

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office June 2, 1969 at 10:00 A.M., it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

H. J. Watts, Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

J. Roland Gore

T. E. Burns

W. O. Johnson

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the May 19th meeting were read and approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner J. Roland Gore and seconded by Commissioner Edward W. Williamson it was ordered/that the offices of the Tax Collector and Tax Supervisor be divided and that J. Hubert Norris be reappointed Tax Collector and Purchasing Agent and Brooks Stanley be appointed Tax Supervisor and County Appraiser effective July 1, 1969.

Carl Hayes of the North Carolina Forest Service, presented the budget estimate for the fiscal year 1969-70. The county's share increased \$5,258.67, over the 1968-69 budget.

Ordered: that Rev. O'Ferrall Thompson be appointed to succeed Rev. Douglas O. Ponder as a member of the Columbus County Council on Mental Retardation. Rev. Ponder has moved outside the county.

Mrs. Chester Stephens, President of the Columbus County Association of Retarded Children and Mr. O'Ferrall Thompson appeared before the Board and stated a federal grant had been applied for and if the county would supply one-fourth or \$6,382.82 of the grant, the federal share would amount to \$19,142.42 or three-fourths of the total.. This grant would enable the association to expand and carry on the present day care centers and other programs now started in the county. After a lengthy discussion, the following action was taken.

Upon motion of Commissioner Gore, seconded by Commissioner Williamson, it was ordered that \$6,382.83 be appropriated in the 1969-70 county budget for the Columbus County Association of Retarded Children.

George I. Woodall Jr., Sheetz & Bradfield Architects, and Rudolph Walters, Executive Director of the Economic Development Commission presented to the Board the Ordinance for Adoption and Enforcement of the Building Code, Plumbing Code, Electrical Code, Residential Building Code, Minimum Housing Code and Fire Prevention Code. The adoption of these codes must be made by the county before a Housing Authority can be established. The first reading of the Minimum Housing Code was read and approved and the Clerk was directed to give proper notice of a public hearing to be held at the courthouse at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Upon motion of Edward W. Williamson, seconded by T. E. Burns, it was ordered that the following Ordinance providing for the Adoption, Administration and Enforcement of the Regulatory Codes, and Specifying other Duties of Inspection Officials be adopted.

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION & ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATORY CODES

Article I. ADOPTION OF REGULATORY CODES BY REFERENCE

(Authority: G.S. 143-138(b), (e); 153-9 (47), (52), (55))

Section 1-1. SCOPE OF ORDINANCE AND CODES. The provisions of this ordinance and of the regulatory codes herein adopted shall apply to the following:

- (a) The location, design, materials, equipment, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, maintenance, moving, demolition, removal, use, and occupancy of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such building or structure;
- (b) The installation, erection, alteration, repair, use and maintenance of plumbing systems consisting of house sewers, building drains, waste and vent systems, hot and cold water supply systems, and all fixtures and appurtenances thereof;
- (c) The installation, erection, alteration, repair, use and maintenance of mechanical systems consisting of heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems, fuel burning equipment, and appurtenances thereof;
- (d) The installation, erection, alteration, repair, use and maintenance of electrical systems and appurtenances thereof;

The adoption of this ordinance and the codes herein adopted by reference shall constitute a resolution within the meaning of G.S. 143-138 (d) making the regulatory codes herein adopted applicable to dwellings and out buildings used in connection therewith and to apartment buildings used exclusively as the residence of not more than two families.

Section 1-2. BUILDING CODE ADOPTED. The 1967 edition of the North Carolina State Building Code, Volume I, General Construction, as adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council and as amended, is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Building Code of the County to the extent such Code is applicable for safe and stable design, methods of construction, minimum standards, and use of materials in building or structures hereafter erected, enlarged, altered, repaired, or otherwise

constructed or reconstructed.

Section 1-3. PLUMBING CODE ADOPTED. The 1967 edition of the North Carolina Plumbing Code (North Carolina State Building Code, Volume II, Plumbing) as adopted and published by the North Carolina Building Code Council and as amended, is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Plumbing Code for the County.

Section 1-4. ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED. The 1967 edition of the North Carolina Electrical Code (North Carolina State Building Code, Volume IV, Electrical), adopting by reference the 1965 or later edition of the National Electrical Code of the National Fire Protection Association as adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council and as amended, is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Electrical Code of the County.

Section 1-5. RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE. The 1964 edition or later edition of the North Carolina Uniform Residential Building Code, as adopted by the North Carolina Building Inspectors Association, and as published by the North Carolina Building Code Council is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Residential Building Code for one and two family residential buildings in the County.

Section 1-6. MINIMUM HOUSING CODE. The attached "A Minimum Housing Code for Columbus County, North Carolina" is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Minimum Housing Code for the County.

Section 1-7. FIRE PREVENTION CODE. The 1965 or later edition of the Fire Prevention Code, as recommended and published by the American Insurance Association and as amended is hereby adopted by reference as fully as though set forth herein as the Fire Prevention Code for the County.

