

ARTICLE IV. Zoning and Building Administration, Enforcement; Adoption of Uniform Codes

1. Zoning Officer

1.1 Designation of Zoning Officer

The Zoning Officer designated by the Board of Trustees shall administer and enforce this Ordinance. The Zoning Officer may be provided with the assistance of such other persons as the Board of Trustees may direct. The Zoning Officer shall be the initial contact for zoning issues, building issues, and zoning enforcement issues.

1.2 Zoning Officer Duties

If the Zoning Officer, after being directed by the Mayor or majority vote of the Board of Trustees to investigate an alleged violation, shall find that any of the provisions of this Ordinance are being violated, he shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violations, indicating the nature of the violation and the action necessary to correct it. He shall order discontinuance of illegal use of the land, buildings or structures; removal of illegal buildings or structures or the additions, alterations or structural changes thereto; discontinuance of any illegal work being done; or shall take any other action authorized by this Ordinance to ensure compliance with or prevent violation of its provisions.

2. Building Inspector

2.1 Designation of Building Inspector

The Building Inspector designated by the Board of Trustees shall administer and enforce the building code requirements of the Town of Empire. The Building Inspector may be provided with the assistance of such other persons as the Board of Trustees may direct. The Building Inspector and the Zoning Officer may be the same individual.

2.2 Building Inspector Duties

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If the Building Inspector shall find that any of the building code provisions of this Ordinance are being violated, he shall notify in writing the person or persons responsible for such violations, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it. He may order the discontinuance of any illegal work being done, and he shall take any other action, which is authorized by the Uniform Building Code or by the Ordinance to ensure compliance with, or prevent violation of its provisions.

3. Adoption of the Uniform Building Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, Uniform Mechanical Code, and National Electrical Code.

3.1 Adoption

Certain documents, being marked and designated as “Uniform Building Code” 1991 Edition, “Uniform Plumbing Code” 1991 Edition, “Uniform Mechanical Code” 1991 Edition, and “National Electrical Code” 1991 Edition, published by the International Conference of Building Officials, are hereby adopted as the Code of the Town of Empire for regulating the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, moving, removal, demolition, conversion, occupancy, equipment, use, height, and maintenance of all buildings and/or structures in the Town of Empire, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; providing penalties for violation of such codes; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of each code are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Ordinance. One copy of each code is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

3.2 Repeal

Ordinance Nos. 182, 183, and 184 of the Town of Empire entitled Adoption of the 1979 Uniform Plumbing Code, Adoption of the 1979 Uniform Building Code, and Adoption of 1981 National Electrical Code, respectively, and all other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Section 3 are hereby repealed; except that any more restrictive provision of this Ordinance shall take precedence over any conflicting provisions of any Uniform Code.

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