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- 1 AN ACT concerning land development.
- 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- 3 represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Land
- 5 Development Enforcement Act.
- 6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:
- 7 "Adversely affected" means that a land use decision has
- 8 or is expected to cause special harm or injury to a person,
- 9 neighborhood planning council, neighborhood organization, or
- 10 governmental unit over and above any harm of injury caused to
- 11 the public generally and that the asserted interests of the
- 12 person, organization, or governmental unit are among those
- 13 the unit of local government will be required to consider
- 14 when it makes the land use decision.
- 15 "Aggrieved" means that a land use decision may prejudice
- or is likely to prejudice a person, neighborhood planning
- 17 council, neighborhood organization, or governmental unit and
- 18 that the asserted interests of the person, organization, or
- 19 governmental unit are among those the unit of local
- 20 government is required to consider when it makes the land use
- 21 decision.
- 22 "Certificate of Appropriateness" means the written
- 23 decision by a historic preservation or design review board
- that a proposed development is in compliance with a historic
- 25 preservation or design review ordinance.
- 26 "Certificate of compliance" means the written
- 27 determination by a unit of local government that a completed
- 28 development complies with the terms and conditions of a
- 29 development permit and that authorizes the initial or changed
- 30 occupancy and use of the building, structure, or land to
- 31 which it applies. "Certificate of compliance" also includes

- 1 a temporary certificate issued by the unit of local
- 2 government during the completion of development that allows
- 3 partial use or occupancy for a period not to exceed 2 years
- 4 and under any conditions and restrictions that will
- 5 adequately assure the safety of the occupants and substantial
- 6 compliance with the terms of the development permit.
- 7 "Land use decision" means a decision made by a local
- 8 government officer or body, including the corporate
- 9 authorities of a unit of local government, on a development
- 10 permit application, an application for a conditional use,
- 11 variance, or remedial measure, or a formal complaint under
- 12 this Act and includes decisions made following a record
- 13 hearing or record appeal. "Land use decision" also means an
- 14 enforcement order or supplemental enforcement order issued
- under this Act, but only for purposes of judicial review.
- 16 "Owner" means any legal or beneficial owner or owners of
- 17 land, including the holder of an option or a contract to
- 18 purchase whether or not the option or contract is subject to
- 19 any condition.
- 20 "Planning commission" means a municipal plan commission
- 21 or planning department, a regional planning commission
- 22 established under Section 5-14001 of the Counties Code, or a
- township plan commission.
- 24 "Unit of local government" means any county or
- 25 municipality. "Unit of local government" also includes a
- 26 township that is authorized to exercise planning and zoning
- 27 powers under the Township Code.
- 28 "Violation", "noncompliance" or similar terms consist of
- one or more of the following:
- 30 (1) Development without a development permit
- 31 required by this Act or by any other ordinance or rule.
- 32 (2) Development contrary to the terms, provisions,
- or conditions of a development permit issued under this
- 34 Act or any other ordinance or regulation.

- 1 (3) Engaging in a land use not permitted or allowed 2 by this Act or any other ordinance or rule.
- 3 Section 10. Enforcement generally.

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- 4 (a) A unit of local government has the power and the 5 duty to enforce land development regulations, and may, by 6 ordinance, delegate that power and duty to the planning 7 commission. The ordinance may provide for, among other 8 things, the organization, staffing levels, training, and 9 compensation of the planning commission and its personnel.
- 10 (b) The unit of local government shall allocate funding, 11 personnel, and other resources to the planning commission at levels sufficient to reasonably execute the powers and duties 12 of enforcement. If the unit of local government finds that 13 14 cannot allocate sufficient resources, it must enter into 15 an implementation agreement assigning the powers and duties of this Act to another governmental unit with sufficient 16 17 resources.
 - (c) In performance of its duty to enforce land development regulations, the planning commission has the power to enter upon any land and make inspections on any land with the consent of the property owner or where the property owner has no reasonable expectation of privacy thereon.
- 23 In performance of its duty to enforce land 24 development regulations, and when entrance upon land or inspection of land is not possible under subsection (c) of 25 26 this Section, the planning commission has the power to petition the circuit court of the county in which the 27 28 property is located for an order authorizing the inspection 29 of the land.
- The petition must set forth the facts and information that are the basis for the issuance of the order and must be accompanied by sworn affidavits of persons who have direct knowledge of the facts and information in the petition.

The court shall issue an order authorizing the inspection of land if the unit of local government proves that there is probable cause to believe that the property is not in compliance with land development regulations.

An order authorizing the entry to inspect land must be executed by one or more agents or employees of the planning commission, who may be accompanied by one or more sworn officers of the law enforcement agency of the unit of local government at the discretion of the planning commission. The officers may not participate in the inspection and an entry and inspection under this paragraph may not, by the mere presence of police officers pursuant to this paragraph, be considered to be a search by law enforcement officials.

