

An Ordinance Concerning Unsafe Buildings and Structures.

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Grand Junction.

SECTION 1. Any building, structure or tenement situated within the limits of this town, which by reason of fire, natural decay, defective structure or otherwise, shall become unsafe and dangerous to individuals passing along the streets and alleys of said town, or to life or limb of persons residing therein, or in adjacent buildings, or to property in the vicinity, shall be and the same is hereby declared a nuisance.

SEC. 2. Whenever any building, structure or tenement is discovered to be in the condition mentioned in the preceding section, the marshal shall at once give notice to the owner or occupant of the same or the agent of such owner, immediately to repair and remedy or abate the same within forty-eight hours thereafter; and if the owner or agent fails so to do, it shall be the duty of the said marshal, after counseling with the Mayor, to proceed to demolish or to secure the same so as to insure safety, and he may employ labor and purchase material needed and the expense thereof shall be collected from such owner by suit in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Any owner or occupant of any building, structure or tenement, who shall allow or permit the same to become unsafe or dangerous to life or limb, or who shall permit the same to remain in such condition forty-eight hours after notice duly served upon him or them to remedy or repair the same or to abate the said nuisance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum not less than ten dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, and each day that said owner or agent refuses or neglects to comply with the requirements of such notice shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SEC. 4. All repairs under the provisions of this ordinance shall be made to the satisfaction and approval of the marshal of said town.

SEC. 5. Whenever any building or structure within the fire limits, shall have been damaged by fire, decay or otherwise, to the extent of fifty per cent. of its value, the same shall be immediately torn down, and in order to ascertain whether the same has been damaged to such extent, three citizen freeholders, to be appointed, one by the marshal, one by the owner or his agent, the third to be selected by these two, shall determine the percentage of damage by appraisal. The finding of a majority of the appraisers reduced to writing and filed with the town recorder shall be final in each case.

Passed by the Board of Trustees, this 11th day of January, A. D. 1888.

Jos. P. SWENEY, Mayor.

ATTEST:—

O. J. KENNEDY, Recorder.

Attest Jos P. Sweeney
 Mayor
 O. J. Kennedy
 Recorder