Section 1-8. AMENDMENTS TO CODES. Amendments to the regulatory codes adopted by reference herein, which are from time to time adopted and published by the agencies or organizations referred to herein shall be effective in the County at the time such amendments are filed with the County Building Inspector as provided in Section 1-9.

Section 1-9. COMPLIANCE WITH CODES.

(a) All buildings or structures which are hereafter constructed, reconstructed, erected, altered, extended, enlarged, repaired, demolished, or moved shall conform to the requirements, minimum standards, and other provisions of either the North Carolina State Building Code, General Construction, Volume I or the North Carolina Uniform Residential Building Code, whichever is applicable, or of both if both are applicable.

(b) Every building or structure intended for human habitation, occupancy, or use shall have plumbing, plumbing systems, or plumbing fixtures installed, constructed, altered, extended, repaired, or reconstructed in accordance with the minimum standards, requirements, and other provisions of the North Carolina Plumbing Code (North Carolina State Building Code, Volume II, Plumbing).

(c) All electrical wiring, installations and appurtenances shall be erected, altered, repaired, used and maintained in accordance with the minimum standards, requirements, and other provisions of the North Carolina Electrical Code (North Carolina State Building Code, Volume IV, Electrical).

Section 1-10. COPIES OF CODES FILED WITH CLERK. An official copy of each regulatory code adopted herein, and official copies of all amendments thereto, shall be kept on file in the office of the County Clerk. Such copies shall be the official copies of the codes and the amendments.

Article II. INSPECTION DEPARTMENT.

Section 2-1. ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT. The Inspection Department shall

consist of a Building Inspector, a Plumbing Inspector, and Electrical Inspector, and such other Inspectors or deputy or assistant Inspectors as may be authorized by the Governing Body. The offices of Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Electrical Inspector may be separate, or one or more of such offices may be combined.

Section 2-2. GENERAL DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT AND INSPECTORS. It shall be the duty of the Inspection Department to enforce all of the provisions of this ordinance and of the regulatory codes adopted herein, and to make all inspections necessary to determine whether or not the provisions of this ordinance and such codes are being met.

Section 2-3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. No officer or employee of the Inspection Department shall be financially interested in the furnishing of labor, material, or appliances for the construction, alteration, or maintenance of a building or any part thereof, or in the making of plans or specifications therefor, unless he is the owner of such building. No officer or employee of the Inspection Department shall engage in any work which is inconsistent with his duties or with the interests of the County.

Section 2-4. REPORTS AND RECORDS. The Inspection Department, and each Inspector, shall keep complete, permanent, and accurate records in convenient form of all applications received, permits issued, inspections, and reinspections made, and all other work and activities of the Inspection Department. Periodic reports shall be submitted to the Governing Body, and to other agencies, as required.

Section 2-5. INSPECTION PROCEDURE.

(a) Inspections. The Inspection Department shall inspect all buildings and structures and work therein for which a permit of any kind has been issued as often as necessary in order to determine whether the work complies with this ordinance and the appropriate codes.

When deemed necessary by the appropriate Inspector, materials and assemblies may be inspected at the point of manufacture or fabrication, or inspections may be made by approved and recognized inspection organizations; provided, no approval shall be based upon reports of such organizations unless the same are in writing and certified by a responsible officer of such organization.

(b) Calls for Inspection. Request for inspections may be made to the office of the Inspection Department or to the appropriate Inspector. The Inspection Department shall make inspections as soon as practicable after request is made therefor, provided such work is ready for inspection at the time the request is made.

(c) Certificate of Occupancy. No new building or part thereof shall be occupied, and no addition or enlargement of any existing building shall be occupied, and no existing building after being altered or moved shall be occupied, and no change of occupancy shall be made in any existing building or part thereof, until the Inspection Department has issued a certificate of occupancy therefor. A temporary certificate of occupancy may be issued for a portion or portions of a building which may safely be occupied prior to final completion and occupancy of the entire building. Application for a certificate of occupancy may be made by the owner or his agent after all final inspections have been made for new buildings, or in the case of existing buildings, after supplying the information and data necessary to determine compliance with this ordinance, the appropriate regulatory codes and the zoning ordinance for the occupancy intended. The Inspection Department shall issue a certificate of occupancy when, after examination and inspection, it is found that the building in all respects conforms to the provisions of this ordinance, the regulatory codes, and the zoning ordinance for the occupancy intended.

Section 2-6. OVERSIGHT NOT TO LEGALIZE VIOLATION. No oversight or

dereliction of duty on the part of any Inspector or other official or employee of the Inspection Department shall be deemed to legalize the violation of any provision of this ordinance or any provision of any regulatory code herein adopted.

Section 2-7. POWERS OF INSPECTION OFFICIALS.

(a) **Authority.** Inspectors are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to enforce all the provisions of this ordinance and the regulatory codes herein adopted.

