

LIBERTY COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 74-2

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MOVING, REMOVAL, CONVERSION, DEMOLITION, OCCUPANCY, EQUIPMENT, USE, HEIGHT, AREA, AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; DECLARING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRE DISTRICT; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, within the jurisdictional limits of Liberty County, there may be buildings unsafe for human use or occupancy due to inadequate structural stability, defects which increase the hazards of fire, accident, or other calamities, and it is desired to banish conditions dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of this jurisdictional area; and

WHEREAS, it has now become common knowledge that these conditions can be relieved, in a measure prevented and often eliminated through properly enforced minimum building codes, resulting thereby in upgrading the welfare and safety of the residents and property owners of this jurisdictional area; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 74-167 of the Florida Statutes requires that all local governments with building construction regulation responsibilities, and that do not have in effect codes regulating all phases of construction, shall adopt an interim building code which covers all types of construction by January 1, 1975, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County, Florida:

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SECTION I.

The Southern Standard Building Code being particularly the 1973 edition together with Appendices A through I as amended by the 1974 Revision, copies of which have been and are now on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Liberty County, Florida, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein as fully as if set forth at length herein as amended in Section II. of this Ordinance. From the effective date of this Ordinance the provisions thereof as modified in Section II of this Ordinance shall be controlling in the area of jurisdiction of Liberty County, Florida.

SECTION II.

The Southern Standard Building Code the 1973 edition as amended by the 1974 Revision is hereby amended as follows:

Section 102.1 (B) is amended to read as follows:

"The building officials shall have a general knowledge of building construction, administration of codes, building plans, property descriptions, electrical construction, plumbing and general administrative work. He shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority of the applicable governing body which shall be the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County, Florida. His appointment shall continue during good behavior and satisfactory service. He shall not be removed from office except for cause after full opportunity has been given him to be heard on specific charges before such chief appointing authority.

Section 102.2-Inspectors is amended as follows:

"No person shall serve as Inspector of Construction who has not had at least five (5) years experience as a building inspector, builder, engineer, architect, or as a superintendent, foreman, or a competent mechanic in charge of construction. Board of County Commissioners, Liberty County, Florida, shall contract with a qualified Inspector on an annual basis after advertising and for and receiving bids.

Section 102.3 is amended as follows:

"During the absence or disability of the building official the Chairman of the governing authority shall act as building official to exercise all powers conferred upon the building official."

Section 106.2 is amended as follows:

"It shall be the duty of every contractor or builder, who shall make contracts for the erection or construction or repair of buildings for which a permit is required, and every contractor or builder making such contract and sub-letting the same, or any part thereof, to register his name in a book provided for that purpose, with the building official giving fully name, residence and place of

business and, in case of removal from one place to another to have made the corresponding changes in said register accordingly; and it shall be the further duty of every person to give a good and sufficient bond in a sum prescribed and as required by the administrative authority and approved by the County attorney, conditioned to conform to the building regulations, the regulations of this Section, and other Ordinances or laws of the governing body in reference to buildings."

Section 107.3 is amended as follows:

"The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Liberty County, Florida shall keep a permanent and accurate accounting of all permit fees and other moneys collected, the names of all persons upon whose account the same was paid, the date and amount thereof."

Section 111.1 is amended as follows:

"There is hereby established a Board to be called the Board of Adjustment and Appeals, which shall consist of five members. The said Board shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority."

Section 111.2 is amended as follows:

"The members of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals shall serve at the pleasure of the chief appointing authority."

Section 111.4 is amended as follows:

"Any person, firm, corporation or agent who shall violate a provision of this Code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, or who shall erect, construct, alter, demolish or move any structure, or has erected, constructed, altered, repaired, moved or demolished a building or structure in violation of a detailed statement or drawing submitted and approved thereunder, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in the second degree and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day of violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense."

The Southern Standard Building Code cited above is hereby amended by adding thereto Appendix J, which shall read as follows:

"APPENDIX J-ELECTRICAL POWER CONNECTIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to install any electrical meter or other recording devise for measuring or calculating consumption of electrical current for use in any building, structure, or mobile home unless or until there has first been obtained, and displayed to such person a permit and proof of inspection of said building, structure, or mobile home by the building official; the permit shall be issued not more than sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of installation of electrical current."

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SECTION III.

All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict
with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV.

This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1,
1975.

PASSED AND ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA
ON THE 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 1974.

Ray W. Kiser
Chairman

ATTESTED:

W.A. Woodward
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Clerk of Circuit Court
Liberty County, Florida