

## YOUR BUILDING PERMIT

- **Congratulations on obtaining a building permit from the City of Savannah.**

Your permit allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety and welfare. By following code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends or future owners.

- **Please post your inspection card so it is visible from the street.**

This lets your neighbors know that construction done by you or a licensed contractor is being checked for local code requirements. It is also a good reminder for you to call the Development Services Department for inspections as indicated on the inspection card. *NOTE:* Inspections called in after 2:00 p.m. will not be posted until the next business day. **Remember to leave all work exposed until it has been inspected (and/or re-inspected) and approved. Track permit and inspection activities on the City's web site [www.savannahga.gov](http://www.savannahga.gov) under Business. Search for the information by using the permit number.**

- **Your permit is valid for six months, provided the work is not suspended or abandoned.**

*NOTE:* The permit becomes invalid if work is suspended or abandoned for a period of six months after the time the work has commenced. Abandonment is tracked by inspection activity within the Inspection's permit data base. Once your project is ready for occupancy, please schedule a final inspection with our office before moving in.

- A building permit without all inspection approvals may also affect the resale value of your home, as many insurance companies do not recognize structures, additions or remodeling which were constructed without a permit and inspections. Many unfortunate situations have arisen where a fire starting in an addition built without a permit has negated the insurance on the entire home. So protect your investment with a building permit.

- **Remember on all commercial/multi-family construction or demolition projects, if any site development or land disturbing is to be done, please contact the City Engineering Department at (912) 651-6510 to submit a "Soil Erosion Plan".**

- If your construction encroaches onto City right-of-way, such as driveways and scaffolding, you must obtain a Permit to Work on Right-of-Way. You will be held responsible for repair of any damage to the Right-of-Way, which includes streets, lanes, curbing, sidewalks, tree lawns and medians. Applications for permits are available on the City web site, [www.savannahga.gov](http://www.savannahga.gov). You may also phone the Traffic Engineering Department (912) 651-6600 weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to have an application faxed or mailed to you, or if convenient you may come by the City Lot at 100 West Gwinnett Street, near Stiles Avenue.

**Telephone 651-6530 for building inspections**

**7:15am to 2:00pm for – Next Day Inspection**

**651-6540 for all trades inspections between**

**7:15AM and 4:00PM**

**ALL OTHER REQUEST WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AVAILABLE DAY**