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7/28/2011	1	City Council	Referred	

### ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Section 13-12-120 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the underscored language and deleting the language struck through as follows:

#### **13-12-120 Code violations - Closure of buildings or premises.**

(a) The building commissioner, the president of the board of health, the fire commissioner, and the superintendent of police, or any one of them, and their respective designees, shall have the power, and it shall be their joint and several duty, to order any building or premises closed, or any structure or equipment thereof removed or its operation stopped, where it is discovered that there is any violation of any of the provisions of this Code enumerated in Section 13-12-010 which imperils life, safety or health, and to keep same closed, removed, or shut down until such provisions are complied with.

The official who orders a building or portion thereof closed, removed or shut down shall cause a notice no less than 17 inches by 22 inches at each entrance thereto. The notice shall state substantially as follows:

This building has been ordered closed by the City of Chicago due to code violations that threaten life, health or safety. Entry is forbidden except for necessary repairs and government inspection.

The notice shall be dated, and shall bear the city seal. If only a portion of the building has been ordered closed, removed or shut down, the notice shall be modified to identify the affected portion, and shall also be affixed at each interior entrance to that portion. Any person who enters a building, structure or portion thereof in violation of a notice posted under this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than ~~\$25.00~~ \$50.00 and not more than ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.00. Any owner, manager, tenant or person in control of the premises who permits any person to enter in violation of a notice posted under this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200.00 and not more than \$500.00 for each time a person is permitted to enter illegally.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

James A. Balcer Alderman, 11<sup>th</sup> Ward