

Building Permit Procedures Explained

If you are planning to construct a new home, build an addition, or perform extensive remodeling to your present home, you should contact the Department of Codes Enforcement to obtain the necessary permits before beginning work.

A building permit is required for any new construction or major remodeling. Storage buildings and swimming pools also require permits. A homeowner is permitted to perform the construction himself, or choose a licensed contractor to complete the work. If the construction is to be performed under contract, the builder must obtain the building permit from the City.

All contractors must obtain a business license, a bond, and if applicable, the necessary state license(s) for their trade, prior to receiving a permit. Once these are obtained, a building permit application is to be completed and submitted along with construction drawings. In some cases, a

sketch plan showing the relationship of the structure to the property is required to verify conformance with zoning requirements.

The City has adopted codes to help regulate safety and sound construction practices. These codes include:

- Standard Building Code
- Standard Housing Code
- National Electric Code
- Standard Plumbing Code
- Standard Gas Code
- Standard Mechanical Code
- Swimming Pool Code
- Unsafe Building Abatement Code

Building permit fees are required with all permit applications and are based on the value of the construction.

Codes Enforcement personnel are happy to assist you with your construction plans. Their office is located on the second floor of the Municipal Building, and their phone number is 278-0817.

Clip and Save

CITY DIRECTORY

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- Community Center 278-2358



Mrs. Paul Knox and Mr. Hammond Burkhalter examined the new wrought iron fence at Sunset Cemetery. The North Augusta Historical Society, in cooperation with the city, recently completed the fencing at the cemetery located on Alta Vista Avenue.

Senior Citizen Walk in May

May is Physical Fitness and Sports Month. The Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a walk for Senior Citizens (age 55 and over) on May 12, 1987, at Riverview Park. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. at the San Salvador parking lot and will include a walk around the 1.1 mile jogging trail in the park. Further information may be obtained from the Department of Parks and Recreation at 278-2358.

Riverview Park

Campsite Rental Information

The Riverview Park Campsites, located off Filter Plant Road, are available for rent for a fee of \$3.00 per campsite each night. Campsites include water, fire ring, lantern holder, picnic table and parking for one vehicle. Restrooms are within a brief walking distance. Reservation information may be obtained from the Department of Parks and Recreation on East Buena Vista Avenue, or by calling 278-2358.

Riverview Park Picnic Shelter

The Riverview Park Picnic Shelter is available for rent for a small fee. The shelter includes restrooms, a counter area for warming trays, hot and cold water, seating capacity for 80, and two grills. Rental fees are as follows:

- Monday-Thursday:**
 \$10.00 per six (6) hour rental period, or
 \$20.00 per twelve (12) hour rental period.
- Friday - Sunday and Holidays:**
 \$20.00 per six (6) hour rental period, or
 \$30.00 per twelve (12) hour rental period.

The Driver's Point System and You

The Public Safety Department asks for our cooperation in making North Augusta as safe as possible. We can contribute to this effort through our obeying all traffic laws. Those of us who fail to follow the traffic laws are given tickets. These traffic tickets carry penalties under the State's point system. Too many points can cause the loss of our driver's license and cause insurance rates to go up.

When a person receives a South Carolina driver's license, there are no points charged against his record. However, if a driver is ticketed by a law enforcement official for not obeying a traffic law, he is issued a traffic ticket. If the driver is convicted, the ticket is forwarded to the South Carolina Highway Department. The department will then charge points against the person's driving record. When 12 or more points are on record, a person's right to drive is suspended. Points can be subtracted from a driving record after 12 months without a subsequent violation at the rate of one-half of the total points posted.

