

SECTION 30. VIOLATIONS, FINES AND ENFORCEMENT

SUBDIVISION 1. VIOLATIONS

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance or failure to comply with any of its provisions hereof, or who shall make any false statement in any document required to be submitted under the provisions hereof, including violations of conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants of variances, or conditional uses, zoning permits, or other certificates or permits issued pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as defined by law.

SUBDIVISION 2. ENFORCEMENT

- A. This Ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Department. In the event of a violation or threatened violation of this Ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners and/or Department or any member thereof, in addition to other remedies, may institute appropriate actions or proceedings to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate such violations or threatened violations and it shall be the duty of the County Attorney to institute such action.
- B. No permits shall be issued to a landowner in which there is an unresolved violation of this Ordinance.
- C. No permits shall be issued involving property on which there is an unresolved violation of this Ordinance.

SUBDIVISION 3. REMEDIES

- A. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the County from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation. Such actions may include but are not limited to:
 - 1. In responding to a suspected violation of this Ordinance, the County may utilize the full array of enforcement actions available to it, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Prosecution and fines, injunctions, after-the-fact permits and orders for corrective measures.
 - b. Or if the property is in the Flood Plain Overlay District, a request to the National Flood Insurance Program for denial of flood insurance availability to the guilty party.
 - 2. When a suspected violation of this Ordinance is either discovered by or brought to the attention of the Department, the Department shall investigate the situation to determine if there is a violation. If a violation has occurred, the Department shall document the nature and extent of the violation of the official control. When land is located in Flood Plain Overlay or Shoreland Districts, as soon as is reasonably possible this information will be

submitted to the appropriate DNR and FEMA office as appropriate, along with the County's plan of action to correct the violation to the degree possible.

3. The Department shall notify the suspected party of the requirements of this Ordinance and all other official controls and the nature and extent of the suspected violation of these controls. If the structure and/or use is under construction or development, the Department may order the construction or development immediately halted until a proper permit or approval is granted by the County. If the construction or development is already completed, the Department may either:
 - a. Issue an order identifying the corrective actions that must be made within a specified time period to bring the use or structure into compliance with the official controls. The responsible party must respond within thirty (30) days of notice with corrective action plan, Or:
 - b. Notify the responsible party to apply for an after-the-fact permit and/or land use development application approval within a specified period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days. The fee for after-the-fact applications shall be established by the Board of County Commissioners.
4. If the responsible party does not appropriately respond to the Department within the specified period of time, each additional day that lapses shall constitute an additional violation of this Ordinance and shall be prosecuted accordingly. The Department shall also upon the lapse of the specified response period notify the landowner to restore the land to the condition, which existed prior to the violation of this Ordinance.

SUBDIVISION 4. FINES

All fines for violations shall be paid to the County and shall be credited to the General Revenue Fund.

SUBDIVISION 5. SHERIFF OF LE SUEUR COUNTY DUTIES

It shall be the duty of the Sheriff of Le Sueur County, when called upon by the Department or Board of County Commissioners to perform such duties as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.