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Title: Amendment of Chapter 13-12 of **M**unicipal Code by adding

new Section 147 to expand penalty provisions for hazardous

vacant buildings

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Buildings



ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 13-12 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding a new Section 13-12-147, as follows:

13-12-147 Hazardous vacant buildings.

- (a) In addition to any other penalty or fine provided for in this code, the owner of any vacant and open building, any uncompleted abandoned building, any vacant boarded-up building, or any otherwise enclosed vacant building shall be punished by a term of incarceration of not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months if:
 - (1) the building has a violation of any health, fire, electrical, plumbing, building or zone provision of this code which is imminently dangerous and hazardous; and (2) as a result of the imminently dangerous and hazardous violation, a person suffers a severe injury or death.
 - (b) For purposes of this section the following definitions apply:
 - (1) "Vacant" shall have the same meaning ascribed to that term in section 13-12-125.
 - (2) "Open" means a building that has any door, window or wall missing or unsecured, or has any other opening allowing entry by a human being.
 - (3) "Severe injury" means any physical injury that results in loss of soft tissue; a broken bone; hospital admittance; impairment of any bodily function; or disfiguring laceration.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and shall take effect 10 days after passage and publication.

derman James Balcer