

ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS · ATHENS

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In a unified government four addresses cover most of what you need. There is no 311, only a list of department numbers. Immigration, licensing, passports, vital records, jury duty and Türkiye-related errands in one place.

SHORT ANSWER

Athens and Clarke County became one government on January 1, 1991, so one elected body and one set of counters do what takes two bodies elsewhere. Four addresses cover most errands: courts and property tax at 325 East Washington Street, water at 124 East Hancock Avenue, the car tag at 3025 Lexington Road, business tax at 375 Satula Avenue. But **there is no 311**, and one detail surprises people: **a birth certificate comes from the health department, not from the courthouse.**

The unified government: one commission, four addresses

On January 1, 1991 the City of Athens gave up its charter and the **Athens-Clarke County Unified Government** took over. The practical effect is this: a reader coming from our Atlanta guide expects to deal with the city for water and the county for the tax bill, while here almost everything sits in one body. Consolidation removed the duplication, not the walking: there is no single city hall window and the offices are spread across several downtown buildings. The mayor is elected countywide, there are ten districts and ten commissioners, the Mayor's Office is at 301 College Avenue Suite 300 (706-613-3010) and the Clerk of Commission is on 706-613-3031. **Two small towns opted out of the merger:** the consolidation charter makes all of Clarke County part of the unified government **except the areas inside the city limits of Winterville and Bogart**. If you live at either address you use that town's hall for city matters and the unified government for county matters, and you register a business with that city. It is the one place in Athens where the old two-counter pattern survives.

ERRAND	OFFICE AND ADDRESS	PHONE
Marriage license, birth certificate amendment, guardianship, estates, weapons carry license	Probate Court, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 200, Athens GA 30601 · weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., marriage applications 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only	706-613-3320
Property tax bill, homestead application, property tax return	Tax Commissioner, Property Tax Division, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 250 · weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	706-613-3120
Water and sewer account, trash application	Water Business Office, 124 East Hancock Avenue · Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	706-613-3500
Car tag and title	Tax Commissioner, Motor Vehicle Office, 3025 Lexington Road, Athens GA 30605 · lobby weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., no appointment system	706-613-3130

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Business occupation tax certificate, alcohol license, hotel tax	Finance, Business Tax Office, 375 Satula Avenue, Athens GA 30601 · weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	706-613-3050
Zoning, short-term rental permit, occupancy question, home occupation approval	Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street	706-613-3515
Birth and death certificates themselves	Not the unified government: Clarke County Health Department, Vital Records, 345 North Harris Street, Athens GA 30601	706-389-6871

No 311: which number do you call?

- **Water or sewer emergency:** 706-613-3495 on weekdays, **706-613-3481 after hours.**
- **Water bills:** 706-613-3500. **Stormwater billing:** 706-613-3440 (we could not verify the amount of that fee, so we give no figure).
- **Police, non-emergency:** 706-613-3345. For anything life-threatening or in progress, **911**. Police headquarters is at 3035 Lexington Road, 706-613-3330.
- **Traffic signals and signs:** 706-613-3460 on weekdays; after hours use the police non-emergency line.
- **Animal services:** 706-613-3540, weekdays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Missed collection and carts:** 706-613-3501.
- **Everything else:** the Communications Department on **706-613-3795** or **info@accgov.com**, weekdays in business hours. That line routes your request to the right staff member.
- **Streetlights are not the government's:** it leases them from the power companies, which maintain them. Report a dark streetlight to the power company.
- **National lines:** 211 for social service referrals, 811 before you dig, 511 for road conditions and 988 in a mental health crisis, with interpreters available. Bus information 706-613-3430, paratransit reservations 706-613-3435.

