive Diseases Services (see: *Advantage Behavioral Health Systems*)

Dudley Park

706-613-3620

www.acgov.com/dudley

100 Dudley Drive

This 8.5-acre park is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. It features a connection between the North Oconee River Greenway and the Firefly Trail, a canoe/kayak launch, an amphitheatre, and a basketball court. It is named after former City of Athens Mayor A.J. Dudley.

DUI Treatment Court (see: *Drug Courts*)

Dumping, Illegal

706-613-3790

ACC Code Enforcement Division

(see also: 'Dumping' ordinances on pg. 10)



Early Voting (see: *Advance Voting*)

East Athens Community Center (see: *Heard Park and Community Center*)

East Athens Community Park (see: *Walker Park*)

East Athens Development Corporation (EADC)

706-208-0048

www.eadcinc.org

410 McKinley Drive, Suite 101

EADC provides neighborhood revitalization, community-based micro-enterprise, job development, and affordable housing initiatives.

East Athens Educational Dance Center

706-613-3624

www.acgov.com/dance

390 McKinley Drive

This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department offers year-round dance classes for children and adults and an annual production at the Morton Theatre.

Economic Development Department

706-613-3233

www.investathensga.com

The ACC Economic Development Department is the primary point of contact for industries, large commercial developments, site location consultants, and state economic development organizations interested in developing, expanding, or locating new or expanded businesses in Athens-Clarke County.

Education, Board of (see: *Clarke County School District*)

Elderly Services (see: *Council on Aging, Athens Community*)

Elections Department

706-613-3150

www.accgov.com/elections

155 East Washington Street

The Elections Department manages all voter registrations and conducts all elections held in Athens-Clarke County. It educates the public on all election dates and laws, is responsible for the certification of election result, handles the qualification process for candidates, and maintains an accurate list of voters for elections, for candidates, and for jury lists.

Electricity

- **Georgia Power** – 888-660-5890
- **Jackson EMC** – 888-228-9166
- **Walton EMC** – 770-267-2505
- **Rayle EMC** – 706-678-2116

(see also: *Outage, Power; Utilities*)

Electronics, Recycling (see: *CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials); Landfill; 'Disposal of Items in Athens-Clarke County' on pg. 13*)

Emergencies – 911

For fire, police, animal services, or medical emergencies.

Emergency Management Agency [EMA]

762-400-8222

www.accgov.com/ema

700 College Avenue

The ACC Emergency Management Office (EMA) develops and maintains comprehensive strategies to protect life and property and to prevent and/or reduce the negative impact of natural and man-made emergency events in Athens-Clarke County.

Emergency Medical Services [EMS]

911 [Emergency] / 706-286-7007

Emergency Medical Services are provided in Athens-Clarke County by National EMS, a private company.

Emergency Water or Sewer Service

ACC Public Utilities Department

- **Water & Sewer Division – 706-613-3495**

Report an emergency, such as a water main break or sewer blockage.

- **Meter Management – 706-613-3479**

Call to have a water meter shut off due to an emergency.

- **After-Hours / Weekends – 706-613-3481**

Call if an emergency occurs after-hours or on the weekend.

Employment, Athens-Clarke County

706-613-3090

www.accgov.com/jobs

Applicants interested in positions with ACCGov can apply online and Monday – Friday (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) at the Human Resources Department in the Satula Building (375 Satula Avenue). Job listings are also available online and through e-mail/text notifications, as well as on ACTV and social media (see also: *ACTV schedule on pg. 16*).

Employment, Summer (see: *Summer Employment (ACC Leisure Services)*)

EMS (see: *Emergency Medical Services (EMS)*)

Environmental Health Division (see: *Health Department*)

Envision Athens

www.envisionathens.com

Envision Athens is a community-wide effort to develop a common vision for the future of Athens-Clarke County. This process resulted in a strategy to guide community and economic development for the next 20 years.

Equalization, Board of

706-613-3140

This three-member board is appointed by the Grand Jury to hear appeals on property values and exemptions. Members are appointed for three-year terms and answer to a Superior Court Judge. The independent board sets the date and time for hearings, hears evidence from both the taxpayer and the ACC Tax Assessors Office, and makes a decision on the value of the property/exemption. If either party disagrees with the decision, it may be appealed to the Superior Court.

E-SPLOST

706-546-7721

www.clarke.k12.ga.us

The Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST) is a 1% sales tax approved by voters and operated by the Clarke County School District to

build facilities and acquire technologies that support the educational process.

Estates

706-613-3321

The Estates Division of the Probate Court issues probate wills as required by law and deals with petitions involving estates, guardianship of person and property of minors, and incapacitated adults.

Events, Special and/or Outdoor

Any organized activity having as its purpose entertainment, recreation, and/or education (such as a festival, celebration, foot/vehicle race, parade, march, rally, or assembly) that takes place on a public street, sidewalk, or right-of-way, or occurs on private property and impacts government services on public rights-of-way, must submit an application to the ACC Central Services Department at least 60 days in advance.

All outdoor events with commercial entertainment or amplification must be registered with the ACC Police Department at least 72 hours beforehand. Registration for events falling during Sunday – Thursday, 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM, or Saturday and Sunday mornings, midnight – 7:00 AM, will not be accepted. Special event permit applications are available at the ACC website at www.accgov.com/centralservices (see also: *Demonstrations; Picketing; 'Picketing & Demonstrations' ordinances on pg. 10*).

Evictions

www.accgov.com/evictions

Owners or agents wishing to evict a tenant must first file a dispossessory warrant affidavit in the Magistrate Court. Dispossessory warrants are then served by the Sheriff's Office (see also: *Magistrate Court; Sheriff's Office*).

Expungement (see: *Second Chance Desk*)

Extension, ACC

706-613-3640

www.accgov.com/extension

275 Cleveland Road

ACC Extension's mission is to respond to people's needs and interests in agriculture, horticulture, agribusiness, landscaping, the environment, families, and 4-H/youth with unbiased, research-based education and information. It is the official educational arm of the University of Georgia and the US Department of Agriculture, but also a part of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (see also: *Agriculture & Natural Resources; Food Preservation and Safety; Master Composter Program; Master Gardener Program; Master Naturalist Program; Radon Testing and Education; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)*).

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Family and Children Services, Division of

706-227-7021 [Region 5: Athens]

dfcs.georgia.gov

284 North Avenue

The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) investigates reports of child abuse; finds foster and adoptive homes for abused and neglected children; issues SNAP, Medicaid, TANF and child care assistance to low-income families; helps out-of-work parents get back on their feet; and provides numerous services and programs to help families in need (see also: *Medicaid*).

Family Connection / Communities in Schools

706-369-9732

www.clarke.gafcp.org

This partnership is designated the planning body for services for children and families in Athens-Clarke County and brings together more than 100 partners to address their needs. The goals are to improve child health, child development, school performance, family functioning, and family economic capacity.

Family, Definition of

Single-family dwelling units in Athens-Clarke County cannot have more than a certain number of unrelated individuals residing in them. The number depends upon the zoning classification for the property. For zoning information about a property, contact the ACC Planning Department (706-613-3515). To report violations, contact the ACC Code Enforcement Division (706-613-3790) (see also: *'Single Family Housing' ordinances on pg. 11*).

Family Treatment Court

706-613-3300

www.accgov.com/ftc

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 115
The Athens-Clarke County Family Treatment Court is a program through Juvenile Court that aims to break the cycle of addiction and resulting neglect through monitored service delivery, limiting foster care stays for affected children, addressing and influencing substance abuse in deprivation cases in order to ensure the safety and well-being of children, and facilitating healthy family reunification (see also: *Juvenile Court*).

Family Protection Center

2795 Lexington Road

The Family Protection Center provides a single location/facility for collaborative services between multiple agencies such as the GA Division of Family and Children Services, the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), Project Safe, the ACC Police Department, the

Cottage, and the District Attorney that work with child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence cases.

FBI (see: *Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)*)

Federal Building (see: *Robert G. Stephens Federal Building*)

Federal Bureau of Investigations [FBI]

770-216-3000

www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/atlanta

3000 Flowers Road S, Atlanta, GA 30341

FBI Atlanta covers the entire state of Georgia.

Federal Court [US District Court]

706-227-1094

www.gamd.uscourts.gov

US Post Office and Federal Courthouse

115 East Hancock Avenue, 2nd Floor

Athens is part of Middle District of Georgia, which has its main office in Macon (478-752-3506).

Federal Government Information (see: *United States Government Information*)

Felony Drug Court (see: *Drug Courts*)

Fences

706-613-3515

www.acccgov.com/planning

Fence installation requires a Zoning Permit from the ACC Planning Department.

Feral Cats (see: *Cats*)

Film Office, Athens

706-613-FILM [3456]

www.athensgafilmoffice.com

The Athens Film Office, a function of the ACC Communications Department, assists productions looking to film in the area, works with local production-related resources and crew, promotes Athens as a filming location, and manages a local location directory. Athens-Clarke County is designated a Camera Ready Community by the Georgia Film, Music & Digital Entertainment Office.

Filming (see: *Film Office, Athens*)

Finance Department

706-613-3040

www.acccgov.com/finance

Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue

The ACC Finance Department directs the financial operations activities of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government. The divisions are Accounting, Financial Services, and Purchasing (see also: *Budget, Athens-Clarke County; Purchasing*).

Fingerprinting

The ACC Police Department (706-613-3330), and ACC Sheriff's Office (706-613-3250) offer fingerprinting services for a fee to residents applying for jobs.

Fire Department

706-613-3360

www.acccgov.com/fire

The ACC Fire Department is a progressive and responsive department dedicated to the preservation of life and property through prevention, education, mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery programs (see also: *Burning; Fire Marshal; Fire Reports*).

- Administration / Station #1 – 700 College Avenue
- Station #2 – 265 Cleveland Road
- Station #3 – 1198 South Milledge Avenue
- Station #4 – 900 Oglethorpe Avenue
- Station #5 – 1090 Whit Davis Road
- Station #6 – 580 Athena Drive
- Station #7 – 2350 Barnett Shoals Road
- Station #8 – 3955 Jefferson Road
- Station #9 – 1650 Danielsville Road
- Fire Training Center – 155 Paradise Boulevard

Fire Hydrants

706-613-3495 [Waterline Maintenance]

ACC Public Utilities Department

Fire Marshal

706-613-3365

www.acccgov.com/fire

The ACC Fire Department's Fire Marshal's Office manages fire inspections/investigations; promoting fire safety through code enforcement; reviewing and approving building construction plans; issuing permits; and directing fire safety education programs.

Fire Reports

706-613-3360

Available at the ACC Fire Department Headquarters (700 College Avenue) for a fee.

Firearms Permit (see: *Weapons Carry License*)

Firefly Trail

706-613-3620

www.acccgov.com/firefly

The Firefly Trail is a planned 39-mile rail-trail from Athens to Union Point in Northeast Georgia, connecting Athens-Clarke, Oglethorpe, and Greene Counties. In Athens-Clarke County, several segments along the historic Georgia Railroad corridor between East Broad Street, Winterville, and the county line have been completed or are under development. In Athens-Clarke County, the Firefly Trail is administered and maintained by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Fires (see: Burning)**Fireworks**

Fireworks are restricted by state law and the local noise ordinance. State law permits fireworks after 10:00 AM for the last Saturday and Sunday in May (Memorial Day weekend), July 3 and 4 (Independence Day), the first Monday in September (Labor Day), and on December 31 (New Year's Eve) through 1:00 AM on January 1. On all other days, fireworks are prohibited before 10:00 AM by state law and prohibited if they can be heard more than 100 feet from the place or property line between 10:00 AM and 11:59 PM by the local noise ordinance. State law also governs most other fireworks restrictions, including prohibiting their use while under the influence of drugs or alcohol and or within 100 yards of certain locations such as health care facilities, gas stations, or hospitals.

Fishing [ACC Leisure Services areas]

www.acccgov.com/fishing

Fishing is allowed along the Greenway, at Ben Burton Park, at Dudley Park, at Memorial Park, and at Sandy Creek Park with a valid GA Department of Natural Resources fishing license (see also: *Fishing and Hunting Licenses*).

Fishing and Hunting Licenses

800-366-2661

www.georgiawildlife.com

The GA Department of Natural Resources administers hunting and fishing licenses and regulations. Licenses are available over the phone, online, and at local retailers (see also: *Hunter Education*).

Fleet Management

706-613-3447

225 Newton Bridge Road

The Fleet Management Division of the ACC Central Services Department maintains ACCGov vehicles.

Flooding / Flood Plains

- **Street flooding** – 911 or Streets and Drainage Division (706-613-3465)
- **Parks / Greenway and Firefly Trail / other trails** – Leisure Services Trails and Open Space (706-613-3620)
- **Private property** – Flood issues are generally the responsibility of the property owners. The Stormwater Management Program (706-613-3440) may be able to provide some guidance on remedies if stormwater-related. For flooding related to broken water pipes, contact Public Utilities (706-613-3495) if the break is on the street side of the meter or a private plumber if the break is on the private property side of the meter. For flood map information, visit www.fema.gov/flood-maps.

Flu Shots

706-389-6921

GA Health Department Main Office
345 North Harris Street

Flu shots are administered to the public by the GA Health Department and private retailers and physicians.

Food Banks

- **Athens Area Emergency Food Bank** –

706-353-8182

www.athensfoodbank.org
640 Barber Street

- **Food Bank of Northeast Georgia** – **706-354-8191**

(Referral Line)

www.foodbanknega.org
861 Newton Bridge Road

Food Education (see: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed))**Food Preservation and Safety**

706-613-3640

ACC Extension answers questions and provides instructions to residents in food safety and proper preservation of foods through canning, freezing, and dehydration (see also: *Extension, ACC*).

Food Scraps

706-613-3501 ext. 7878

www.acccgov.com/foodscraps

The ACC Solid Waste Department offers drop-off for food scraps and compostable products (paper plates, napkins, clamshells) for composting at several public locations for Athens-Clarke County residents. The department also offers collection of food scraps for commercial businesses, nonprofits, and organizations in Athens-Clarke County (see also: *Compost*).

Food Stamps (see: Family and Children Services, Division of)**Food Trucks**

706-613-3530

ACC Central Services Department

Food trucks and other mobile food vendors can provide food for sale to the general public in specific areas and at certain times once permitted by the ACC Central Services Department. Applications are available at www.acccgov.com/centralservices.

Foreclosure Auctions

These are conducted by private banks and/or attorneys on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM on the steps of the ACC Courthouse. Announcements are placed in the legal organ newspaper prior to auctions (see also: *Foreclosures; Tax Sale Auctions*).

Foreclosures**706-613-3190 ext. 4**

The ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts records documents that pertain to foreclosures, but no information is provided over the phone. Contact a lawyer for information or with questions. A fee is charged for each copy of documents (see also: *Foreclosure Auctions*).

