

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES UNSAFE; DEFINING UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND PROVIDING A PROCEDURE TO ABATE SUCH UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND PROVIDING THAT OWNERS PAY COSTS OF SUCH ABATEMENT.

BE ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD IN BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. All buildings or structures within the City of Springfield in Bay County, Florida, which are unsafe, unsanitary, or not provided with adequate egress, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life, or which in relation to existing use constitute a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or abandonment, are, severally in contemplation of this section, unsafe buildings. All such unsafe buildings are hereby declared illegal and shall be abated by repair and rehabilitation or by demolition in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) Whenever the Mayor of the City of Springfield in Bay County, Florida, and the Chief of the Springfield Fire Department shall find any building or structure or portion thereof to be unsafe, as defined in this section, they shall, in accordance with established procedure for legal notices, give the owner, agent, or person in control of such building or structure written notice stating the defects thereof. This notice shall require the owner within a stated time either to complete specified repairs or improvements, or to demolish and remove the building or structure or portion thereof.

(b) If necessary, such notice shall also require the building, structure or portion thereof to be vacated forthwith and not reoccupied until the specified repairs and improvements are completed, inspected and approved by the Mayor and the Fire Chief. The Mayor and the Fire Chief shall cause to be posted at each entrance to such building a notice: "THIS BUILDING IS UNSAFE"

AND ITS USE OR OCCUPANCY HAS BEEN PROHIBITED BY THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD IN BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA." Such notice shall remain posted until the required repairs are made or demolition is completed. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation or their agents, or other servants, to remove such notice without written permission of the Mayor and the Fire Chief, or for any person to enter the building except for the purpose of making the required repairs or of demolishing same.

(c) The owner, agent or person in control shall have the right to appeal from the decision of the Mayor and the Fire Chief, as provided hereinafter, and to appear before the City Commission of the City of Springfield in Bay County, Florida at a specified time and place to show cause why he should not comply with said notice.

(d) In case the owner, agent, or person in control cannot be found within the stated time limit, or if such owner, agent, or person in control shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with notice to repair, rehabilitate, or to demolish and remove said building or structure or portion thereof, the Mayor and the Fire Chief, after having ascertained the cost, and received approval of said cost by the City Commission, shall cause such building or structure or portion thereof, to be demolished, secured, or required to remain vacant. The Mayor and the Fire Chief may vacate adjacent structures and protect the public by appropriate fence or such other means as may be necessary, and for this purpose may close a public or private way.

Section 2: Costs incurred under Section 1, sub-paragraph (d) shall be charged to the owner of the premises involved, and said claim for costs shall constitute a lien on the premises involved and shall be collected in the manner provided by law for the enforcement of an equitable lien.

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PASSED in regular session of the City Commission this

1st day of AUGUST, A. D. 1966.

*R. J. Bartlett*  
Mayor

ATTEST:

*Miss Stella Brown*  
City Clerk

APPROVED by me this 1ST day of August, A. D. 1966.

*R. J. Bartlett*  
Mayor

THIS ORDINANCE POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

ROWELL'S SHELL STATION Aug 1th, 1966  
PLACE DATE

REBEL OIL STATION Aug 1th, 1966  
PLACE DATE

City Hall Aug 1th, 1966  
PLACE DATE