

What Is Ordinance or Law Coverage?



When it comes to commercial property insurance, evolving zoning and building codes can often make the the rebuilding of property to it's former state a much more expensive endeavor than insurance covers. Building and zoning codes are implemented in order to preserve safety and are not taken lightly. Building Ordinance or Law insurance coverage is a property insurance endorsement that reimburses property owners for cost associated with demolishing, repairing, rebuilding, or constructing a structure if a covered loss prompts additional changes due to these laws or regulations.

This can especially pose a problem for older buildings. When getting a permit to rebuild a damaged property you are required to pay for new expenses in order to adhere to the mandated upgrades from codes.

Examples of such expenses can include:

- Sprinkler Systems
- Upgraded weatherproofing features like storm windows or roofs
- Handicap compliance features
- Plumbing or wiring upgrades



When looking at coverage there are 3 levels of coverage to look at:

- Coverage A Value of undamaged portion of the building.
- Coverage B Debris Removal.
- Coverage C Increased cost of construction for bringing property up to code.

Ordinance or Law Insurance is not a costly endeavor but can, nevertheless, potentially save you a fortune in property reconstruction costs.

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