

Chapter 51

BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, DANGEROUS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Thurmont 4-12-1967. Readopted as revised 1-8-1986 by Res. No. 86-5. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 51-1. Orders to improve, vacate or demolish; noncompliance.

Whenever it shall be found by the Commissioners of Thurmont that any building or structure within the corporate limits of the Town of Thurmont is dangerous to the health, safety or general welfare of the people of Thurmont, the Commissioners of Thurmont may order that the building or structure be removed, demolished, vacated, altered, repaired or otherwise improved, as their order shall specify. If any such order of the Commissioners of Thurmont is not complied with within 10 days after the service thereof, or within such shorter time as they may designate as being necessary under the circumstances, then such order may be executed by the Commissioners of Thurmont through their officers, agents, employees or contractors, and the expense incurred in so doing shall be paid by the owner of the property.

§ 51-2. Service or posting of order.

A copy of the order shall be sent to the owner of the property or his agent by registered mail addressed to such owner or agent at his last known address; and a copy of the order shall also be posted on the property at least five days before the Commissioners of Thurmont shall proceed to incur expenses in executing the order, unless the condition of the property is of such a character as to require immediate action, in which case the period of posting the notice shall be such as in the judgment of the Commissioners of Thurmont is reasonable and proper.

§ 51-3. Agent deemed owner.

In the absence or incapacitation of the owner, any person in actual possession of or having charge, care or control of any property within the Town of Thurmont, as executor, administrator, trustee or guardian shall be deemed to be the owner or owners of such property within the meaning of this chapter, and shall be bound to comply with the provisions of this chapter to the same extent as the owner, and notice to any such person of any order of the Commissioners of Thurmont shall be deemed to be a good and sufficient notice as if such person or persons were actually the owner or owners of such property.

§ 51-4. Violations and penalties.

The violation of this chapter is declared to be a municipal infraction. The penalty for violation shall be the sum of \$100.