

FIRE PREVENTION CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 207 of 1941

29.9 Fire hazard; determination; order; compliance; refusal to obey order; service on unknown owner; enforcement of ordinances or charter provisions.

Sec. 9. Upon the filing of the findings and report provided in section 8, the state fire marshal, from the findings and report or from an additional report or investigation the state fire marshal considers necessary, may make a determination as to whether, and to what extent the building should be repaired or whether the building should be razed and completely removed; whether the use or occupancy of the building, or buildings, should be changed or terminated; and, in the case of premises other than buildings, to what extent the building should be cleared or improved or the hazardous condition remedied. The state fire marshal may make any other or further determination which, in the opinion of the state fire marshal, should be made to effectively protect the peace, security, and safety of persons and property. Following the determination of the state fire marshal, the state fire marshal may make and execute an order directed to the owner of the building or premises, based upon the determination, and cause the same to be served upon the owner and other parties as the state fire marshal considers to be interested in the subject matter of the order. If the order requires a building to be repaired, the owner shall be given not less than 10 days after the date of service of the order to signify in writing an intention to comply with the order. If the order requires the building to be torn down, removed, or repaired, the owner of the building shall be given not less than 30 days after the date of service of the order to comply with the order. Failure on the part of an owner served with an order to repair to signify an intention within the time limits prescribed in this section shall be considered a refusal to obey the order. If the owner of the building or premises is unknown, service may be made as provided in section 10(c). This section shall not be construed to prevent a local unit of government from enforcing local ordinances or charter provisions relating to the occupancy, repair, demolition, clearing, or otherwise rendering safe a building which is in a hazardous or dangerous condition.

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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.