Forester (see: Community Forester)**Forestry Commission, Georgia****1-800-GA-TREES /****706-743-5703 [Area 5 Chief Ranger – Crawford] / 912-601-9554 [Forester]**

www.gatrees.org

1055 East Whitehall Road

The GA Forestry Commission houses the state's County Forester office, the Urban and Community Forestry program, the Stewardship and Forestry Help programs, and some state-run forestry programs. The Fire Control office distributes burn permits for the area for limited burning, as most burning in Athens-Clarke County is prohibited by local ordinance (see also: *Burning*).

Foster Homes / Foster Children

www.homein5.net

(see also: *Family and Children Services, Division of*)

Freeport Exemption**706-613-3140**

ACC Tax Assessors Office

Freeport exemptions in Athens-Clarke County allow 100% of the inventory of qualified manufacturers under certain conditions to be exempt from taxation.

Future Land Use Map / Plan**706-613-3515**

www.acgov.com/compplan

ACC Planning Department

The Future Land Use Map is prepared as part of the Comprehensive Plan. It graphically displays the geographic arrangement of desired land uses for Athens-Clarke County. The Future Land Use Plan serves as a reference for evaluating land use decisions (see also: *Comprehensive Plan; Development Standards; Zoning Code*).

**Gambling Helpline****800-GAMBLER (800-426-2537)**

www.ncpgambling.org

National Council on Problem Gambling

Game Warden (see: Conservation Ranger (Game Warden))

Garage Sales**706-613-3515**

ACC Planning Department

Garage sales are considered temporary, non-commercial activity conducted on the premises of a private residence for the purpose of the disposal of goods or belongings of the residents of the dwelling. Garage sales cannot be longer than two days and cannot occur more than twice in any 365-day period. Off-premises garage sale signs are not allowed and all signs should be out of the right-of-way.

Garbage Bags, Downtown**706-613-3501 ext. 6**

ACC Solid Waste Department

Clear garbage bags purchased from Athens-Clarke County are used for commercial and residential garbage collection and recycling in the Downtown Business District. Bags are available at the Athens Downtown Development Authority's Parking Services Office (287 College Avenue), the ACC Solid Waste Department (725 Hancock Industrial Way), and the ACC Water Business Office (124 E. Hancock Avenue). Bulk orders can also be delivered by the ACC Solid Waste Department.

Garbage Collection**706-613-3501**

The ACC Solid Waste Department provides residential collection and disposal services for garbage and recycling within the Urban Service District. Various private haulers serve outside of this area. Additionally, the ACC Solid Waste Department provides commercial collection county-wide. A list of private haulers is available at www.acgov.com/privatehaulers (see also: *Solid Waste*).

Gardener, Master (see: Master Gardener Program)

Gardening Tool Bank (see: Tool Shed)

Gardens, Community**706-613-3515**

www.acgov.com/planning

ACC Planning Department

Community gardens less than 1 acre in size are permitted in all zoning districts in ACC. To start a community garden on a vacant lot, a permit must be issued by the Planning Department and renewed annually. Community gardens on the same lot as a house, church, or commercial building need only zoning permits for any associated fences and/or sheds.

Gas, Natural

For gas leaks, call Atlanta Gas Light at 877-427-4321 or call 911. Natural gas in Athens-Clarke County

is provided by private companies regulated by the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC). A list of certified gas marketers is available at the PSC website (www.psc.ga.gov). ACC Extension also provides consumer education for natural gas customers (see also: *Extension, ACC; Public Service Commission*).

GBI (see: *Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI)*)

GDOT (see: *Transportation, Georgia Department of*)

Georgia Access

georgiaaccess.gov

Georgia Access is an online platform that allows Georgia residents to compare and enroll in health insurance coverage from a variety of providers (see also: *Medicaid; Medicare; Georgia Pathways to Coverage*).

Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI)

706-552-2309

www.gbi.georgia.gov

1170 U.S. Highway 29 North

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is an independent, statewide agency that provides assistance to the state's criminal justice system in criminal investigations, forensic laboratory services, and computerized criminal justice information.

Georgia Government Information

800-GEORGIA

www.georgia.gov

Georgia Legal Services Program

706-227-5362 [Athens Regional Office] /

833-457-7529 [Intake Line]

www.glsp.org

1865 West Broad Street, Suite B

Provides no-cost legal services for civil matters of those who cannot afford a lawyer. Individuals seeking criminal defense should contact the Public Defender's Office (see also: *Legal Aid and Assistance*).

Georgia Pathways to Coverage

404-656-4507

pathways.georgia.gov

Georgia Pathways offers healthcare coverage to residents who meet program requirements and are not otherwise eligible for traditional Medicaid. The program is Administered by the Georgia Department of Community Health (see also: *Medicaid*).

Georgia Power (see: *Electricity*)

Georgia State Patrol

706-552-4439 [Post 32 - Athens]

www.dps.georgia.gov

1505 U.S. Highway 29 North

The GA State Patrol investigates traffic crashes and enforces traffic and criminal laws on the state's roads. They do not issue driver's licenses (see: *Driver Services, Georgia Department of*).

Geospatial Information Office (GIO) (see: *Budget and Strategic Analysis Department*)

GIS (see: *Budget and Strategic Analysis Department*)

Glass Containers (see: *Open Containers - Alcoholic*)

Government Information, Athens-Clarke County (see: *Communications Department*)

Government Information, State (see: *Georgia Government Information*)

Government Information, Federal (see: *United States Government Information*)

Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs (see: *Consumer Protection Unit*)

Graffiti Reporting / Removal

706-613-3440

The ACC Transportation & Public Works Department handles graffiti removal on bridges, street signs, and some other public rights-of-way materials. Property owners are responsible for removal of graffiti on private property. Report persons who produce graffiti to the ACC Police Department.

Grass Cutting, Public (see: *Right-of-Way Maintenance*)

Green Life Awards

706-613-3512

www.acccgov.com/greenlife

ACC Solid Waste Department

The Green Life Expo and Awards is a community-wide celebration providing residents with the opportunity to increase their awareness of and interest in improving the environment of their house, yard, business, and community.

Green Schools

706-613-3512

www.acccgov.com/greenschools

The Green School Program is a project of the ACC Solid Waste Department's Recycling Division, ACC Public Utilities Department's Water Conservation Office, ACC Transportation & Public Works Department's Stormwater Program, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, and ACC Planning Department's Arborist. It assists schools with environmental education and improvement efforts that focus on conservation, preservation, and beautification.

Greenway (see: *Oconee Rivers Greenway*)

Grills [Multi-Family Housing]

Charcoal and gas grills are prohibited on balconies and on ground level within 10 feet of combustible patios in multi-family housing. Contact the ACC Fire Marshal at 706-613-3365 for details (see also: *Fire Marshal*).

Guardian (see: *Probate Court*)

Gun Permit (see: *Weapons Carry License*)

Gymnastics (see: *Bishop Park*)

**Habitat for Humanity, Athens Area**

706-208-1001 [Main Office] /
706-354-0936 [Athens ReStore East] /
706-715-6729 [Athens ReStore West]

www.athenshabitat.com

532 Barber Street (Main Office / ReStore East) /
 4125 Atlanta Highway, Bogart, GA (ReStore West)
 Athens Area Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization dedicated to the elimination of substandard housing in Clarke, Oconee, and Oglethorpe counties. The Habitat ReStore takes new and used home furnishings and sells them at up to 90% off retail cost. All funds raised support Athens Habitat in its continuing effort to eliminate poverty housing in the community.

Hancock Corridor Development Corporation

706-546-1154

www.hancockcdc.org

300 Henderson Extension

Handicap Permits (see: *Disabled Person's Parking Permit*)

Hands On Historic Athens

historicathens.com/hoha

Hands on Historic Athens (HOHA) is a neighborhood revitalization initiative of Historic Athens that assists low-income homeowners with home maintenance projects in homes that are 50 years or older. The goal of Hands On Historic Athens is to keep neighborhoods intact through safe and habitable homes (see also: *Historic Athens*).

HCD (see: *Housing and Community Development Department (HCD)*)

Head Start

706-357-5239

Clarke County School District Office of Early Learning
 440-2 Dearing Extension

Head Start exists to promote the school readiness of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children from low income families.

Health Centers, Athens Neighborhood

These private, non-profit health center clinics were established in 1971 to provide low-cost health care.

- 675 College Avenue – 706-546-5526 (Spanish translator available)
- 402 McKinley Drive (Miriam Moore Community Center) – 706-543-1145
- Hilsman Health Clinic - 870 Gaines School Road (Hilsman Middle School) – 706-546-7463
 For students and staff during the school year. When school is on break, it is open to the community.
- After-hours emergency – 706-475-9706

Health Department, Clarke County

www.publichealthathens.com

The county Health Department is funded by the Georgia Department of Public Health and is part of the 10-county Northeast Health District. It provides a range of health services to ACC residents, including women's health, child health, school health, disabled children's services, communicable disease control, chronic disease services, dental health, environmental health, nutrition services, vaccinations, COVID-19 testing, and health education (see also: *Babies Can't Wait; Birth Certificates; Death Certificates; Restaurant Inspections; Teen Matters*).

- **Health Information Hotline** – 800-473-4357
- **Main Health Department** – 706-389-6921
 345 North Harris Street
- **Environmental Health Division** – 706-583-2658
 183 Paradise Boulevard, Suite 104
- **Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Clinic** –
706-369-5816
 645 Meigs Street
- **Vital Records** – 706-389-6871
 345 North Harris Street

Health Insurance (see: *Medicaid, Medicare, Georgia Access, Georgia Pathway to Coverage*)

Heard Park and Community Center

706-613-3593

www.acccgov.com/heardpark

400 McKinley Drive

Formerly known as East Athens Community Center, this facility is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. It is equipped with a gymnasium, full-service kitchen, multi-purpose room, resource library, computer lab, game room, sports fields, swimming pool, pickleball courts, a picnic shelter, and playground. It offers year-round programs for children and adults.

Hearings Board

706-613-3515

www.acccgov.com/planning

ACC Planning Department

The ACC Hearings Board reviews applications for variances that are not subject to the regular staff review process. The board also hears appeals of Planning Department staff decisions or interpretations of zoning-related requirements.

Heating Assistance (see: *ACTION, Inc.*)

Hiking (see: *Trails*)

Historic Athens

706-353-1801

www.historicathens.com

Firehall No. 2, 489 Prince Avenue

Historic Athens, formerly the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation, is a non-profit organization concerned with the value of historic buildings, neighborhoods, and heritage. It also operates the Athens Welcome Center (see also: *Welcome Center, Athens*).

Historic Preservation

www.accgov.com/hpc

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is an independent commission that makes recommendations to the Mayor and Commission for the designation of specific places, districts, sites, buildings, structures, objects, or works of art that are determined to be historically significant. The HPC also reviews plans for exterior changes to properties designated under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The Historic Preservation Planner at the ACC Planning Department serves as staff to the HPC (see also: *Boards, Authorities, and Commissions; Historic Athens; Planning Department*).

Historical Information (see: *Records, Historical*)

Historical Markers

404-382-5410 [Atlanta Office]

www.georgiahistory.com

The Georgia Historical Society manages the Historical Marker program for Georgia.

Holland Youth Sports Complex

706-613-3991 / 706-613-3604 [After 4:00 PM]

www.accgov.com/holland

250 Vincent Drive

This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department opened in 1993 and is named in honor of former Clarke County Commission Chairman Jim Holland. The facility has seven baseball fields and four soccer fields.

Home Economist (see: *Extension, ACC*)

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

706-613-3155

HOME funds come from federal grants administered locally by the ACC Housing and Community

Development Department and fund single-family housing construction.

Homeless Services

- **Athens Homeless Coalition**

www.athenshrc.org

- **Bigger Vision of Athens – 706-340-6062**

www.bvoa.org

95 North Avenue

- **Homeless Day Service Center – 706-354-1154**

www.advantagebhs.org/homeless-services.cms

240 North Avenue

- **Homeless Shelter, Athens Area – 706-354-0423**

www.helpathenshomeless.org

620 Barber Street

The shelter's focus is to provide a transitional facility for homeless women and their children.

- **Salvation Army – 706-543-5350**

southernusa.salvationarmy.org/athens

490 Hawthorne Avenue

Homestead Exemptions

706-613-3120

www.accgov.com/tc

The ACC Tax Commissioner's Office allows for a homestead exemption to be granted to residents who own their homes/land on the first day of each year for tax purposes, as well as a low-income exemption for those who qualify. Each county in Georgia sets its own exemptions. Homeowners may file an application for homestead exemption any time during the year. However, applications must be filed by April 1 for property owned as of January 1 of the taxable year in order to have the exemption apply to the current year's tax bill (see also: *Tax Commissioner*).

Hospitals (see: *Piedmont Athens Regional; Saint Mary's Hospital*)

Housing and Community Development

Department [HCD]

706-613-3155

www.accgov.com/hcd

Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue

The ACC Housing and Community Development Department strives to improve and develop viable neighborhoods by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunity for low- to moderate-income individuals.

Housing and Urban Development [HUD]

404-331-5136 / 800-CALL-FHA (800-225-5342)

www.hud.gov

Five Points Plaza 15th Floor

40 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Housing Authority, Athens [AHA]**706-425-5300**www.athenshousing.org

300 South Rocksprings Street

The AHA is a dependable source of safe and affordable housing for the elderly, disabled individuals, working families, and families in transition. Rents in AHA neighborhoods are income-based. The AHA also provides opportunities for affordable home ownership through ACT I Homes.

Housing Choice Voucher Program**888-858-6085 [Application Assistance Hotline] /****770-806-5050**www.dca.ga.gov

GA Department of Community Affairs (Northern Office)
60 Executive Park S NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

Sometimes referred to as Section 8 Rental Assistance, this is a tenant-based assistance program that assists low-income individuals and families to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market (see also: *Community Affairs, GA Department of (DCA)*).

Howard Park and Community Center**706-613-3602**www.acccgov.com/howardpark

291 Henderson Extension

Formerly known as Rocksprings Park, this 6-acre park facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department and includes an athletic field, basketball courts, playground, swimming pool, splash pad, and a community center. The center offers year-round programming, including an afterschool program and summer camp.

HUD (see: *Housing and Urban Development (HUD)*)**Human Resources Department****706-613-3090**www.acccgov.com/hr

Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue

The ACC Human Resources Department provides personnel support services to the various departments and agencies of the Unified Government. Job listings can be viewed on ACTV and browsed online (see also: *ACTV schedule on page 16; Employment, Athens-Clarke County*).

