

ORDINANCE 81

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE MAINTENANCE OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES OR DWELLING UNITS IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON SO AS TO PROTECT THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE TOWN.

The Town Board of the Town of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: No person shall cause, allow or permit any person to maintain a dangerous or unsafe building or structure in the Town of Jefferson. No person shall cause, allow or permit any person to occupy any dangerous or unsafe building or structure in the Town of Jefferson. A dangerous or unsafe building or structure, for purposes of this ordinance shall be the following:

Any building or dwelling unit that in the opinion of the Town Board is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe or vermin-infested that it creates a serious health hazard to the health and safety of the occupants or of the public or which building is not reasonably fit for human habitation.

SECTION 2: If any person maintains a dangerous or unsafe building or structure in the Town of Jefferson, the Town must first notify the owner of the building that the owner has thirty (30) days to correct the unsafe or dangerous condition. If the condition is not timely corrected, the Town Board may correct the unsafe or dangerous condition by any means necessary including the demolition and removal of the unsafe or dangerous building. All costs associated with the correction of the unsafe or dangerous condition including but not limited to the costs of demolition and removal of the unsafe condition shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of the building. If the owner does not pay said costs within thirty (30) days of the provision of the bill, then the charge for correcting the unsafe or dangerous condition shall be placed upon the tax roll of the owner and collected in the same manner as delinquent taxes are collected and shall constitute a lien against the property. Further, the owner/violator shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00) per day for each day that the owner has not complied with the order of the Town Board.

SECTION 3: Except as modified herein, all other public safety ordinances of the Town of Jefferson shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication according to law.

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The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, on the 1 day of May, 2000.

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Harold Bockmann, Chairperson

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ATTEST TO:

Bonnie L. Ames
Bonnie L. Ames, Clerk