- (e) Entrance upon land and inspection under subsections (c) and (d) is not a violation of Section 19-4 or 21-3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 nor does any owner or occupant of the property have a cause of action for trespass except for intentional or reckless damage to the property.
- (f) The planning commission may receive from any person informal communications alleging that a person or persons are or may be violating land development regulations or that property is or may be noncompliant with land development regulations. Those communications include reports or memoranda from agents of other agencies of the unit of local government, including but not limited to the unit of local government's law enforcement agency. The planning commission may act upon communications as defined in this subsection that it deems appropriate given their level of credibility.
- (g) In performance of its duty to enforce land development regulations, the planning commission may notify or warn persons that they are or may be violating land development regulations or that their property is or may be noncompliant with land development regulations. The notices or warnings shall have no legal effect, except that they may

be used as evidence of the duration of a violation. The 1 2 notices or warnings must notify the person of the alleged violation or noncompliance in sufficient detail that they may 3 4 act upon the notice or warning and cease the violation or 5 place the property in compliance. The notices or warnings 6 state the provision or provisions of the 7 development regulations alleged to have been violated and may 8 notify the person of the terms of this Act and of the powers 9 of the unit of local government under this Section. notice or warning may be designed in a manner that it gives 10 11 the person the impression or belief that enforcement proceedings are being commenced or have already 12 been A notice or warning, however, may state that if 13 commenced. the property is not compliant by a reasonable date prescribed 14 15 in the notice or warning, enforcement proceedings may be 16 commenced after that date.

- 17 Section 15. Adoption of administrative enforcement.
- 18 The corporate authorities of a unit of local 19 government may adopt ordinance establishing an an 2.0 administrative enforcement procedure under Sections 25 through 40 of this Act. The ordinance shall be referred to 21 22 in this Act as an "administrative enforcement ordinance."
- 23 The adoption by a unit of local government of an 24 administrative enforcement ordinance does not preclude a unit 25 of local government from using any other methods to enforce 26 land development regulations.
- 27 (b) An administrative enforcement ordinance must create 28 hearing boards or positions for hearing officers.
- Hearing officers must be employees, officers, or agents of the unit of local government. A unit of local government may appoint persons who are not residents of the unit of local government to be hearing officers or members of hearing boards.

1 Hearing officers or members of hearing boards may be

2 retained on a full-time or part-time basis. Hearing officers

3 or members of a hearing board shall serve for not less than

4 one year.

- If a unit of local government chooses to employ a hearing
- 6 board or boards, the number of members of the board or boards
- 7 must always be an odd number and the ordinance creating the
- 8 hearing board must provide that any action or decision
- 9 approved by a majority of members of the board is approved by
- 10 the board.
- Hearing officers and members of hearing boards must
- 12 successfully complete a formal training program that includes
- 13 the following:
- 14 (1) instruction on the rules of procedure of the
- 15 hearings they will conduct;
- 16 (2) orientation to land development regulations;
- 17 (3) observation of administrative hearings; and
- 18 (4) participation in hypothetical cases, including
- 19 rules of evidence and issuing final orders.
- In addition, every hearing officer or member of a hearing
- 21 board must be an attorney licensed to practice law in the
- 22 State of Illinois for at least 3 years.
- 23 The unit of local government must provide in the
- 24 ordinance for the reimbursement of reasonable expenses of
- 25 hearing officers or members of hearing boards. It may provide
- 26 for compensation in the form of a salary for hearing officers
- or members of hearing boards for whom the position is not
- 28 their full-time employment and it must provide for
- 29 compensation in the form of a salary for hearing officers or
- 30 members of hearing boards for whom the position is their
- 31 full-time employment. The compensation for any particular
- 32 hearing officer or member of a hearing board may not be
- diminished during his or her term in the position.
- 34 (c) An administrative enforcement ordinance must include

1 reasonable rules of procedure for all proceedings before the 2 hearing officers or boards. The hearing officer or board may make reasonable rules of procedure for proceedings before 3 4 him, her, or it, in order to resolve issues not addressed in 5 the rules of procedure enacted by the unit of government. The rules of procedure of any hearing officer or 6 7 board may not be contrary in any way to the rules enacted by the unit of local government and may not address any issue of 8 9 substantive law. A copy of all rules made by a hearing officer or board must be provided 10 to the corporate 11 authorities of the unit of local government and to all 12 parties to cases before the hearing officer or board and must 13 be posted prominently in and just outside the hearing room. Any amendment to rules of procedure may not affect cases 14 15 pending when the amendment takes effect.

(d) To ensure that there is neither impropriety nor an appearance of impropriety in any proceeding under Sections 25 through 40 of this Act, any hearing officer or member of a hearing board must immediately recuse him or her self from a case in which the hearing officer or member:

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- (1) engages in significant ex parte communications with a party to the case or a person who has a direct or indirect interest in any issue in the case, but a communication with local government staff in the hearing officer or member's capacity as an employee of the local government and not related to any particular case, is not an ex parte communication for purposes of this paragraph; or
- (2) has a direct or indirect financial interest in property that is the subject of a case, who is related by blood, adoption, or marriage to any party to a case or to an owner of property that is the subject of a case, or who resides at or owns property within 500 feet of property that is the subject of a case.