Humane Society, Athens Area**706-769-9155**www.athenshumaneociety.org

1030 Mitchell Bridge Road

The Athens Area Humane Society (AAHS) is dedicated to providing shelter, care, and medical treatment for unwanted and abandoned animals of the community while finding them homes. The AAHS also runs the Athens Regional Spay & Neuter Center (see also:

*Animal Services Department; Adoption, Animal; Cats).***Hunter Education****770-761-3010**www.georgiawildlife.com

The Hunter Education System is managed by the GA Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

Hunting (see: *Fishing and Hunting Licenses; Hunter Education*)

I**ICE** (see: *Immigration*)

Identification Cards (see: *Driver Services, Georgia Department of*)

Identity Theftwww.consumer.georgia.gov(see also: *Police; Consumer Protection Unit*)**Immigration**

• US Citizenship and Immigration Services Atlanta Field Office – 800-375-5283 (Customer Service)

www.uscis.gov

2150 Parklake Drive Atlanta, GA 30345

• US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Atlanta Field Office – 404-893-1290

www.ice.gov

180 Ted Turner Drive SW, Suite 522, Atlanta, GA 30303

Incident Reports (see: *Accident Reports*)

Inclusion Office (see: *People and Belonging Department*)

Income Tax (see: *Tax, Income*)**Indigent Defense** (see: *Public Defender*)

Information, Athens-Clarke County Government (see: *Communications Department*)

Information, Georgia State Government (see: *Georgia Government Information*)

Information, United States Government (see: *United States Government Information*)

Information Technology Department [IT]**706-613-3075**www.acccgov.com/it

596 Prince Avenue

The ACC Information Technology Department provides high quality computer services, state-of-the-art

computer networks and software applications, reliable equipment and system access, proficient technical support, and assistance that encourages the application of technology to improve the efficiency and productivity of Athens-Clarke County operations.

Inmates, Jail (see: Jail)

Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner

800-656-2298 / 404-656-2070

www.oci.ga.gov

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

800-829-1040 (Assistance for Individuals)

www.irs.gov

Internships with Athens-Clarke County

www.accgov.com/internships

Internship opportunities are available to students with a number of Athens-Clarke County departments including the Budget and Strategic Planning Department, Communications Department, Finance Department, Leisure Services Department, Operational Analysis Office, Manager's Office, People and Belonging Department, Planning Department, Solid Waste Department, Transportation and Public Works Department, and various Courts (see also: *individual department entries*).

J

Jail

706-613-3270

www.accgov.com/jail

3015 Lexington Road

The ACC Jail is operated by the Sheriff's Office as a temporary holding facility for persons arrested for criminal offenses or local ordinance violations; persons being held for probation/parole violation, contempt of court, or offenses committed in another county or state; and offenders sentenced to incarceration in the jail or another correctional facility. A list of inmates and recently arrested individuals can be found on the ACC website. The ACC Jail Commander can schedule tours of the jail for groups

Video visitation details:

- 9:00-11:00 AM
- 1:00-4:00 PM
- 6:00-9:00 PM

All visitations, except for professional visits (attorneys, judicial needs, etc.) are through internet video. No public visitation services are available through the jail lobby. Inmates must be processed through intake before they may have online visits. This process may be up to 24 hours from the time they are booked in the jail.

Jobs, Area (see: Labor, Georgia Department of)

Jobs, Summer with Athens-Clarke County

(see: *Summer Employment (ACC Leisure Services)*)

Junior Deputy

706-613-3250

The Sheriff's Office will come to schools or groups to discuss drugs, crime, and how to be a good citizen. Junior Deputy badges are presented to the group.

Juneteenth

706-613-3800

www.accgov.com/juneteenth

Community celebration to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States.

Junk Vehicles (see: 'Junk Vehicles' ordinances on pg. 11)

Jury Call-In

706-613-3199

www.accgov.com/jury

Superior Court juries only. Jurors may enter the Courthouse parking deck on Hancock Avenue between Jackson Street and Thomas Street. To speak with someone concerning jury duty, call the Clerk of Superior and State Courts at 706-613-3190.

Juvenile Court

706-613-3300

www.accgov.com/juvenilecourt

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 115
Juvenile Court has original jurisdiction over cases involving deprivation, delinquency, or unruliness concerning children under 17, except certain offenses excluded by statute. The Family Treatment Court and Peer Court are also part of the Juvenile Court (see also: *Court Administrator; Family Treatment Court; Peer Court*).

K

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB)

706-613-3501 ext. 7879

www.accgov.com/kaccb

725 Hancock Industrial Way

The mission of Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful is to educate and empower residents and businesses with the resources to take action as environmental stewards of litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification. Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful administers several community programs such as Adopt Athens, Adopt-A-Highway, the Athens Tool Shed,

Christmas Tree Recycling, Green Schools, the Litter Hotline, Loop 10 daffodil plantings, MLK Day of Service, neighborhood clean-up initiatives, Rivers Alive, school gardens, and more (see also: *Adopt Athens; Green Schools; Litter; Rivers Alive; Tool Shed*).

L

Labor, Georgia Department of

706-583-2550

dol.georgia.gov

150 Evelyn C. Neely Drive

The GA Department of Labor provides services to job seekers and employers, including administering Georgia's unemployment insurance, employment service, and vocational rehabilitation programs; providing workforce information to the public and private sectors; inspecting boilers, pressure vessels, and amusement park and carnival rides; and overseeing child labor issues.

Lake Chapman

706-613-3631

www.accgov.com/sandycreekpark

400 Bob Holman Road

This 260-acre lake is located inside of Sandy Creek Park and is managed by the ACC Leisure Services Department. Lake Chapman provides amenities including fishing, a boat ramp, swimming, and seasonal boat rentals. A \$2 per person entry fee is charged for all visitors ages 4-64 (see also: *Sandy Creek Park*).

Land Trusts

- **Athens Land Trust – 706-613-0122**

www.athenslandtrust.org

685 N. Pope Street

Promotes quality of life through integration of community and the natural environment by preserving land, creating energy-efficient and affordable housing, and revitalizing neighborhoods.

- **Oconee River Land Trust – 706-552-3138**

www.oconeeriverlandtrust.org

675 Pulaski Street, Suite 2300

Conserves natural lands to protect water quality, preserve wildlife habitat, and enhance quality of life.

Landfill

706-613-3508 / 706-613-3501 ext. 8 [Tours]

www.accgov.com/landfill

5700 Lexington Road

The Municipal Solid Waste Landfill is a division of the ACC Solid Waste Department that accepts waste, scrap metal, scrap tires, leaf and limb materials, and recyclable materials (including electronics, grease,

hardback books, and clothing/textiles) from ACC residents. It is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM, and Saturday, 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM, except for holidays. All garbage must be bagged or covered. The landfill also sells compost (see also: *CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials); Compost; Leaf and Limb Pick-Up; Recycling; Solid Waste*).

Landlord and Tenant Rights and Issues

404-679-4840 [Dept. of Community Affairs]

www.dca.ga.gov / www.accgov.com/landlord

The GA Department of Community Affairs provides the Landlord Tenant Handbook to answer questions and describe the rights and responsibilities of both tenants and landlords.

Landmark Trees

706-613-3561

ACC Central Services Department – Landscape Management Division

Healthy trees meeting certain criteria can be designated as community resources.

Landscape Management Division

706-613-3561

www.accgov.com/landscape

2555 Lexington Road

The Landscape Management Division of the ACC Central Services Department provides landscaping services to public buildings, parks, and rights-of-way in Athens-Clarke County. It is their responsibility to mow all public rights-of-way in Athens-Clarke County, with the exception of some state roads.

Law Clinics (see: Legal Aid and Assistance)

Law Library

706-613-3177

www.accgov.com/lawlibrary

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 333
The ACC Law Library is available for public use and has a collection of state and federal code books, volumes of United States Reports and Supreme Court Reports, Georgia laws, legal digests, and legal encyclopedias. It also has online computer research capabilities with resources from other jurisdictions, as well as Georgia.

Lawns, Overgrown

706-613-3790

www.accgov.com/codeenforcement

Report overgrown lawns, yards, and lots to the ACC Code Enforcement Division for investigation.

Lay Park and Community Center

706-613-3596

www.accgov.com/lay

297 Hoyt Street

This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department opened in 1975. Lay Park features a gymnasium, full-service kitchen, multi-purpose room, resource library, computer lab, game room, sports fields, swimming pool, picnic shelter, fitness room, pickleball courts, and playground. The park offers year-round programs for children and adults.

LEAD Athens

706-549-6800 [Athens Area Chamber of Commerce]

www.athensga.com/lead-athens-program

LEAD Athens is a year-long program of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce designed to develop effective leaders committed to building a vibrant community. New applications are accepted each spring.

Leaf and Limb Pick-Up

706-613-3501 ext. 2 [Schedule Information]

www.accgov.com/leaflimb

ACC Solid Waste Department

This service is provided countywide to all residents at no added cost on a six-week cycle. The automated phone system provides current and upcoming pickup locations. Schedules and detailed information is also available online, through electronic subscriptions, and on ACTV (see also: *Athens-Clarke County Leaf & Limb Collection* on pg. 12; *ACTV schedule* on pg. 16).

Leash Law (see: 'Animal Services' ordinances on pg. 10; *Animal Services Department; Dog Parks*)

Legal Aid and Assistance (see: *Access to Justice Initiative, Athens; Georgia Legal Services Program; Public Defender; UGA School of Law Clinics*)

Legal Organ

Each county in Georgia has a newspaper designated as the official outlet for legal notices and other information. In Athens-Clarke County, it is the *Athens Banner-Herald*.

Leisure Services Department

706-613-3800 [Administration] /

706-613-3625 [Public Information]

www.accgov.com/leisure

Administration – Allen House, 205 Old Commerce Road
The ACC Leisure Services Department is responsible for the planning, development, and operation of parks, trails, the zoo, recreational and athletic facilities, visual and performing art facilities, natural resource facilities, and other educational and recreational programs at a variety of ACC facilities. These include: Athens Creative Theatre (ACT), Bear Hollow Zoo, Ben Burton Park, Bishop Park, Boulevard Woods Park, Dudley Park, East Athens Educational Dance Center, Firefly Trail, Heard Park and Community Center, Holland Youth Sports Complex, Howard Park and Community Center,

Lay Park and Community Center, Lyndon House Arts Center, Memorial Park, Morton Theatre, North Oconee River Greenway, Reese & Pope Park, Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC), Sandy Creek Park, Satterfield Park, Southeast Clarke Park, the Tennis Center, and Walker Park.

Library, Athens-Clarke County

706-613-3650 / 706-613-3655 [Hearing Impaired]

www.athenslibrary.org

2025 Baxter Street

Off-site Library Resource Centers are located at the Pinewoods Community Library and Education Center, Lay Park and Community Center, and Heard Park and Community Center.

License, Alcohol (see: *Alcohol Licenses*)

License, Business (see: *Business Licenses*)

License, Driver's (see: *Driver Services, Georgia Department of*)

License, Fishing / Hunting (see: *Fishing and Hunting Licenses*)

License, Marriage (see: *Marriage License (Probate Court)*)

License, Weapons (see: *Weapons Carry License*)

License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration

706-613-3130

www.accgov.com/tagoffice

Mitch Schrader Motor Vehicle Office, 3025 Lexington Road

Liens

706-613-3190

A lien is a claim or charge for payment of some debt, obligation, or duty. Liens are filed with the Clerk of Superior and State Courts, which is a public record office with all records available for viewing. Some lien index information is available at www.gsccca.org.

Lift Information

706-613-3435

www.accgov.com/lift

The ACC Transit Department provides The Lift for people with a mobility impairment that prevents them from using regular bus service. It is curb-to-curb transportation anywhere within one mile of an ACC Transit fixed bus route. Full details and applications for eligibility are available at ACC Transit or online (see also: *Transit*).

Light Pollution

Residents with questions about light pollution should contact the ACC Planning Department (706-613-3515) first for information about the ordinance and its

applicability. If it is determined that a potential violation has occurred, the ACC Code Enforcement Division will be notified.

Linnentown

www.accgov.com/linnentown

Linnentown was an area in Athens bounded by Baxter Street, South Church Street, and South Finley Street displaced by the urban renewal process in the 1960s. In 2021, the Mayor & Commission approved a resolution in support of recognition and redress for Linnentown, its descendants, and local Black communities harmed by urban renewal. In 2023, a portion of South Finley Street was renamed Linnentown Lane.

Litter

www.accgov.com/reportlittering

- **Thrown from Vehicle – 706-613-3506**

www.accgov.com/litterhotline

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful Litter Hotline
If possible, report date, time, location, persons, item(s), as well as car make, model, color, and tag.

- **Private Property – 706-613-3790**

Code Enforcement Division

www.accgov.com/codeenforcement

Private property owners must keep lawns free of litter unless it is kept in a garbage can for pick-up.

- **Right-of-Way (see: Right-of-Way Maintenance)**

Low Income Homestead Exemption (see: Homestead Exemptions)

Lyndon House Arts Center

706-613-3623

www.accgov.com/lyndonhouse

211 Hoyt Street

This facility, purchased by the City of Athens in 1939, became a government-sponsored community arts center in 1973. As part of the SPLOST IV Program in 1999, the facility expanded to include galleries, artist studios, and a youth education wing. The campus of the Arts Center includes the historic Ware-Lyndon House Museum (c. 1850) and the interpretive Victorian-styled garden. The Lyndon House Arts Center offers rotating art exhibits, youth and adult classes, and an open studio membership. The Lyndon House Arts Center is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department.

M

MACORTS

706-613-3515

www.macorts.org

MACORTS (Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional

Transportation Study) is a cooperative transportation planning body for the urbanized area, which includes Athens-Clarke County and portions of southern Madison County and northern Oconee County. The ACC Planning Department is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), one of fifteen MPOs in the state (see also: *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*).

Magistrate Court

706-613-3310

www.accgov.com/magistratecourt

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 240
The ACC Magistrate Court provides assistance to the general public, police agencies, and attorneys in the prosecution of criminal and civil cases in Athens-Clarke County. Official Code of Georgia, Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Section 15-10-2 sets forth jurisdiction of the court, with duties divided between the Civil, Criminal, and Bad Check Divisions. Additionally, marriages can be performed in this court (see also: *Checks (Bad); Court Administrator; Evictions; Marriage License (Probate Court)*).

Managed Forest Project

706-613-3615

www.accgov.com/managedforest

This multi-generational project at Sandy Creek Nature Center demonstrates natural succession over the years in the Piedmont region of Georgia to help visitors see and experience the living forest first-hand (see also: *Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC)*).

Manager

706-613-3020

www.accgov.com/manager

City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suites 301 & 303

The ACC Manager's Office is responsible for the implementation of all policies, programs, contracts, ordinances, and resolutions as approved and directed by the Mayor and Commission. The office includes a Manager, Deputy Manager, and two Assistant Managers and performs the administrative functions of the government, which support the activities of the Mayor and Commission. The authority and responsibilities of the Manager are dictated by the ACC Charter (see also: *Charter, Athens-Clarke County*).

Marriage License (Probate Court)

706-613-3320

www.accgov.com/marriage

The ACC Probate Court provides marriage license applications, which list the requirements. A fee is charged and applicants for marriage must come into the office together. Other courts can perform ceremonies, although availability may be limited. Contact the Court

Administrator at 706-613-3161 for options. Marriage license records are held in the Records Room of the ACC Courthouse (dated 1800s-1900s) or the Probate Court (see also: *Magistrate Court; Probate Court; Weddings*).

