

Ordinance #14

An Ordinance requiring permits to alter, construct, remove, or demolish structures or buildings and creating a Board of Building Inspectors.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Borough Council of the Borough of Deer Lake that:

Section 1.

It shall not be lawful to construct, alter, remove, or demolish, or to commence the construction, alteration, removal, or demolition of a building or structure, except where the estimated cost of the proposed work is less than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, without first filing with the Board of Building Inspectors an application in writing and obtaining a formal permit.

Section 2A.

An application for a permit shall be submitted in such form as the Board of Building Inspectors may prescribe.

Section 2B.

Such application shall be made by the owner or lessees, or agent of either, or the architect, engineer, or builder employed in connection with the proposed work .If such application is made by a person other than the owner in fee, it shall be accompanied by a duly verified affidavit of the owner in fee or the person making the application that the proposed work is authorized by the owner in fee and that the person making the application is authorized to make such application.

Section 2C.

The application shall contain the name and address of the applicant and owner.

Section 2D.

The application shall contain a description sufficient to identify the property, the nature of the structure or improvements, the estimated cost of the structure or improvements, the name of the contractor or builder, and the date on which the construction or building will commence.

Section 3.

Applications shall be accompanied by plans and drawings of the proposed work, drawn to scale.

Section 4.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Building Inspectors to examine applications for permits within a reasonable time after filing. If after examination, the Board of Building Inspectors finds no objections to the same and it appears that the proposed work will be in compliance with the laws and ordinances applicable thereto and that the proposed construction and work will be safe, the Board shall approve such application and notify the Chief Burgess, who shall issue a permit to the applicant. If the examination by the Board reveals otherwise, the Board

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shall reject the application, noting their findings in a report to be attached to the application and delivering a copy to the applicant.

Section 5.

The cost of the permit shall be \$1.15, of which amount the Chief Burgess shall be entitled to retain for his own use, the sum of fifteen (15) cents as compensation to make a monthly return to the Chief Assessor of the County of Schuylkill, as required under the County Assessment Law of 1943, P.L. 571, as amended.

Section 6.

That the President of the Borough Council is hereby authorized to appoint three competent persons, who will constitute a Board of Building Inspectors.

Section 7.

The Board of Building Inspectors shall hold their office during the term of the said President, unless removed for cause by him.

Section 8.

The Board of Building Inspectors, in addition to the duties prescribed in Section 4 hereof, shall have the authority to condemn any building which is erected, or in the course of erection, if it is determined to be dangerous or unsafe, and to restrain or cause to be restrained, the erection of any building or buildings, or order the removal of any building or structure in which any of the laws or Ordinances relating to the same have been violated.

Section 9.

The Board shall keep a duplicate copy of every permit issued under this Ordinance in a separate book provided for that purpose, and the Chief Burgess shall keep on file a duplicate copy of his monthly return to the Chief Assessor of Schuylkill County, of all building permits issued by him.

Section 10.

Any person or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be given a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars for each offense, and the further sum of ten (\$10.00) Dollars for each additional day that the building remains without having obtained a permit or for failure to remove the building after having received ten (10) days written notice to remove, from the Board of Building Inspectors.

Section 11.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Enacted and Ordained this 13th day of January, 1959.

Approved: September 13th, 1959