- 1 Failure of a hearing officer or member to recuse himself or
- 2 herself when it is required by this subsection voids any
- 3 decision made by the hearing officer or board in the case.
- 4 Section 20. Election of procedures.
- 5 (a) When the planning commission has reason to believe
- 6 that a person or persons is in violation of land development
- 7 regulations and that a resort to informal enforcement methods
- 8 will not achieve or has not achieved compliance, it may, at
- 9 its option, either (i) commence a civil enforcement
- 10 proceeding under Section 45 or (ii) if an administrative
- 11 enforcement ordinance has been adopted under Section 15,
- 12 commence an administrative enforcement proceeding under
- 13 Section 15.

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- 14 (b) When any adult resident, lessee, or owner of
- 15 property within 500 feet of the property in question; or a
- 16 resident of, an owner of any real property in, or an owner of
- 17 any business with premises located within the unit of local
- 18 government; or any other person files with the planning
- 19 commission a petition in compliance with the requirements of
- 20 this subsection that a person or persons is in violation of

land development regulations, the planning commission must

review the petition and give it due regard in determining

- 23 whether or not to commence civil or administrative
- 24 enforcement proceedings based upon the allegations of the
- 25 petition under subsection (a) of this Section. The planning
- 26 commission may conduct its own investigation of the
- 27 allegations in the petition in making its determination. The
- 28 planning commission must make a decision on the petition
- 29 within 30 days after receiving the petition and must notify
- 30 in writing the person or persons who signed the petition of
- 31 the decision and the basis therefor.
- 32 A petition filed under this subsection must set forth a
- 33 description of the alleged violation in sufficient detail

1 that the unit of local government may commence an enforcement 2 proceeding, civil or administrative, in response to the petition. A petition must be signed and the signatory must 3 4 attest with his or her signature that (i) the signatory has 5 personal knowledge of the facts that are the foundations of б the allegations in the petition; (ii) the allegations in the 7 petition are true to the best knowledge of the signatory; and 8 (iii) the signatory is aware of the penalty provided in this 9 subsection. It is a Class C misdemeanor to sign or file, or cause to be signed or filed, a petition under this subsection 10 11 or a document purporting to be a petition under this 12 subsection with the knowledge that any material allegation in 13 the petition or document is untrue.

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A person or persons alleged in an enforcement proceeding pursuant to a petition to be, or have been, in violation of land development regulations and the owner or owners of property alleged in an enforcement proceeding pursuant to a petition to be in noncompliance with land development regulations when (i) the resulting enforcement order or court judgment is a determination that no violation has occurred or is occurring and (ii) the person or persons who signed or filed, or caused to be signed or filed, the petition did so in bad faith or with the knowledge that any material allegation in the petition is untrue, have a cause of action against the person or persons who signed, filed, or caused to be signed or filed for all expenses incurred as a result of enforcement proceeding, plus costs and reasonable attorney fees, in the circuit court of the county in which the unit of local government is located.

If the unit of local government decides not to commence an enforcement proceeding based on a petition that was filed by a person or persons who may file a petition under this subsection, that person or persons may appeal the decision in the same manner as a land-use decision.

- 1 (c) The adoption of an administrative enforcement
- 2 ordinance does not, by itself, preclude or prohibit the unit
- 3 of local government from enforcing its land development
- 4 regulations through a civil proceeding under Section 45 of
- 5 this Act.
- 6 (d) Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted as
- 7 eliminating or amending any cause of action for nuisance or
- 8 in the nature of nuisance that any person may have or
- 9 eliminating or limiting the right of any person to commence
- 10 and prosecute a civil action based upon such a cause of
- 11 action.
- 12 Section 25. Notice.
- 13 (a) The planning commission must commence an enforcement
- 14 proceeding by preparing and serving an enforcement notice
- 15 under this Section.
- 16 (b) An enforcement notice must contain:
- 17 (1) The names and addresses of all persons to whom
- the enforcement notice must be sent under subsection (c)
- 19 of this Section.
- 20 (2) A legal and common description of the property
- or properties where the alleged violations have occurred
- or are occurring.
- 23 (3) A description of the alleged violation in
- 24 sufficient detail that the person or persons may
- reasonably respond to the allegations.
- 26 (4) A description of the relief or penalties that
- are sought by the planning commission for the alleged
- 28 violation.
- 29 (5) The date, time, and place of the hearing
- 30 required by Section 35 of this Article that may be not
- 31 less than 30 but not more than 60 days after the first
- 32 service of the enforcement notice.
- 33 (6) Notification of the right, under subsection (f)

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of Section 35, to testify, present reasonable evidence, summon and question witnesses, and have counsel present at the hearing.

- (7) Notification of the right of the person or persons to respond to the allegations in writing before the hearing under subsection (d) of Section 35, including a statement of the time limitations for a written response.
- (8) The address, telephone, and facsimile number at which the planning commission may be contacted, including for purposes of a written response as provided in subsection (d) of Section 35.
- (c) An enforcement notice must be served upon:
- (1) all persons alleged in the enforcement notice under paragraph (3) of subsection (b) to have violated land development regulations; and
- (2) all owners of record of the property or properties upon which the alleged violations have occurred or are occurring.
- An enforcement notice is duly served upon a person 20 (d) 21 when it has been (i) personally served upon the person; (ii) 22 personally served upon an agent of the person, including but 23 not limited to a registered agent for service of (iii) personally served upon a person over the age of 13 24 25 years living in the household of the person; (iv) sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person or to 26 the person's registered agent for service of process, if any; 27 or (v) served by publication notice under Section 2-206 of 28 29 the Code of Civil Procedure, but only if reasonable attempts 30 to use the other methods prescribed in this subsection are not successful. 31
- 32 (e) An enforcement notice may be personally served by 33 any employee or agent of the planning commission or by any 34 sworn law enforcement officer.

