

CITY OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO

SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN James S. Svejcar on the 20th day of September, 1982.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 1515 OF THE CENTERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE INSPECTIONS AND CORRECTION OF VIOLATIONS.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTERVILLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 1515 of the Centerville Municipal Code as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted:

1515.01 RIGHT OF ENTRY

The Chief of the Fire Department or any Fire Safety Inspector shall have the right and authority to enter any building, structure, or premises within the corporate limits for the purpose of making inspections or investigations at all reasonable hours upon presentation to the owner or occupant of such premises of a warrant authorizing the search of such premises. However, no warrant shall be required if the owner or occupant of the premises does not object to the entry of one or more of such persons for such purposes. Except in cases of emergency, a written notice shall be served on the owner or occupant of the premises. Such written notice shall contain a statement of the time that inspection will be made and shall also contain a statement of the purpose of such inspection or investigation.

1515.02 PURPOSE OF INSPECTIONS

The inspection and examination authorized by this chapter shall be for the purpose of reporting and correcting the following fire hazards pertaining to buildings and their occupants:

- (a) Disrepair
- (b) Age and delapidated condition
- (c) Faulty or unapproved construction
- (d) Inadequate fire escapes or lack of means of egress
- (e) Inadequate fire alarm protection
- (f) Inadequate fire extinguishing equipment
- (g) Materials and buildings especially susceptible to fire
- (h) Conditions endangering other property or occupants
- (i) Any other fire hazards dangerous to life or property.

1515.03 DUTY TO INSPECT

It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department or a Fire Safety Inspector specially designated thereto to inspect all buildings and premises in the City and to enforce the provisions of this Code, and related Codes and Ordinances, relating to fire prevention and life safety.

1515.04 INSPECTIONS

The fire official shall have the authority to inspect all structures and premises except single family dwellings, and dwelling units in two-family and multi-family dwelling units, as often as may be necessary for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, contribute to the spread of fire, interfere with fire fighting operations, endanger life or any violations of the provisions of this chapter or any other ordinance affecting fire safety.

1515.05 ORDER TO CORRECT VIOLATION

Whenever the Chief of the Fire Department or a Fire Safety Inspector finds any building or other structure likely to catch fire from any cause, including, but not restricted to, those fire hazards set forth in Section 1515.02 or when such officer discovers any violations of this Fire Prevention Code or of any other laws or ordinances relating to fire hazards, he shall serve a written order to correct the violation or condition upon the owner, operator, occupant or other person responsible for the violation or condition.

1515.06 SERVICE OF ORDER

The order required herein shall be served in the following ways:

- (a) By making personal delivery of the order to the person responsible;
- (b) By leaving the order with some person of suitable age and discretion upon the premises;
- (c) By affixing a copy of the order to the door at the entrance of the premises in violation;
- (d) By mailing a copy of the order to the last known address of the owner of the premises, by registered mail; or
- (e) By publishing a copy of the order in a local newspaper of general circulation once a week for three successive weeks.

1515.07 TIME LIMIT

The order required herein shall set forth a time limit for compliance, dependent upon the hazard and danger created by the violation. In cases of extreme danger to persons or property, the Chief of the Fire Department or his duly authorized representative shall have the authority to require compliance immediately upon service of the order.

1515.08 APPEAL

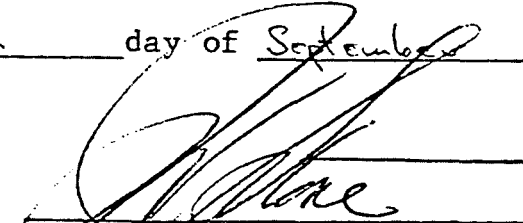
Any person to whom an order hereunder is directed shall have the right, within 24 hours of the service of such order, to appeal to the City Manager, who shall review such order within five days and file his decision therein. Unless by his authority the order is revoked, it shall remain in full force and be complied with in the time fixed in the decision of the City Manager

1515.09-FAILURE TO COMPLY

Any person to whom an order is directed and who fails to comply with such order within the specified time limit shall be punished as provided in Section 1511.99.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective at the earliest date allowed by law

PASSED THIS 20th day of September, 1982.



Mayor of the City of Centerville, Ohio

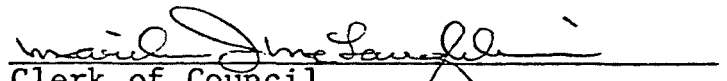
ATTEST:



Clerk of Council
City of Centerville, Ohio

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Clerk of Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio, hereby certifies the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 28-82, passed by the Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio, on the 20th day of September, 1982.



Clerk of Council

Approved as to form, consistency
with existing ordinances, the
charter & constitutional provisions.

Robert M. Faragher
Municipal Attorney

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