

City: HARPERS FERRY/CLASS IV

Date/Written Plan Approved	Date/Amendment to Written Plan	Initiative(s)	Date Proposed Ordinance Approved by MHRB	1)Date/Enacted Ordinance (E) or 2)Date/Amended Ordinance (A)	City Ordinance No.	HB#/SB#/Year Resulting Legislation
11.16.15		<p>1)Improvements to code citations and public nuisance enforcement. Allow on-the-spot citations for code violations. Empower trained law enforcement officers to write code citations.</p> <p>2)Improvements to the process for addressing blighted properties. --To establish a more reasonable standard than the current legal standard of "not fit for human habitation." --Clarified authority to take action with town resources to address blighted properties, and to then place liens on these properties to recover taxpayer costs when the property owner will not take appropriate action. --Authority to require lenders that foreclose on properties to register these properties with the town at the beginning of the foreclosure process, to maintain these properties so that they do not become blighted and to pay outstanding fees and liens that were placed by the town for corrective maintenance at the time of sale. --Shorten the lengthy time period that the town must wait to initiate civil action to take a vacant and blighted structure to forfeiture from the current period of 28 months to a more reasonable period of 12 months.</p> <p>3)Municipal authority to dispose of property without auction.</p> <p>4)Authority to enact a municipal sales tax of one percent with a reduction in the municipal business and occupation tax.</p>		<p>09.08.14- ?amended ordinance-plan approved in 2015</p> <p>09.08.14- ?amended ordinance-plan approved in 2015</p> <p>07.01.16 (E)</p>		