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**ORDINANCE**

OF THE  
 Borough of Reynoldsville

For the Better Preservation of the Public Health and to prevent the Spread of Communicable Diseases.

In virtue of the powers conferred by the act of Assembly of April 3rd, 1851, Sec. 1, P. L. 320 of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, be it ordained by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Reynoldsville, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same:

Sec. 1. That whatever is dangerous to human life or health, whatever renders the air or food or water or other drink unwholesome, and whatever building or part or cellar thereof is overcrowded, or not provided with adequate means of ingress and egress, or is not sufficiently supported, ventilated, sewer, drained, cleaned or lighted are declared to be nuisances and to be illegal, and every person having aided in creating or contributing to the same or who may support, continue or retain any of them shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this ordinance and also liable for the expense of the abatement and removal thereof.

Sec. 2. No house, refuse, offal, garbage, dead animals, decaying vegetable matter or organic waste substance of any kind shall be thrown on any street, road, ditch, gutter or public place within the limits of this borough, and no putrid or decaying animal or vegetable matter shall be kept in any house, cellar or adjoining outbuilding or grounds for more than twenty-four hours.

Sec. 3. Every butcher or other person owning, leasing or occupying any place, room or building where meat of any kind is dressed or kept for sale, or any market, public or private, shall cause it to be kept thoroughly cleaned and purified, and all offal, blood, fat, garbage, refuse and unwholesome and offensive matter to be removed therefrom at least once in 24 hours, and they shall also at the same time keep all woodwork, save floors and counters, in any building, place or premises aforesaid thoroughly painted or whitewashed and the floors of such building, place or premises shall be so constructed as to prevent blood or foul liquids or washings from settling in the earth beneath.

Sec. 4. The keeper or keepers of a livery or other stable shall keep his or their stable and stable yard clean, and shall not permit, between the 15th day of May and the 1st day of November, more than three wagon loads of manure to accumulate in or near the same at any one time, except by express permission of the Board of Health, nor shall any manure be removed between the dates aforesaid except between twelve o'clock at night and two hours after sunrise, without a written permit from the Board of Health; nor shall any manure be removed except in a tight vehicle, so protected that the manure in process of removal, may not be dropped or left in any street, road, alley, lane or way of the borough.

Sec. 5. No pig pen shall be built or maintained within the limits of this borough without a written permit from the Board of Health, and when such permit is granted, all pig pens, stables, or places where pigs may be kept shall be built and maintained under the following restrictions and conditions, viz.: They shall not be built, kept or erected within one hundred feet of any well or spring of water used for drinking or culinary purposes, or within thirty feet of any street or inhabited house, and must be constructed in the following manner: The floor or floors must be not less than two feet from the ground, in order that filth accumulating under the same may be easily removed, and such filth accumulating in, about and under the same shall be removed at least once a week and oftener if so ordered, and on failure of any owner or occupier of such premises so to do, then the same shall be done by the Board of Health at the expense of the owner or owners thereof in addition to the fines and penalties in Sec. 30.

Sec. 6. No privy-vault, cess-pool or reservoir into which a privy, water-closet, cess-pool, stable or sink is drained, unless it is water tight, shall be constructed, dug or permitted to remain within one hundred and fifty feet of any well, spring or other source of water used for drinking or culinary purposes; unless the surface of such vault, cess-pool or reservoir is at a lower level than the bottom of such well. Earth privies and earth closets, with no vault, pit or depression below the surface of the ground, shall be excepted from this regulation, but sufficient dry earth or coal ashes must be used daily to absorb all the fluid part of the deposit, and the contents must be completely removed at least once every month.

Sec. 7. All privy-vaults, cess-pools or reservoirs as above named shall be cleaned out at least twice a year, once in the spring not later than the 15th of May and once in the autumn not earlier than the 15th of October. From the 15th of May to the 15th of October of each year they shall be thoroughly disinfected by adding to their contents, once every week, from one to four gallons of a disinfectant solution, according to the size of the said vault, cess-pool or reservoir.

Sec. 8. All sewer-drains shall be water-tight within the limits of this borough.

Sec. 9. No sewer-drain shall empty into any lake, pond or other source of water used for drinking purposes, or into any standing water within the jurisdiction of this borough.

Sec. 10. The sewerage from each building on every street provided with a common sewer, shall be conducted into said sewer.