Marshal, Fire (see: *Fire Marshal*)

Master Composter Program

706-613-3640

ACC Extension

Upon completion of an educational program, volunteers use their knowledge to instruct others in the community on the value of and how to compost. Classes are offered annually beginning in February for 10 weeks. This program is a collaboration between ACC Extension and the ACC Solid Waste Department.

Master Gardener Program

706-613-3640

ACC Extension

After completion of an educational program, participants lend their expertise in the community through a variety of volunteer opportunities aimed at educating others in horticultural topics including vegetable gardening, turfgrass, soils, fruits, and more. Classes run for three months and are offered annually beginning in January by ACC Extension.

Master Naturalist Program

706-613-3640

ACC Extension

This adult environmental education program explores habitats, ecosystems, and the natural environments of Georgia through a combination of lectures and hands-on field studies. Classes are offered annually beginning in April for nine weeks by ACC Extension.

Mayor

706-613-3010

www.accgov.com/mayor

City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 300

The Mayor is elected countywide for four-year terms for a maximum of two consecutive terms to serve as the head of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and the Chair of the Commission. The Mayor's duties include setting the agenda for Commission meetings; recommending candidates for the ACC positions of Manager, Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, and Internal Auditor; and presenting the budget (see also: *Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission* on pg. 7; *Budget, Athens-Clarke County*).

Meals on Wheels (see: *Council on Aging, Athens Community*)

Medicaid

877-267-2323 / 877-423-4746 [Georgia Department of Community Health]

medicaid.georgia.gov / www.medicaid.gov

Medicaid is a medical assistance program that helps many people who can't afford medical care pay for some or all of their medical bills. It is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Health (see also: *Georgia Pathways to Coverage*).

Medicare

866-552-4464 [GeorgiaCares Program] / 800-633-4227 [800-MEDICARE]

www.mygeorgiacares.org / www.medicare.gov

Medicare is a health insurance program for people age 65 or older, people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant.

Medication Disposal

706-613-3330

Police Department East Precinct, 3035 Lexington Road
A prescription medication drop box is located outside of the ACC Police East Precinct / Headquarters. Sharps and liquids are not accepted.

Memorial Park

706-613-3580

www.accgov.com/memorial

293 Gran Ellen Drive

This 72-acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department houses Bear Hollow Zoo, Athens Creative Theatre's Quinn Hall, and the Fred Birchmore Trail, along with other facilities such as a lake, playground, swimming pool, dog park, and operations center (see also: *Athens Creative Theatre (ACT); Bear Hollow Zoo*).

Mental Health Court (see: *Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC); Veterans Court*)

Mental Health Services (see: *Advantage Behavioral Health Systems*)

Mentor Program

706-850-0315

www.clarkecountymentorprogram.org

A partnership between the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and the Clarke County School District pairing trained community volunteers with local public school children.

Mercy Health Center

706-425-9445

www.mercyhealthcenter.net

700 Oglethorpe Avenue, Suite C7

Mercy Health Center provides physical, emotional, and spiritual care for low-income uninsured people in the Athens area

Metal, Scrap (see: *Landfill; Recyclable Items in Athens-Clarke County*)

Meters, Parking (see: *Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS)*)

Meters, Water

706-613-3479

ACC Public Utilities – Meter Management

Millage Rate

706-613-3120

The Commission sets the millage rate for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government annually. Other entities such as the State of Georgia and Clarke County Board of Education set additional millage rates. The millage rates are fractional multipliers that help determine the tax rate of property. A tax rate of one mill represents a tax liability of \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. The ACC Tax Assessor's Office performs all tax assessments, while the ACC Tax Commissioner's Office calculates the tax bill and collects it (see also: *Homestead Exemption; Tax Assessor; Tax Commissioner*).

Miriam Moore Community Service Center

706-208-0048 [East Athens Development Corp.]

410 McKinley Drive

This neighborhood facility is located adjacent to the Heard Park and Community Center and houses facilities for the Athens Tutorial Program, the Athens-Clarke County Health Department, the East Athens Neighborhood Health Center, and the East Athens Development Corporation (EADC).

Mold

Individuals with mold or suspected mold problems should visit www.epa.gov/mold or www.fcs.uga.edu/ext_housing or contact ACC Extension (706-613-3640) for information about remedies and removal. Some private companies also work with mold remediation.

Morgue (see: *Coroner*)

Morton Theatre

706-613-3770 / 706-613-3771 [Box Office]

www.acgov.com/morton

195 West Washington Street

The Morton Building was built in 1910 and houses the oldest surviving African-American built, owned, and operated vaudeville theatre in the United States. The building was saved by the nonprofit Morton Theatre Corporation in the late 1980's and is still supported by them to this day. The 1987 voter-approved SPLOST program helped renovate the building for community use. The Morton is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a unit of the Arts Division of the

ACC Leisure Services Department. Today, the Morton operates as a rental facility with multiple spaces including the 480-seat auditorium. The theatre has state-of-the-art theatrical equipment and box office capabilities allowing it to host events including live theatre, weddings, music concerts, worship services, dance performances, receptions, awards shows, pageants, community events, and more.

Mosquito Control Program

www.acgov.com/mosquito

The Mosquito Control Program encourages residents to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by eliminating standing water, picking up litter around property, and cleaning up excess vegetation overgrowth. Larvacide briquets can be purchased at home improvement stores. More tips and contacts for specific areas are available online or by calling the ACC Communications Department (706-613-3795).

Motor Vehicle Registration (see: *License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration*)

Mountain Biking (see: *Bicycle Facilities*)

Moving [to Athens] (see: *Relocation Packet*)

Mowing (see: *Landscape Management Division*)

MRF (see: *Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF)*)

Multimodal Transportation Center

706-613-3430

www.acgov.com/transit

775 East Broad Street / Hickory Street Connector

The Multimodal Center is designed to connect people with a variety of transportation modes, including buses, pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles. It also houses the ACC Transit Department's administrative offices (see also: *Transit*).

Municipal Court

706-613-3690

www.acgov.com/municipalcourt

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 170

The ACC Municipal Court has jurisdiction in most misdemeanor traffic offenses. The court also has jurisdiction (with certain statutory exceptions) in misdemeanor offenses of underage possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana, and theft by shoplifting. The court handles local ordinance violations, including parking violations.

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Name Change

706-613-3190

Documents are filed with the Clerk of Superior and State Courts. An attorney's services may be needed.

National Do Not Call Registry

888-382-1222

www.donotcall.gov

This federal program allows residents to register home or mobile phones in order to limit telemarketing calls. Registration by phone requires calling the above number from the phone number being registered.

National EMS (see: *Emergency Medical Services*)

Nature Center (see: *Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC)*)

Neighborhood Health Centers (see: *Health Centers, Athens Neighborhood; Health Department*)

Neighborhood Notification Initiative (NNI)

706-613-3515

www.acgov.com/nni

The Neighborhood Notification Initiative facilitates communication between neighborhood residents and developers regarding construction projects proposed in or adjacent to a neighborhood's boundaries. One component of the NNI is an electronic mailing list that members of the public may sign up for to receive planning and development-related information for various geographic areas within the county, including commission districts, registered neighborhoods, and special interest overlays.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (see: *Residential Traffic Management Program (RTMP)*)

Neighborhood Watch Program

762-400-7159

ACC Police Department – Crime Prevention Unit
This program is designed to prevent crime in residential areas and is governed by residents being vigilant for persons, vehicles, or occurrences in their neighborhood that do not fit into the ordinary ebb and flow of the area.

Neutering / Spaying Animals (see: *Humane Society, Athens Area or call private veterinarians*)

NNI (see: *Neighborhood Notification Initiative (NNI)*)

No Call List (see: *National Do Not Call List*)

Noise (see: *'Noise Ordinance' on pg. 10*)

North Oconee River Greenway (see: *Oconee Rivers Greenway*)

North Oconee River Park

706-613-3620 [Trails & Open Spaces Office]

Between Martin Luther King Boulevard & Willow Street
This 20-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission

706-369-5650

www.negrc.org

305 Research Drive

This agency, formerly the Regional Development Center (RDC), serves 12 counties and 54 municipal governments as a focal point for regional issues and as a resource for those governments in a variety of specialized areas. These include local government planning, economic development, grant preparation and administration, job training, and aging services.

Notary Public

706-613-3190 [Notary Applications]

The ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts provides applications for potential applicants for Notary Public. A fee, notarized application, and two residents' character witness statements are required. The ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts does not notarize documents. Documents may be notarized by some banks, private companies, or individuals.

NTMP (see: *Residential Traffic Management Program (RTMP)*)

Nurses' Clinic (see *Athens Wellness Clinic*)

Nutrition (see: *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)*)



Oconee Rivers Greenway

706-613-3620 [Trails & Open Spaces Office]

www.acgov.com/greenway

The Oconee Rivers Greenway is a network of natural areas with the floodplains of the North Oconee River, Middle Oconee River, and Oconee River and their major tributaries as its core. The network includes a system of river-oriented trails that connect the river corridors with adjacent parks and green spaces and natural and cultural resources in Athens-Clarke County. The greenway trail system has multi-use trails, street-based trails, canoe/kayak launches, and foot trails. The Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission provides oversight for project construction, program

management, and the development of the countywide greenway master plan (see: *North Oconee River Park; Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission*).

Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission

www.accgov.com/greenway

This independent commission is charged with developing the plan for a river-oriented greenway system within the county for the benefit and enjoyment of all residents. It is composed of 15 residents appointed by the ACC Mayor and Commission, five of whom are recommended by the President of the University of Georgia (see also: *Boards, Authorities, and Commissions; Oconee Rivers Greenway*).

Open Containers (see: 'Open Containers' ordinances on pg. 11)

Open Data Portal

www.accgov.com/opendata

The ACC Open Data Portal is a collection of publicly available datasets that are compiled and updated by departments in ACCGov. The Open Data Portal improves data sharing, data discovery, and downloading data.

Open Records Request

www.accgov.com/openrecords

Records related to the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government may be requested through an online form or by contacting the appropriate open records officer. Individual departments can also provide information about their open records officer and request process.

Operational Analysis Office

706-613-3012

www.accgov.com/oa

City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 202

The ACC Operational Analysis Office, previously known as the Auditor's Office, conducts internal audits of the fiscal affairs and operations of departments, offices, and agencies of ACCGov. The office provides strategic planning, organizational analysis, feasibility and program evaluations, staffing reviews, and other services all with the intent of enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations for the benefit of Athens-Clarke County.

Ordinances

www.accgov.com/code

The ACC Commission approves all ordinances and changes to existing ordinances. Ordinances are contained in the Code of Athens-Clarke County, which is available for public viewing at the Athens-Clarke County Library and the ACC Clerk of Commission Office. Searchable ordinances and recently approved ordinances are available online (see also: *Selected Ordinances on pp. 10-11*).

Organizational Development Department

706-613-3110

www.accgov.com/od

Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue

Organizational Development creates meaningful programs and learning experiences for ACCGov employees that promote strategic relationships across departments and supports the mission and goals of the organization.

Outage, Power (see also: *Utilities*)

- **Georgia Power – 888-891-0938**
www.georgiapower.com
- **Jackson EMC – 800-245-4044**
www.jacksonemc.com
- **Rayle EMC – 706-678-2116**
www.rayleemc.com
- **Walton EMC – 770-267-2505**
www.waltonemc.com

Outdoor Events (see: *Events, Special and/or Outdoor*)

Outdoor Watering

706-613-3729

www.accgov.com/publicutilities

ACC Public Utilities

Outdoor watering using a public water system is restricted year round in Athens-Clarke County by certain types of watering, as well as days and/or hours. These restrictions are consistent with Georgia's Outdoor Water Use Rules. During times of drought, the schedule is updated as required by the GA Environmental Protection Division and local ordinances.

Overgrown Yards / Lots (see *Lawns, Overgrown*)

Overview Commission

As mandated by the Charter, this Commission reviews the operation of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government every 10 years unless scheduled sooner by the Mayor and Commission. Members are appointed by a Grand Jury of the Superior Court. The next overview commission is scheduled for 2030. The ACC Operational Analysis Office provides staff support (see also: *Charter, Athens-Clarke County; Operational Analysis Office*).



Panhandling (see: *Soliciting*)

Parade of Lights (see: *Downtown Athens Parade of Lights*)

**Pardons and Parole, Georgia Board of
404-656-4661 (Parole Call Center)**
pap.georgia.gov

Parental Accountability Court
706-612-3499
www.accgov.com/pac

The Parental Accountability Court program is a joint effort of the GA Department of Human Services Division of Child Support Services and Superior Court judges to offer an alternative to incarceration and to help chronic nonpayers of child support make regular payments. The program uses community resources and judicial oversight to address barriers that keep parents from meeting their support obligations.

Parking Decks (see: *Decks, Parking*)

Parking, Metered (see: *Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS); Parking Tickets*)

Parking, Residential (see also: *'Parking' ordinances on pg. 11*)

- **On-street residential parking permits:** ACC Transportation and Public Works Department (706-613-3440)
- **Residential parking on non-prepared surfaces in front or side yards adjacent to the public right-of-way:** Report violations to the ACC Code Enforcement Division (706-613-3790)
- **Acceptable parking surfaces:** ACC Planning Department (706-613-3515)

Parking, Street

- **Metered spaces** (see: *Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS); Parking Tickets*)
- **On-street residential parking permits** (see: *Parking, Residential*)
- **Ordinances** (see: *'Parking' ordinances on pg. 11*)
- **Yellow curb & signs (evaluation / maintenance):** ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Traffic Engineering Division (706-613-3460)
- **Yellow curb & signs (enforcement):** ACC Police Department (706-613-3345)

Parking Tickets

Parking tickets are either issued by Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS) or the ACC Police Department (see also: *Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS); Municipal Court*).

- **DAPS-issued tickets can be paid in a variety of ways, including:**
 - In the DAPS offices (287 College Avenue)
 - By mail
 - Online through www.downtownathensga.com
 - Drop box outside DAPS office

- **ACC Police-issued tickets can be paid:**
 - In Municipal Court
 - By mail
 - Online through www.accgov.com/municipalcourt except for certain citations that require a court appearance

Parks (see: *Leisure Services Department*)

Parole (see: *Pardons and Parole, Georgia Board of*)

Passports

877-487-2778

www.travel.state.gov

Forms are available at the Athens Main Post Office (575 Olympic Drive), UGA Passport Services (45 Baxter Street), and the Athens-Clarke County Library (2025 Baxter Street).

Pauper's Grave

706-613-3530

ACC Central Services Department

Pavement Maintenance Program

706-613-3440

www.accgov.com/paving

This program of the ACC Transportation and Public Works Department addresses the maintenance needs of the ACC public roadway system. Specific roadways are determined by assessed pavement conditions and the final list for each year's project is determined by available funding. Roadways and/or treatments may be revised during construction if funding and/or other circumstances dictate.

