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**HOME****STOREY COUNTY****SEARCH CODE****STOREY COUNTY HOME****Chapter 15.08 BUILDING OFFICIAL****SectionNo(15.08.030)****Duties generally.**

A. The building official is authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions of all constructions codes. The building official shall have the power to render interpretations of construction codes and enforce rules and supplemental regulations in order to clarify the application of their provisions. Such interpretations, rules and regulations shall be in the conformance with the intent and purpose of said codes. Regulations must be approved by the Storey County commissioners by resolution.

B. The building official shall inspect structures, enforce zoning regulations, enforce the provisions of the county master plan, assist in the enforcement of NRS Chapter 384, the Virginia City Historic District Act, certify as provided herein the construction, reconstruction, alternation, addition, relocation of or demolition of any building feature which is required by public safety because of an unsafe or dangerous condition, enforce other applicable building and construction codes and ordinances, and to issue or withhold building permits as permitted by law.

1. Personnel. In accordance with prescribed procedures and with the approval of the appointing authority, the building official may appoint such number of technical support staff and inspectors and other employees as shall be authorized from time to time.

2. Right of Entry. When it is necessary to make an inspection to enforce the provisions of the codes, or when the building official has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in a building or upon a premises a condition which is contrary to or in violation of the code which makes the building or premises unsafe, dangerous or hazardous, the building official may enter the building or premises at reasonable times to inspect or to perform the duties imposed by the code,

provided that if such building or premises is occupied that credentials be presented to the occupant and entry requested. If such building or premises is unoccupied, the building official shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person having charge or control of the building or premises and request entry. If entry is refused, and if the building official can demonstrate that he/she has probable cause to carry out his/her duties, the building official shall request that the Storey County sheriff's department pursue a search warrant.

3. Stop Work Orders. Whenever any work is being done contrary to the provisions of the code or other pertinent laws or ordinances implemented through the enforcement of the code, the building official may order the work stopped by notice in writing served on any persons engaged in the doing or causing such work to be done, any such persons shall forthwith stop such work until authorized by the building official to proceed with the work. This includes any person, corporation, municipal corporation, association, club, business trust, estate or any group or combination thereof who are in violation of applicable zoning, master plan and/or building and construction codes and ordinances, or does not obtain a building permit as required by law, If the stop work order is not honored, then the building official has all law enforcement authority to enforce said order. Failure to obey a stop work order may result in the building official applying for an injunction through the district attorney's office. The building official may cite in justice court as a misdemeanor any violations of this title or other applicable zoning, master plan and building construction ordinances.

4. Investigation Fees--Work Without a Permit. Whenever any work for which a permit is required by code has been commenced without first obtaining said permit a special investigation shall be made before a permit may be issued for such work. An investigation fee, in addition to the permit fee, shall be collected whether or not a permit is then or subsequently issued. The investigation fee shall be equal to the amount of the permit fee required by code.

(Ord. 172 §. 1(part), 2000)

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