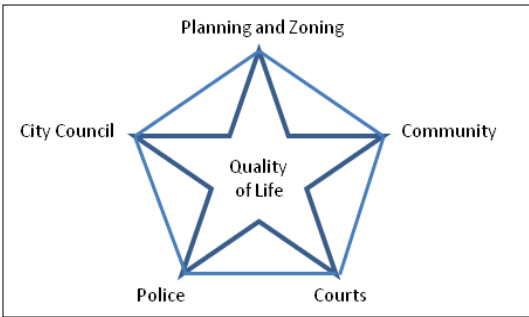


Quality of Life Unit

The Quality of Life Unit is a community-based, proactive unit of the Special Operations Division within the City of Lawrenceville's Police Department. The purpose of the unit is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Lawrenceville through education and enforcement of local ordinances and state laws.



Brochure Contents

This brochure contains a summary of ordinances enacted by the City of Lawrenceville. The full text of these ordinances should be referred to for a more full understanding of the contents thereof.

A link to the city ordinances may be found on the city and police websites:

www.lawrencevillega.org
www.lawrencevillepd.com



Enforcement

Most of the enforcement efforts of the Quality of Life Unit begin with a notice of violation. The notice will advise of a date for a follow-up inspection. By ordinance, this follow-up inspection should be scheduled for three days following the initial notice of violation. The officers realize, however, that certain issues take more time and money and will work with the owner accordingly. Property owners have varying time limits, based on the nature of the violation, for bringing their property into compliance.

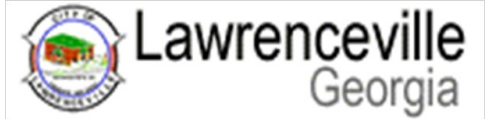
It is the intention of the Quality of Life Unit to work with the property owner to solve an issue for the betterment of the city at large. Issuance of citations is viewed as a last resort and when the officer feels that the property owner is not attempting to comply with the spirit of the law. It is not the mission of the unit to hunt for technical violations and write citations for them, we wish to work with the community to make it a better place for all.



Registering a Complaint

All complaints received by the unit are investigated and filed. As a member of the community, you are a part of the effort to improve and maintain the quality of life in Lawrenceville. You can help us do our part by letting us know of problems you see. If you have any questions, please contact us at any time. We are here for the community.

Phone: 770-277-7454
Emergency: 770-963-2443
Fax: 770-277-7460
E-mail: QOL@lawrencevillepd.com



Property Maintenance Ordinance

Quality of Life Unit of the Lawrenceville Police Department

770-277-7454

Improving the quality of life for the citizens of Lawrenceville

Property Maintenance Ordinance

General Code of Ordinances 2005, Chp 17



Exterior Maintenance

All exterior surfaces, including but not limited to siding, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches and trim shall be maintained in good repair. Exterior wood surfaces, other than decay resistant woods, shall have a protective covering or treatment. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted.



Fences and Walls

Fences and walls shall be maintained in a structurally sound condition, in good repair, and free from loose or rotting materials. If painted, the paint on such fences and walls shall be maintained without excess wear as evidenced by peeling, chipping, or flaking. Fences and walls shall be kept clean of visible signs of mold, mildew or algae growths. Exterior walls of buildings shall be maintained free from holes, breaks, or loose or rotting materials, and shall be maintained weatherproof and properly surface-coated as needed to prevent deterioration.



Grass and Weeds

Premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from grass, weeds, or uncultivated vegetation in excess of twelve (12) inches in height.



Open or Outdoor Storage

Outdoor Storage, as defined in Article VI of the City of Lawrenceville Zoning Code 2005, is not allowed except for grills, freezers, basketball goals, toys, lawn equipment, and other like equipment in good operating order that are actually used as a part of and strictly for the residential purposes of the owner



Decks, Porches & Balconies

Exterior stairways, decks, porches and balconies, and all appurtenances attached thereto, of buildings shall be maintained so that they are in good repair.



Windows

Windows of buildings shall be fully supplied and maintained with glass window panes or with a substitute approved by the Director of the Department of Planning, Zoning and Inspections, which are without open cracks or holes. Screens, if provided, shall be securely fastened to the window or window frame.



Exterior Doors and Frames

Exterior doors of buildings shall be maintained so that they fit reasonably well within their frames so as to substantially prevent rain and wind from entering the building.



Roofs

Roofs of buildings shall be maintained so that they are structurally sound and in a safe condition and have no defects which might admit rain or cause dampness in the interior portions of a building.



Swimming Pools

All residential swimming pools, when uncovered, shall be maintained in such a manner that the water in the pool is kept clear and free of algae. The bottom of the pool, at its deepest point, shall be visible at all times. When not covered, the filtration system must be operational either continuously or at set intervals as controlled by an electronic timing device to prevent water from becoming stagnant. When covered, the cover shall remain securely affixed and must remain in good repair.



Tree Regulations

Dead, dying, damaged or diseased trees shall not be allowed to exist or to be maintained on any premises which are hazardous to persons on adjacent property or to adjacent property. Tree stumps greater than twelve (12) inches in height above ground level shall not be permitted or maintained on any premises. Felled trees, slash, removed tree limbs, or other portions of any tree shall not be permitted or maintained on the ground on any premises.



Junk Cars

Junk vehicles shall not be kept, permitted, parked, stored or maintained on any premise or public street right-of-way.



Parked Vehicles

All vehicles in the front or side yard must be parked on a concrete, asphalt, grass crete, or other non-pervious surfaces including but not limited to pavers. Parking in the rear may be on gravel but not grass or dirt.



RVs, Boats and Commercial

Residential lots may have a maximum of two (2) Business Vehicles, provided that any ladders must be removed from the Business Vehicles while parked at the residence. Commercial Vehicles are prohibited in all residential zoning districts. Residential lots may have a maximum of two (2) Recreational Vehicle(s), provided that it has a maximum length of forty-five (45) feet and is stored or parked completely within a garage or carport, or in the side or rear yard on a hardened surface of gravel or on pavement as wide and long as the vehicle. Residential lots may have Watercraft, provided that each Watercraft be thirty (30) feet or less in length, must be stored or parked completely within a garage or carport, or in the side yard or the rear yard on a hardened surface of gravel or on pavement as wide and long as the vehicle.