Peer Court

www.fanning.uga.edu/athenspeercourt

The Athens Peer Court program is a collaboration between the ACC Juvenile Court and the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership at the University of Georgia. Youth volunteers serve as the lawyers, judge, and jury in sentencing hearings for first-time misdemeanor offenders under age 18 who have accepted their charges. Volunteers receive training on leadership skills, public speaking, and restorative justice to promote behavioral change and reduce recidivism (see also: *Juvenile Court*).

People and Belonging Department

706-613-3015

www.accgov.com/belonging

The People and Belonging Department, formerly the Inclusion Office, focuses on the value of differences, makes room for more voices, and aims to close the gaps as ACCGov delivers services, administers programs, and stewards public resources.

Permits

- **Building** (see: *Building Permits and Inspections Department*)
- **Film** (see: *Filming*)
- **Parking** (see: *Parking, Residential*)
- **Road Closure and Right of Way Encroachment** (see: *Traffic Engineering*)
- **Special Events** (see: *Events, Special and/or Outdoor*)
- **Vendors** (see: *Vending*)

Personal Property**706-613-3140**

ACC Tax Assessors Office

Business personal property includes furniture, fixtures, equipment, supplies, and inventory of a business that may be taxable. Personal property also includes boats and aircraft (see also: *Freeport Exemption*).

Personnel (see: *Human Resources Department*)**Pétanque**www.accgov.com/sports

Pétanque (*pet-tonk*) is an international French sport related to Italian bocce ball for teams of two or three, played by rolling or throwing metal balls at a smaller wooden target ball. Courts are available at Lay Park.

Picketing (see: *'Picketing & Demonstrations' ordinances on pg. 11*)**Pickleball**www.accgov.com/sports

Pickleball is a paddle sport combining elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. The ACC Leisure Services Department maintains pickleball courts or combined tennis/pickleball courts at Bishop Park, Heard Park and Community Center, Lay Park and Community Center, Satterfield Park, and Southeast Clarke Park.

Picnic Shelters [Parks]www.accgov.com/picnic

Picnic shelters are available for use and/or rental at a number of ACC public parks.

Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center**706-475-7000**www.piedmont.org/athens

1199 Prince Avenue

Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center is a 427-bed non-profit hospital and regional referral center serving a 17-county service area in Athens and northeast Georgia. It offers a Level 2 Trauma Center, Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and urgent care centers.

Pinewoods Community Library & Education Center**706-613-3708**

1465 Highway 29 North Lot F-14

Part of the Athens Regional Library System (see also: *Library, Athens-Clarke County*).

Planning Commissionwww.accgov.com/planning

This independent commission makes recommendations to the Mayor and Commission related to zoning, land use regulations, subdivision regulations, and public improvements necessary to implement plans. The commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Dougherty Street Governmental Building and schedules work sessions as needed (see also: *Boards, Authorities, and Commissions*).

Planning Department**706-613-3515**www.accgov.com/planning

120 West Dougherty Street

The ACC Planning Department effectively manages community change in both the short and long term with regard to land use, transportation, historic preservation, and overall community development in order to ensure that the natural and built environment of Athens-Clarke County are of the highest quality. The tools used in achieving this mission are the Comprehensive Plan, the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, flood protection ordinance, street numbering ordinance, historic preservation ordinance, graphics ordinance, the Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Transportation Study (MACORTS) area, and GIS (Geospatial Information Services) (see also: *Comprehensive Plan; Development Standards; Future Land Use Map / Plan; MACORTS; Zoning Code*).

Plats**706-613-3190**

Property plat information is available through the Real Estate Division of the Clerk of Superior and State Courts (see also: *Clerk of Superior and State Courts*).

Playgrounds [ACC Leisure Services]**706-613-3801 (Report Maintenance Issues)**www.accgov.com/playgrounds

Playgrounds are available at these ACC public parks:

- **Bishop Park:** Open daily
- **Heard Park and Community Center:** Open daily
- **Lay Park:** Open daily
- **Memorial Park:** Open daily
- **Reese & Pope Park:** Open daily
- **Rocksprings Park:** Open daily
- **Sandy Creek Park:** Open Tuesday-Sunday
- **Satterfield Park:** Open daily
- **Southeast Clarke Park:** Open daily

- **Walker Park:** Open daily
- **World of Wonder (WoW) Park at Southeast Clarke Park:** Open daily

Poison Control**800-222-1222**www.poison.org

For poison emergencies or questions requiring expert assistance. Call 911 if the individual collapses, has a seizure, has trouble breathing, or can't be awakened.

Police Department**706-613-3888 /****706-613-3345 [Non-Emergency After Hours]**www.acccgov.com/police

The ACC Police Department strives to eliminate crime, fear of crime, and general disorder, while respecting the dignity and worth of all people and establishing an ethically based, problem solving partnership with the community.

- **East Precinct / Headquarters – 706-613-3888**
3035 Lexington Road
- **West Precinct – 706-353-4218**
3700 Atlanta Highway (Georgia Square Mall)
- **Downtown Substation – 706-613-3705**
265 College Avenue
- **East Substation – 706-613-3358**
385 Fairview Street
- **West Substation – 706-208-1718**
1060 Baxter Street

Police Academy, Community (see: *Community Police Academy*)

Police Academy, Northeast Georgia (see: *Public Safety Training Center Regional Police Academy*)

Police, UGA**706-542-5813**police.uga.edu

The University of Georgia Police Department is responsible for providing public safety services to the university community. UGA Police officers have jurisdiction on campus and can, if necessary, enforce state laws within 500 yards of campus.

Pools, Permitting and Testing

The ACC Building Inspections Department (706-613-3520) issues building permits for pools, while the GA Health Department's Environmental Health Division (706-583-2658) handles public pool testing.

Pools, Publicwww.acccgov.com/aquatics

The ACC Leisure Services Department owns and operates five pools located at Bishop Park, Heard Park and Community Center, Lay Park Community Center, Memorial Park, and Howard Park during the summer

months. See individual park and community center entries for addresses and phone numbers (see also: *Splash Pads*).

Posting Handbills / Notices / Posters (see: 'Posting Handbills / Notices / Posters' ordinances on pg. 10)

Post Office**706-369-3200 [Metro Area Main Office] /
800-275-8777 [800-ASK-USPS]**www.usps.com

575 Olympic Drive (Metro Area Main Office)

Potholes

- **Locally-Maintained Roads – 706-613-3465**
ACC Transportation & Public Works
- **State-Maintained Roads – 706-583-2644**
GA Department of Transportation

Power Outage (see *Outage, Power*)

Pre-Trial Diversion**706-613-3911**

265 East Hancock Avenue

Program for first time offenders in Municipal and State Court (see also: *Probation*).

Prison (see: *Corrections Department*)

Probate Court**706-613-3320**www.acccgov.com/probatecourt

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 200

The Probate Court assists the public with the business affairs of those who have died, or in dealing with family members who are mentally ill, alcoholic, drug-dependent, or otherwise incapacitated, while protecting people who are unable to protect themselves or their property. The court also conducts emergency evaluations for the mentally ill, issues marriage licenses, issues weapons carry permits, and provides a host of related services (see also: *Court Administrator; Weapons Carry License; Marriage License (Probate Court)*).

Probation

- **Adult (Felony) – 706-369-6000**
GA Dept. of Community Supervision,
171 Old Epps Bridge Road
- **Adult (Misdemeanor) – 706-613-3911**
Athens-Clarke County Probation, 110 Bray Street
- **Juvenile (Class A & B) – 706-369-6000**
GA Dept. of Community Supervision,
171 Old Epps Bridge Road
- **Juvenile – 706-369-5610**
GA Dept. of Juvenile Justice,
550 Hawthorne Avenue

- **Pre-Trial Diversion – 706-613-3911**
Athens-Clarke County Probation, 110 Bray Street

Proclamations

706-613-3010

Individuals or groups seeking proclamations should contact the Mayor's Office for details.

Project Safe

706-543-3331 [24-Hour Hotline] / 706-765-8019 [Teen Text Line] / 706-549-0922 [Business Line]

www.project-safe.org

Project Safe is non-profit organization working to end domestic violence through prevention and educational programs, crisis intervention, ongoing support services for survivors of domestic violence and their children, and advocacy/systems change work in the community.

Project SHARE

706-543-5350 [Salvation Army]

www.acgov.com/projectshare

The program helps those in the community who might experience days without water due to financial hardship. Customers can make donations through their water bill to assist their neighbors in need. Water customers in need of assistance apply to the local Salvation Army, which determines eligibility requirements and program recipients (see also: *Salvation Army*).

Property Information (see: *Property Values*)

Property Lines / Plats / Records (see: *Deeds; Plats*)

Property Maintenance [Private Property]

706-613-3790

www.acgov.com/codeenforcement

The ACC Code Enforcement Division enforces private property maintenance ordinances.

Property Subdivision (see: *Subdivision of Property*)

Property Surveys (see: *Surveys, Land*)

Property Taxes

The ACC Tax Commissioner's Office (706-613-3120) is responsible for billing and collecting property taxes. Property taxes are based on assessments from the ACC Tax Assessor's Office (706-613-3140) and calculated using millage rates. Both offices are located on the second floor of the ACC Courthouse at 325 East Washington Street (see also: *Millage Rate*).

Property Values

706-613-3140

www.acgov.com/taxassessor

The ACC Tax Assessor's Office appraises all property located in Athens-Clarke County at its fair market value

to ensure taxpayers pay no more than their fair share of property taxes. Property appraisal values and other property information is available online or through public access computer terminals at the ACC Tax Assessor's Office, Clerk of Superior and State Courts, and ACC Planning Department (see also: *Tax Assessor's Office*).

Protective Orders (see: *Temporary Protective Orders / Temporary Restraining Orders*)

Protests (see: *'Picketing & Demonstrations' ordinances on pg. 11*)

Public Defender

706-369-6440

www.athenspublicdefender.com

440 College Avenue, Suite 220

The Public Defender Office of the Western Judicial Circuit offers services to residents of Athens-Clarke and Oconee counties who need legal services but cannot afford to pay for the services of a private criminal attorney. Individuals seeking no-cost civil legal services should contact Georgia Legal Services (see also: *Georgia Legal Services Program; Legal Aid and Assistance*).

Public Housing (see: *Housing Authority, Athens (AHA); Housing Choice Voucher Program*)

Public Information Office (see: *Communications Department*)

Public Interest Practicum (see: *UGA School of Law Clinics*)

Public Library (see: *Library, Athens-Clarke County*)

Public Safety Training Center Regional Police Academy, Georgia

478-538-3561

www.gpstc.org

155 Buddy Christian Way

Public Service Commission

800-282-5813 / 404-656-4501 [Atlanta Office]

www.psc.state.ga.us

The Public Service Commission is responsible for gas, electric, telecommunications, household goods moving company, non-consensual towing, bus, motor carrier, and luxury limousine carrier issues throughout Georgia (see also: *Gas, Natural; Utilities*).

Public Transportation (see: *Bus Information; Lift Information; Multimodal Transportation Center; Transit*)

Public Utilities Department

706-613-3470

www.acgov.com/publicutilities

124 East Hancock Avenue

The ACC Public Utilities Department provides water distribution and collection services to residential, commercial, and industrial customers (see also: *Bear Creek Reservoir; Project SHARE; Snipes Water Resources Center; Water Business Office (Billing)*).

Public Works (see: *Transportation and Public Works*)**Publication Racks****706-613-3530**

The ACC Central Services Department manages publication racks in the downtown public areas.

Purchasing**706-613-3072**www.accgov.com/purchasing

Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue

The ACC Purchasing Division of the Finance

Department coordinates the procurement of goods and services for ACCGov. Purchasing also handles all bid information. Bid opportunities are also available online (see also: *Bid Information*).



Quinn Hall (see: *Athens Creative Theatre (ACT); Memorial Park*)

**Radon Testing and Education****706-613-3640**

ACC Extension

Radon in homes can lead to lung cancer. Test kits are available at the ACC Extension office (see also: *Extension, ACC*).

Raffles, Licenses for**706-613-3250**

Organizations wishing to hold a raffle must first contact the Sheriff's Office.

Rain Barrels**706-613-3440 ext. 6717**

The Stormwater Management Program provides rain barrel workshops to assist residents with building their own rain barrels.

Rallies (see: *'Picketing & Demonstrations' ordinances on pg. 11*)

RDC (see: *Northeast Georgia Regional Commission*)

Real Estate Records**706-613-3195**

Clerk of Superior and State Courts, ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 450

Some information such as ownership is also available online through the ACC Tax Assessor's website at www.accgov.com/taxassessor.

Record Restrictionwww.accgov.com/recordrestriction

Formerly known as expungement, arrest record restriction allows certain records in some cases to be only viewed by those inside the judicial branch. Record restriction can be done at any time. In addition, the Solicitor General's Office coordinates periodic no-cost record restriction events for Athens-Clarke County residents (see also: *Second Chance Desk; Solicitor General*).

Records, Historical**706-613-3551**

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 150 The ACC Records Room houses historical information such as marriage licenses and wills from 1800 to the early 1900's. Other information of interest to the public housed in the Records Room includes probate records such as estate and tax digests dating to 1801.

Records, Open (see: *Open Records Requests*)**Records, Real Estate** (see: *Real Estate Records*)**Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF)****706-613-3501**

699 Hancock Industrial Way

The RMPF opened in 1995 as the first public-private partnership facility of its kind in Georgia to process recyclable materials collected. The facility is owned by ACCGov and operated by a private partner.

Recycling**706-613-3501 ext. 8**www.accgov.com/recycling

ACC Solid Waste Department – Recycling Division

725 Hancock Industrial Way

Athens-Clarke County became Georgia's first municipally operated curbside recycling program when it began in 1988. All private carriers are also required to offer recycling services. Free recycling drop-off centers are located throughout Athens-Clarke County as listed below (see also: *CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials); Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF); 'Disposal of Items in Athens-Clarke County' on pg. 13; Solid Waste; Zero Waste Kits*).

Public Drop-Off Facilities

- ACC CHaRM Facility

- 1005 College Avenue - limited hours
- **ACC Fleet Management**
225 Newton Bridge Road
- **ACC Landfill**
5700 Lexington Road - limited hours
- **ACC Recycling Facility**
699 Hancock Industrial Way - limited hours
- **City of Winterville Public Works**
Corner of Church and Parkview
- **Fire Station #2**
265 Cleveland Road
- **Fire Station #8**
3955 Jefferson Road
- **Fire Station #9**
1626 Danielsville Road
- **Jail Road and Lexington Road**
Behind ACC Tag Office lot

Recycling Center (see: *Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF)*)

Reese & Pope Park
706-613-3589 [Recreation Administration]

www.acgov.com/reeseandpope

375 Reese Street

This 1.5-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department. It features a playground, basketball court, and pavilion with picnic tables.

Regional Development Center (see: *Northeast Georgia Regional Commission*)

Regional Youth Detention Center [Gainesville]

770-535-5465

www.djj.georgia.gov

450 Crescent Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501

This GA Department of Juvenile Justice facility provides temporary, secure care and supervision to youths in Athens-Clarke County and other Northeast Georgia counties who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by Juvenile Court.

