

# Article IV – Unsafe Buildings, Structures

## CHAPTER 10 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

### **Sec. 10-106. – Responsibility of property owners.**

The owners of property situated within the county shall, at such times as the board of supervisors, acting by and through its agents, may prescribe, remove, repair or secure any building, wall or other structure which might endanger the public health or safety of other residents of the county.

*(Ord. of 9-13-1988, § I)*

### **Sec. 10-107. – Action by county.**

If the owner and lienholder of property, after reasonable notice and a reasonable time, fails to remove, repair or secure a building, wall or other structure, the board of supervisors, acting by and through its agents and employees, may remove, repair or secure any such building, wall or other structure which might endanger the public health or safety of other residents of the county.

*(Ord. of 9-13-1988, § II)*

### **Sec. 10-108. – Time limitation on county action.**

(a) For purposes of this article, reasonable notice includes a written notice mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, sent to the last known address of the property owner and published once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the county.

(b) No action shall be taken by the county to remove, repair or

secure any building, wall or other structure for at least 30 days following the later of the return of the receipt or newspaper publication.

**Sec. 10-109. – Liability for expenses.**

If the county, through its agents or employees, removes, repairs or secures any building, wall or other structure after complying with the notice provisions of this article, the cost or expenses shall be chargeable to and paid by the owner of such property and may be collected by the county as taxes and levies are collected.

*(Ord. of 9-13-1988, § III)*

**Sec. 10-110. – Lien.**

Every charge authorized by this article with which the owner of any such property shall have been assessed and which remains unpaid shall constitute a lien against such property, ranking on a parity with liens for unpaid local taxes and enforceable in the same manner as provided in Code of Virginia, §§ 58.1-3940 et seq. and 58.1-3965 et seq.

*(Ord. of 9-13-1988, § IV)*