

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
PERTAINING TO THE BUILDING**

WHEREAS, the City Council is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria is hereby amended by deleting the following stricken words and by adding the following underlined words:

ARTICLE VI. - PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Sec. 5-277. - Continuances; representation at code hearings.

Chapter 65 ILCS section 5/11-31.1-6 shall be incorporated to provide for continuances and representation at hearings in that no continuances shall be authorized by the hearing officer in proceedings under this ordinance except in cases where a continuance is absolutely necessary to protect the rights of the owner. Lack of preparation shall not be grounds for a continuance. ~~Any continuance authorized by a hearing officer under this division shall not exceed 25 days.~~ The case for the city may be presented by the code enforcement inspector, by any other city employee or by an attorney designated by the city. However, in no event shall the case for the city be presented by an employee of the code hearing department. The case for the dwelling owner may be presented by the owner, this attorney, or any other agent or representative.

(Ord. No. 14275, § 1, 4-15-97)

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in effect immediately after its passage and publication in pamphlet form.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS this ____ day of _____, 2018.

APPROVED.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

Corporation Counsel