- 1 (f) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this
- 2 Section, the requirements of, and terms used in, subsection
- 3 (d) of this Section shall be interpreted and applied as in
- 4 judicial decisions concerning the service of process in civil
- 5 actions in this State.
- 6 (g) The planning commission must transmit the
- 7 enforcement notice within one business day after the first
- 8 service of the enforcement notice to any person to a hearing
- 9 board or officer of the unit of local government chosen
- 10 randomly by a process prescribed by ordinance. The hearing
- 11 board or officer so assigned must be the hearing board or
- officer for the case unless otherwise provided.
- 13 Section 30. Preliminary orders.
- 14 (a) After an enforcement notice is prepared, but before
- it is served, the unit of local government may petition the
- 16 hearing board or officer for a preliminary order under this
- 17 Section.
- 18 (b) The unit of local government may present evidence
- 19 supporting the allegations of the petition and that evidence
- 20 must be attached to or accompany this petition.
- 21 (c) No hearing board or officer may issue a preliminary
- 22 order unless it is determined, based upon the petition and
- 23 attached evidence, that it is reasonable to believe that a
- 24 violation is occurring and that the alleged violation
- 25 presents, or will present if it continues, a significant
- 26 threat of irreparable harm. Death or injury to any person
- 27 presumptively constitutes irreparable harm.
- 28 (d) A preliminary order may require only that the
- 29 persons to whom it is directed:
- 30 (1) cease and desist from continuing violation of
- 31 land development regulations; or
- 32 (2) refrain from a specific act, or specific acts,
- that frustrate the purpose of paragraph (1) of this

- 1 subsection.
- 2 (e) All persons who receive an enforcement notice under
- 3 Section 25 are subject to the preliminary order and must
- 4 receive a copy of the preliminary order when they are served
- 5 with the enforcement notice.
- 6 (f) A preliminary order is an enforcement order for the
- 7 purposes of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of Section 40 and
- 8 and for the purposes of Sections 45 and 50.
- 9 (g) If any person subject to a preliminary order
- 10 requests in writing a hearing on the order, a hearing on the
- 11 preliminary order must be held within 5 days after the
- 12 request. Due notice of the time, place, and nature of the
- 13 hearing must be given to all parties as well as a copy of the
- 14 petition and accompanying evidence that was used to obtain
- 15 the preliminary order. The hearing is subject to the same
- 16 rules and must be held according to the same procedures as an
- 17 enforcement hearing under Section 35.
- 18 If the hearing officer or board finds at hearing that the
- 19 preliminary order should not have been issued, he, she, or it
- 20 must state in writing this determination and the legal and
- 21 factual bases for the determination. The preliminary order
- 22 must expire upon the issuance to all parties of the written
- 23 determination.
- 24 (h) A preliminary order shall be in effect until an
- 25 enforcement order is issued, except as otherwise provided in
- 26 subsection (g) of this Section.
- 27 Section 35. Hearings.
- 28 (a) For the purposes of this Section, "parties" refers
- 29 to the planning commission and all persons to whom an
- 30 enforcement notice must be sent under Section 25 of this Act.
- 31 (b) The unit of local government, through a hearing
- 32 officer or board, must hold a hearing on the allegations of
- 33 the enforcement notice at the date, time, and place set forth

- 1 in that notice.
- 2 (c) At any time before the scheduled date of the
- 3 hearing, any party may request, in writing, from the hearing
- 4 officer or board a postponement or advancement of the hearing
- 5 and must transmit a copy of the request to all parties. All
- 6 parties may respond, in writing, to the request within 15
- 7 days after the request. The hearing officer or board may
- 8 grant a request for postponement or advancement if the
- 9 requesting party shows good cause to grant the request and no
- 10 other party shows good cause to deny the request. A request
- 11 for postponement or advancement may be denied if any party
- shows good cause why it should be denied. The hearing officer
- or board must notify all parties, in writing, whether or not
- 14 a postponement or advancement has been granted and, if so,
- 15 its duration.
- 16 It shall constitute good cause to postpone the hearing
- 17 when one or more of the persons alleged in the enforcement
- 18 notice to have violated land development regulations has not
- 19 been duly served with the enforcement notice at least 15 days
- 20 before the hearing.
- 21 It shall constitute good cause to postpone the hearing
- when a party other than one alleged in the enforcement notice
- 23 to have violated land development regulations has not been
- 24 duly served with the enforcement notice at least 15 days
- 25 before the hearing.
- 26 (d) Any party may submit to the hearing officer or board
- a written response to the enforcement notice not more than 10
- 28 days before the hearing. A copy of the response must be
- 29 submitted to all other parties not less than 5 days before
- 30 the hearing.
- If all persons alleged in the enforcement notice to be
- 32 violating or to have violated land development regulations
- 33 submit a written response in which they admit the validity of
- 34 all allegations of the enforcement notice and consent to the