Relocation Packet

706-353-1820

www.athenswelcomecenter.com

The Athens Welcome Center provides a relocation packet for pickup only that includes information for people who are considering moving to Athens-Clarke County.

Rental Assistance (see: 211; *United Way of Northeast Georgia*)

Rentals, Short Term [STR]

www.acgov.com/str

Short term rentals or short term vacation rentals – such as homes listed on websites such as Airbnb or VRBO – have restrictions based on their location and other factors. Additionally, they require Business Occupation Tax Certificates and local hotel motel excise tax fee payments. Contact the ACC Finance Department (706-613-3040) for questions about tax certificates or payments or the ACC Planning Department (706-613-3515) for questions about restrictions based on location.

Renters Rights (see: *Landlord and Tenant Rights and Issues*)

Reports, Accident and Incident (see: *Accident Reports*)

Residency

New Georgia residents must apply for a Georgia driver's license within 30 days and register with the ACC Elections & Voter Registration Department within 30 days of the next election to be considered a resident. Residency requirements for University of Georgia-related issues should be addressed with the appropriate University office.

Residential Traffic Management Program [RTMP]

706-613-3460 [Traffic Engineering]

www.acgov.com/rtmp

The purpose of the RTMP is to reduce accidents, traffic volumes, and/or speeds; thereby improving pedestrian safety and creating more pleasant neighborhoods for the residents of Athens-Clarke County. It considers a wide range of potential solutions to address specific concerns of a neighborhood.

Restaurant Inspections

706-583-2658

www.publichealthathens.com

183 Paradise Blvd., Suite 104

Inspections are performed by the GA Health Department's Office of Environmental Health.

Restraining Orders (see: *Temporary Protective Orders / Temporary Restraining Orders*)

Revenue, GA Department of

706-389-6977 [Athens Regional Office] /

877-423-6711

Georgia Square Mall, 3700 Atlanta Highway, Suite 268

Right-of-Way Maintenance

The ACC Landscape Management Division (706-613-3561) handles all litter pickup and maintenance of right-of-way areas belonging to Athens-Clarke County or some state routes by agreement. The GA Department of Transportation (706-583-2644) maintains all other state routes.

Right-of-Way Use**706-613-3440**

ACC Transportation and Public Works

Generally speaking, the right of way is considered area that allows legal use by the public and government for some activities. It is often referred to for areas along roadways, sidewalks, and other transportation corridors. The amount of right of way along these areas can vary greatly, even onto privately-owned property. Private property owners are encouraged to refer to their recorded property maps to see where any right of way extends and ends along their property. In some cases, rights of way may extend to the inner edge of sidewalks or even 10' or more onto land adjacent to a street. There are regulations for use of right of way adjacent to their property.

Permits are required for:

- Potential threats to public safety
- Obstruction of pedestrian or vehicular traffic
- Altering the roadway infrastructure
- Excavation
- Placing construction material, objects, structures or debris, other than leaf and limb materials for Solid Waste pickup

Permits are not required for:

- Grass and plantings, although ACC Landscape Management (706-613-3561) should be contacted before installation. Plants selected must remain below a height of 2 1/2' and fire hydrants must have 3' radius of clearance.
- Mailboxes
- Leaf & Limb materials for Solid Waste pickup no more than 10 days before Monday of pickup week

Items not allowed in the right of way:

- Irrigation systems
- Dumpsters, except for limited restricted areas by permit
- Fences and walls
- Basketball goals
- Private signs
- Storage units
- Vending
- Debris/materials in street gutters
- Items that restrict stormwater. Some non-permanent options that channel stormwater through them may be allowed. Call for details.

Rivers Alivewww.accgov.com/riversalive

Rivers Alive is an annual effort of Athens area volunteers and a variety of organizations to clean local rivers, lakes, and streams each fall as part of the continuing statewide campaign to clean and preserve over 70,000 miles of Georgia's rivers and streams. This

event is part of the annual Georgia Waterway Cleanup, a joint program of the Environmental Protection Division Outreach Education Programs and the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation.

Riverside Parks (see: *North Oconee River Greenway*)**Road Work Reports**

Weekly notifications of road and lane closures from the ACC Transportation and Public Works Department's Traffic Engineering Division (706-613-3460) are listed at www.accgov.com/roadclosures. Some closures are also shown on ACTV (see also: *ACTV schedule on pg. 16*).

Robert G. Stephens Federal Building

355 East Hancock Avenue

The Federal Building contains federal government offices for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Department of Agriculture, US Army Recruiting, and GA Agricultural Statistics.

Rocksprings Park (see: *Howard Park and Community Center*)**RYDC** (see: *Regional Youth Detention Center (Gainesville)*)**Saint Mary's Hospital/Health Care System****706-389-3000**www.stmaryshealthcaresystem.org

1230 Baxter Street

St. Mary's Health Care System is a not-for-profit Catholic health care system that includes three hospitals, numerous physician practices, a medical residency program, home health care/hospice services, a retirement community, and outpatient services.

Salvation Army**706-543-5350 [Service Center / Lodge / Thrift Store]**www.salvationarmygeorgia.org/athens

484 Hawthorne Avenue

(see also: *Homeless Services*)**Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC)****706-613-3615**www.accgov.com/scnc

205 Old Commerce Road

This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department opened in 1977 and currently houses the Education & Visitor Center, Walker Hall, and a variety of trails. Programming and events are offered year-round, including summer camps for children and teens. It is supported by Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc., a non-profit support organization. This facility was built almost entirely using recycled, recyclable, or energy

efficient materials and houses environmental learning centers. Additionally, the center features Americans with Disabilities Act accessible trails. The facility is operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department (see also: *Managed Forest Project*).

Sandy Creek Park

706-613-3631

www.acgov.com/sandycreekpark

400 Bob Holman Road

This 782-acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department provides year-round amenities including picnic shelters, large facility rentals, dog parks, disc golf, trail access, playgrounds, and basketball courts. The 260-acre Lake Chapman provides fishing, boating, and swimming opportunities. A \$2 per person entry fee is charged for visitors ages 4-64 (see also: *Lake Chapman*).

Satterfield Park

706-613-3991 [Tennis Center]

www.acgov.com/satterfield

2950 Cherokee Road

This 13-acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department is named for the late Dr. Wayne Satterfield, a founding member of the Little League program in Athens. The park has five athletic fields, three tennis/pickleball courts, a batting cage, and a playground.

Satula Building

375 Satula Avenue

This building houses the ACC Finance Department, Human Resources Department, Organizational Development Department, and Housing and Community Development Department (HCD).

Schools (see: *Clarke County School District*)

Second Chance Desk

470-423-5177 [Georgia Justice Project]

www.acgov.com/secondchancedesk

Provides free legal advice and self-help assistance to residents of Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties regarding criminal history for the purpose of restricting and sealing eligible criminal records. The Second Chance Desk is a partnership between the Georgia Justice Project, the Solicitor General's Office of Athens-Clarke County, and the District Attorney's Office for the Western Judicial Circuit. (see also: *Record Restriction*).

Section 8 Rental Assistance (see: *Housing Choice Voucher Program*)

Septic Systems / Tanks

Basic information about septic systems is available at www.acgov.com/septic or by calling the ACC Communications Department at 706-613-3795. For septic system inspections, plan reviews, maps,

locations, service provider complaints, installation permits, and more detailed information, contact the GA Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 706-583-2658 or through dph.georgia.gov.

Sewer Services [ACC System Broken Lines / Leaks]
(see: *Emergency Water or Sewer Service*)

Sex Offender Registry

706-613-3250

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is the central repository for Georgia's Violent Sexual Offender Registry. A searchable online database for the state is available at www.gbi.georgia.gov and a listing of Athens-Clarke County offenders is available at www.acgov.com/sheriff.

Sexual Assault Center (see: *Cottage, The*)

Sheriff's Office

706-613-3250

www.acgov.com/sheriff

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 125 The Sheriff is responsible for the health and welfare of jail inmates and the management of their property and money. The office serves criminal warrants, civil papers, and subpoenas; executes evictions; transports prisoners to court; extradites prisoners from other states to court; and provides security for the Athens-Clarke County jail and courthouse (see also: *Courthouse (Athens-Clarke County); Courts, Athens-Clarke County; Evictions; Jail; Sex Offender Registry; Warrants*).

Short Term Rentals (see: *Rentals, Short Term*)

Sidewalk Cafes (see: *Cafes, Sidewalk*)

Sidewalks

706-613-3465

ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division

Sign Installation [Traffic] (see: *Traffic Signal / Sign Installation / Repair*)

Sign Permits [Private Property]

706-613-3515

www.acgov.com/planning

ACC Planning Department

Signals, Traffic (see: *Traffic Signal / Sign Installation / Repair*)

Sirens, Tornado

762-400-8222 [ACC Emergency Management Agency]

These 12 outdoor sirens located around the community are sounded only to alert the public when a tornado warning has been issued for Athens-Clarke County and during testing each year in February as part of Severe

Weather Awareness Week or during other testing times. The sirens are designed to alert people outdoors at the time to seek immediate shelter and are not designed for notifying people already indoors.

Skate Park (see: Southeast Clarke Park)

Small Business Development Center (UGA)

706-542-7436

www.georgiasbdc.org

382 East Broad Street

Small Claims Court (see: Magistrate Court)

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed public places and enclosed places of employment in Athens-Clarke County, with a few exemptions. Smoking is also prohibited in any park, youth sports complex, or recreation area owned, leased, or operated by Athens-Clarke County. Report any violations to the ACC Police Department at 706-613-3345.

SNAP-Ed (see: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed))

Snipes Water Resources Center

706-613-3481

780 Barber Street

The Bobby M. Snipes Water Resources Center houses ACC's water treatment and water reclamation laboratories, along with a public meeting room.

Social Media Accounts (ACCGov)

www.acccgov.com/socialmedia

ACCGov has a wide variety of social media accounts to keep residents and visitors informed.

Social Security Administration

866-964-3294 [Athens] / 800-772-1213 [Federal]

www.socialsecurity.gov

1650 Prince Avenue

Soil Testing (see: Extension, ACC)

Soliciting

Begging, panhandling, or soliciting for money or things of value is legal on most public property unless a person accosts another, forces themselves upon another, or acts in a boisterous, turbulent, or agitated manner. Report violations to the Police Department at 911 or 706-613-3345. Soliciting door-to-door requires a permit (see also: *Door-to-Door Sales*).

Solicitor General

706-613-3215

www.acccgov.com/solicitor

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 550

The Solicitor General's Office is the prosecuting attorney in State Court and the Athens-Clarke County and Winterville Municipal Courts. The Solicitor General decides on prosecution of all misdemeanor offenses occurring within Athens-Clarke County.

Solid Waste Department

706-613-3501

www.acccgov.com/solidwaste

725 Hancock Industrial Way

The ACC Solid Waste Department provides collection and disposal services that meet or exceed state standards and are responsive to the community's health and sanitary needs. Solid Waste collects trash and recycling for residents and small- and large-sized community businesses (see also: *CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials); Garbage Collection; Landfill; Leaf and Limb Pick-Up; Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF); 'Disposal of Items in Athens-Clarke County' on pg. 13; Recycling; Selected Ordinances on pp. 10-11; Zero Waste Kits*).

Southeast Clarke Park

706-613-3991 [Tennis Center]

www.acccgov.com/southeast

4460 Lexington Road

This facility is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. It houses baseball and softball fields, a 1-mile walking track, soccer fields, a nature trail, an off-leash dog park, the World of Wonder Park, a skate park, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and more.

Spanish Language / Translation Assistance (see: 211)

Spaying / Neutering Animals (see: Humane Society, Athens Area, or call private veterinarians)

Speakers' Bureau (ACCGov)

706-613-3795

Contact the ACC Communications Department to request a speaker from the Unified Government.

Special Events Permits (see: Events, Special and/or Outdoor)

Speed Humps (see: Residential Traffic Management Program (RTMP))

Splash Pads

www.acccgov.com/splashpads

Splash pads are outdoor water playgrounds located at Walker Park and Howard Park open in summer months. Each splash pad includes multiple elements that shoot water from the flooring as well as drop water from buckets from above. Water is recycled and reused through a filtering system (see also: *Pools, Public*).

SPLOST**706-613-3025**www.accgov.com/splost

City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 101

The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is a 1-cent sales tax approved by voters that funds a variety of capital projects. An advisory committee oversees projects, which are managed by a private company contracted by Athens-Clarke County. Progress reports and other information is available online (see also: *SPLOST & TSPLOST projects* on pg. 14-15).

Sports, Youth and Adultwww.accgov.com/sports

The ACC Leisure Services Department offers a variety of sports leagues and facilities.

St. Mary's Hospital (see: *Saint Mary's Hospital*)**State Court****706-613-3200**www.accgov.com/statecourt

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 425 State Court has concurrent jurisdiction with Superior Court in civil actions except where exclusive jurisdiction is given to the Superior Court by the Georgia Constitution. State Court handles appeals from the Magistrate's Court and has criminal jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases. The DUI Treatment Court is also part of State Court (see also: *Clerk of Superior and State Courts; Court Administrator; Drug Courts*).

State Government Information (see: *Georgia Government Information*)**State Patrol (see: *Georgia State Patrol*)****Stormwater Management Program****706-613-3440**www.accgov.com/stormwater

The ACC Transportation and Public Works Department's Stormwater Management Program goals are to alleviate flooding, reduce the discharge of harmful pollutants associated with stormwater runoff, and to protect the water quality of streams and rivers (see also: *Rain Barrels*).

Stream Monitoring & Clean-Ups (see: *Adopt-a-Stream*)**Street Addresses****706-613-3515**

ACC Planning Department

Street Lightswww.accgov.com/streetlights

Most street lights are maintained by the company that provides electricity to them, except for some areas of downtown on East Clayton Street that are managed by

ACCGov. For issues related to street lights, residents may contact the utility directly (see also: *Outage, Power*).

Street Repair**706-613-3465**

ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division

Subdivision of Property**706-613-3515**

ACC Planning Department

Substance Abuse (see: *Advantage Behavioral Health Systems*)

Summer Camps (see: *Camps, Summer (ACC Leisure Services)*)

Summer Employment [ACC Leisure Services]**706-613-3625**www.accgov.com/jobs

The ACC Leisure Services Department offers summer employment opportunities in athletics, natural resources, and recreation. Positions include summer camp management, camp counselors, and aquatics staff. Applications are usually accepted from mid-January until May or later, depending on the position.

Superior Court

706-613-3163 / 706-613-3190 [Clerk of Superior Court]

www.accgov.com/courts

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Third Floor The Superior Court has jurisdiction in divorce, felony, land-title, equity, adoption, and certain civil suits. Most Accountability Courts are also part of the Superior Court. The Western Judicial Circuit is comprised of Athens-Clarke County and Oconee County. This court also handles appeals from the Probate Court (see also: *Accountability Courts; Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); Clerk of Superior and State Courts; Court Administrator; Drug Courts*).