(b) **Right-of-Entry.** Inspectors shall have the right-of-entry on any premises within the jurisdiction of the regulatory codes herein adopted at reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection or enforcement of the requirements of this ordinance and the regulatory codes, upon presentation of proper credentials.

(c) **Stop Orders.** Whenever any building or structure or part thereof is being demolished, constructed, altered, or repaired or reconstructed in a hazardous manner, or in violation of any provision of this ordinance or any other County ordinance, or in violation of any provision of any regulatory code herein adopted or in violation of the terms of the permit or permits issued therefor, or in such manner as to endanger life or property, the appropriate Inspector may order such work to be immediately stopped. Such order shall be in writing to the owner of the property or to his agent, or to the person doing the work, and shall state the reasons therefor and the conditions under which the work may be resumed.

Article III. ENFORCEMENT.

Section 3-1. REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS. Every person carrying on the business of building contractor, plumbing contractor, or electrical contractor within the County shall register at the office of the Inspection Department, giving name and place of business.

Section 3-2. BOND REQUIRED OF CONTRACTORS. Every person required to register at the office of the Inspection Department under the preceding section shall also give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), to be approved by the County Attorney, conditioned upon faithful performance of duty in doing any work which he may have contracted to do, and to indemnify the County against loss in any manner whatsoever for any unskillful or negligent work or conduct in the performance of the duties imposed by the provisions of this ordinance or any regulatory code herein adopted, or any damage to any utility line, streets, or sidewalks in the County or for the use of defective or improper material in such work, or for any damage which may accrue to any person by reason of any default of the contract, or for the payment of any inspection or other fees required by this ordinance.

Section 3-3. PERMITS REQUIRED.

(a) **Building Permit.** No person shall commence or proceed with the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, removal, or demolition of any building or other structure, or any part thereof, without a written permit therefor from the Inspection Department, provided, however, that no building permit shall be required for work the total cost of which does not exceed \$500 and which does not involve any change of the structural parts or the stairways, elevators, fire escapes or other means of egress of the building or the structure in question. Local Board of Health approval of property for septic tank required where sewage system cannot be connected to city sewer.

(b) **Plumbing Permit.** No person shall commence or proceed with the installation, extension, or general repair of any plumbing system without a written permit therefor from the Inspection Department; provided, however, no permit shall be required for minor repairs or replacements on the

house side of a trap to an installed system of plumbing if such repairs or replacements do not disrupt the original water supply or the waste or ventilating systems. Local Board of Health approval of property for septic tank required where sewage system cannot be connected to city sewer.

(c) Electrical Permit. No person shall commence or proceed with the installation, extension, alteration, or general repair of any electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment without a written permit therefor from the Inspection Department; provided, however, no permit shall be required for minor repair work such as the replacement of lamps or the connection of portable devices to suitable receptacles which have been permanently installed; provided, further, no permit shall be required for the installation, alteration, or repair of the electrical wiring, devices, appliances, and equipment installed by or for an electrical public utility corporation for the use of such corporation in the generation, transmission, distribution, or metering of electrical energy, or for the use of such corporation in the operation of signals or the transmission of intelligence.

Section 3-4. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT. Written application shall be made for all permits required by this ordinance, and shall be made on forms provided by the Inspection Department. Such application shall be made by the owner of the building or structure affected or by his authorized agent or representative, and, in addition to such other information as may be required by the appropriate Inspector to enable him to determine whether the permit applied for should be issued, shall show the following:

- (a) Name, residence, and business address of owner;
- (b) Name, residence, and business of authorized representative or agent, if any;
- (c) Name and address of the contractor, if any, together with evidence that he has obtained a certificate from the appropriate state licensing board for such contractors, if such be required for the work involved in the permit for which application is made.

Section 3-5. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. Detailed plans and specifications shall accompany each application for permit when the estimated total cost of the building or structure is in excess of \$40,000, and for any other building or structure where plans and specifications are deemed necessary by the appropriate Inspector in order for him to determine whether the proposed work complies with the appropriate regulatory codes. Plans shall be drawn to scale with sufficient clarity to indicate the nature and extent of the work proposed, and the plans and specifications together shall contain information sufficient to indicate that the work proposed will conform to the provisions of this ordinance and the appropriate regulatory codes, where plans and specifications are required, a copy of the same shall be kept at the work until all authorized operations have been completed and approved by the appropriate Inspector.

Section 3-6. ISSUANCE OF PERMIT. When proper application for a permit has been made, and the appropriate Inspector is satisfied that the application and the proposed work comply with the provisions of this ordinance and the appropriate regulatory codes, he shall issue such permit, upon payment of the proper fee or fees as hereinafter provided in Section 3-10.

Section 3-7. REVOCATION OF PERMITS. The appropriate Inspector may revoke and require the return of any permit by notifying the permit holder in writing stating the reason for such revocation. Permits shall be revoked for any material departure from the approved application, plans, or specifications; for refusal or failure to comply with proper orders of the Inspector; for refusal or failure to comply with requirements of this ordinance and the appropriate regulatory codes; or for false statements or misrepresentations made in securing such permit.