1 remedies and penalties requested by the planning commission

2 in the enforcement notice, then (i) there shall be no

3 hearing; (ii) the allegations of the enforcement notice shall

4 be the determination of the hearing officer or board in the

enforcement order as if there were a hearing on the

allegations; and (iii) the remedies and penalties applied in

the enforcement order shall be those requested in the

enforcement notice or any other remedies and penalties that

9 are proposed by the parties and approved by the hearing

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If all persons alleged in the enforcement notice to be violating or to have violated land development regulations submit a written response in which they admit the validity of all allegations of the enforcement notice but one or more parties contest or object to the remedies or penalties requested in the enforcement notice, then (i) the allegations of the enforcement notice shall be the determination of the hearing officer or board in the enforcement order as if there were a hearing on the allegations and (ii) a hearing shall be held, but only on the issue of the remedies and penalties to be applied in the enforcement order.

If one or more, but not all, persons alleged in the enforcement notice to be violating or to have violated land development regulations submit a written response in which they admit the validity of all allegations of the enforcement notice, the response or responses shall be given due weight by the hearing officer or board but the hearing shall proceed on all relevant issues as provided in subsection (g).

(e) All persons alleged in the enforcement notice to be violating or to have violated land development regulations must be present at the hearing either in person or through an attorney or other legal representative or agent. A default decision that the person has violated land development regulations as alleged may be made if the person (i) was duly

- 1 served with an enforcement notice, (ii) is not present at the
- 2 hearing, and (iii) there is a finding that there is or was a
- 3 violation of land development regulations.
- 4 (f) At the hearing, any party, except for parties who
- 5 under subsection (d) of this Section are not entitled to a
- 6 hearing, may present evidence and testimony, summon
- 7 witnesses, question all witnesses, and be represented by and
- 8 receive the advice of an attorney.
- 9 (g) The issues for the hearing officer or board to
- 10 determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, are:
- 11 (1) Whether the alleged violator or violators are
- 12 violating or have violated any land development
- 13 regulations.

- 14 (2) What remedies or penalties are appropriate and
- just, taking into consideration the requests of the
- planning commission in the enforcement notice.
- 17 (h) The interpretation or meaning of any land
- 18 development regulation is a valid issue for the hearing
- 19 officer or board to determine. The validity or
- 20 constitutionality of any land development regulation is not a
- valid issue for determination at the hearing, except in those
- 22 cases that a person alleged to have violated a regulation

claims in good faith that the regulation in question is

- 24 directly contrary to another regulation of equal or superior
- 25 force that he or she alleges he or she has not violated. A
- 26 party may, however, reserve questions of validity or
- 27 constitutionality of any land development regulation for
- appeal under subsection (g) of Section 40 of this Act.
- 29 Section 40. Orders; remedies and penalties.
- 30 (a) Within 10 days after the conclusion of the
- 31 enforcement hearing, or after the date upon which the hearing
- 32 was to be held if there was no hearing, the hearing officer
- 33 or board must issue in writing an enforcement order. It must

- 1 be sent by certified mail or facsimile to all parties.
- 2 (b) The enforcement order must state the determination
- 3 of the hearing officer or board regarding the allegations of
- 4 the enforcement notice and must state in reasonable detail
- 5 all of the hearing officer's or board's findings of fact. If
- 6 the hearing officer or board determines that no violation of
- 7 land development regulations is being or has been committed
- 8 by any person alleged to have done so in the enforcement
- 9 notice, the enforcement notice must be dismissed and the
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- 11 If the hearing officer or board determines that a
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- 13 been committed, the enforcement order must state the
- 14 appropriate and just remedies or penalties and must state the
- 15 party or parties against which the enforcement order is
- 16 effective. The remedies and penalties may include:
- 17 (1) An order to cease and desist from continuing 18 and future violations of land development regulations.
 - (2) An order to bring the property in question into compliance with land development regulations.
 - (3) An order to perform a specific act or acts, or to refrain from specific act or acts, that effectuates the purposes of this subsection (b).
 - (4) An authorization to the planning commission to enter upon the property and take all reasonably necessary steps to place the property in compliance with land development regulations combined with an order to compensate the planning commission for all reasonable expenses incurred under this paragraph (4).
 - (5) An order to pay to the unit of local government a fine, but only if the hearing officer or board determines that the violation is or was intentional, knowing, or reckless. The fine may not exceed \$1,000 for each day of violation.