Traffic violations carry penalty points as the following chart depicts:

VIOLATION	PENALTY
Reckless driving	6
Passing a stopped school bus	6
Hit and run with property damage	6
Too fast for conditions over 10 mph	4
Too fast for conditions under 10mph	4
Speeding 10 mph over limit	4
Speeding 10 mph or less over limit	2
Disobedience to sign or signal	4
Disobedience to officer's directions	4
Failure to yield right-of-way	4
Driving on wrong side of road	4
Passing unlawfully	4
Turning unlawfully	4
Driving through safety zone	4
Failing to give proper signal	4
Following too closely	4
Defective brakes	4
Improper lane change	2
Failure to dim headlights	2
Improper lights	2
Operating an unsafe vehicle	2
Driving in wrong lane	2
Improper parking	2

Insurance companies have access to the Highway Department records and regularly check their customer's records. These companies have their own point

systems and charge penalties for convictions and some accidents. Their penalties often result in increased premiums. More importantly, poor driving habits are directly related to the number of motor vehicle accidents in North Augusta.

ADMINISTRATION

City of North Augusta - Incorporated 1906
 Mayor-Council form of government, with City Administrator.

Mayor: Thomas W. Greene

- Council: Edward O. Ertle
 William L. Gray
 Lark W. Jones
 Earl Sasser
 Ellen S. Smith
 Alexander A. Valois

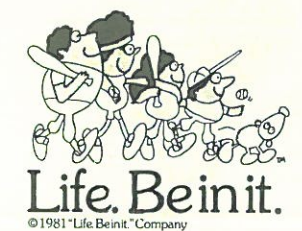
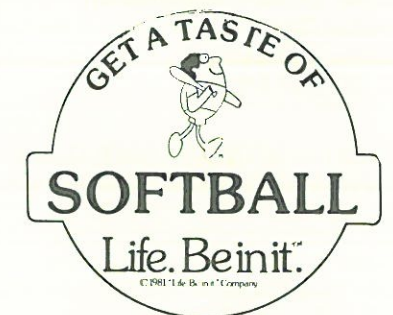
City Council meetings are held every first and third Monday at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 400 East Buena Vista Avenue.
CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Youth Baseball, Girls Softball Registration Information

Registration for the following youth baseball and softball leagues will be held Wednesday, March 4, 1987, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., and on Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Parks and Recreation office on East Buena Vista Avenue:

League	Age Group	Birthday Cut-off	Registration Fee*
Dixie Youth:	6 & 7 year olds	August 1st	\$15.00
	8 - 12 year olds	August 1st	\$18.00
Dixie Boys:	13 & 14 year olds	August 1st	\$25.00
Dixie Pre Majors:	15 & 16 year olds	August 1st	\$25.00
Girls Softball:	10 and under	September 1st	\$20.00
	12 and under	September 1st	\$20.00
	15 and under	September 1st	\$20.00

*An additional \$5.00 is added to non-resident participants.





"COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE"

The North Augusta Municipal Election will be held on April 28, 1987, for the election of three members of City Council.

Public Safety Department Enlists Aid of Bloodhound

In December of 1985, the Public Safety Department received a three year old, mixed breed bloodhound from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. The dog, named "Gator", has proven to be quite capable of assisting in the location of evidence and suspected criminals.

From January 1986 to January 1987, "Gator" located nine persons who were sought by the police as either violators or escapees. In addition, "Gator" located

approximately \$9,000 in stolen money.

Other evidence has been uncovered as the dog was used to assist eight area law enforcement agencies. To date the bloodhound has been used on 70 calls.

Over the past year more than 500 man hours have been devoted to this program by Department members. All of this time has been on a voluntary basis. The Department is looking forward to even greater success with this program in 1987.



Captain Lee Weatherington and Gator preparing to search for evidence.

Martintown Road

Contract Awarded by Highway Department

The S.C. Department of Highways and Public Transportation has awarded a contract in the amount of \$3,363,842.45 to W.B. Easton, Inc., of Lexington, S.C., for improvements to West Martintown Road. This project will include the widening and resurfacing with concrete curb and gutter of 2.39 miles of road from Georgia Avenue to Hammond Pond Road. Also included in the project are storm drainage improvements, 2.4 miles

of sidewalk, and a pedestrian underpass at the intersection of Bunting Drive and West Martintown Road.