A BIRTH CERTIFICATE COMES FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NOT THE COURTHOUSE

Here the usual Georgia arrangement is reversed, and a reader coming from our Atlanta page can end up at the wrong window. In most Georgia counties the registrar of births and deaths sits in the probate judge's office; **in Clarke County it is the health department** (in the health district's own words that is true only of Clarke, Morgan and Walton). So the **marriage license is at the courthouse** (325 East Washington Street, Suite 200) and the **birth certificate at 345 North Harris Street**. And there is one more split: **amending a birth certificate is Probate Court's job, while issuing it is the health department's**. The office closes for lunch from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and closes early on Friday, so do not go in the middle of the day; call 706-389-6871 and ask about that day's hours.

Immigration: USCIS, the courts, ICE and the I-94

OFFICE	ADDRESS · PHONE · NOTE
USCIS Atlanta Field Office	2150 Parklake Drive NE, Atlanta GA 30345 · about 60 miles from Athens, 1 hour 20 minutes without traffic (our own computation) · green card and citizenship interviews, by appointment only
Atlanta Application Support Center (ASC)	3358B Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta GA 30341 · biometrics (fingerprint) appointments; which center you go to is printed on your I-797C
Atlanta Asylum Office	Peachtree Summit Federal Building, 401 W. Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta · asylum interviews; the office does not discuss cases by phone
Which office does your ZIP code belong to?	We could not verify it. We could not read the USCIS ZIP code table this round. What we do have is solid: Georgia's only field office and the only Application Support Center we could confirm are both in Atlanta, so by elimination an applicant from Athens is served by Atlanta. That is an inference , not an assignment read off a ZIP table. The certain answer is on your appointment notice; confirm the assignment with the official field office list
USCIS Contact Center	800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833) · appointments are free · we print no office hours because we could not read them from an official source; the time on your notice governs
Which court hears your case?	We could not verify it. The EOIR court pages publish no county or ZIP code list. In practice a non-detained Georgia case is heard at one of the two Atlanta courts, while detained cases go to the Stewart court. Your charging document and your hearing notice decide where you go
Atlanta Immigration Court, Ted Turner Drive	180 Ted Turner Drive SW, Suite 241, Atlanta GA 30303 · 404-653-2140 · public hours weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., window filing until 4 p.m. · about a block from the Garnett rail station · about 65 to 70 miles from Athens
Atlanta Immigration Court, W. Peachtree Street	Peachtree Summit Federal Building, 401 W. Peachtree Street, Suite 2600, Atlanta GA 30308 · 404-554-9400 · about a block from the Civic Center rail station
Stewart Immigration Court (detained cases)	Inside Stewart Detention Center, 146 CCA Road, Lumpkin GA 31815 · 229-838-1324 · about 211 miles from Athens, 4 hours 10 minutes
EOIR case status	1-800-898-7180 · acis.eoir.justice.gov (with your A-number). The official information is still the hearing notice
ICE ERO Atlanta Field Office	180 Ted Turner Dr. SW, Suite 522, Atlanta GA 30303 · (404) 893-1290 · covers Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina · check-in appointments Tuesday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. · the court is in Suite 241 and ICE in Suite 522 of the same building , so read the suite number on your letter
CBP Deferred Inspection (I-94 errors)	157 Tradeport Drive, Suite C, Atlanta GA 30354 · (404) 675-1239 · Tuesday to Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. · about 79 miles from Athens, an hour and three quarters without traffic · corrects only errors made at the moment of entry, so call before you set out

