

Ordinance 70-1

Removal or Repair of  
dangerous structures

4/13/1970

ORDINANCE NO. 70-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OR REPAIR OF DANGEROUS STRUCTURES BY THE OWNERS THEREOF, OR BY THE TOWNSHIP AT THE EXPENSE OF SUCH OWNERS FAILING OR REFUSING TO DO SO, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, and it is hereby resolved and ordained, by the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania as follows:

Section 1. Whenever it shall be reported to the Township Secretary-Manager that any structure, completed or in process of construction, or any portion thereof, is in a dangerous condition, the Secretary-Manager shall immediately cause an investigation and examination to be made of such structure. If such investigation or examination indicates such structure to be dangerous in any respect, the Secretary-Manager shall report in writing to the Board of Commissioners, specifying the exact condition of such structure, setting forth in such report whether and in what respect he considers such structure to be dangerous, and, if so, whether such structure is capable of being properly repaired or whether it should be removed as a dangerous structure.

Section 2. If any structure is reported by the Secretary-Manager, as provided in the first section of this ordinance, to be in a dangerous condition, the Board of Commissioners shall forthwith cause written notice to be served upon the owner of such structure. Such notice shall require the owner of such structure to commence the repair or removal of such building within ten (10) days of such notice and to complete such repair or removal within thirty (30) days thereof. Provided: in any case where the notice prescribes the repair of any structure, the owner thereof shall have the option to remove such structure instead of making the repairs thereto, within the said time limit.

Section 3. The notice required by the second section of this ordinance shall be served personally upon the owner of a structure, if such owner resides in the Township, or upon the agent of such owner, if such agent has a residence or place of business within the Township. If neither the owner nor the agent thereof can be served within the Township as hereby provided, such notice shall be served upon the owner by registered or certified mail at his last known address.

Section 4. If the owner of any dangerous structure, to whom or which a notice to repair or remove such structure shall be sent under the provisions of this ordinance, fails to commence or to complete such repair or removal within the time limit prescribed by such notice, he shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution. Provided: each day's continuance of a violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5. If the owner of any dangerous structure, to whom or which a notice to repair or to remove such structure shall be sent under the provisions of this ordinance, fails to commence or complete such repair or removal within the time limit prescribed by such notice, the Board of Commissioners shall be empowered to cause such work of repair or removal to be commenced and/or completed by the Township, and the cost and expense thereof, with a penalty of ten percentum (10%) shall be collected from the owner of such structure in the manner provided by law. Provided: the recovery of such cost and expense, together with the penalty, may be in addition to the penalty imposed as provided in the fourth section of this ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an ordinance this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1970.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP

By W Ray Miller  
President.

ATTEST:

Charlotte M. Buffington  
Secretary.

(SEAL)



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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
COUNTY OF BEAVER,

SS:

By James R. Miller

Before me, a Notary Public in and for such county and state, personally

**JAMES R. MILLER**, who being duly sworn according to law says

**SECRETARY-TREASURER**

of BEAVER NEWSPAPERS, INC., and that :  
allegations of the foregoing statement are true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 30TH day of APRIL 1970

Mamie L. Hayes

NOTARY PUBLIC

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has been paid.

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Section 2. If a structure is found to be a dangerous structure, the owner thereof shall be liable for the cost of such structure, and the cost of prosecu- tion. Provided: each day's continuance of a violation shall constitute a separate of- fense.

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