Jacquelyn Ratcliff
Code Enforcement Officer
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Serving the community has always been personal for Jacquelyn Ratcliff.

Before joining the City of Meridian as a code enforcement officer, Ratcliff spent years working with young people at the Boys and Girls Club. Her passion for helping others and improving the community eventually led her into public service in a new way.

“I always liked serving my community,” Ratcliff said.

Since joining the city nearly a year ago, Ratcliff has worked directly with residents to address property concerns, improve neighborhoods and help keep Meridian looking its best. From overgrown lots to abandoned structures, she says the job is ultimately about working with people and helping property owners find solutions.

“We’re not trying to hurt anybody,” she said. “We just want to work with them and be on the same page.”

A lifelong Meridian resident and proud graduate of Meridian High School, Ratcliff has watched the city evolve over the years and believes Meridian is moving in a positive direction. She points to new development projects, growing community investment and expanding opportunities for local families as signs of that progress.

“I see a change,” she said. “You can see the difference.”

One example close to home is the new data processing center coming to Meridian, which she hopes will create opportunities for her own family. Two of her sons recently graduated from Meridian Community College with electrical technology certifications and are hoping to pursue careers connected to the city’s continued growth.

Outside of work, Ratcliff is deeply family-oriented. She and her husband, Antonio, spend much of their time supporting their daughter’s AAU basketball team and traveling together for tournaments throughout the region. She is also active in her church community at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, where her father serves as pastor.

Ratcliff believes Meridian’s greatest strength is its people and the sense of Southern hospitality that makes the city feel welcoming and connected.

For her, code enforcement is about more than compliance. It is about pride, partnership and helping neighborhoods continue to improve for future generations.

Through her service and commitment to the community, Jacquelyn Ratcliff is helping Meridian move forward, one neighborhood at a time.