

ORDINANCE NO. 20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA FINDING CONTINUATION OF DETERIORATED BUILDINGS A NUISANCE PER SE, PROVIDING METHODS FOR CORRECTION OF HAZARD OR REMOVAL OF SAME, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township, for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the township, do find that where buildings have deteriorated to the state where they are dangerous and unsafe for human occupancy, constitute a fire hazard endangering other buildings, shelter rats and other vermin, or are hazards to the safety of children playing thereabout, said buildings are a nuisance per se;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, hereby ordain as follows:

1. It shall be unlawful within the limits of the Township of Monroe for any person or persons to allow to exist on their land any building or buildings or structure or structures in a deteriorated state likely to be dangerous and unsafe for human occupancy, or to constitute a fire hazard, or to be a shelter for rats and other vermin, or to provide a hazard for the safety of children playing thereabout.

2. When the Board of Supervisors shall determine that any such building or buildings, structure or structures, do exist in the township, they shall cause the owner or owners of the premises whereon said structure or structures are located to be notified in writing of said finding of the Board.

3. The owner or owners of said structure shall have twenty (20) days from the receipt of said notice to appeal same to the Board for a hearing on the question of the deterioration of said structure.

4. If the owner or owners make no appeal within the appeal period aforementioned, they shall promptly arrange for correction of the deterioration or the removal of said structure, such correction or removal to begin twenty (20) days from the receipt of the aforementioned notice and to continue until the structure has been completely removed and/or the hazard has been corrected, total removal or correction to be made within ninety (90) days from receipt of the notice.

5. If the owner or owners appeal the aforesaid notice, on a decision by the Board of Supervisors upholding the findings of the notice, the owner or owners shall promptly arrange for correction of the deterioration or arrange for the removal of said structure, such correction or removal to begin within twenty (20) days from the handing down by the Board of its decision and to continue until the structure has been completely removed and/or the hazard has been corrected, total removal or correction to be made within ninety (90) days from the decision by the Board.

6. Violators of the provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars, (\$300.00), together with costs for each violation thereof, as other fines and penalties by law are recoverable, to be paid to the township general fund; and in default of payment thereof, may be committed to jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days..

7. Upon failure of the owner or owners to correct the hazard or to remove the structure from the premises at the end of the appeal period after notice or after Board decision, the Township of Monroe may cause the removal of the structure from the premises at the expense of the landowner, costs thereof to be collectible in addition to the penalties of the preceding paragraph, by suit in assumpsit or municipal claim. Additionally, the Township may institute proceedings in the courts of equity to correct the hazard or cause removal of the structure.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

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Chairman

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Roadmaster

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Attest:

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Secretary