License, car, taxes and Social Security

OFFICE	ADDRESS · PHONE · NOTE
DDS Oconee Customer Service Center	1627 McNutt Creek Road, Bogart GA 30622 · (678) 413-8400 · Tuesday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. · open as of October 6, 2026; the Athens center closed on October 3, 2026 · the county buses do not go there, so call before you travel
Clarke County Tax Commissioner, Motor Vehicle Office	3025 Lexington Road, Athens GA 30605 · 706-613-3130 · lobby weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., phones until 5 p.m. · no appointment system
Clarke County Tax Commissioner, Property Tax Division	325 East Washington Street (ACC Courthouse), Suite 250 · 706-613-3120 · the homestead application goes here, deadline April 1 · the 2026 bills were mailed August 20, 2026 and were due October 20, 2026 · we print no millage rate , because the official documents would not open and the school rate was never obtained
Tax Assessor and personal property returns	325 E. Washington Street · 706-613-3140 · 45 days from the notice of assessment to appeal
SSA (Social Security)	National line 1-800-772-1213, weekdays 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. · office locator ssa.gov/locator · SSA names an Athens office in its Georgia list, but we could not verify the street address this round , so we print none. Your ZIP code decides which office you belong to, so ask on the phone
IRS and the ITIN	There is no IRS office in Athens. The nearest one that reviews ITIN documents in person is Gainesville , about 39 miles and 55 minutes, and it is closer than Atlanta . The IRS gives its street address only as a map link, so we print none. Appointments on 844-545-5640, and it can take several weeks to get one
Georgia Department of Revenue, near Athens	1047 Summit Grove Dr, Building 100, Suite 101, Watkinsville GA 30677 · state line 404-651-8651 · for things like a sales tax registration · also closer than Atlanta
Emissions testing helpline	1-800-449-2471 · Clarke County is not on the list of covered counties we read , so there is no annual test in Athens; we could not re-read that list this round, so confirm before you register

Passports: three acceptance facilities, all inside the county

FACILITY	ADDRESS AND PHONE	PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE HOURS
Athens main post office	575 Olympic Drive, Athens GA 30601 · 706-369-3268	Monday to Friday 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. · book at usps.com/scheduler
Athens-Clarke County Library	2025 Baxter Street, Athens GA 30606 · 706-613-3650	Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4:15 p.m. · the widest window in this series, evenings and Sunday included

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University of Georgia Passport Services	45 Baxter St, Tate Student Center Room 375, Athens GA 30602 · 706-542-3040	Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed noon to 1 p.m.
Fees	Adult book \$130, card \$30, both \$160; under 16 book \$100, card \$15; expedited +\$60	Each carries a separate \$35 acceptance fee . The federal data file carries no payment field, so be ready for a money order
The nearest facilities outside the county	The Winder post office (101 N Broad St Ste 26) and the Barrow County Clerk of Superior Court (652 Barrow Park Drive Ste B, Winder); Madison County Superior Court (91 Albany Avenue, Danielsville); Statham Public Library (1928 Railroad Street); the Harold S. Swindle Public Library (5466 Highway 441 S, Nicholson)	From the same federal acceptance facility data file
Urgent travel and the passport agency	There is no passport agency in Athens; the nearest is in Atlanta, but we could not open its official page this round	Take the address and the hours from your appointment confirmation , not from third-party listings. Appointments are free: 877-487-2778. Sites that charge for an appointment are scams

Vital records, the marriage license, the apostille and jury duty

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Clarke County Health Department, Vital Records	345 North Harris Street, Athens GA 30601 · 706-389-6871, fax 706-552-4531 · a birth or death certificate is \$25 · by post, money order only; in person, cash, credit or debit · photo ID is required for every request, but we could not read the list of acceptable IDs , so we cannot say whether a Turkish passport is enough · closed for lunch 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and early on Friday
The catch in ordering online (ROVER)	Records ordered online are handled by the state vital records office in Atlanta and posted directly to you, and cannot be collected at the local office . For someone in a hurry, going in person makes more sense
Probate Court, marriage license	325 East Washington Street, Suite 200 · 706-613-3320, probatecourt@accgov.com · the office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but applications are taken only between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. · no appointment needed · \$26 with a premarital education certificate, \$66 without