Sec. 11. That portion of the house

drain which is outside of the building and more than four feet from the foundation walls, shall be constructed of iron pipe or vitrified drain-pipe.

Sec. 12. That portion of the drain-pipe outside of the building and within four feet of the foundation walls, together with the soil-pipe, shall be constructed of cast iron with lead joints, or of wrought iron pipe with screwed joints, and in either case protected from rust. The waste-pipe connected with the conductors from the roofs, and other pipes inside the building, or outside within four feet of the foundation walls, shall likewise be constructed of cast iron with leaded joints, or of wrought iron with screwed joints.

Sec. 13. The house drain and other pipes for the conveyance of sewage shall be laid with uniform grade and with a fall of not less than one inch in four feet, except in those cases where the Board of Health (or Borough Council) may permit otherwise.

Sec. 14. All pipes connecting a water closet with a soil-pipe shall be trapped, each separately. All waste pipes shall be trapped, each separately and close to the connections with each bath, sink, bowl or other fixture, unless adequate provision is made for downward ventilation through said waste-pipes, in which case one trap may serve for several fixtures.

Sec. 15. All soil-pipes shall be carried at their full size through the roof and left open. A provision shall also be made for admitting air to the house-drain side of the main trap, if such trap exists.

Sec. 16. The joints in the vitrified pipe shall be carefully cemented under and around the pipe, and the joints in the cast iron pipe shall be run and calked with lead.

Sec. 17. All changes in direction shall be made with curved pipes. All joints and pipes shall be made airtight. The whole work shall be done by skillful mechanics, in a thorough and workmanlike manner, and satisfactory to the Board of Health (or Borough Council).

Sec. 18. Before proceeding to construct any portion of the drainage system of a hotel, tenement, dwelling-house or other building, the owner, builder or person constructing the same shall file with the Board of Health (or Borough Council) a plan thereof, showing the whole drainage system, from its connection with the common sewer to its terminus in the house, together with the location and size of all branches, traps, ventilating pipes and fixtures.

Sec. 19. All drains now built shall be reconstructed whenever, in the opinion of the Board of Health (and Borough Council), it may be necessary.

Sec. 20. The following named diseases are declared to be communicable and dangerous to the public health, viz: Small-pox, (Variola, Varioloid), Cholera, (Asiatic or Epidemic), Scarlet Fever, (Scarlatina, Scarlet Rash), Measles, Diphtheria, (Diphtheritic Croup, Diphtheritic Sore Throat), Typhoid Fever, Typhus Fever, Yellow Fever, Spotted Fever, (Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis), Relapsing Fever, Epidemic Dysentery, Hydrophobia (Rabies), Glanders (Farcy) and Leprosy, and shall be understood to be included in the following regulations, unless certain of them only are specified.

Sec. 21. Whenever any household knows that any person within his family or household has a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately report the same to the Board of Health (or Borough Council), giving the street and number, or location, of the house.

Sec. 22. Whenever any physician finds that any person whom he is called upon to visit has a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, he or she shall immediately report the same to the Board of Health, giving the street and number or location of the house, on the receipt of which report the Board of Health shall immediately notify the teacher or principal of every school, academy, seminary or kindergarten in the borough requesting said teachers or principals to dispense with the attendance of all pupils residing in the family in which such disease exists. No physician who may, in good faith, in obedience to this ordinance, report a case as one of communicable disease which subsequently proves not to be such, shall be liable to a suit for damages for such error in reporting. It shall be the duty of such physician and all other attendants upon persons affected with such diseases to avoid exposure to the public of any garments or clothing about their own persons that may have been subjected to the risk of infection.

Sec. 23. No person shall, within the limits of this borough, unless by permit of the Board of Health (or Borough Council), carry or remove from one building to another any patient affected with any communicable disease, dangerous to the public health. Nor shall any person, by any exposure of any individual, or of the body of such individual, or of any article capable of conveying contagion or infection, or by any negligent act connected with the care or custody thereof, or by a needless exposure of himself or herself, cause or contribute to the spread of disease from any such individual or dead body.

Sec. 24. There shall not be a public or church funeral of any person who has died of Asiatic cholera, small-pox, typhus fever, diphtheria, yellow fever, scarlet fever or measles, and the family of the deceased shall in all such cases limit the attendance to as few as possible, and take all precautions possible to prevent the exposure of other persons to contagion or infection; and the person authorizing the public notice of death of such person, shall have the name of the disease which caused the death appear in such public notice.

