

Chapter 2.21

DUTIES OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

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2.21.010 Application for Permit. When any person, persons firm, corporation or association of persons shall be desirous of erecting, repairing, changing or altering any building, or moving any building or structure within Block 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Milwaukee Land Company Addition to the City of Harlowton, make application at the office of the city clerk for a permit for that purpose and shall furnish said clerk with a written statement of the proposed location, dimensions and manner of construction of proposed buildings, or structure, and material to be used and a plan of the plumbing, draining and ventilation together with plans and specifications for the proposed building or structure, which shall be delivered to said city clerk and remain in his custody a sufficient length of time to allow the necessary examination to be made of the same, and if required by the clerk, a copy of such plans and specifications shall be filed in the office of the city clerk, after which if it shall appear to the said inspector that the laws and ordinances of the city are complied with, he shall give a permit asked for, upon payment of a fee of two dollars (\$2.00).

Blank forms for the detailed statements are herein required may be obtained at the office of the city clerk for applicants to fill out, describing the location of the structure, number and height of stories, dimensions of the supporting iron work for which purpose the buildings are designed and such other information applicable to the proposed improvement, which statements, plans and specifications and in compliance with the laws and ordinances of the City of Harlowton and it shall not be lawful to proceed to construct, alter or repair any building or buildings or structure within the district above described, without such permit. Structures hereinafter erected without permit or not in conformity with this ordinance shall be removed by the Chief of the Fire Department or Chief of Police.

2.21.020 Building on Lots Within Block 3, 4, and 5. It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons, firm or corporation or association of persons to build, erect or place any dwelling, building or structure to be used for residence purposes upon any lot or lots within Block 3, 4, and 5 of Milwaukee Land Company Addition to the City of Harlowton, Montana, unless said dwelling, building or structure shall be at least fifteen (15) feet back from the street line and shall be constructed at an actual cost to the owner for labor and materials supplied, exclusive of the price of the lot, the sum of two thousand five hundred (2,500) dollars, or if said dwelling, building or structure would seriously increase the fire hazard of surrounding buildings.

2.21.030 Building Within Fire Limits. Henceforth no person shall within the said fire limits construct any building or out-building, other than one substantially fire-proof, that is to say, the exterior walls thereof shall be of stone, brick, cement, steel or other material equally non-combustible. Nor shall smoke houses be permitted to be built within the prescribed fire limits, nor shall any person within said fire limits enlarge or add to any wooden building now standing within said limits, or repair any wooden building now standing within said limits beyond what is necessary to make good any ordinary and natural deterioration, nor shall any person, firm or corporation repair or rebuild any building within said limits when the same shall have been damaged by fire or other elements, or decay to the extent of forty percent of the value of such building. The decision of the building inspector shall be conclusive as to the amount of damages to any building caused by the elements or decay, and any such structure erected or repaired, enlarged or removed in violation of this ordinance, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to require the author of such nuisance to remove the same forthwith, and if he or she neglects or refuses to abate the same within twenty-four hours, after notice, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to do so and the costs thereof shall be charged to, and may be recovered from the party responsible therefore by an action in the name of the city, or proved and taxed as costs in the prosecution of the author of such nuisance; and any person, whether owner, lessee, contractor or laborer, who shall hereafter, in violation of this section, erect, repair, enlarge, or remove any such prohibited wooden structure or roof, or cause the same to be done by others, shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars.

2.21.040 Penalty. Any person or persons, firm or corporation or association of persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than five (\$5) dollars and not more than one hundred (\$100) dollars and every day of continued violation after due notice shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

