

## Chapter 6—Enforcement

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### **§6.010 Purpose and Intent**

It is the purpose of this Chapter to provide for the enforcement of this Ordinance which shall include penalties for criminal and civil violations.

### **§6.020 Definitions Referenced**

The definitions of certain terms referenced in this Chapter are set forth in Chapter 3, "Definitions" of this Ordinance, as amended.

### **§6.030 Applicability**

The provisions established herein shall apply to all lands within the civil jurisdiction of the City of Newnan, Georgia. Where there is a conflict between the terms and/or requirements contained in this section and another section contained in this Ordinance, as amended, or any other ordinance, code, or regulation of the City of Newnan, Georgia, the more strict shall apply.

### **§6.040 Enforcing Officer**

The Building Official shall have the authority and the duty to ensure that all buildings and structures and the use of all land complies with the provisions of this Ordinance. The Building Official may designate any member of his/her staff to act on his/her behalf.

### **§6.050 General Provisions**

1. Any building or structure erected contrary to any of the provisions of this Ordinance and any use of any building or land which is conducted, operated or maintained contrary to any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the provisions of any approval granted by the City under this Ordinance shall be a violation of this Ordinance and the same is hereby declared to be unlawful.
2. Any person, whether owner, lessee, principal, agent, employee or otherwise, who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance, or permits any such violation, or fails to comply with any of the requirements hereof, or who erects any building or structure or uses any building, structure or land in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance or the provisions of any approval granted by the City under this Ordinance shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of this chapter.
3. In addition to the remedies provided in this chapter, the Building Official may initiate injunction, mandamus, abatement or any other appropriate action to prevent, enjoin, abate or remove any unlawful building, structure or use.
4. Upon his becoming aware of any violation, the Building Official shall serve notice of such violation on the person committing or permitting the same, and the land owner,

and if such violation has not ceased within such reasonable time as the Building Official has specified in such notice, he shall institute such action as may be necessary to terminate the violation.

5. If the person responsible for the alleged violation denies that a violation exists, he may appeal the decision of the Building Official pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, "Variances and Appeals" of this Ordinance.
6. Whenever a violation occurs, or is alleged to have occurred, any person may file a written complaint. Such complaint stating fully the cause and basis thereof shall be filed with the Building Official. The Building Official shall record such complaint, investigate, and take action thereon as provided by this Ordinance.

**§6.060      Violations**

Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for each separate offense. Each day during which the violation is found to have existed shall constitute a separate offense.