COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

The division of Community Improvements consists of the following bureaus:

1. Construction Bureau - Building, Electrical, Plumbing & Fire
2. Housing Bureau
3. Zoning Bureau

Construction Bureau: Building, Electrical, Plumbing & Fire Inspectors enforce the UCC (Uniform Construction Code) and are licensed by the State Dept. of Community Affairs. They issue permits for all construction projects large or small and follow through with the required inspections and final approvals including Certificates of Occupancy.

Housing Bureau: Enforces the Housing Maintenance Code of the City of Paterson.

Re-Rental Inspections: Inspections are required whenever there is a change in tenancy and before the apt. is re-occupied; the exception is in owner occupied two family dwellings. Before this inspection can be performed, the owner must submit proof that a Fire and Lead Inspection have been performed.

Vacant/Abandoned Properties: Housing inspectors are responsible for creating a vacant/abandoned properties list and the Division of Community Improvements is responsible for enforcing the New Ordinance regarding Vacant/Abandoned Building Registration. Failure to register any vacant/abandoned building will result in Legal Action.

Zoning Bureau: Responsible for enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Paterson.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY OF THE ABOVE BUREAUS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS AT (973) 321-1232