

Commissioners of Baltimore county a fine or penalty of fifty dollars where said building is of the value of one thousand dollars or less, and an additional penalty of twenty-five dollars for each additional thousand dollars in value, said fine or penalty to be a lien on the building and to be collected by the said County Commissioners in an action of debt brought in their name before any justice of the peace of said county, or by proceedings in equity for the enforcement of such lien.

23. The County Commissioners of Baltimore county shall have full power and authority to direct in what part of the Twelfth District buildings of wood shall not be erected; to regulate and establish the thickness of walls that are to be used in the house to be built in said district or any portion thereof. To provide for the entry into and examination of all buildings, lots, yards, enclosures, and cars, boats and vehicles of every description, to ascertain their condition for health, cleanliness and safety; for the taking down and removal of buildings, walls, structures or super-structures that are or may become dangerous, or to require owners to move them or put them in a safe and sound condition at their own expense; to regulate the building and maintenance of party walls, partitions, fences, parapet and fire-walls, smoke flues, fireplaces, hot-air flues, boilers, kettles, smokestacks and stove-pipes, and the storage of gasoline and other combustibles or explosives. To provide for and regulate the safe construction, inspection and repair of all private and public buildings within the said district. To regulate, restrain or prohibit, in their discretion, the erection of wooden or frame buildings within the present limits of said district or any thickly populated portion of the same, and to remove the same at the owner's expense when erected or suffered to remain contrary to law or such regulations as they may adopt. To regulate the height, construction and inspection of all new buildings hereafter erected in said district. To regulate the limits within which it shall be lawful to erect steps, porticoes, bay-windows or other structural ornaments to houses fronting on any of the highways, streets, avenues, lanes or alleys of said district, and generally to adopt and enforce the whole of said district or for thickly populated portions thereof all necessary regulations or rules for the foregoing purposes, and to prescribe fines and penalties for violations thereof, and provide the manner in which the same shall be collected; provided, however, that no such rules and regulations so adopted by said County Commissioners as aforesaid shall be deemed valid or effective until the same shall have been form-