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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Whom It May Concern

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**THRU:** Bryan Lackey  
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**DATE:** September 15, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Georgia Energy Code Enforcement Expansion

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) announces its commitment to increase efforts to promote energy conservation throughout the community as part of the countywide Gwinnett Environmental Sustainability Program. Implementation of the program began earlier this year with the establishment of best practices and adoption of policies which directly contribute to protection of our environment and efficient use of vital resources including energy and water.

The department plans to enhance the level of enforcement of state-mandated energy code requirements which must be satisfied for all single-family residential, multifamily, and commercial construction projects located in unincorporated Gwinnett County. DPD staff currently enforce the state energy code by verifying compliance as listed in the table below:

Current Enforcement of Energy Code	
Single-Family Residential Construction	Commercial and Multifamily Construction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy Code Affidavit (<i>permitting</i>)</li><li>• Energy Certificate (<i>inspection</i>)</li><li>• Attic insulation (<i>inspection</i>)</li><li>• Ductwork insulation (<i>inspection</i>)</li><li>• Piping insulation (<i>inspection</i>)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy Code Compliance Reports (<i>permitting</i>)</li><li>• Insulation, windows, and equipment energy performance documentation (<i>permitting</i>)</li><li>• Ductwork insulation (<i>inspection</i>)</li><li>• Piping insulation (<i>inspection</i>)</li><li>• Interior and exterior lighting and lighting controls (<i>permitting and inspection</i>)</li></ul>

Effective November 16, 2009, DPD staff will expand the scope of energy code enforcement to include the inspection of the following supplemental items in addition to those listed in the table above for single-family residential, commercial and multifamily construction: **roof/wall/floor insulation, windows, mechanical equipment, water-heating equipment, and sealing of air barriers.**

For additional information, please contact Dana Baites (Division Plan Review Manager) at 678.518.6041 ([dana.baites@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:dana.baites@gwinnettcountry.com)) with questions regarding changes in energy code enforcement and Joel Rodriguez (Building Inspections Manager) at 678.518.6035 ([joel.rodriguez@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:joel.rodriguez@gwinnettcountry.com)) with specific inspection-related questions.