- 1 (c) Any owner of the property may be subject to an order
- under paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (b),
- 3 even if he or she is not determined in the enforcement order
- 4 to be a violator. Only a violator may be subject to an order
- 5 under paragraph (5) of subsection (b).
- 6 (d) The enforcement order may include authorization for
- 7 employees or agents of the planning commission to enter upon
- 8 the property in question in order to determine that the
- 9 enforcement order is being or has been complied with.
- 10 Entrance upon land under an enforcement order, or any
- 11 supplemental enforcement order, and under this Section is not
- 12 a violation of Sections 19-4 and 21-3 of the Criminal Code of
- 13 1961, nor does any owner or occupant of the property have a
- 14 cause of action for trespass except for intentional or
- 15 reckless damage to the property.
- 16 (e) The planning commission must monitor compliance with
- 17 the enforcement order. If the planning commission has reason
- 18 to believe that any person subject to the enforcement order
- 19 is not complying with the enforcement order, the planning
- 20 commission may, at its option, either:
- 21 (1) refer the matter to the unit of local
- 22 government's attorney for the commencement of a civil
- 23 action under Section 45; or
- 24 (2) commence a supplemental enforcement action
- under subsection (f) of this Section.
- A referral or commencement under this subsection (e) does
- 27 not preclude a later referral or commencement when
- 28 noncompliance is alleged to be continuing or a new act of
- 29 noncompliance is alleged.
- 30 (f) A supplemental enforcement action is commenced by
- 31 the planning commission by filing a petition with the hearing
- 32 officer or board stating its belief that one or more persons
- 33 subject to the enforcement order is not complying with the
- 34 enforcement order and the reasons for that belief.

- 1 A copy of the petition must be sent by the planning
- 2 commission to all parties by certified mail or by facsimile.
- 3 Any party alleged in the petition to be in noncompliance must
- 4 respond to the petition in writing and any other party may
- 5 respond to the petition in writing.
- 6 Upon receipt of the petition and of the responses of all
- 7 parties required to respond, the hearing officer or board
- 8 must schedule a hearing on the petition and must notify all
- 9 parties of the date, time, and place by certified mail or
- 10 facsimile. If any party required to respond to the petition
- 11 does not do so within 15 days after receiving the petition,
- 12 the hearing officer or board may schedule the hearing
- 13 regardless.
- 14 The hearing is subject to the same rules and must be held
- 15 according to the same procedures as an enforcement hearing
- 16 under Section 35 of this Act.
- 17 The hearing officer or board must issue a supplemental
- 18 enforcement order within 5 days after the completion of the
- 19 hearing.
- 20 If the hearing officer or board finds that there is no
- 21 significant noncompliance with the enforcement order, then
- 22 the petition shall be dismissed and the supplemental
- 23 enforcement order shall so state.
- 24 If the hearing officer or board finds that there is
- 25 significant noncompliance with the enforcement order, then
- 26 the board must include in the supplemental enforcement order
- 27 an order or authorization:
- 28 (1) that the person or persons in noncompliance pay
- an additional fine, either a single fine or a fine
- 30 assessed for each day of noncompliance;
- 31 (2) that the planning commission enter upon the
- 32 property and take all reasonably necessary steps to place
- 33 the property in compliance with land development
- 34 regulations and that the person or persons in

noncompliance compensate the planning commission for all reasonable expenses incurred pursuant to this item (2);

- (3) that the matter be referred to the unit of local government's attorney for the commencement of a civil action under Section 45 of this Act; or
- (4) that the matter be referred to the State's Attorney for the commencement of criminal proceedings under Section 50 of this Act, but only if the hearing officer or board determines that the noncompliance was intentional.
- (g) Enforcement orders and supplemental enforcement orders shall be subject to review in the circuit court of the county in which the unit of local government is located. The provisions of the Administrative Review Law, and the rules adopted under the Administrative Review Law, apply to and govern every action for judicial review of the enforcement order and supplemental enforcement order of a hearing officer or board under this Act.
- 19 Section 45. Civil proceedings.

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- 20 (a) A unit of local government has a cause of action in 21 the circuit court of the county in which the property in 22 question is located against:
- 23 (1) all persons who have violated or are violating 24 land development regulations of the unit of local 25 government; and
 - (2) the owner or owners of the property upon which a violation of land development regulations has occurred or is occurring to the extent that it is reasonably necessary for the owner or owners to be subject to the judgment of the court to obtain relief.
- 31 (b) A unit of local government that (i) has issued an 32 administrative enforcement order under Section 40 of this Act 33 when a person or persons subject to the administrative

1 enforcement order has not complied with or is not complying 2 with that order; or (ii) issues a supplemental administrative enforcement order under paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of 3 4 Section 40 of this Act that (A) determines that a person or persons subject to an administrative enforcement order has 5 б not complied with or is not complying with that order and (B) 7 directs that the case be referred to the unit of local government's attorney for proceedings under this Section has 8 9 a cause of action in the circuit court of the county in which the property in question is located against the person or 10 11 persons in noncompliance or determined in the supplemental administrative enforcement order to be in noncompliance. 12

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the procedures governing a civil action under this Section shall be the procedures applicable by statute and Supreme Court rule to all civil actions.

