

# Housing Appeals Board

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The Housing Appeals Board hears appeals taken from decisions or orders of a City of Charlotte Neighborhood Development Code Enforcement official. Any citizen aggrieved by an order issued by Code Enforcement may file an appeal to the Board within 10 calendar days of service. Once heard, the Board may uphold, modify, or set aside the order.

There are five Board members, including two appointed by the Mayor, one of whom must be a person who owns and occupies his or her principal residence within the City Within A City (CWAC) area. Three members are appointed by Council, one of whom must be a person who maintains as his or her principal residence a rental dwelling located in the CWAC area, and one of whom must be a person who owns or is employed by a firm engaged in the construction or management of housing.

Board members have a three-year term with a two-term limit and include: Carl Adam Barrington III, Bryan Bennight, Katina Stavrakas, Regina Tisdale, Joyce Davis Waddell, Chairperson.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 1 p.m. in Old City Hall Conference Room 4.



*The Housing Appeals Board members, left to right, Katina Stavrakas, Board member; Joyce Waddell, Chair; and Adam Barrington III, Board member. Not pictured are Bryan Bennight, Vice Chair, and Regina Tisdale, Board member.*

The nature of the cases usually involve disagreements due to a demolition order, and the appellant wants a repair order, the appellant wants more time to respond to an order, or the appellant disagrees with one or more of the issued violations. The Board heard 16 appeals cases out of the 3,689 code cases generated in Fiscal Year 2007, with only one appealed to Superior Court.



*Citizens and Code Enforcement Officer Spencer Stickell are sworn in before a hearing.*



*Citizens make their appeal to the board.*



*Board members hear an appeal.*



*Board legal counsel Anna Schleunes listens during the hearing.*



## Joyce Waddell

*A licensed real estate broker since 1972, Housing Appeals Board Chairperson Joyce Waddell has been involved in all phases of housing all of her life. She is a native of Myrtle Beach, SC, but moved to Charlotte in 1965.*

*She feels it's important for the community to maintain standards in neighborhoods and is serving her fifth year on the Board.*

*"It's rewarding," Waddell said. "I enjoy the work and being a community servant."*

*The position requires a lot of studying and includes an orientation session with a training manual covering everything from explanations of the housing codes to a flow chart of the city government.*

*"We try to be very fair, very impartial to the inspectors and the citizens," she said.*