

9-01.12 [Miscellaneous Provisions]

9-01.12-10 [Interpretation]

The provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements fulfilling its objectives. Where the conditions imposed by any provision of this ordinance are less restrictive than comparable conditions imposed by any other provisions, of this ordinance or of any other ordinance, resolution, or regulation, the provisions which are more restrictive shall govern.

9-01.12-20 [Severability.]

The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If a section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is adjudged by a court of competent Jurisdiction to be invalid, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

9-01.12-30 [Abatement and Penalty]

A. A person violating a provision of this chapter shall be punished upon conviction by a civil penalty as a Class B infraction (a fine not to exceed \$500.00) and shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day during which the violation continues. This remedy is not intended to be exclusive and the City of Vernonia may pursue any other remedy available to it by law.

B. In case a building or other structure is or is proposed to be located, constructed, maintained, repaired, altered or used, or land is or is proposed to be used, in violation of this chapter, the building or land thus in violation shall constitute a nuisance and the City may, as an alternative to other remedies that are legally available for enforcing this chapter, institute injunction, mandamus, abatement or other appropriate proceedings to prevent, enjoin temporarily or permanently, abate or remove the unlawful location, construction, maintenance, repair, alteration or use.

C. Subject to removal. A building, sited upon property in violation of this ordinance, shall be subject to removal from such property. However, the building owner must be given a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into compliance before action for removal can be taken. If action finally is taken by the appropriate authority to bring compliance, the expenses involved may be made a lien against the property.