

**CITY OF AMERY
CITY COUNCIL
POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2023

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER 335 SECTION 1-8 BLIGHTED
COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE
CITY OF AMERY, POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

The City Council of the City of Amery, Wisconsin, does hereby create § 335 Section A-H in its entirety of the Municipal Code for the City of Amery to read as follows:

§ 335 Blighted Commercial Properties.

A. Purpose and Findings.

- (1) The purpose of this ordinance is to establish regulations and procedures to identify, address, and remediate blighted properties within the City of Amery.
- (2) The City finds that blighted properties pose significant risks to public health, safety, and the welfare of the community. Blighted properties can negatively impact property values, public perception, and the overall quality of life in the city.

B. Definitions.

- (1) Blighted Property: Any commercial property within the city that meets one or more of the following criteria:
 - i. Is in a state of substantial disrepair, deterioration, or neglect.
 - ii. Has been abandoned, vacant, or unoccupied for an extended period.
 - iii. Is a public nuisance, including properties that attract criminal activity or pose health and safety hazards.
- (2) City of Amery Building Inspector: The municipal authority responsible for administering and enforcing this ordinance.

C. Identification and Inspection of Blighted Properties.

- (1) The City of Amery, Building Inspector shall identify and inspect properties within the city to determine whether they meet the criteria of a blighted property as defined in Section B(1).

- (2) Property owners shall be notified of the results of inspections and the determination of blighted status.

D. Notice and Compliance.

- (1) Upon identifying a blighted property, the property owner shall receive a notice specifying the necessary actions required to remediate the blight.
- (2) The property owner shall have 30 days to comply, as stated in the Building Inspector's citation, with the notice.
- (3) Failure to comply with the notice may result in enforcement actions, including fines, penalties, or property liens, as determined by City of Amery, Building Inspector.

E. Appeals.

- (1) Property owners have the right to appeal blighted property determinations and associated enforcement actions to the City Council.

F. Enforcement.

- (1) The City of Amery, Building Inspector is responsible for enforcing this ordinance.
- (2) Violation of this ordinance may result in fines, penalties, or other enforcement actions as determined by the city.

G. Severability. If any part of this ordinance is declared invalid, the rest of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

H. Effective date. Upon passage and publication, this section shall take effect and be in force as provided by law.

Adopted by the City Council on Jan. 3, _____, 2024.

CITY OF AMERY

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