

WEST VIRGINIA STATUTORY ENABLING AUTHORITY: TOOLS TO ADDRESS DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS

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Tool	Municipalities	Counties	Home Rule Municipalities
Comprehensive Plan	X	X	X
Inventory	X	X	X
Building Code	X	X	X
On-Site Citations			X
Vacant Property Registration	X		X
Uninhabitable Property Registration	X		X
Liens for Demolition and Repair (Building Code)	X	X	X
Injunctive Relief Through Nuisance Code	X	X	X
Liens for Debris Removal after Fire	X	X	X
Ordinances to Address Unsafe Structures ¹	X	X	X
Public Pressure	X	X	X
Locating the Owner		X	X
Partnerships with Financial Institutions	X	X	X
Negotiating with Stakeholders	X	X	X
Urban Renewal Authorities	X	X	X
Land Reuse Agencies	X	X	X

Right of First Refusal — Land Reuse Agency or Municipal Land Bank

¹ Counties: § 7-11-3ff; Municipalities: § 8-12-16

DISCLAIMER: State statutory enabling authority is often only one of many prerequisites needed to use a tool. For example, under the Building Code, a community needs a certified code enforcement officer and almost all tools require proper adoption of a local ordinance.