

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 531

An ordinance amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 9.10

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1 Findings MCC 9.10

A. The Board of County Commissioners finds that the State of Oregon has adopted a One and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code, applicable to construction requirements for single family and duplex structures. Further, that ORS 456.755 requires municipalities to enact and enforce building code regulations consistent with those adopted by the State.

B. The Board of County Commissioners finds that modification of unsafe building regulation is necessary and convenient for efficient administration and the specified amendments are in the best interest of County citizens.

Section 2 Amendment

MCC 9.10.030 is amended to read as follows:

9.10.030 Adoption of State Building Code by Reference.

Those portions of the State Building Code, as defined in subsection (8) of ORS 456.750 and subsection (1) of ORS 456.787, constituting the structural specialty code, fire and life safety code [and the] mechanical specialty code, and the one and two family dwelling specialty code, are hereby adopted and by this reference incorporated as part of this chapter as though fully set forth.

Section 3 Amendment

MCC 9.10.060 is amended to read as follows:

9.10.060 Determination of Buildings as Unsafe.

Any building or structure which has any of the conditions or defects described in this section shall be considered unsafe, if the conditions or defects are found to endanger the life, health, property, or safety of the public or the occupants. Any building or structure found to be unsafe under this chapter is declared to be a public nuisance and shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal. A building is unsafe whenever[:] the Building Official determines:

(A) Any door aisle, passageway, stairway, or other means of exit is not [of sufficient width or size, or is not so arranged as to provide safe and adequate means of exit in case of fire or panic.] in conformance with the Building Code effective at the time of construction.

(B) Stress in any structural materials or member or portion of a member, due to all loads, both vertical and lateral, is more than one and one-half times the working stress or stresses allowed by this chapter for new buildings of similar construction, purpose or location.

(C) Any portion has been damaged by fire, earthquake, wind, flood, deterioration, or such other cause as to result in wracking, warping, buckling or settling of any portion of the structure so as to reduce structural strength or stability 33 percent or more for supporting members, or 50 percent or more for nonsupporting members, below the minimum strength requirements of [this chapter for all buildings of similar construction, purpose or location] current Building Code requirements.

(D) Any portion, or any member, appurtenance or ornamentation, either interior or exterior, is not of sufficient strength or stability, or is not anchored, attached or fastened in place securely and is therefore reasonably likely to fall, become detached or dislodged, or collapse and cause injury to persons or damage to property.

(E) Exterior or interior bearing walls or other vertical structural members list, lean or buckle to the extent that a plumb line passing through the center of gravity does not fall within the middle one-third of the base of the vertical component.

(F) Any building or structure used or intended to be used for dwelling purposes, because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, decay, damage, faulty construction or arrangement, inadequate light, air or sanitation facility, is determined [by the Supervising Sanitarian for Multnomah County] to be unsanitary, unfit for human habitation or to be in such condition as would likely cause injury, sickness or disease.

[(G) Any building or structure determined by a fire marshal to be a fire hazard.]

ADOPTION

Adopted this 9th day of October, 1986, being the date of its
second reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah
County.

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Gretchen Kufny/Winn
Presiding Officer

Authenticated by the County Executive this 10th day of October, 1986.

Alan Beck
County Executive

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