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**Brookhaven to begin apartment inspections**

**Brookhaven, GA, July 18, 2013** – The City of Brookhaven will begin inspecting apartment complexes next month in an effort to improve living conditions for residents.

Exterior inspections will start Aug. 5 at the city's 66 apartment complexes to ensure compliance with minimum life safety standards. The inspections are expected to be complete in 18 months.

Community members are invited to learn more about the inspection program at two information sessions. The city's community development team will host meetings July 24 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Brookhaven Municipal Court.

The inspections are in response to an ordinance approved in April that requires all multi-family rental properties to be city code compliant. The ordinance is part of the Buford Highway Improvement Program.

An independent third-party will inspect the exterior of the buildings and mechanical systems, as well as common areas, such as pools, playgrounds, parking lots, elevators and other publicly shared areas. The city has hired building company SAFEbuilt, which has offices in Norcross, to conduct the inspections.

Spanish interpreters will on site during the inspections to answer any questions from landlords and tenants.

Inspection findings will be presented to property owners in a formal report upon completion of each full inspection. Owners will have a specified timeframe to make improvements to the premises as specified in the findings report. Failure to take action will result in code violations.

"This program will ensure that rental property owners are providing safe and healthy living conditions to our residents. It is our duty as a city to ensure that multi-family property complexes comply with life safety, maintenance and fire codes," Mayor J. Max Davis said.

Interior inspections will be conducted at a later date.

**What:** Inspection information sessions:

**When:** Wed., July 24 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**Location:** Brookhaven Municipal Court, 2 Corporate Blvd, Suite 125, Brookhaven

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