

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §55-3C-2

§55-3C-2. Squatters not tenants; squatting constitutes criminal trespass; petition and eviction not appropriate remedies for squatters; remedy is arrest for trespass.

(a) Squatters are not considered tenants for purposes of this code.

(b) Squatting is synonymous with trespass, and is a criminal act under §61-3B-2 or §61-3B-3 of this Code.

(c) No Court of this state shall require the utilization of eviction, or a similar procedure such as those found under §55-3A-1, *et seq.* or §55-3B-1, *et seq.* of this Code, by an owner in any instance involving the removal of a squatter from possession of a property.