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**Education [SNAP-Ed]****706-613-3640**

SNAP-Ed is a federally-funded program that helps families and individuals learn how to eat healthier meals and snacks, stretch food dollars, and reduce the risk of food-borne illness. Contact ACC Extension to arrange a class, obtain educational materials, or for more information.

Surplus Items, ACCGovwww.govdeals.com**Surveys, Land**

Surveys can be provided by private companies. Athens-Clarke County does not provide survey services.

Sustainability Department**706-613-3838**www.accgov.com/sustainability

110 Bray Street

The ACC Sustainability Department works as a steward of public resources by promoting practices and policies to innovatively reduce environmental footprints, grow the local economy, and foster a thriving community by networking staff, ideas, and resources across departments and throughout the community to achieve outcomes supported by a long-term sustainability plan.

Swimming (see: *Pools, Public; Splash Pads*)



Tags, Vehicle (see: *License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration*)

TANF [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families]
(see: *Family and Children Services, Division of*)

Tax Assessor**706-613-3140**www.accgov.com/taxassessor

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 280
The ACC Tax Assessor's Office appraises all property located in Athens-Clarke County at its fair market value to ensure taxpayers pay no more than their fair share of property taxes (see also: *Property Values*).

Tax Commissioner**706-613-3120 / 706-613-3130 [Tag Office]**www.accgov.com/tc

- **Main Office** – ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 250
- **Tag Office** – 3025 Lexington Road

The ACC Tax Commissioner's Office is involved in the preparation of the digest, collection of ad valorem tax on real and personal property, disbursements of these collections to the levying authorities, and final audit of these transactions. The office also works with delinquent ad valorem taxpayers. For motor vehicles, the office registers and titles vehicles; collects and disburses related taxes and fees; advises taxpayers of legal means of transferring vehicle ownership and proper registration and titling procedures; and assists law enforcement in identifying vehicle ownership (see also: *License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration*).

Tax, Income

- **Federal** (see: *Internal Revenue Service*)
- **State** (see: *Revenue, GA Department of*)

Forms may also be available at the Athens Regional

Library or post offices (see also: *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)*).

Tax, Property [Filing]**706-613-3120**

ACC Tax Commissioner

Tax Sale Auctions**706-613-3120**

Tax sale auctions conducted by the ACC Tax Commissioner's Office are held on the steps of the ACC Courthouse at 10:00 AM on the first Tuesday of each month. Listings of available properties are placed in the *Athens Banner-Herald* four weeks prior to the sale.

Taxi Driver Permits**706-613-3888**

ACC Police Department

Taylor-Grady House**706-613-3530**www.accgov.com/taylorgrady

634 Prince Avenue

This Greek revival home built in the mid-1840s was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976. It is owned by the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and operated by an outside contracted organization for events and activities.

Television (see: *ACTV; Cable Television*)

Teen Matterswww.teenmattersathens.com

- **168 South Rocksprings Court – 706-369-5670**
- **1275 Cedar Shoals Drive – 706-227-7198**

A GA Health Department program for teenagers ages 11-19 that offers a variety of medical services, as well as health education programs, guidance counseling, and community involvement opportunities.

Temporary Protective Orders / Temporary Restraining Orders**706-613-3190**

Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) and Temporary Protective Orders (TPOs) are both filed through the Clerk of Superior and State Court. These two different types of orders are issued by a court restraining the conduct of a person and protecting a victim from the activities of an abusive person (see also: *Clerk of Superior and State Courts*).

Tenant Rights (see: *Landlord and Tenant Rights and Issues*)

Tennis Center**706-613-3991**www.accgov.com/tennis

4460 Lexington Road

The facility accommodates year-round usage for open play, leagues, instructional programs, clinics, and tournaments. The center includes 12 lighted, hard-surface courts with viewing and staging areas, a covered pavilion, restrooms, and meeting space facilities. The center is a component of Southeast Clarke Park and maintained by ACC Leisure Services.

Theatre, Public (see: *Athens Creative Theatre (ACT); Morton Theatre*)

Therapeutic Recreation Programs**706-613-3800**www.accgov.com/tr

ACC Leisure Services offers Therapeutic Recreation programs, services, and activities that are accessible to all individuals with disabilities. Leisure Services supports and encourages opportunities for inclusion in all programs. In addition, adaptive programs are available to provide individuals with disabilities a modified experience for recreational success.

Thomas N. Lay Park (see: *Lay Park and Community Center*)

Think at the Sink (see: *Water Conservation Office*)

Tickets, Parking (see: *Parking Tickets*)

Tickets, Traffic (see: *Traffic Offenses; Municipal Court*)

Tip Line, Crime (see: *Crime Reports*)

Tires, Scrap (see: *Landfill*)

Titles, Mobile Home**706-613-3130**

ACC Tax Commissioner

Titles, Vehicle**706-613-3130**

ACC Tax Commissioner

Tool Shed**706-613-3501 ext. 7872**www.accgov.com/toolshed

ACC Solid Waste Department –

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful

The Athens Area Tool Shed program offers a large inventory of tools ranging from gardening tools to renovation tools that can be borrowed for community improvement projects including school and community garden work, cleanups, invasive removal, and litter removal and beautification.

Tornado Sirens (see: *Sirens, Tornado*)

Tours

- **ACCGov Facility / Department Tours**

Tours can be arranged for groups at some ACCGov facilities and/or departments based on availability. See individual entries for contact info.

- **Historic Athens Heritage Tours – 706-353-1820**

www.athenswelcomecenter.com

290 E. Dougherty Street

The Athens Welcome Center offers several different guided bus and walking tours.

Towing

For questions related to towing from public property, contact the Police Department. Non-consensual towing from private property is governed by state and local ordinances and overseen by the Public Service Commission (see also: *Booting, Vehicle; Public Service Commission*).

Traffic Engineering**706-613-3460**

ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Traffic Engineering Division

Traffic Offenses**706-613-3690**

ACC Municipal Court

Traffic Signal / Sign Installation / Repair**706-613-3460**

ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Traffic Engineering Division

Trail Creek Park (see: *Walker Park*)

Trailswww.accgov.com/trails

The ACC Leisure Services Department offers several choices of varying difficulties, including both paved paths and natural surface trails.

Transit**706-613-3430 [Bus Information] /****706-613-3432 [Department Administration]**www.accgov.com/transit

Multimodal Transportation Center

775 East Broad Street / Hickory Street Connector

The ACC Transit Department provides fare-free transportation service in Athens-Clarke County through fixed-route bus service and the Lift paratransit service (see also: *Bus Information; Lift Information; Multimodal Transportation Center*).

Transition Center (see: *Diversion Center*)

Translation, Spanish (see: *Spanish Language / Translation Assistance*)

Transportation and Public Works Department

www.accgov.com/publicworks

- **Main Office / Stormwater Management / Engineering – 706-613-3440**
120 West Dougherty Street
- **Streets and Drainage Division – 706-613-3465**
605 Spring Valley Road
- **Traffic Engineering Division – 706-613-3460**
2795 Lexington Road

The ACC Transportation and Public Works Department provides technical service for traffic operations systems, construction and maintenance of road systems, engineering inspection of public roads, sidewalks, and drainage facilities, and support services to other ACC projects involving public improvements (see also: *Animal, Dead Removal; Drainage, Street; Graffiti Reporting / Removal; Parking, Residential; Parking, Street; Residential Traffic Management Program; Road Work Reports; Sidewalks; Stormwater Management Program; Street Lights; Street Repair; Traffic Signal / Sign Installation / Repair*).

Transportation, Georgia Department of

706-583-2644 [Athens Area Office] /

511 [GA Travel Info]

www.dot.ga.gov

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) plans, constructs, maintains, and improves the state's roads and bridges; provides planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit and airports; provides airport and air safety planning; and provides air travel to state departments. GDOT also provides administrative support to the State Tollway Authority, the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority, and the Georgia Southwest Rail Excursion Authority.

Transportation Improvement Program [TIP]

706-613-3515 [ACC Planning Department]

www.macorts.org

The TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) is an annually-updated document that details funded transportation projects to be undertaken in the Athens Urbanized Area. The role of the TIP is to document the implementation of the short-range (four-year) elements of the Long Range (20-year) Transportation Plan. Although only federally-funded projects located within the urbanized area are required to be included in the TIP, all transportation projects are included for informational purposes (see also: *MACORTS*).

Trash (see: *Dumping, Illegal; Litter; Solid Waste*)

Treatment and Accountability Court [TAC]

706-354-3995

www.accgov.com/tac

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 580
The ACC Treatment & Accountability Court (TAC) targets individuals who are or could be charged with a felony or misdemeanor criminal offense stemming from their mental illness or mental disability. Many of these individuals have a co-occurring addictive disease. The Treatment & Accountability Court is administered by the Superior Court with assistance from the Probate Court (see also: *Accountability Courts*).

Trees

Best Management Practices for Community Trees is a 134-page technical guide to selecting, placing, conserving, protecting, maintaining, establishing, removing, and replacing trees in Athens-Clarke County. It is available from the ACC Community Forester and online at www.accgov.com/forester (see also: *Arborist; Community Forester; Community Tree Council; Landmark Trees; Landscape Management Division; Trees, Fallen*).

Trees, Fallen / Leaning / Hanging

- **Blocking roadways due to storms:**
 - During business hours (7:00 AM - 3:30 PM) - 911 or the ACC Landscape Management Division (706-613-3561)
 - After 3:30 PM - 911
- **On public property or right-of-way - ACC** Landscape Management Division (706-613-3561)
- **Leaning or hanging trees (not yet fallen) - ACC** Community Forester (706-613-3561)

TSPLOST

706-613-3025

www.accgov.com/tsplost

A Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) is a 1-cent sales tax approved by voters specifically for transportation purposes, including roads, bridges, public transit, rails, airports, buses, and all accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to these facilities (see also: *SPLOST & TSPLOST Projects* on pp. 14-15).



UGA (see: *University of Georgia*)

UGA School of Law Clinics

- **Business Law Clinic – 706-542-9236**

This clinic offers free transactional legal services for small businesses, start-ups, and entrepreneurs.

- **Jane W. Wilson Family Justice Clinic – 706-369-6272**

This clinic provides free legal representation to victims of domestic violence and stalking in protective order cases in Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties. The clinic also represents its protective order clients in their related domestic relations cases such as divorces, legitimations, and name changes.

- **Public Interest Practicum – 706-542-5213**

The practicum provides general legal information, research, referrals, and guidance for self-representation in civil legal matters including eviction, repair problems with rental property, debt, consumer complaints, simple probate, powers of attorney and advanced medical directives, arrest record restriction, and public benefits.

- **Veterans Legal Clinic – 706-542-6439**

The clinic represents veterans and their dependents with claims for benefits from the Veterans Administration and the military. It focuses on low-income, homeless, and other vulnerable veterans and accepts cases from around Georgia, particularly veterans living in a 15 county region around Athens.

Unemployment

706-583-2550

GA Department of Labor

Unification

The former City of Athens and Clarke County governments were officially unified into one governing body on January 14, 1991 as a result of a voter referendum in August of 1990.

United States District Court (see: *Federal Court (US District Court)*)

United States Government Information

844-872-4681 [844-USA-GOV1]

www.info.gov / www.usa.gov

United Way of Northeast Georgia

706-543-5254 / 211

www.unitedwaynega.org

The mission of the United Way of Northeast Georgia is to increase the ability of people to care for one another through the combined efforts of volunteers and service providers, and to be an effective catalyst in a community-wide effort to provide a quality of life for all. The United Way also operates the 211 resource and information helpline (see also: 211).

University of Georgia

706-542-3000 [Directory Assistance]

www.uga.edu

Utilities

Private companies provide natural gas, electricity, and phone service to Athens-Clarke County. For problems or complaints with these regulated utilities, contact the Georgia Public Service Commission in Atlanta (800-282-5813 / www.psc.state.ga.us). Water distribution and collection services are provided to most of the county by the ACC Public Utilities Department (see also: *Outage, Power; Public Utilities Department*).

Utilities Protection Services or Utilities Locator

811 / 800-282-7411 [Call Before You Dig]

This service will help residents determine if areas on their property are safe locations for digging (see *inside cover for underground utility line marking codes*).

Utility Poles

706-613-3440 ext. 6716

ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Engineering Division



Vaccinations

Vaccinations can be administered by public or private providers (see also: *Health Centers, Athens Neighborhood; Health Department*).

Vehicle Registration (see: *License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration*)

Vending

- **Door-to-Door** (see: *Door-to-Door Sales*)

- **Downtown – 706-613-3530**

Downtown street vendors are permitted by the ACC Central Services Department and display an identification badge. Only select areas in downtown are available for vending.

- **Private Property – 706-613-3050**

Vendors on commercial private property, such as a parking lot, are permitted by the ACC Finance Department.

Veterans Affairs Clinic [Athens]

706-733-0188 ext. 45511 [Main] /

706-733-0188 ext. 5512 [Mental Health Clinic]

www.va.gov

9249 US Highway 29 South

Outpatient clinic providing primary care and specialty health services, including mental health services, nutrition counseling, blood pressure management programs, women's health services, and more.

Veterans Court**706-224-5029**www.acccgov.com/courts

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210
 The Western Judicial Circuit Veterans Court targets veterans in Athens-Clarke or Oconee County who are or could be charged with a felony or misdemeanor criminal offense stemming from mental illness or substance abuse problems associated with service. It is administered by the Superior Court with supplementary services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (see also: *Veterans Affair Clinic; Veterans Service, Georgia Department of*).

Veterans Service, Georgia Department of**706-733-0188**veterans.georgia.gov

9249 US Highway 29 South, Suite D

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service advises, counsels, and assists Georgia veterans and their families in receiving benefits available under veterans' laws. Discharged veterans with questions about DD2-14 forms should contact the Clerk of Superior and State Courts (see also: *Clerk of Superior and State Courts*).

Veterinary Services – Emergency**706-542-3221 [24/7]**

UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital

2200 College Station Road

Animal owners can also contact their private veterinarians for emergency options.

Victim Assistance Program**• Solicitor-General (State Court) – 706-613-3222**

Handles misdemeanor crimes and serves as an advocate for victims.

• District Attorney (Superior Court) – 706-613-3740

Handles felony crimes and serves as an advocate for victims. Notification of court dates, hearings, and explanation of legal terms is provided by this office.

Victim Impact Panel**706-613-3222**

Solicitor General's Office

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the State Courtroom on the fifth floor of the ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street.

Victim Notification**• Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) – 706-613-3270 / 800-467-4975**www.vinelink.com

Automated system through the Sheriff's Office that allows victims of crimes to check on the status of offenders and also receive notification when an arrested offender is transferred or released.

• Victim Information Program (VIP) – 800-593-9474

Twenty-four hour automated information system used by the GA Department of Corrections with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to provide victims of crime and/or their family with information regarding custody and status of an inmate. Individuals registered with the Office of Victim Services can also automatically receive notification of the release of an offender from custody.

