

## **7. DECLARATION OF A BUILDING, A PROBLEM BUILDING**

7.1 The authorised official may, subject to subsections (2), (3) and (4), if a building falls within the definition of problem building as defined in section 1, declare such building a problem building.

7.2 The authorised official shall, before declaring such building a problem building, inform the owner of his or her intention to declare such building a problem building.

7.3 The authorised official shall give the owner a period of seven days to make representations on why the building should not be declared a problem building.

7.4 The owner shall, in respect of a declaration made in terms of subsection (1), have a right of appeal in terms of section 62 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000).

## **8. COMPLIANCE NOTICE**

8.1 The authorised official may serve a written notice on the owner of any building or land which has been declared a problem building as referred to in section 4, requiring such owner within a specified period to -

- (a) clean, repair, renovate, repaint, alter, close, demolish or secure such problem building;
- (b) complete the problem building or any structure of such building;
- (c) enclose, fence or barricade such problem building or land;
- (d) instruct, at the cost of such owner, an architect or other registered person, to investigate such problem building and to report to the authorised official on the nature and extent of the steps to be taken to render such problem building safe or to rectify the deficiency which caused the building to be declared a problem building;
- (e) dispose of, destroy or remove any material or article accumulated, dumped, stored or deposited in any building, which is refuse or waste and which is unsightly or is likely to constitute an obstruction; or
- (f) comply with any provision of this By-law.