

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 597
HOUSE BILL 792

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160, OF THE GENERAL
STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA RELATING TO THE REPAIR, CLOSING
AND DEMOLITION OF UNFIT DWELLINGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That Sections 160-184(3) and (4) of the General Statutes of North Carolina be, and they hereby are, revised and amended to hereafter read as follows:

- (3) That if, after such notice and hearing, the public officer determines that the dwelling under consideration is unfit for human habitation he shall state in writing his findings of fact in support of such determination and shall issue and cause to be served upon the owner thereof an order.
 - a. If the repair, alteration or improvement of the said dwelling can be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the dwelling (the ordinance of the municipality may fix a certain percentage of such cost as being reasonable for such purpose), requiring the owner, within the time specified, to repair, alter or improve such dwelling to render it fit for human habitation or to vacate, close and demolish such dwelling; or
 - b. If the repair, alteration or improvement of the said dwelling cannot be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the dwelling (the ordinance of the municipality may fix a certain percentage of such cost as being reasonable for such purpose), requiring the owner, within the time specified in the order, to remove or demolish such dwelling.
- (4) That, if the owner fails to comply with an order to repair, alter or improve or to vacate, close or demolish the dwelling, the public officer may cause such dwelling to be repaired, altered or improved or to be vacated, closed or demolished; that the public officer may cause to be posted on the main entrance of any dwelling so closed, a placard with the following words: "This building is unfit for human habitation; the use or occupation of this building for human habitation is prohibited and unlawful."
- (5) This Act shall apply only to City of Durham.

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 27th day of May, 1969.