

ARTICLE 19: VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

Section

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§ 19:1 ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL AND DUTIES.

19:1.1 Development Services Representative (DSR).

This Ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Jasper County DSR with the assistance of such other persons as the Deputy County Administrator of Development Services may direct.

19:1.2 Duties of the DSR.

The duties of the DSR shall include the receiving and processing of staff level, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals applications, inspecting premises, issuing Certificates of Use and Occupancy for uses and structures that meet the requirements of this Ordinance, endorsing building permit applications that meet the requirements of this Ordinance, and other actions to assure conformance with this Ordinance.

If the DSR shall find that any of the provisions of this Ordinance are being violated, he or she shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it. He or she shall order discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings, or structures; removal of illegal buildings or structures or of additions, alterations, or structural changes thereto; discontinuance of any illegal work being done; take any other action authorized by this Ordinance to ensure compliance with or prevent violation of its provisions.

§ 19:2 ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS.

19:2.1 Complaints Regarding Violations.

Whenever a violation of this Ordinance occurs or is alleged to have occurred, any person may file a written complaint. Such complaint stating fully the causes and basis of the alleged violation shall be filed with the Deputy County Administrator for Development Services. He or she shall record the complaint, investigate, and take action as provided by this Ordinance.

19:2.2 Remedies.

In case any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted, or maintained, or any building, structure, or land is used in violation of this Ordinance, the DSR and/or the Building Official, or any adjacent, nearby, or neighboring property owner who would be affected by such violation in addition to other remedies, may institute an injunction or any other appropriate action in proceeding to prevent the use of such building, structure, or land.

§ 19:3 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Any person, firm, corporation or agent, who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished within the jurisdictional limits of magistrate's court. Each such person, firm, corporation or agent shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance is committed, or continued.

The DSR or other appropriate county official may also seek injunctive relief or any other appropriate action in courts of competent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.