

**Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
October 11, 2021**

A legislative hearing of the Spruce Pine Town Council was held on October 11, 2021. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members James Acuff, Rocky Buchanan, and Jackie Rensink. Staff in attendance included Darlene Butler, Crystal Young, Shelley Buchanan, Phillip Hise, Michael Wood, Billy Summerlin, and Libby Phillips. Others present were Lloyd Hise and Corey Runyon.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Darla Harding called the legislative hearing to order at 5:30 P.M.

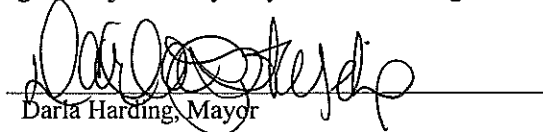
Legislative Hearing

Town Manager Darlene Butler presented an ordinance that applies the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 160D-1119 (b) (1) and (2) to residential structures within the Town of Spruce Pine. Said ordinance is incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes. Darlene explained adopting this new ordinance will allow the building inspector a more broad range of criteria to condemn properties which appear to be vacant or abandoned, or causing blight, disease, vagrancy, or fire or safety hazard, to be a danger to children, or to tend to attract persons intent on criminal activities. The Planning and Zoning Board met on October 6th, 2021 to discuss this matter and all present were favor of the Council adopting the new ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Darla Harding.


Shelley Buchanan, Town Clerk


Darla Harding, Mayor

absent

Larry McKinney, Mayor Pro Tem


James Acuff, Council Member


Rocky Buchanan, Council Member


Jackie Rensink, Council Member

ORDINANCE APPLYING THE PROVISIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160D-1119(b) (1)and (2)
TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE TOWN OF SPRUCE PINE

BE IT ORDAINED:

That Whereas, General Statute 160D-1119 authorizes building inspectors to designate buildings unsafe because of numerous conditions and subsection (b) further authorizes the inspector to designate a nonresidential buildings unsafe if it appears to be vacant or abandoned and appears to be in a dilapidated condition as to cause or contribute to blight, disease, vagrancy, or fire or safety hazard and other conditions, and;

Whereas GS 160D-1119 (d) authorizes local governments to make the provisions of GS 160D-1119(b) and (c) applicable to residential buildings by adopting an Ordinance, and;

Whereas numerous residential buildings located in the Town of Spruce Pine appear to be vacant and abandoned and in such dilapidated condition as to cause or contribute to blight, disease, vagrancy, or fire or safety hazard and other conditions and the application of the provisions of GS 160D-1119 (b) and (c) to residential buildings within the Town of Spruce Pine will be beneficial in building code enforcement and the elimination of conditions in vacant or abandoned residential buildings and residential building in a dilapidated condition, and;

Whereas, the ability of the building inspector to consider the conditions of General Statute 160D-1119(b) in inspecting the condition of vacant or abandoned and dilapidated residential buildings will assist the building inspector in ordering corrective action or the demolition of vacant or abandoned residential buildings within the Town of Spruce Pine, and;

Whereas, a legislative hearing has been held as required by GS 160D-601 and notice of said hearing properly advertised and public comment received and considered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the provisions General Statute 160D-1119 (b)and(c) are applicable to residential buildings within the Town of Spruce Pine and the building inspector is authorized to consider and apply all the conditions stated therein in making a determination if the residential building is unsafe.

Read and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Spruce Pine on this 11th day of October 2021 and effective after adoption.

Town of Spruce Pine Town Council

By: 
Mayor

Attest: 

Town Clerk