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ALPHARETTA ALERTS COMMUNITY TO PUBLIC HEARING EMAIL SCAM

Alpharetta, GA (August 21, 2025) – The City of Alpharetta is alerting residents, businesses, and developers about a scam targeting public hearing applicants. Scammers are sending emails that appear to come from the city, often including fake invoices requesting payment for permits or services. These emails may use official-looking logos, staff names, and project details pulled from public records. If you get one of these emails, remember, the scammers aren't clever, they just hope you aren't paying attention.

Things to look for if you have a suspicious email:

- Fake City Emails: Official City emails always end with **@alpharetta.ga.us**.
- Fraudulent Payment Requests: Emails may include invoices or ask for payments via wire transfer, which the City does **not** use for Community Development fees.
- Unexpected Links or PDFs: Treat any unsolicited attachments or links as suspicious.

Local governments across the region are seeing similar scams. Scammers often monitor public meeting agendas to target applicants directly. The City of Alpharetta is actively working with law enforcement to investigate this scam and safeguard the community.

If you receive a suspicious email:

- Contact Alpharetta Community Development at **678-297-6070**.
- For official permitting information, visit the [Planning & Zoning](#) page.
- Report fraud to the [Georgia Attorney General's Consumer Protection Team](#) at **404-651-8600** or file a report with the [FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).

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