

CHAPTER 204.

[H. B. 202.]

COUNTY BUILDING CODES AND FIRE REGULATIONS.

AN ACT relating to County Commissioners; authorizing County Commissioners to adopt and enforce standard building codes and standard fire regulations; defining offenses and prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Counties to adopt codes and rules.

SECTION 1. County Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to adopt standard building codes and standard fire regulations to be applied within their respective jurisdictions.

Applicable to all or part.

SEC. 2. The building codes or fire regulations when adopted by the County Commissioners shall be applicable to all the area of any county which is situated outside the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town, or to such portion thereof as may be prescribed in such building code or fire regulation.

May employ inspectors.

SEC. 3. County Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint Fire Inspectors or other Inspectors to enforce any building code or fire regulation adopted by them. It is further made the duty of any County Commissioners to enforce any building code or fire regulation adopted by them.

Penalty.

SEC. 4. Any person violating the provisions of any building code or any fire regulation lawfully adopted by any Board of County Commissioners shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 1, 1943.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1943.