

ORDINANCE NO. 268

AN ORDINANCE TO repeal and re-enact Section 2, of Ordinance No. 55 of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, approved the 13th day of May, 1926, entitled "An Ordinance declaring dangerous walls, chimneys and other structures to be nuisances; requiring the removal thereof by their owners and authorizing the City to remove same at the expense of said owners; and to assess the cost thereof against the property from which removed; requiring unoccupied buildings to be secured; and providing a penalty for violation of this ordinance,"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

Section 1. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 55 of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, be repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

Section 2. Whenever, in the judgment of the City Manager, any nuisance, as above herein described, exists in the City of Alexandria, he shall cause a summons in writing to be sent by registered mail to the owner or owners of the premises on which same exists, or to his, her, or their agent, or to the person in control thereof, if the owner cannot be found, to appear before a board to be known as the Unsafe Structures Board, to show cause, if any he can, why such structure or structures should not be condemned and removed, or the nuisance abated as the case may be. Such notice shall be returnable at a definite place and time not less than five days after the date of said summons, and the Board shall make such ruling or finding as in its judgment is proper and a copy thereof shall be delivered or mailed to said owner or owners or party summoned, and such order shall be complied with within five (5) days.

The Unsafe Structures Board shall be composed of three members one of whom shall be the City Building Inspector, another a member of the City Council, and the third a qualified building contractor of the City of Alexandria whose term shall be for two (2) years, or until his successor qualified, the member of Council and building contractor to be appointed by the Mayor. The City Building Inspector shall act as Secretary of the Board and shall keep a record of all proceedings.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.
Approved this 25th day of October, 1938.

RICHARD L. RUFFNER, Mayor.