ORDINANCE NO. 96

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF BEASLEY, TEXAS, REGULATING DANGEROUS BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE BY FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200.00; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Beasley has determined that the regulation of dangerous buildings within the Town of Beasley, Texas, will promote the general health of the community;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BEASLEY, TEXAS:

In order to preserve and protect the general well being and health of the citizens of Beasley, Texas, the following ordinance shall be and is hereby adopted:

Section 1 - Definition of Terms

The term "dangerous buildings" as used in this article is hereby defined to mean and include:

- (a) any building, shed, fence, or other man-made structure which is dangerous to the public health because of its condition, and which may cause or aid in the spread or disease, or injury to the health of the occupants of it or neighboring structures;
- (b) any building, shed, fence or other man-made structure which because of faulty construction, age, lack of proper repair or any other cause, is especially liable to fire and constitutes or creates a fire hazard;
- (c) any building, shed, fence, or other man-made structure, which by reason of faulty construction or any other cause, is liable to cause injury or damage by collapsing or by a collapse or fall of any part of such structure.
- (d) any building, shed, fence, or other man-made structure, which because of its condition or because of lack of doors or windows is available to and frequented by malefactors or disorderly persons who are not lawful occupants of such structure.

Any such dangerous building in the city is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

Section 2 - Prohibition

It shall be unlawful to maintain or permit the existence of any dangerous building in the city; and it shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or person in custody of any dangerous building to permit the same to remain in a dangerous condition, or to occupy such building or permit it to be occupied while it is or remains in a dangerous condition.

Section 3 - Penalty

Any person violating the terms of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not to exceed Two Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$200.00). It is expressly provided that each and every day a violation is allowed to exist constitutes a separate offense.

Section 4 - Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance shall for any reason be held void, unconstitutional or invalid, then such shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 5 - Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its passage and approval and the publication of its caption as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _/8 day of _JUNE ______, 1992.

Mayor of the Town of Beasley

ATTEST:

Town Secretary