

Chapter 73
BUILDINGS, UNFIT

§ 73-1. Finding of conditions; notice to owner.

§ 73-3. Time limit for notice.

§ 73-4. Violations and penalties.

§ 73-2. Removal by borough; costs.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Council of the Borough of Berwick 12-16-1974 by Ord. No. 1088. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Building construction — See Ch. 70.

§ 73-1. Finding of conditions; notice to owner.

Upon complaint received or upon its own motion, the Borough Council may investigate and examine any building or structure on private property in the borough and decide whether it finds the same to be dangerous to public safety, public health or unfit for human habitation or for the use or uses intended or used for, and if it finds that it is such, it may also find and declare it to be a public nuisance, after notice to the owner, reputed owner or occupant, who must be given an opportunity to be heard, and shall notify said owner, reputed owner or occupant to correct and repair the defects, otherwise to tear down and remove the said building or structure.

§ 73-2. Removal by borough; costs.

If said owner, reputed owner or occupant does not correct and repair the defects or remove or tear down the structure within the time specified by Council, then Council may have the same removed or torn down and file a lien for the costs of the tearing down or removal plus 10% or may remove or tear down the same and file a lien or sue the owner for the costs of the same plus 10%.

§ 73-3. Time limit for notice.

All notices herein provided shall be at least 30 days or more, as Council may specify.

§ 73-4. Violations and penalties.

In addition to the lien and suit as above, the owner or occupant failing to repair or correct defects specified in said notice within the time specified in said notice or failing to tear down or remove any such structure as per such notice shall be guilty of a violation of this chapter and shall, upon conviction before a District Justice, be fined from \$100 to \$300; and each day after

the expiration of said notice that said structure remains in violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense for the purposes of this chapter and punishment.