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In any civil action under subsection (b) of this 17 (d) 18 Section, (i) the administrative enforcement order and any supplemental administrative enforcement orders to which the 19 20 defendant or defendants are subject must be attached to the 21 complaint and by that attachment shall be incorporated in the 22 order; and (ii) the judge may enter the administrative 23 enforcement order and any supplemental administrative enforcement orders that the judgment of the court after 30 24 25 days after the date upon which the last answer is due to be filed, accounting as in other civil cases for postponements 26 27 in that date due to motions pursuant to Sections 2-615, 2-619, 2-1005, and 2-1009 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 28 29 unless one or more defendants requests a trial in his or her 30 answer. If a default occurs and (i) there is no supplemental administrative enforcement order or (ii) the supplemental 31 32 administrative enforcement order does not specify an 33 just remedy penalty beyond the appropriate and or 34 commencement of a civil action under this Section, there must

- be a hearing limited to determining the appropriate and just
 remedies and penalties to be applied.
 - (e) The issues before the court in a trial of a civil action under this Section are limited to determining by a preponderance of the evidence:
 - (1) Whether the alleged violator or violators are violating or have violated any constitutionally and statutorily valid land development regulations.
 - (2) What remedies or penalties are appropriate and just. In a civil action commenced pursuant to subsection (b), the court must, in determining the appropriate and just remedies or penalties, take into consideration the requests of the planning commission in the administrative enforcement notice and the provisions of the administrative enforcement order.
 - (f) The appropriate and just remedies and penalties that may be imposed in a judgment under this Section include:
 - (1) An order to cease and desist from continuing and future violation of land development regulations.
 - (2) An order to bring the property in question into compliance with land development regulations.
 - (3) An order to perform a specific act or acts, or to refrain from a specific act or acts, that effectuates the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.
 - (4) An authorization to the planning commission to enter upon the property and take all reasonably necessary steps to place the property in compliance with land development regulations combined with an order to compensate the planning commission for all reasonable expenses incurred under this paragraph (4).
- 32 (5) An order to pay to the unit of local government 33 a fine, but only if the hearing officer or board 34 determines that the particular defendant intentionally,

- 1 knowingly, or recklessly committed the violation. The
- fine may not exceed \$1,000 for each day of violation.
- 3 (g) Entrance upon land under paragraph (4) of subsection
- 4 (f) is not a violation of Sections 19-4 and 21-3 of the
- 5 Criminal Code of 1961, nor shall any owner or occupant of the
- 6 property have a cause of action for trespass except for
- 7 intentional or reckless damage to the property.
- 8 (h) The unit of local government need not post bond in
- 9 order for an injunction, whether preliminary or final, to
- 10 issue against any defendant.
- 11 (i) Costs may be taxed in any civil action under this
- 12 Section as in other civil actions, as may reasonable attorney
- 13 fees if it is the judgment of the court that there is not and
- 14 was not any noncompliance by the defendant or defendants as
- 15 alleged in the complaint.
- 16 Section 50. Criminal penalties.
- 17 (a) An intentional violation of the land development
- 18 regulations of a unit of local government is a Class B
- 19 misdemeanor. Each day of violation shall be considered a
- 20 separate offense.
- 21 If a violation of a land development regulation causes a
- 22 significant risk of death or injury to persons or of
- destruction of the property of another of a value of \$25,000
- 24 or more and the person or person violating the regulation
- 25 knows of the risk at the time of the violation, the violation
- is a Class A misdemeanor.
- 27 If a violation of a land development regulation causes
- 28 the death or injury of persons or destruction of the property
- of another to a value of \$25,000 or more and the person or
- 30 person violating the regulation knows of the risk of death,
- 31 injury, or destruction at the time of the violation, the
- 32 violation is an Class 4 felony.
- 33 (b) No prosecution under this Section may be commenced

- 1 unless a supplementary administrative enforcement order under
- 2 paragraph (4) of subsection (f) of Section 40 recommends that
- 3 the case be referred to the State's Attorney for the
- 4 commencement of criminal proceedings.
- 5 (c) The circuit court must determine whether, beyond a
- 6 reasonable doubt, a violation of local land development
- 7 regulations is occurring or has occurred and is not required
- 8 in any way to defer to the findings of the administrative
- 9 enforcement hearing as expressed in the administrative
- 10 enforcement order and supplementary administrative
- 11 enforcement order or orders.
- 12 Section 800. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by
- changing Section 19-4 and 21-3 as follows:
- 14 (720 ILCS 5/19-4) (from Ch. 38, par. 19-4)
- 15 Sec. 19-4. Criminal trespass to a residence.
- 16 (a) (1) A person commits the offense of criminal
- 17 trespass to a residence when, without authority, he knowingly
- 18 enters or remains within any residence, including a house
- 19 trailer.
- 20 (2) A person commits the offense of criminal trespass to
- 21 a residence when, without authority, he or she knowingly
- 22 enters the residence of another and knows or has reason to
- 23 know that one or more persons is present or he or she
- 24 knowingly enters the residence of another and remains in the
- 25 residence after he or she knows or has reason to know that
- one or more persons is present.
- 27 (3) For purposes of this Section, in the case of a
- 28 multi-unit residential building or complex, "residence" shall
- only include the portion of the building or complex which is
- 30 the actual dwelling place of any person and shall not include
- 31 such places as common recreational areas or lobbies.
- 32 (b) Sentence.

