

**CHAPTER 18; BUILDING AND BUILDING INSPECTIONS**

**ARTICLE III. Housing Standards**

**DIVISION 2. Administration and Enforcement**

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\*Cross reference--Administration, ch. 2.  
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**Subdivision I. In General**

**Section 18-81. Application, Administration and Enforcement.**

The application, administration, and enforcement of the building code shall be in accordance with Minnesota State Building code. The building code enforcement agency for the City of Anoka is the Community Development Department and the code shall be enforced by the Minnesota Certified Building Official designated by the City to administer the code.

**Section 18-82. Inspection access.**

If any owner, occupant, or other person in charge of a dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming unit, or of a multiple dwelling fails or refuses to permit free access and entry to the structure or premises under his control, or any part thereof for purpose of an inspection authorized by this article, the building official may petition the court for an order for such inspection.

**Section 18-83. Unfit for human habitation.**

- (a) Any dwelling, dwelling unit, or rooming unit or portion thereof which is damaged, decayed, dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, vermin or rodent infested, or which lacks provision for basic illumination, ventilation, or sanitation facilities to the extent that the defects create a hazard to the health, safety, or welfare of the occupants or of the public may be declared unfit for human habitation. Whenever any dwelling, dwelling unit, or rooming unit has been declared unfit, the building official shall order the dwelling, dwelling unit, or rooming unit vacated within a reasonable time and shall post a placard on the dwelling, dwelling unit, or rooming unit indicating that it is unfit for human habitation, and any operating license previously issued for such dwelling shall be revoked.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for such dwelling, dwelling unit, or rooming unit, or portion thereof, to be used for human habitation until the defective conditions have been corrected and written approval has been issued by the building official. No person other than the building official shall deface or remove the declaration placard from any such dwelling unit.
- (c) The owner of any dwelling, dwelling unit, or rooming unit which has been declared unfit for human habitation or which is otherwise vacant for a period of 60 days or more immediately shall make the dwelling, dwelling unit, or rooming unit safe and secure so that it is not hazardous to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and does not constitute a public nuisance. Any vacant dwelling open at doors, windows, or wall opening, if unguarded, shall be deemed to be a hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and is a public nuisance within the meaning of this article.

**Section 18-84--18-100. Reserved.**