



REGION III

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Room 645, Peachtree-Seventh Building

Atlanta, Georgia 30323

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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

The results of the first nine months activity under the City's current Housing Code Compliance Program, forwarded by letter of November 1, 1965, has been received by this Agency.

From the periodic evaluation submitted, it would appear that the City has made inspections in all areas designated in the Program submitted by the City, with the exception of areas designated as C1 and C3. The two areas reported as inspected during this report period known as "Blue Heaven" and "Vine City" would appear to equal the inspectional workload estimated for said areas C1 and C3.

The interim report indicates more units were inspected than were projected but compliances reported for the period (as compared to the City's schedule for the same time) indicates that the City has not met the goals established by the Program. The results obtained indicate that the City has fallen behind its scheduled compliances for the period by a total of 478 structures containing some 2,347 dwelling units.

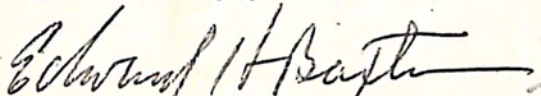
In the initial Housing Code Compliance Program, which accompanied the 1965 request for recertification, the City reported a shortage of two (2) sector inspectors. With the utilization of inspectional personnel in areas not scheduled for inspection in the Program, it seems obvious that other areas scheduled are without adequate inspectors. From the initial inception of the Housing Code Program, this Agency has felt that the goals established were beyond the means of the projected staff, and again, the nine month report holds this to be true.

The present 12 field inspectors appear inadequate to meet the expressed goals of the Program. The new specially selected areas being added to the workload and the fact that the City is falling behind in its proposed compliance schedule would appear to require that the City should consider immediate steps to fill the present inspector vacancies, to

provide additional staff to fully implement the Systematic Housing Code Program, and to provide staff over and above this for inspection and compliance in the areas established by the "Crash Program."

With the addition of staff and budget to carry out the Program, the City should be able to achieve a meaningful degree of progress and a creditable record by the time of your next recertification request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward H. Baxter".

Edward H. Baxter
Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. M. B. Satterfield