1	(1) Criminal trespass to a residence under
2	paragraph (1) of subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor.
3	(2) Criminal trespass to a residence under
4	paragraph (2) of subsection (a) is a Class 4 felony.
5	(c) For the purposes of this Section, a person does not
6	commit criminal trespass to a residence if he or she enters
7	or remains in a residence pursuant to the Land Development
8	Enforcement Act.
9	(Source: P.A. 91-895, eff. 7-6-00.)
10	(720 ILCS 5/21-3) (from Ch. 38, par. 21-3)
11	Sec. 21-3. Criminal trespass to real property.
12	(a) Whoever:
13	(1) knowingly and without lawful authority enters
14	or remains within or on a building; or
15	(2) enters upon the land of another, after
16	receiving, prior to such entry, notice from the owner or
17	occupant that such entry is forbidden; or
18	(3) remains upon the land of another, after
19	receiving notice from the owner or occupant to depart; or
20	(4) enters upon one of the following areas in or on
21	a motor vehicle (including an off-road vehicle,
22	motorcycle, moped, or any other powered two-wheel
23	vehicle), after receiving prior to that entry, notice
24	from the owner or occupant that the entry is forbidden or
25	remains upon or in the area after receiving notice from
26	the owner or occupant to depart:
27	(A) any field that is used for growing crops
28	or which is capable of being used for growing crops;
29	or
30	(B) an enclosed area containing livestock; or
31	(C) or an orchard; or
32	(D) a barn or other agricultural building

containing livestock;

commits a Class B misdemeanor.

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For purposes of item (1) of this subsection, this Section shall not apply to being in a building which is open to the public while the building is open to the public during its normal hours of operation; nor shall this Section apply to a person who enters a public building under the reasonable belief that the building is still open to the public.

- (b) A person has received notice from the owner or occupant within the meaning of Subsection (a) if he has been notified personally, either orally or in writing including a valid court order as defined by subsection (7) of Section 112A-3 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 granting remedy (2) of subsection (b) of Section 112A-14 of that Code, or if a printed or written notice forbidding such entry has been conspicuously posted or exhibited at the main entrance to such land or the forbidden part thereof.
- migrant worker or otherwise, living on the land with permission of the owner or of his agent having apparent authority to hire workers on such land and assign them living quarters or a place of accommodations for living thereon, nor to anyone living on such land at the request of, or by occupancy, leasing or other agreement or arrangement with the owner or his agent, nor to anyone invited by such migrant worker or other person so living on such land to visit him at the place he is so living upon the land. This Section does not apply to any person entering land or a building pursuant to the Land Development Enforcement Act.
- (d) A person shall be exempt from prosecution under this Section if he beautifies unoccupied and abandoned residential and industrial properties located within any municipality. For the purpose of this subsection, "unoccupied and abandoned residential and industrial property" means any real estate (1) in which the taxes have not been paid for a period of at

- 1 least 2 years; and (2) which has been left unoccupied and
- abandoned for a period of at least one year; and "beautifies"
- 3 means to landscape, clean up litter, or to repair dilapidated
- 4 conditions on or to board up windows and doors.
- 5 (e) No person shall be liable in any civil action for
- 6 money damages to the owner of unoccupied and abandoned
- 7 residential and industrial property which that person
- 8 beautifies pursuant to subsection (d) of this Section.
- 9 (f) This Section does not prohibit a person from
- 10 entering a building or upon the land of another for emergency
- 11 purposes. For purposes of this subsection (f), "emergency"
- 12 means a condition or circumstance in which an individual is
- or is reasonably believed by the person to be in imminent
- 14 danger of serious bodily harm or in which property is or is
- 15 reasonably believed to be in imminent danger of damage or
- 16 destruction.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 89-346, eff. 1-1-96; 89-373, eff. 1-1-96;
- 18 89-626, eff. 8-9-96; 90-419, eff. 8-15-97.)
- 19 Section 805. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by
- 20 changing Section 11-103 as follows:
- 21 (735 ILCS 5/11-103) (from Ch. 110, par. 11-103)
- Sec. 11-103. Bond. The court in its discretion, may
- 23 before entering a restraining order or a preliminary
- 24 injunction, require the applicant to give bond in such sum,
- upon such condition and with such security as may be deemed
- 26 proper by the court, for the payment of such costs and
- damages as may be incurred or suffered by any party who is
- found to have been wrongfully enjoined or restrained.
- No such bond shall be required of any governmental office
- or agency.
- No bond may be required of any unit of local government
- 32 <u>for an injunction issued under Section 45 of the Land</u>

1 <u>Development Enforcement Act.</u>

A surety upon a bond or undertaking under Article XI of 2 3 this Act submits to the jurisdiction of the court and 4 irrevocably appoints the clerk of the court as the surety's 5 agent upon whom any papers affecting the surety's liability 6 on the bond or undertaking may be served. Such liability may 7 be enforced on motion without the necessity of an independent action. The motion and such notice of motion as the court 8 9 prescribes may be served on the clerk of the court who shall 10 forthwith mail copies to the persons giving the security if their addresses are known. 11

12 (Source: P.A. 83-707.)