Section 3-8. TIME LIMITATIONS ON VALIDITY OF PERMITS. All permits issued

under this ordinance shall expire by limitation six (6) months after the date of issuance if the work authorized by the permit has not been commenced. If after commencement the work is discontinued for a period of twelve (12) months, the permit therefor shall immediately expire. No work authorized by any permit which has expired shall thereafter be performed until a new permit therefor has been secured.

Section 3-9. CHANGES IN WORK. After a permit has been issued, changes or deviations from the terms of the application and permit, or changes or deviations from the plans or specifications involving any work under the jurisdiction of this ordinance or of any regulatory code adopted herein, shall not be made until specific written approval of such changes or deviations has been obtained from the appropriate Inspector.

Section 3-10. PERMIT FEES. Fees for permits shall be based upon the total estimated cost of the proposed work, including all sub-contracts if any, but in no case shall the total estimated cost be less than the market value of similar completed work in the County as determined by the appropriate Inspector or Inspectors. Permit fees shall be as follows:

- (a) Building Permit Fees (see schedule of fees in office of Inspection Department).
- (b) Plumbing Permit Fees (see schedule of fees in office of Inspection Department).
- (c) Electrical Permit Fees (see schedule of fees in office of Inspection Department).

Article IV. CONDEMNATION, REPAIR, AND DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS.

Section 4-1. DUTY OF BUILDING INSPECTOR. Any building or structure of part thereof, partially destroyed or otherwise, which is found by the Building Inspector to be in such a dilapidated state of disrepair or other substandard condition as to be dangerous to life, health or other property, or to constitute a fire or safety hazard or a public nuisance shall be declared by the Building Inspector to be unsafe.

Such unsafe condition may be caused by defective construction, overloaded structural parts, decay, susceptibility to fire, exits, or any other hazardous conditions or circumstances.

The Building Inspector shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to declare all such buildings or structures unsafe and to take appropriate action to have such conditions corrected or removed.

Such declaration by the Building Inspector shall constitute an order of condemnation for the purposes of this article.

Section 4-2. DUTY OF OWNER; PROCEDURE. Whenever any building or structure has been condemned by the Building Inspector, and the existence of such building or structure in a dilapidated state of disrepair or other substandard condition is found and determined by the Building Inspector or, upon appeal, from or report by the Building Inspector as hereafter provided, by the Governing Body to be dangerous to life, health, or other property, or is in such condition as to constitute a fire or safety hazard or a public nuisance, the owner or owners of such building or structure shall be required to demolish and remove the same and remedy such conditions under the regulations and procedures herein provided; and in the event such owner fails or refuses so to do, within the time directed by the Building Inspector or by the Governing Body, as hereinafter provided, the Governing Body may, in its judgment, cause the same to be demolished and removed or such other steps taken as it may find to be necessary to suppress and abate the nuisance and remove the fire or safety hazard and the danger to life, health, or other property found to exist, and specially assess the cost and expense of doing said work against the lot or parcel of land on which the said building or structure is located.

Section 4-3. NOTICE AND HEARING. Before any building or structure may be ordered to be demolished and removed as provided in Section 4-2 herein, the Building Inspector shall notify the owner or owners thereof, in writing by certified or registered mail to the last known address of such owner, or by personal service of such notice by said Building Inspector or his assistant or by posting notice as hereinafter provided, that said building or structure is in such condition as appears to constitute a fire or safety hazard or dangerous to life, health, or other property, or to be a public nuisance, and that a hearing will be held before said Building Inspector at a designated place at a time not less than ten (10) days after the date of such written notice, at which time and place the owner shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel upon all legal or factual questions relating to the matter and shall be entitled to offer such evidence as he may desire which is relevant or material to the questions sought to be determined or the remedies sought to be effected. If the name or whereabouts of the owner cannot, after due diligence, be discovered, the notice herein referred to shall be considered properly and adequately served if a copy thereof is posted on the outside of the building or structure in question at least ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the hearing and a notice of the hearing is published one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the County at least one week prior to the date fixed for such hearing. Such notice shall state the address or location of the building or structure and the time, place, and purpose of the hearing.

Section 4-4. ORDER TO REMEDY OR DEMOLISH. If, upon such hearing, the Building Inspector shall find that the building or structure in question is in such a dilapidated or substandard state of disrepair as to constitute a fire or safety hazard or to be dangerous to life, health or other property, or is a public nuisance, he shall make an order in writing, directed to the owner of said building or structure, requiring the owner to remedy such conditions so found to exist by demolishing and removing said buildings or structure or taking such other steps as may be necessary to abate the nuisance and remove the hazards, within such period, not less than sixty (60) days, as the Building Inspector may prescribe.

