

**FIRE PREVENTION CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 207 of 1941**

**29.16 Noncompliance with order or direction of court as contempt; citation; execution of order and directions; cost and expense of executing order; use of salvaged materials; disposition of surplus.**

Sec. 16. (1) The refusal or failure of a defendant to comply with an order or direction of the court issued under section 13, within the time limited for compliance, is contempt of court for which the respondent may be ordered to appear and answer in the same manner as in other cases of contempt of court. Upon the refusal or failure, the court may order the state fire marshal to execute the order and directions and abate the fire hazard and, for the purpose of executing the order and directions, to enter upon the premises and employ or contract for labor, tools, implements, or other assistance as is necessary for the performance of the work. The amount of the cost and expense of executing the order is a lien upon the land and premises enforceable and collectible in the same manner as a construction lien under the construction lien act, 1980 PA 497, MCL 570.1101 to 570.1305.

(2) Salvage of materials made in the abatement of the fire hazard may be used by the bureau to defray the cost and expense of executing the order or directions of the court to the extent of the cost and expense and the discharge of the lien. A surplus over and above the cost and expense belongs to the owner of the premises.

**History:** 1941, Act 207, Imd. Eff. June 16, 1941;—CL 1948, 29.16;—Am. 1973, Act 199, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 1974;—Am. 1978, Act 3, Imd. Eff. Feb. 7, 1978;—Am. 2006, Act 189, Imd. Eff. June 19, 2006.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of certain authority, powers, functions, and responsibilities of the state fire marshal and the fire marshal division of the department of state police to the director of the department of labor and economic growth, bureau of construction codes and fire safety, by type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.