

CITY OF GILBERT ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2-2024

PROPERTY AND STRUCTURES SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Gilbert, Arkansas:

Section 1: Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure the safety and compliance of property and structures within the town. This ordinance applies to all residents, property owners, and tenants within the town limits.

Section 2: Definitions

- A. Property: Real property, land owned, rented, possessed, controlled, or occupied by individuals or entities.
- B. Structures: Any buildings, dwellings, fences, sheds, occupiable structures, or other man-made construction.
- C. Hazard: Structures, cisterns, wells, or construction left in an open and obvious state of disrepair or abandonment so as to present a clear danger to children, residents, or tourists.

Section 3: Maintenance and Safety Standards

- A. All property and structures shall be maintained and kept in a safe condition.
- B. Property owners and tenants are responsible for regularly inspecting and maintaining their property and structures to prevent any hazards.
- C. Any visible and obvious structural damage, including cracks, deterioration, or other safety concerns, should be promptly repaired or removed.

Section 4: Abandoned Property

- A. Abandoned property and structures pose a risk to public safety and must be addressed promptly.
- B. Property owners or responsible parties shall take necessary actions to secure, repair, or remove hazards within 30 days of notification by the town authorities,
- C. Failure to comply with the requirements may result in fines, penalties or legal actions.

Section 5: Enforcement and Penalties

- A. The town authorities shall enforce this ordinance through periodic inspections and investigations. Letter of notification fee \$100. After 30 days of notification and no contact or repair, a \$500.00 fee is

- issued. If not resolved by the owner legal steps will be taken to correct the hazard.
- B. Violations of this ordinance may result in warnings, compliance orders, fines, or legal actions, as determined by the town authorities.
 - C. Repeat offenders may face increasing penalties and potential legal consequences.

Section 6: Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall Remain in full force and effect.

Section 7: Effective Date

This ordinance shall come into effect immediately upon adoption by the town council and publication According to law, PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of Gilbert, Arkansas on

DATE PASSED: 04/06/2024

DATE APPROVED: 04/06/2024

ATTEST: Dawn Utz

APPROVED: Alvin Johnson
Alvin Johnson,
Mayor of Gilbert