Section 4-5. APPEAL: FINALITY OF ORDER IF NOT APPEALED. The owner of any building or structure ordered by the Building Inspector to be demolished and removed, or who is directed by the Building Inspector to take any other steps to abate a nuisance or remove hazards found by the Building Inspector to exist, shall have the right of appeal from such orders to the Governing Body; provided, such owner gives notice of appeal to the Building Inspector at the time of the hearing at which the order is made, or within ten (10) days after such order is made files with the Building Inspector a written notice of such appeal. Notice of appeal shall state the grounds therefor. Unless an appeal is taken within the time and in the manner herein prescribed, the action of the Building Inspector shall be deemed final, subject only to such action as the Governing Body may take as herein elsewhere provided. Where an appeal has been properly taken and notice thereof given in accordance with the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the Building Inspector to report the same to the County Clerk who shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for action by the Governing Body at its next ensuing regular meeting. The Governing Body shall have the right to continue the hearing of the appeal from time to time, in its discretion.

Section 4-6. REPORT WHEN OWNER FAILS TO COMPLY. In the event the owner does not appeal from the final order or direction of the Building Inspector requiring that the building or structure be demolished and removed or the taking of such other steps as may be required to abate the nuisance and remove the hazards, and fails or refuses to comply with such order and direction, it shall be the duty of the Building Inspector to file a written report thereof with the County Clerk who shall cause such report to be placed on the agenda for action by the Governing Body at its next ensuing regular meeting or to some subsequent meeting to which the Governing Body may continue the same. The Building Inspector shall mail a copy of said report by certified or registered mail to the owner at his last known address, or have a copy of said report delivered to said owner. Said report shall specify the date of the meeting of the Governing Body for which the matter will be docketed for action.

Section 4-7. ORDER OF GOVERNING BODY: ASSESSMENT OF COSTS. In all cases referred to in this ordinance which reach the Governing Body for action, either upon appeal of the owner from the ruling of the Building Inspector or upon report of the Building Inspector that the owner fails or refuses to comply with his order or direction, the Governing Body shall hear the matter, and if it finds and determines that the building or structure in question is in such a dilapidated or substandard state of disrepair as to constitute a fire or safety hazard, or to be dangerous to life, health, or other property, or is a public nuisance, and that the owner of said building or structure has failed or refused to abate the nuisance and has failed or refused to have said building or structure demolished and removed or has failed or refused to take such other steps as may be necessary to abate the nuisance and remove the hazards found to exist, it may cause the demolition and removal of such building or structure to be done, or effect such other remedies as may be necessary to abate the nuisance and remove the hazards, and specially assess the cost of such work against the lot or parcel of land on which the building or structure was situated; and such assessment shall constitute a specific lien upon said lot or parcel of land, which may be enforced by an action instituted in the name of the County in the nature of an action to foreclose a mortgage as provided by G.S. 105-414 in the case of ad valorem taxes and local improvement assessments.

Section 4-8. WHEN NOTICE OF GOVERNING BODY HEARING REQUIRED. In cases in which the Building Inspector has been unable to give the owner actual notice of hearing in the manner hereinabove provided, and has given such notice by posting and publishing the same as authorized in Section 4-3, and the owner has failed or refused to comply with the order or direction of the Building Inspector to demolish and remove the building or structure, or take such other remedial action as will remove the hazards, and such case is referred to the Governing Body for action, the Governing Body shall before taking such action, cause to be posted on the outside of the building or structure in question at least ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the hearing, and published one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the County at least one week prior to the date fixed for such hearing a written notice stating the address or location of the building or structure involved and the time, place, and purpose of the hearing, and such other information as the Governing Body may deem advisable.

Section 4-9. PRESUMPTION OF DANGER TO PUBLIC. In all cases in which the Governing Body, under authority of this Article, causes the demolition and removal of any building or structure to be carried out, or directs such other remedial steps to be taken as may be necessary to abate the nuisance and remove the hazards, it shall be conclusively presumed that the public nuisance and the fire and safety hazard and danger to life, health or other property, created and maintained by the continued presence of said building or structure in such condition as is found to exist, constitute a clear and present danger amounting to a situation of emergency involving the public health, safety and general welfare, which requires entry upon private property for the summary abatement and removal of such danger, in the public interest.

Section 4-10. WILLFUL FAILURE OR REBUSAL TO COMPLY WITH ORDER. It shall be ^{un}lawful for any person to willfully fail or refuse to comply with any final order or direction of the Building Inspector or Governing Body made by virtue and in pursuance of this Article, and any person violating this Article shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided by G.S. 14-4 for the violation of county and municipal ordinances, and every day such person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any final order or direction of the Building Inspector or Governing Body made by virtue and in pursuance of this Article shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

Section 4-11. CONSTRUCTION OF ARTICLE. It is the legislative intent of the Governing Body in enacting this Article that each section and subdivision is separate and divisible from any other section, and if any provision hereof should be held or declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, such decision or holding shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision hereof.

This Article is in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other ordinance affecting the same subject matter.

