



Fire Department
Charter Township of White Lake

To: Board of Trustee Officials

From: John Holland, Fire Chief

Date: 08/31/2023

Re: Ordinance Amendment

The Fire Department is presenting an ordinance amendment to Chapter 18, Article II of the Township of White Lake Code of Ordinances, commonly referred to as the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance.

Proposed amendment:

Section 110. Unsafe Buildings

Add - **subsection 110.5 Fire Damaged Property**

John Holland
Fire Chief

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE II - FIRE CODE
OF THE WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 18, Article II of the Charter Township of White Lake Code of Ordinances, commonly referred to as the Fire Code Ordinance, Section 18-25, entitled "Changes in the code" to add a provision amending Section 110 of the International Fire Code.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE ORDAINS:

ARTICLE 1: AMENDMENT.

Chapter 18, Article II of the Township of White Lake Code of Ordinance, commonly referred to as the Fire Code Ordinance, is hereby amended to add a new subsection 110.5 under Section 18-25 (Changes in the code), to read as follows. The remaining sections and subsections in Section 18-25 are otherwise unaffected by this amendment and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 18-25. – Changes in the code.

Section 110. Unsafe Buildings

Subsection 110.5 shall be added to read as follows:

Section 110.5 Fire Damaged Property. This section shall apply to any building (as defined in Chapter 2 of the International Fire Code) that has sustained fire damage to the extent that the property cannot be safely occupied, or the integrity of the structure is uncertain as determined by the Building Code Official.

Where a building has sustained fire damage, the property owner, within ninety (90) days from the date of the incident, shall apply for a permit to start construction or demolition. Additional ninety (90) day extensions may be granted by the Building Official, provided the owner can demonstrate substantial progress toward completing the necessary repairs. Failure to act within the allowable time thresholds will result in the property being deemed as a dangerous building.

The following shall be the property owner's responsibility:

Security – To secure the building against unwanted entry until such time the repairs are completed, or the building has been demolished.

Hazards – To secure the site around the building if in the Fire Code Official or Building Code Official's opinion poses risk of collapse.

Nuisance – To remove all loose debris that has the potential to invade adjacent properties, or any debris/refuse causing foul, offensive odors.

ARTICLE II: SEVERABILITY.

If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such selection, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of the Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

ARTICLE III: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law.

ARTICLE IV: REPEALER.

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

ARTICLE V: ADOPTION.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of this Charter Township of White Lake at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the ___ day of _____, 2023, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed law.

BY: _____
Rik Kowall, Supervisor

BY: _____
Anthony Noble, Clerk