Sec. 25. No person suffering from, or having very recently recovered from, small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, yellow fever, or measles, shall expose himself, nor shall any one expose any one under his charge in a similar condition, in any conveyance, without having previously notified the owner or person in charge of such conveyance of the fact of such condition as above stated. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health to have this section printed on a card, and to furnish the owner of each public conveyance with a copy thereof; and it shall be the duty of the owner of such conveyance to display such card in such conveyance, and the owner or person in charge of such conveyance must not, after the entry of any person so infected into his conveyance, allow any other person to enter it, without having sufficiently disinfected it under the direction of the Board of Health.

Sec. 26. No person shall let or hire

any house, or room in a house, in which a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, has recently existed, until the room or house and premises therewith connected have been disinfected to the satisfaction of the Board of Health; and for the purposes of this section, the keeper of a hotel, inn or other house for the reception of lodgers shall be deemed to let or hire part of a house to any person admitted as a guest into such hotel, inn or house.

Sec. 27. Members of any household in which small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles exists, shall abstain from attending places of public amusement, worship or education, and, as far as possible, from visiting other private houses.

Sec. 28. The clothing, bed clothing and bedding of persons who have been sick with any communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, and the rooms which they have occupied during such sickness, together with their furniture, shall be disinfected under the direction of the Board of Health.

Sec. 29. No animal affected with a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, shall be brought or kept within the limits of this borough, except by permission of the Board of Health (and Borough Council), and the bodies of animals dead of such disease or killed on account thereof shall not be buried within five hundred feet of any residence, nor disposed of otherwise than as the said Board, or Council, or its health officer shall direct.

Sec. 30. No milk which has been watered, adulterated, reduced or changed in any respect from its natural condition by the addition of any foreign substance, shall be brought into, held, kept or offered for sale at any place in this borough.

Sec. 31. No meat, fish, birds, fowls, fruit, vegetables, milk and nothing for human food, not being then healthy, fresh sound, wholesome, fit and safe for such use, nor any animal or fish that died by disease, and no carcass of any calf, pig or lamb, which at the time of its death was less than three weeks old, and no meat therefrom shall be brought within the limits of this borough, or offered or held for sale as food anywhere in said Borough.

Sec. 32. It shall be the duty of the occupant of every house within the limits of this borough in the month of May, in each and every year, to cleanse the cellars thereof of all dirt, vegetable and other impure matter calculated to engender disease, and to cause them to be thoroughly whitewashed with fresh lime.

Sec. 33. It shall be the duty of every adult and every parent, guardian or master of every minor, residing within the limits of this borough who has not had small-pox, or been vaccinated, so as to have taken cow-pox regularly, to be, if an adult, vaccinated, or, in the case of a minor, to cause such minor to be vaccinated within six months from the date of the passage of this ordinance, unless unable to do so by reason of poverty; and it shall be lawful for any regularly educated physician residing in this borough on application of such resident adult, or parent, master or guardian of such resident minor, who are unable by reasons of poverty to pay the vaccination fee, to vaccinate said adult or said minor, and present his bill therefor, properly authenticated, for an amount not exceeding the fee usually charged for such services, and to recover the same of and from the corporation.

Sec. 34. No pupil shall be allowed to attend the public schools in this borough who has not been vaccinated successfully within seven years.

Sec. 35. No parent, guardian or master, in whose house or family there shall have been a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, shall permit any child residing in said house or family to attend any public, private or Sunday school, after the cessation of said disease, within a period of ten days after the house shall have been thoroughly disinfected and cleaned. And it shall be the duty of the school board to have this section printed on cards, mentioning the names of diseases declared communicable and dangerous to the public health in this ordinance, and posted in every school room in this borough; and it shall be the duty of each teacher to read the section to the school at least once a month, and whenever any epidemic shall appear. And it shall be the duty of the Board of Health to have this section printed on cards and furnished to every private school, academy, seminary, kindergarten and Sunday school in this borough and to request the person or persons in charge of such private institutions to post such cards in conspicuous places, and read the section to the school at least once a month, and whenever any epidemic shall prevail.