Article V. ENFORCEMENT OF HOUSING CODE

Section 5-1. DUTY OF INSPECTION DEPARTMENT. The Inspection Department shall be responsible for the enforcement of any ordinances or codes adopted by the Governing Body relating to the repair, closing, and demolition of dwellings unfit for human habitation.

Article VI. DEFINITIONS.

The following terms whenever used or referred to in this ordinance shall have the following respective meanings:

Section 6-1. "County" shall mean the County of Columbus.

Section 6-2. "Governing Body" means the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County.

Article VII. TERRITORIAL APPLICATION

Section 7-1. This ordinance and the regulatory codes adopted herein shall apply and shall be in force throughout the County, except the same shall not be applicable within the corporate limits or jurisdiction of any municipality which has conducted the most recent election required by its charter of the general law, which is applicable, unless the governing body of such municipality shall, by resolution, agree to such ordinance.

Article VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 8-1. This ordinance shall begin full force and effect from and after its final enactment and passage by the Governing Body and compliance with the provisions of G.S. 153-9 (55).

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Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Mrs. M. M. Long, Bug Hill Township, be cancelled for the years 1966 and 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the valuation of the property listed in the name of Auto-Vac Company, Inc., South Williams Township, be reduced in the amount of \$22,071 for the year 1968 due to a clerical error.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Andrew Gore, Jr., Fair Bluff Township, be cancelled for the year 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Wesley Bethea, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1922 through 1936; 1940 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Bessie Bradshaw, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1949 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Culbreth Bullock, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1924, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1931 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Fern Bullock, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1939 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Laura Bullock, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1923, 1924, 1926 through 1933 and 1935 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Dewey Hardee, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1928 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of O. T. Jones, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1946 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Mosley (Marley) Lawrence, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1932 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Dallas Long, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1941 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Olman Strickland, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1958 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of R. W. Wescott, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1928 through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of W. R. Williamson, Chadbourn Township, be cancelled for the years 1922, 1926, 1930, 1931, and 1933, through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Frank Fowler, Williams Township, be cancelled for the years 1952, through 1968 due to double listing.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Hez Durden, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled for the years 1950 through 1968 due to double listing.

All tax releases listed above were checked out by County Appraiser, Brooks Stanley.

ROAD PETITION: Waccamaw Township: SR 1947 is .3 miles in length and has 5 occupied homes located on it. There is presently 2.4 miles of SR 1947 paved on system. Portion being requested for addition is also paved.

South Williams Township: SR 1307 is known as the Willoughby Road. It is .5 miles in length and has no occupied homes located on it. A request for abandonment of this road has been made.

Ordered: that the following general county bills be allowed

and paid:

R. C. Soles, Jr.	May Salary	County Attorney	(1094)	\$ 370.37
Vencie H. Rouse	" "	Asst. Tax Supvr.		305.39
Lucille L. Stephens	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		254.94
Martha L. Smith	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		205.40
Bertha L. Long	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		213.94
Susie M. Stone	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		222.77
Judy Ann Mehalic	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.	(1100)	208.30
Janie S. Cox	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.		220.67
J. Hubert Norris	" "	Tax Coll. & Supvr. Bldg. Supt.		606.20
R. Brooks Stanley	" "	Deputy Tax Coll. & App. Worker		562.52
Kathryn C. Harrelson	" "	Bookkeeper Tax Collector		278.53
Doris L. Ward	" "	Clerk Tax Collector		248.69
Genevieve Nobles	" "	Clerk Tax Collector		220.57
Arthur L. Duke	" "	Sheriff	(1107)	564.59
Thurman C. Butler	" "	Deputy Sheriff		495.77
John Coleman	" "	Deputy Sheriff		526.29
Wilson C. Griffin	" "	Deputy Sheriff		506.63
Robert Simmons	" "	Deputy Sheriff		532.00
Horace Long	" "	Deputy Sheriff		538.10
Spurgeon D. Nobles	" "	Deputy Sheriff		485.73
Charlie C. Norton	" "	Deputy Sheriff		513.64
Kenneth M. Squires	" "	Deputy Sheriff	(1115)	492.00
Donald Ray Hunt	" "	Deputy Sheriff		470.73
Laconya Reeves	" "	Deputy Sheriff		502.17
J. D. Fowler	" "	Deputy Sheriff		502.17
Alton O. Lennon	" "	Deputy Sheriff		502.17
Horace L. Shaw	" "	Supt. Bu. of Identif.		595.08
Annie Belle Powell	" "	Clerical Asst. Sheriff's Dept.		202.57
Town of Whiteville	" "	Radio Operator	(1122)	140.00
Town of Chadbourn	" "	Radio Operator		140.00
Town of Tabor City	" "	Radio Operator		140.00
Betty S. Williamson	" "	County Accountant		417.84
Emogene Suggs	" "	Asst. County Accountant		249.49
Veneda S. Ray	" "	Asst. County Accountant		278.53
Paul Hughes	" "	Custodian		356.92
Helen Bethea	" "	Janitress		188.01
Willie Mae Smith	" "	Janitress Annex		63.97
Leo L. Fisher	" "	Register of Deeds	(1131)	404.12
Anna Belle Lane	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		257.41
Gladys G. Wooten	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		249.72
Marvelann W. Norris	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		238.17
Myrtle N. McAlister	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		246.87
Ila V. N. Penny	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		238.17
Frances Vaughn	" "	Clerical Asst.		220.57
Sarah Faye Barker	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		238.17
James Blake Nance	" "	Custodian County Hall	(1139)	199.66
Alice S. Wright	" "	Welfare Director		648.80
Pearl H. Fowler	" "	Social Worker Supvr.		452.88
Helma T. English	" "	Social Worker		437.21
Margaret V. Hair	" "	Social Worker		409.74
Sally G. Marks	" "	Social Worker		257.40
Jo Ann P. Vereen	" "	Social Worker	(1145)	430.11