This work is expected to begin in March or April and should be completed by November, 1988. Plans are now being developed by state officials to improve the remainder of Martintown Road to Interstate 20. These plans are expected to be completed by the fall of this year.

Activity Brisk At Community Center

In its first three months of operation, the new North Augusta Community Center, located on Brookside Drive, has been the site of 147 functions with over 7,775 participants. Seventy-five of these functions were for civic clubs and local organizations which have chosen the Community Center as their regular meeting location. An additional 72 special activities such as banquets, parties and wedding receptions were held during the last three months of 1986. Altogether, these functions have generated over \$7,700 in revenue.

Based on advanced reservations it is estimated that over 30,000 people will participate in approximately 600 meetings and special events during 1987. Based on this projection, approximately \$26,800 in revenue will be generated this year.

Anyone interested in reserving the Community Center should contact Carol Ratchford, Center Supervisor, at the Parks and Recreation office at 278-2358.

Dernlan Named Director of Engineering

Gary D. Dernlan has been appointed Director of Engineering and Public Works/Utilities for the City of North Augusta. Mr. Dernlan begins his work with the City on March 2, 1987.

Mr. Dernlan received his B.S. degree in Construction Engineering from Purdue University and has received his Masters of Business Administration from Augusta College. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of South Carolina.

Prior to his appointment with the City, Mr. Dernlan was employed by E.I. Dupont de Nemours, Construction Division.

Sanitation Holiday Schedule

The Sanitation Department will be closed in observance of the following holidays during 1987:

- Friday, April 17..... Good Friday
Monday, May 25..... Memorial Day
Friday, July 3..... Independence Day
Monday, September 7..... Labor Day
Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27..... Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25..... Christmas

When a holiday falls on a Monday, customers whose garbage is normally collected that day will have their garbage collected on Tuesday, and customers whose garbage is collected on Tuesday will have their garbage collected Wednesday. When a holiday falls on a Friday, customers on Thursday's route will have their garbage collected Wednesday and Friday's route will be collected on Thursday. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, garbage and trash will not be collected on Thursday and Friday. All customers will have their garbage collected on Wednesday preceding these holidays. The Sanitation department employees thank the citizens for their cooperation during these holiday periods.

BULK RATE U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT NO. 26 NORTH AUGUSTA, S.C.

City Property Taxes Due May 1st

Tax notices for 1986 for real property, merchant's inventory and personal property (boats) were mailed by the City's Finance Department in mid-Janauary, 1987. These taxes should be paid by May 1, 1987, to avoid delinquent penalties and costs. Please contact the Finance Department's tax clerk at 279-0330 if you have not received your tax notice.

Appointed Boards and Commissions

Many North Augusta citizens serve on boards and commissions of the City. Their willingness to devote their time and talents provides a valuable service to the City Council in handling the affairs of the City. These citizens, appointed by City Council, serve without compensation and are to be commended for their work. Included are the following.

- Board of Health
Dr. Wade R. Bedingfield
Dr. Keith S. Blevins
Kathryn C. Gooden
Elisabeth T. Thurmond
Miriam L. Woodring

- Building Codes Board of Adjustments and Appeals
R. Michael Baugh
W.E. Byrd
William Hughes
Jimmy A. Lamar
Harry C. Samples

- Housing Advisory Board
Joe Gambill
Tommie Johnson
Buren A. Lown
Jean Morris
Wesley Wilber

- Municipal Election Commission
Gerald Croom
Verlon McDowell
O. Douglas Smith

- Planning Commission
Danny Beavers
Mark H. Bennett
Richard M. Fletcher
James E. Hoisington
William S. Little
Ed Meloan
Ernestine P. Taylor
Joseph L. Thomas
Vincent W. Walker

- Street Paving and Lighting Committee
Leonard Aiken
Carolyn Baggott
Herbert W. Fletcher
I. Glen Heath
Frank Holmes
Tommie Johnson
James R. Kellett, Sr.
William L. Thweatt

- Zoning Board of Adjustments
Leroy Danforth
Yancy L. Skinner
Wallace W. Steadman
Ernest Warnock
Beverly Western

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