

## **SECTION 400 HEALTH OFFICER**

### **400.01 WATER SUPPLIES.**

The Health Officer shall direct from time to time that samples of water be taken from private wells, from public wells and the public water system, from wells used by more than one family and from places to which the public is invited, frequents or is served. He/She shall have these samples analyzed and catalogued according to the standards established by the State Board of Health and make such recommendations regarding the water samples as he/she shall deem necessary to the Mayor.

### **400.03 FOOD, DRUGS AND BEVERAGES.**

The Health Officer may inspect all premises engaged in the manufacture, processing, distribution, storage or sale of food, beverages, drugs, liquors, milk, ice, or any other product or products that are intended for human consumption, as well as the utensils, dishes, containers used in the cleaning, preparation, serving or eating of any of the aforementioned products to insure the purity and cleanliness of the same or the sanitation, cleanliness of the premises, personnel and facilities, and to recommend to the owner or proprietor such changes as he/she deems necessary.

### **400.05 INSPECTION POWERS.**

The Health Officer shall have the right to enter any building, conveyance, or place where contagion, infection, filth or other source or cause of preventable disease exists or is reasonably suspected for the purpose of inspection at any reasonable hour and during an emergency at any hour. He/She shall have the authority to report and condemn as unfit for human habitation until corrected any building or residence which does not have an adequate supply of potable running water or where there is not in operation a flush toilet connected to the public sanitary sewer where such sewer is available.

### **400.07 AUTHORITY.**

The Health Officer shall have the authority to order the abatement of any condition or nuisance that shall constitute a public health threat, cause of sickness or safety hazard to the general public, including children, or to persons working, living, playing or residing at or near the property or object in question. He/She shall have the right to quarantine any person or persons, building or structure when necessary. He/She shall have the power to order the removal or to proscribe areas containing dead or diseased animals, decayed or decaying

vegetable matter, poisons, filth, explosives or dangerous substances or conditions dangerous to life or limb, or the extermination of rodents or vermin or any other disease-producing materials or the breeding of germs, harmful bacteria, or insects including flies.

400.09. ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES.

Subd. 1. The Health Officer shall in the event the owner, proprietor, occupant or agent refuses to obey his order, leave a written notice of any dangerous, harmful, unhealthy or offensive condition existing with the Clerk setting forth:

- A. Name of violator (if known)
- B. Location
- C. Nature of condition existing
- D. The type of corrective action necessary

Subd. 2. The Clerk shall cause a police officer to personally serve such notice on the owner, proprietor, occupant (if available) or on the agent (if known), otherwise to post said notice on the premises. All notices shall contain the following: In the event of failure to remove, abate, correct or eliminate the above condition as directed by the Health Officer within 10 days from this date, then the City shall abate said dangerous, harmful, unhealthy or offensive condition at the expense and cost to the owner of the real property, not to exceed \$100.00, and any violator shall be subject to all the penal provisions of this Code.

400.11. POWER OF ARREST.

The Health Officer shall have the power of arrest for violation of this Code and any violation of State laws or regulations of the State Board of Health having the force and effect of law.

400.13 NON-INTERFERENCE.

It is unlawful to obstruct, interfere with or impede the Health Officer in the performance of his/her official duties or to remove any sign posted by order of the Health Officer relating to any area or building without the prior approval of the Health Officer or the Mayor.