	May Salary			
Kathryn K. Walton	"	Social Worker	(1146)	\$ 188.00
Peggy S. Leggette	"	Social Worker		423.50
Griffin J. Johnson	"	Social Worker		390.25
Edwin Tatum, Jr.	"	Social Worker		337.64
Frances R. Hawk	"	Social Worker		394.88
John R. Woods, Jr.	"	Social Worker		419.91
Maebelle W. Weaver	"	Stenographer		329.87
Claire P. Duncan	"	Typist		249.90
Linda P. Baldwin	"	Typist	(1154)	278.37
Peggy Ann M. Duncan	"	Clerk		276.56
Margaret Lee MacDaniel	"	Typist		276.77
Leota H. Hodges	"	Typist		287.86
Kathryn S. Worrell	"	Typist		243.82
Mabel N. Faulk	"	Janitress		4.76
Robert C. Schulken	"	Welfare Attorney		176.01
Garland D. McCullen	"	Asst. County Ext. Agent		82.92
Donald Williams Baker	"	Asst. County Ext. Agent		245.27
J. M. Spaulding	"	Agriculture Ext. Agent		183.18
Dorothy M. Reeves	"	Extension Secy.		183.35
Linda A. Lee	"	Administrative Asst.		154.10
Linda T. Hilburn	"	Extension Secy.		80.45
C. D. Raper	"	County Extension Chairman		261.83
Elaine N. Blake	"	Home Ex. Extension Agent		176.24
Yvonne B. Ray	"	Home Ex. Extension Agent		20.40
Betty C. Thompson	"	Assoc. Home Ex. Ext. Agent		167.71
Peggy Hill Shaw	"	Soil Conservation Secy(1172)		250.38
Edna Creech	"	Librarian		306.66
Frances Ann Valentine	"	Bookmobile Librarian		74.10
Jane O. Saunders	"	Bookmobile Librarian		111.43
Catherine F. Creech	"	Asstg. Librarian		93.77
H. Hugh Nance	"	Veterans Service Officer		411.07
John A. Byrd	"	Dog Warden		465.17
James Davis	"	Asstg. Dog Warden		14.28
Roscoe Enzor	"	Surplus Foods Supvr.		329.83
Sallie Lou Enzor	"	Asstg. Surplus Foods Supvf.		142.28
Lathal R. Wayne	"	Civil Defense Director		371.37
Brenda Gale Hinson	"	Stenographer	(1183)	219.61
L. V. Holt	"	Electrical Inspector		220.00
J. C. Etheridge		-Well drilled at Dog Pound	(7345)	134.00
H. J. Watts		-Reimbursement for trip to Raleigh		110.97
H. J. Watts, Chairman		-Meetings & Conferences in May		210.20
W. O. Johnson		-Meetings & Conferences in May		303.80
J. Roland Gore		-Meetings & Conferences in May		124.75
T.E. Burns		-Meetings & Conferences in May		124.80
Edward W. Williamson		-Meetings & Conferences in May		274.00
Southern National Bank of N. C.		-Federal Income Tax Withheld May		3,305.10
Hospital Eare Association		-Hospital Ins. Withheld & Prepaid		426.72
Group Insurances Services, Inc.		-Life Ins. Withheld & Prepaid		166.58
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.		-Accident Ins. Withheld		71.00
The Bladen Journal		-Advertising	(7356)	100.00
Institute of Government		-Membership Dues		244.87
Atlantic Publishing Co. Inc.		-May accounts		114.45
Carolina Tel. & Tel.		-Various accounts		527.64
The News Reporter, Inc.		-Various accounts		182.75
Monroe International		-Maintenance Contracts		111.00
Columbus County News, Inc.		-Advertising		76.80
The News Reporter Co., Inc.		-Advertising		124.00
Kenneth M. Squires		-Conveying prisoners		30.01
John Coleman		-Investigation		9.94
Wilson Griffin		-Destroying Still		10.00
The Lanier Co.		-Sheriff's account	(7367)	48.00
Broadcast & Communications Co.		-April & May account		225.00
The National Police Chiefs & Sheriffs		-Sheriff's dept.		9.50
H. L. Shaw		-Reimbursement		9.07
W. H. King Drug Co.		-Bu. of Identif.		314.82
Carolina Police Supply		-Bu. of Identif.		2.69