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What the marriage license requires	Both applicants in person and one form of identification : a birth certificate, a driver's license, a state ID card, a passport , an armed forces ID or a resident alien card . So a Turkish passport or a green card is named on this list. The minimum age is 18, blood tests have not been required since 2003, there is no waiting period , and the license is issued the same day in 10 to 30 minutes depending on the queue. If you are divorced, bring the final decree dated and signed by a judge. The court does not perform ceremonies; it issues the license only. A card payment carries a service fee of the higher of 3.5 percent or \$2.95
Is it \$26 or \$66?	A course sets the difference: bring the certificate of a qualifying premarital education program in hand and the license is \$26; come without it and it is \$66. The program must be at least six hours , completed within the 12 months before the application, with both members of the couple attending together , and a signed and dated certificate of completion is handed to the court. You cannot bring it later and claim a refund
A copy of the marriage certificate	\$10 each, cash or check only · the court can only produce certificates for licenses originally issued in Athens-Clarke County, and if a search finds nothing the \$10 is kept as a search fee
GSCCCA (the only apostille authority)	1875 Century Blvd, Suite 100, Atlanta GA 30345 · 404-327-6023 · notary@gsccca.org · weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., no appointment · \$3 per document · usually done in under 20 minutes, but the drive from Athens is about 62 miles · by mail, 1 to 2 business days after it arrives
Why not the Secretary of State?	It does not issue apostilles; it only does Great Seal authentications for countries that are not party to the Hague Convention. Türkiye has been a party since 1985, so your document goes to the GSCCCA. For a certified divorce decree, go to the Clerk of Superior Court: 325 E. Washington Street, 706-613-3190
Clerk of Superior and State Courts, and jury duty	Elisa Zarate, 325 E. Washington Street, Suite 450, Athens GA 30601 · 706-613-3190 · weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. · Jury Clerk (762) 400-6463 , jury@accgov.com · juror parking is in the courthouse parking deck next door, entrance on Hancock Avenue between Thomas Street and Jackson Street
I am not a citizen and a summons arrived	The clerk publishes a ready-made form: the Affidavit for Excusal or Deferral from Jury Service (O.C.G.A. 15-12-1.1 and 15-12-4), which carries a box reading "I am not a citizen of the United States" . That box does not need a notary ; notarization is required only for the caregiver, home-school, adult-care and military grounds. The affidavit must reach the clerk at least 5 days before your service date. The same form covers being 70 or older, being a full-time post-secondary student, and not residing in Athens-Clarke County
Daily juror pay	We found no published figure , so we print no number. The amount is stated on your summons. The clerk also publishes week by week which summons numbers actually have to report, so open the juror information page before your service date. Sending an email to the clerk does not excuse a juror from service

THE JURY SCAM: ANY CALL DEMANDING PAYMENT BY PHONE

This warning is the clerk's own. Callers claim you missed jury duty and demand payment, often by gift card, to avoid arrest. In the clerk's words, **the court and law enforcement will never demand any type of payment over the phone**. To find out whether you really were summoned, hang up and call the Jury Clerk yourself on **762-400-6463**. For a newly arrived family this is the most frightening scam going, and one phone call settles it. A real summons, on the other hand, should not be ignored: the unified government's own FAQ says a juror who does not appear when called may be subject to charges of contempt of court, including fines and jail time.

School, health and the business license

OFFICE	ADDRESS · PHONE · NOTE
Clarke County School District, Student Registration Center	595 Prince Avenue, Athens GA 30601 · 706-546-7721 , registration@clarke.k12.ga.us · weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. · registration is online and an appointment is needed for help · the multilingual line is 833-599-2058 and Turkish is not on its list
Mercy Health Center (free)	700 Oglethorpe Avenue, Suite C7, Athens GA 30606 · 706-425-9445 · Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with hours extending to 8 p.m. on some Tuesday and Thursday evenings · its own page says its services are free , for uninsured adults 18 and over at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level living in one of the 13 counties it names · free routes 5, 7 and 21 stop at the corner of Hawthorne and Oglethorpe
MedLink Georgia Athens (not free)	2000 Prince Avenue, Athens GA 30606 · 706-352-9705 · Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. · in its own words it is not a free clinic ; it works on a sliding fee scale and the minimum fee for a medical office visit is \$40
Athens Neighborhood Health Center (sliding fee)	McKinley Clinic, 402 McKinley Drive, (706) 543-1145 · College Clinic, 675 College Avenue, (706) 546-5526 · both have an on-site pharmacy · the dollar amounts of the scale are not published, so we print no figure
St. Mary's Hospital, financial assistance	1230 Baxter Street, Athens GA 30606 · 706-389-3000 · financial counselors (844) 853-7359 · uninsured patients at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level get a 100 percent discount on the charges, and those between 200 and 400 percent get a discount · open to residents of the 16 counties the policy names, and Athens-Clarke is on the list · there is no Turkish version · the application carries a status question , with an explicit option to decline to answer, and the SSN field is marked optional
The university health center	Open only to registered students and their spouses or partners. An Athens resident who is not a student cannot use it, so do not head for the large building on campus

