

ARTICLE 14.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

SECTION 1401. VIOLATIONS DECLARED TO BE A NUISANCE

Any structure upon which construction is started, or any structure which is altered, enlarged or repaired, or any use of land which is begun or changed after enactment of this Ordinance, and which is in violation of any of its provisions, is hereby declared a nuisance per se. Any court of competent jurisdiction shall order such nuisance, abated and the owner or agent in charge of such building or premises shall be judged guilty of maintaining a nuisance per se. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance, the owner of any structure of land or part thereof, and any person, architect, builder, contractor, plumber or agent employed in connection therewith, who has assisted knowingly in the commission of any such violations, shall be guilty of a separate offense, and upon conviction thereof such, be liable to the penalties herein provided.

SECTION 1402. 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 shall state fully the causes and basis thereof, and shall be filed with the Building Inspector. He shall record such complaint properly, immediately investigate it and take action as provided by this Ordinance.

SECTION 1403. PENALTIES

Any violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed twenty (20) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. Each day that a violation is willfully permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. The imposition of any sentence shall not exempt the offender from compliance with the requirement of this Ordinance.

SECTION 1404. CORRECTION OF VIOLATIONS

Should the City of Douglas deem any violation to be such a nuisance to safety, or if a violator refuses to correct the violation, the City may undertake the expense of correcting said violation. A lien may be issued against the owner of the property in question until he reimburses the City for corrections made. Should no effort at reimbursement be forthcoming within sixty (60) days, the City becomes the legal owner of the property.