Harrison Typewriter Co.	-Auditor's account	(7373)	\$	2.58
Burroughs Corporation	-Auditor's account			94.27
Ralph T. Beason	-Auditor's Bond			35.00
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	-Pest Control Service			45.50
J.I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	-Reference #339319A			116.10
Carolina Power & Light Co.	-Various account			560.66
Town of Whiteville	-Water accounts			52.00
Scotts of Whiteville	-Courthouse accounts for May			42.51
Lowe's of Whiteville, Inc.	-Courthouse account	(7381)		10.18
Townsend's Builders, Inc.	-Courthouse account			509.85
Dover Elevator Co.	-Maintenance Contract			23.00
Collier Gas & Appliance Co. Inc.	-Jail account			66.74
G. V. Singletary & Sons	-Jail account			102.47
Leder Brothers Dept. Store	-Jail account			14.88
Dennis Williams, Jailer	-Lodging & Meals through May			1,694.00
J. H. Ashley, Contractor	-Account for County Hall			11.75
Whiteville Chain Saw Co.	-County Hall	(7389)		10.39
Fletcher's Esso Station	-Gas & Oil for Mowers			5.85
Hub's Supply Co.	-County Hall Account			1.55
Columbus Motor Co.	-County Hall account			1.70
W. B. Buffkin	-Welfare Board Meetings			21.20
Flora B. Singletary	-Welfare Board Meetings			20.20
Edward W. Williamson	-Welfare Board Meetings			11.50
Mrs. Horace Rich	-Boarding Home Care			50.00
Mrs. Mamie Patrick	-Boarding Home Care			100.00
Barium Springs Home for Children	-Boarding Home Care	(7398)		25.00
Mrs. Novella G. Williams	-Boarding Home Care			150.00
Mrs. Clyde Whitely	-Boarding Home Care			50.00
Mrs. Ned Boswell	-Boarding Home Care			66.70
Mrs. Louvie Hinson	-Boarding Home Care			158.35
Mrs. Guila Dawsey	-Boarding Home Care			50.00
Mrs. Henry Hill	-Boarding Home Care			70.04
Mrs. Allie Ivey	-Boarding Home Care	(7405)		50.00
Mrs. Henry Hill	-Clothing for Indigent Children			8.73
Alice S. Wright	-Travel for May			44.20
Griffin J. Johnson	-Travel expense for May			27.24
Peggy Leggette	-Travel expense for May			49.72
Jo Anne P. Vereen	-Travel expense for May			105.28
Frances R. Hawk	-Travel expense for May			45.00
Sally G. Marks	-Travel & Car Depreciation			53.26
Charles E. Tatum, Jr.	-Travel & Car Depreciation			39.24
Margaret V. Hair	-Travel & Car Depreciation			59.40
State Commission for the Blind	-May statement	(7415)		789.26
C. D. Raper	-Reimbursement for May expense			9.57
Storr Sales Co.	-County agent			25.67
Dictaphone Corp.	-County Extension Agent			8.07
General Services Administration	-County Extension Agent			5.64
Gray & Creech, Inc.	-County Extension Agent			10.50
Ellis Meares Hdwe. Co.	-Courthouse account			.78
Clayton Norton, D. S.	-Conveying prisoners			46.10
L. C. Reeves, D. S.	-Conveying prisoners	(7423)		30.72
J. D. Fowler, D. S.	-Conveying prisoners			3.36
Alton O. Lennon, D. S.	-Conveying prisoners			35.34
Williamson Ins. Agency	-Magistrate Rent			85.00
Town of Fair Bluff	-Magistrate Rent			75.00
A. B. Ward	-Magistrate Rent			25.00
F. K. Ward	-Magistrate Rent			85.00
Frank Tolar	-Rent per lease agreement			225.00
Goldston's Esso Station	-Civil Defense Account			10.15
Krahnke's Cleaners	-Civil Defense Account			44.29
Frank Williamson	-Labor at Dog Pound			49.00
Brooks Gore	-Labor on Plumbing at Dog Pound			37.00
Court Square Store	-Account for jail & Courthouse			5.64
John R. Woods	-Travel expense for May	(7436)		50.36
Columbus Supply Co.	-Dog Pound			20.85

James C. Lynn Co.	-Window Cleaning	(7438)	\$ 125.00
N. C. Dept. Cons. & Dev.	-May expenditures		929.82
Roland Carroll	-Mowing Library Lawn		10.00
Lathal R/ Wayne	-Travel for May		152.34
N. C. Department of Water & Air Resources	-Cape Fear River Navigation Project		1,256.50
Lacy Long	-Court Officer salary for May(1185)		157.08
W. N. Peal	-Board of Elections		289.80
Out Door Poor			5.00

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until June 16, 1969 at
10:00 A.M.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson
Clerk

A. J. Watts
Chairman