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Finance Department, Business Tax Division	375 Satula Avenue, Athens GA 30601 · 706-613-3050 , accbusinessstaxandlicenses@accgov.com · weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. · the license is called a Business Occupation Tax Certificate and one office issues it for the whole county · a business inside the city limits of Bogart or Winterville registers with that city instead
The tax follows headcount, not turnover	This is the opposite of Atlanta: Athens-Clarke County does not ask about gross receipts at all. The tax comes off a bracket table based on the number of owners plus full-time-equivalent employees. One person (owner, no employees): \$52 of tax plus a \$55 administration fee, \$107 in total. Licensed practitioners may elect \$400 per practitioner instead. Because the form has a two-column layout we cannot be certain how the middle brackets pair up, so if you are starting something larger, read your bracket off the current form or call 706-613-3050
Renewal, penalties and opening mid-year	Renewal is due on or before April 1 every year; if you pay by mail the postmark has to be before midnight on April 1. The late penalty is 10 percent of the amount due, and interest runs at 1.5 percent a month. A business that opens after July 1 pays half the tax for that year, with the administration fee separate. The certificate has to be posted in a prominent place. The homestead exemption deadline is also April 1, so a homeowner with a business has two jobs that week
Two notarized affidavits, and the office cannot notarize them	The packet contains the O.C.G.A. 36-60-6(d) private employer affidavit and the O.C.G.A. 50-36-1(e)(2) lawful-presence affidavit. On the second you verify one of three things: U.S. citizen, legal permanent resident, or a qualified alien or non-immigrant with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security. The Finance Department cannot notarize these forms for you and both forms say so on their face; some Georgia cities do it free at the counter, and Athens does not. Take the forms home, fill them in, see a notary, then go to the counter. The acceptable ID list is printed in the packet: the O.C.G.A. 50-36-2 list, including an unexpired permanent resident card, a photo EAD, or an unexpired foreign passport only with Form I-94 or another federal form showing lawful status
The official document contradicts itself	The employer affidavit text says "more than ten (10)" while instruction 7 in the same PDF says "10 or more" . The two readings give different answers for a business with exactly ten employees. We are not resolving that, we are reporting it: if you have exactly ten employees, call 706-613-3050 before you fill the form in. One more open question: the affidavit asks for an alien number, and we could not confirm how the office handles someone who is lawfully present but has no A-number
The other counters	Working from home needs a Home Occupation Approval from the Planning Department first (120 W. Dougherty Street, 706-613-3515) · a trade name (DBA) goes to the Clerk of Superior Court, 325 E. Washington Street, 706-613-3190 · a food permit to Environmental Health Services, 189 Paradise Blvd, 706-583-2658 · building and sign permits 120 W. Dougherty Street, 706-613-3520 · the Fire Marshal 700 College Avenue, 706-613-3360 · business water 596 Prince Avenue, 706-613-3500 · Solid Waste 725 Hancock Industrial Way, 706-613-3501

Addresses and hours change. Check the official site or your appointment notice before you go. Information as of October 1, 2026. This guide carries no millage rate, no census figures and no bus fare table; the reasons are set out in our moving checklist guide.



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