Sec. 36. Every undertaker or other person who may have charge of the funeral of any dead person shall procure a properly filled out certificate of the death and its probable cause, in accordance with the form prescribed by the State Board of Health, and shall present the same to the designated officer or member of the Board of Health, and obtain a burial or transit permit thereupon, at least twenty-four hours before the time appointed for such funeral; and he shall not remove any dead body until such burial or transit permit shall have been procured.

Sec. 37. Every person who acts as a sexton or undertaker, or cemetery keeper, within the limits of this borough or has the charge or care of any tomb, vault, burying ground or other place for the reception of the dead, or where the bodies of any human beings are deposited, shall so conduct his business and so care for any such place above named, as to avoid detriment or danger to public health; and every person undertaking preparations for the burial of a body dead from communicable diseases as hereinbefore enumerated, shall adopt such precautions as the Board of Health (or Borough Council) may prescribe to prevent the spread of such disease. No dead body shall be exhumed and removed between the months of May and October inclusive, and no body dead from small-pox shall ever be exhumed and removed.

Sec. 38. Every person violating sections 3, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, or 31 of this ordinance, shall be liable, for every such offence, upon conviction before any burgess, justice or magistrate, to a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$100, at the discretion of the convicting burgess, justice or magistrate, besides costs, which the convicting burgess, justice or magistrate may inflict.

Sec. 39. Every person violating any other section or provision of this ordi-

nance, shall be liable, for every such offence, upon conviction before any burgess, justice or magistrate, to a fine of not less than \$3 or more than \$20, at the discretion of the convicting burgess, justice or magistrate, besides costs, which the convicting burgess, justice or magistrate may inflict if he see fit.

Sec. 40. All police officers, constables and watchmen are enjoined, and all citizens are respectfully desired, to give information to the Board of Health of any violation of these ordinances, so that the sanitary laws providing for the cleanliness and health of the borough may be fully executed, and all offenders promptly punished.

Acts of Assembly Conferring Sanitary Powers on Borough Councils in Pennsylvania.

Every borough within this Commonwealth that hereafter may be incorporated by an act of the General Assembly, or by the court of quarter sessions of any county, shall have power

To make all needful regulations respecting the foundations and party-walls of buildings, and respecting vaults, cess-pools, sinks, drains and partition fences, as may be necessary.

To enter upon the land and premises of any person or persons, for the purposes authorized by this act, by themselves and their duly-appointed officers and agents.

To prohibit and remove any obstructions in the highways of the borough, and any nuisance or offensive matter, whether in the highways or in public or private ground, and to require the removal of the same by the owner or occupier of such grounds; in default of which, the corporation may cause the same to be done, and collect the cost thereof, with twenty per centum advance thereon, in the manner provided herein for the cost of pavements made by the corporation.

To prohibit within the borough the carrying on of any manufacture, art, trade or business which may be noxious or offensive to the inhabitants; the manufacture sale or exposure of fire-works or other inflammable or dangerous articles, and to limit and prescribe the quantities that may be kept in one place of gunpowder, fire-works, turpentine and other inflammable articles and to prescribe such other safeguards as may be necessary.

To make such regulations relative to accumulation of manure, composts and the like, in barns, stables, yards and other places, and to prohibit the carrying of logs within the borough or within such limits within the same as they may prescribe.

To prohibit within the borough the burial or interment of deceased persons, or within such partial limits within the same as they may from time to time prescribe, and to regulate the depth of graves.

To make such other regulations as may be necessary for the health and cleanliness of the borough.

For the purpose of carrying this act into effect, every borough or incorporated town within this Commonwealth shall have power, by its proper officers, to pass such ordinances or by-laws as may be necessary for that purpose, and also to impose fines, to be collected by action of debt, or penalties, to be enforced by summary conviction, as for a breach of the peace, before any alderman, magistrate or justice of the peace of said borough or incorporated towns.

**Bids Wanted.**

Sealed proposals for the building of a P. O. S. of A. hall in Rathmel will be received up to Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 1893. Plans and specifications can be seen at the store of John Smith in Rathmel. All bids shall be sent to the undersigned on or before the above date. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to let to the lowest and best bidder.

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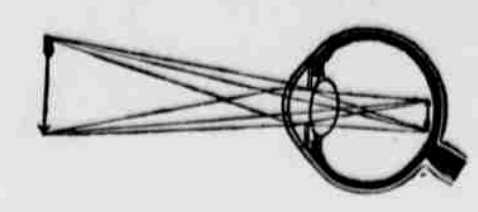
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