Visitor Centers**• Athens Welcome Center (see: *Welcome Center, Athens*)****• UGA Visitors Center – 706-542-0842**visit.uga.edu

405 College Station Road

Vital Records (see: *Birth Certificates; Death Certificates, Health Department*)**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)****• East Athens Development Corporation – 706-208-0048**www.eadcinc.org**• UGA College of Family & Consumer Sciences – 706-592-8237**www.fcs.uga.edu/fhce/vita**Volunteering****• ACC Leisure Services – 706-613-3800**

Volunteer opportunities exist throughout the ACC Leisure Services Department. Examples of opportunities include trail guides, coaching, after school program helpers, animal caretakers, and Morton Theatre and Athens Creative Theatre ushers. Listings are available at www.acccgov.com/volunteer.

• Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB) – acccgov.com/kaccb, 706-613-3501**• ACC Police – 762-400-7143****Voter Registration / Voting****706-613-3150**www.acccgov.com/elections

To register to vote in Athens-Clarke County, someone must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a legal resident of Athens-Clarke County
- Be at least 17 ½ years old
- Not be serving a sentence for conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude
- Not been found mentally incompetent by a judge

A driver's license or Georgia ID number or the last four digits of a Social Security number, along with the date of birth, proof of residency in Georgia, and a signature are required. Voter ID cards can be made at the ACC Elections Department for voters who do not have a

photo ID that is required for voting (see also: *Absentee Voting; Advance Voting; Elections Department*).

Voter ID Card (see: *Voter Registration / Voting*)



Walker Park

706-613-3991

www.acccgov.com/walker

200 Trail Creek Street

Formerly known as Trail Creek Park, Walker Park is a 113-acre park facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department. The park was named in 2020 for Virginia Callaway-Cofer Walker, a community leader in East Athens where the park is located. The park includes two lighted football/soccer fields, an outdoor fitness zone, a playground, a practice baseball field, a splash pad, two picnic shelters, a walking trail, and mountain bike trails.

Warden (see: *Corrections*)

Warden, Game (see: *Conservation Ranger (Game Warden)*)

Ware-Lyndon Historic House Museum

706-613-3623

www.acccgov.com/warelyndonhouse

211 Hoyt Street

The Ware-Lyndon House (c.1856) is the only surviving building from the Lickskillet neighborhood of Athens. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. The house features an architectural style that is a blend of 19th century Italianate and Greek Revival and showcases furniture and historical artifacts from the Victorian period in Georgia. Adjacent to the Ware-Lyndon House is an interpretive Victorian-style Parterre garden. The facility is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Warrants

706-613-3250

Warrants are issued by the ACC Magistrate Court and served by the ACC Sheriff's Office.

Waste (see: *Solid Waste; Litter*)

Water, Brown (see: *Water Quality / Testing*)

Water Business Office (Billing)

706-613-3500

www.acccgov.com/wbo

124 East Hancock Avenue

The ACC Water Business Office issues and collects bills for water distribution and collection services by the ACC Public Utilities Department and stormwater fees

for ACC Transportation and Public Works' Stormwater Management Program. The office also handles water service (see also: *Project SHARE; Public Utilities; Stormwater Management Program*).

Water Conservation Office

706-613-3729

www.acccgov.com/thinkatthesink

124 East Hancock Avenue

The ACC Public Utilities Department Water Conservation Office provides free residential water audits, tips, and tools to help residents conserve and become more water efficient.

Water Meters

706-613-3479

ACC Public Utilities Meter Management

Water Quality / Testing

- Public Water (Non-Well) – 706-613-3481**

ACC Public Utilities Department

Contact the ACC Public Utilities Department for questions regarding discolored water from the faucet/tap or to obtain information on the Water Quality Report or Quarterly Tap Water Analysis.

- Private Wells**

The GA Health Department's Environmental Health Division (706-583-2658) or ACC Extension (706-613-3640) provides well water testing.

Water Resources Center (see: *Snipes Water Resources Center*)

Water Services [ACC System Broken Lines / Leaks] (see: *Emergency Water or Sewer Service*)

Water Wasting

706-613-3729

www.acccgov.com/code

Certain water wasting activities are prohibited by ordinance Section 5-3-123.

Watering Restrictions [Outdoor] (see: *Outdoor Watering*)

Weapons Carry License

706-613-3320

www.acccgov.com/weaponscarry

The Probate Court issues weapons carry licenses to Athens-Clarke County residents 21 years or older. Background checks are required for each applicant, including fingerprinting for new applications. Application forms are available online or in the Probate Court. Fees required by law are collected by the Probate Court and the Sheriff's Office.

Websitewww.accgov.com

Official website for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government.

Weddings

A number of ACCGov indoor and outdoor facilities and parks may be reserved or rented for marriage ceremonies including City Hall, the Lyndon House Arts Center, and others (see also: *Leisure Services Department for facility listings; Marriage License*).

Welcome Center, Athens**706-353-1820**www.athenswelcomecenter.com

280 East Dougherty Street

The Athens Welcome Center offers visitor and newcomer information, a gift shop, and community tours. It is housed in the Church-Waddel-Brumby House, built circa 1820 and believed to be the oldest house in Athens. The house is owned by Athens-Clarke County and administered by Historic Athens as a house museum and welcome center.

Welfare [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families]

(see: *Family and Children Services, Division of*)

Well Water Testing (see: *Water Quality / Testing*)**Wellness Clinic** (see: *Athens Wellness Clinic*)**WIC [Women, Infants & Children] Supplemental Nutrition Program** (see: *Health Department*)**Wildlife**

The ACC Animal Services Department (706-613-3540) will respond to seriously sick, injured, or trapped wildlife, as well as any threat to public safety. If wild animals have nested, exist in large numbers, or are within a wall or other structure that would be damaged in order to gain access to the animal, contact a licensed wildlife removal company.

Wills**706-613-3320**

Probate Court

The court does not notarize wills (see also: *Notary Public*).

Winterville**706-742-8600 [City Hall]**www.cityofwinterville.com

125 North Church Street, Winterville, GA, 30683

Since unification in 1991, Winterville has been the only municipality located wholly within Athens-Clarke County. The City of Winterville receives some services from Athens-Clarke County and has its own mayor and city council.

Women's Shelter (see: *Homeless Services; Project Safe*)**Work Release** (see: *Diversion Center*)**World of Wonder Park** (see: *Playgrounds (ACC Leisure Services); Southeast Clarke Park*)Y**Yellow Curbs** (see: *Parking, Street*)**Yard Sales** (see: *Garage Sales*)**Young Urban Builders****706-613-0122**athenslandtrust.org

Athens Land Trust

The Young Urban Builders program is designed to provide job training and experience while working on community projects and aiding in neighborhood revitalization. The program was started in 2018 with funding through the ACC Housing and Community Development Department as a way to address youth unemployment and perform owner-occupied rehabilitation in the West Broad Neighborhood (see also: *Land Trusts*).

Young Urban Farmers**706-613-0122**athenslandtrust.org

Athens Land Trust

The Young Urban Farmers Program is a work-based learning youth development program for high school students to learn technical gardening and farming skills, gain exposure to new foods through culinary arts, and explore entrepreneurial endeavors (see also: *Land Trusts*).

Youth Leadership Athenswww.youthleadershipathens.com

Since 1990, Youth Leadership Athens (YLA) has served as a leadership development and civic education program for area high school students.

Youth Arrest (see: *Regional Youth Detention Center (Gainesville)*)**Youth Sports** (see: *Holland Youth Sports Complex; Satterfield Park*)Z**Zero Waste Kits****706-613-3501**www.accgov.com/zerowaste

The ACC Solid Waste Department offers event recycling

bins, compost bins, reusable plates, wares, cups, napkins, and more for residents to borrow for events in order to reduce the need for disposables and send fewer items to the landfill. Details and a request form are available online.

Zoning Code

706-613-3515

ACC Planning Department

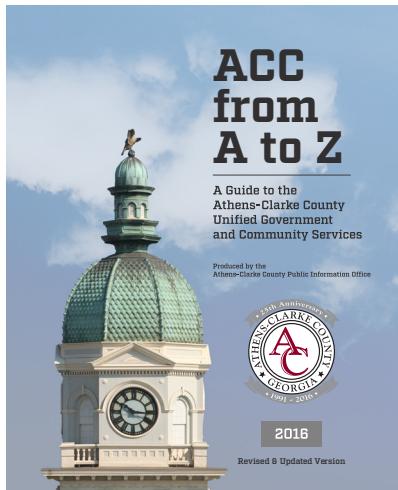
The Zoning Code includes ordinances detailing categorical use zones, definitions, overlay districts, conditional uses, variance procedures, and other specialized development standards. The Zoning Code and Development Standards are collectively called the Development Regulations (see also: *Comprehensive Plan; Development Standards; Future Land Use Map / Plan*).

Zoo (see: *Bear Hollow Zoo*)

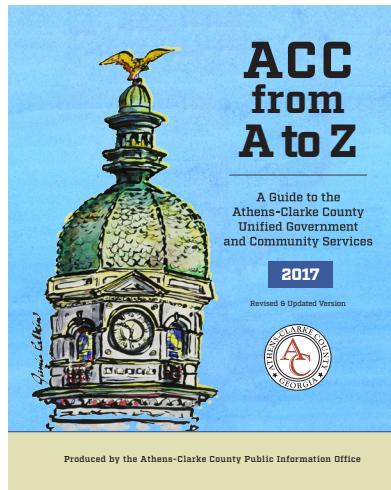
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Athens Artist Series

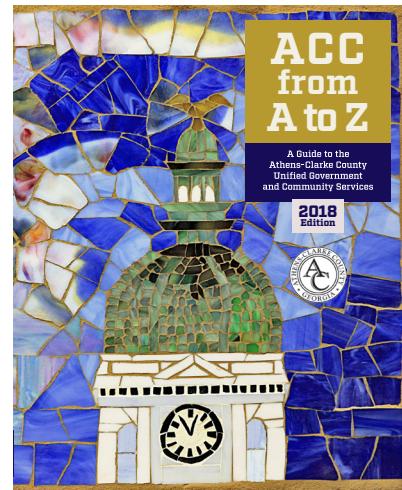
Since 2017, the annual Athens Artist Cover Series has showcased local artists' renditions of the City Hall dome in a variety of media and styles.



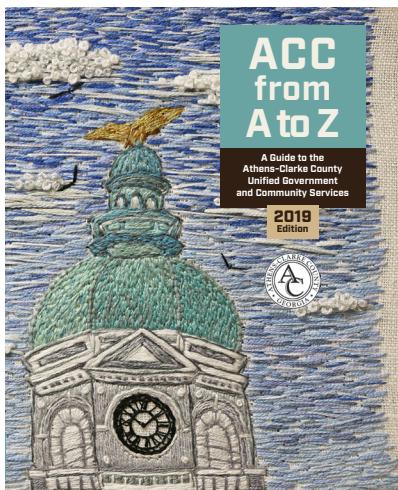
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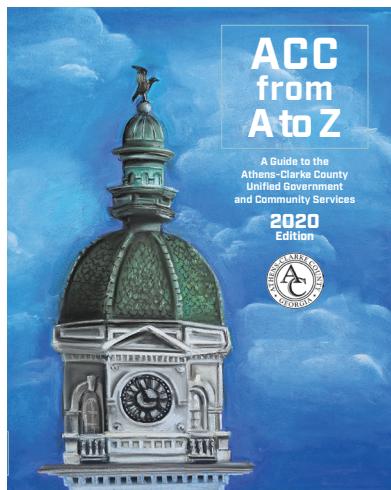
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Watercolor



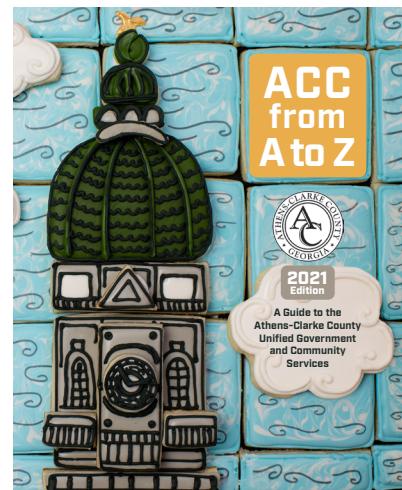
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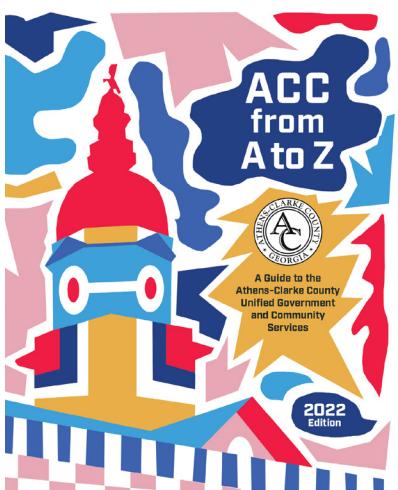
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Embroidery



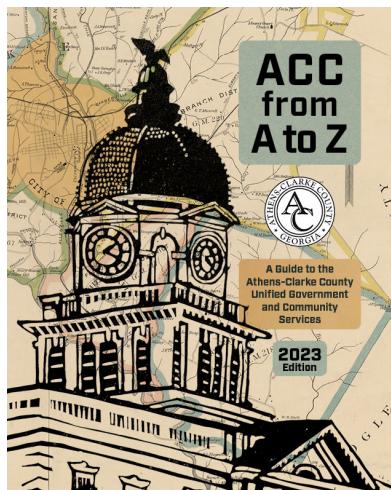
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Artist: Marcella Castaneda
Chalk on hardboard



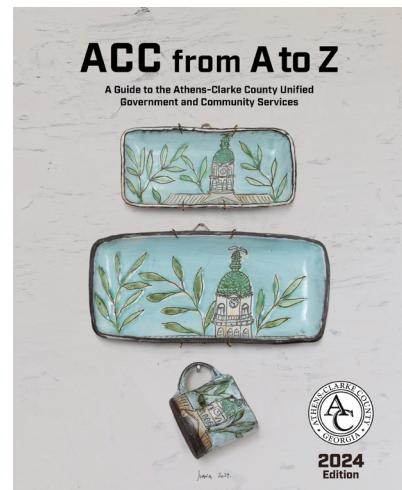
2021
Artist: Ashley King
Baked cookie and icing



2022
Artist: Jared Brown
Digital art



2023
Artist: Abigail West
Block print, digital art



2024
Artist: Juana Gnecco
Ceramics

About the Cover
(9th in the Athens Artist Cover Series):

Sam Watson is an Athens-born illustrator passionate about creating colorful and engaging visuals for all ages. Sam draws inspiration from local imagery such as architecture, native plants, and other staples of Athens life. Sam's work also features colorful landscapes, fruit, and narrative scenes, and can often be found at an art market around town. See more of Sam's work on Instagram @sam.j.watson.