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(a) The Members of the Board of Health shall serve without compensation. They shall severally take and subscribe the oath prescribed for borough officers and shall annually organize by the choice of one of their number as president.

They shall select a Secretary, who shall keep the minutes of their proceedings and perform such other duties as may be directed by the board, and a health officer who shall execute the orders of the board, and for that purpose the said health officer shall have and exercise the powers and authority of the policeman of the Borough. The Secretary and the health officer shall receive such salary as may be fixed by the board, and shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the board. They shall severally give bond to the Borough, the Secretary in the sum of five hundred dollars, the health officer in the sum of one hundred dollars, and shall also take and subscribe the oath required by the Members of the board.

(b) All fees which shall be collected or received by the board, or by any officer thereof in his official capacity, shall be paid into the Borough treasury monthly, together with all penalties which shall be recovered for the violation of any regulation of the board.

(c) No Justice of the Peace or other officer, exercising election election officers, shall at the same time be a member of the board of this borough, or hold any office or appointment under the same.

Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health of Ford City Borough, for the better preservation of the Public Health, to prevent the spread of Communicable Diseases, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

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Rule #1. Whatever is dangerous to human life or health, whatever renders the air, food, water or other drink unwholesome; whatever building, erection or part, or collar thereof is over-crowded or not provided with legal means of access or ingress, is not sufficiently supported and ventilated, are declared to be nuisances and to be illegal; and every person being aided in creating or contributing to the same, or who has support, contribute or maintain any of them, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this ordinance and also liable for the same as if he were the author thereof.

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Rule #2. No house refuse, offal, garbage, dead animals, decaying matter or organic waste matter of any kind, shall be thrown or allowed to be run into any street, alley, road, ditch, gutter, lot, ground 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 adjacent out-building or

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Rule #3. It shall be the duty of the occupant and owner or owners of every house or building within this Borough on or before the 15th day of May in each year, to clean the cellars thoroughly of all dust, vegetable and other impure matter calculated to engender disease, and to cause said cellars to be thoroughly white-washed with fresh lime, and to clean up the yard belonging to such premises; Any one as aforesaid, refusing to do so, shall be liable to the penalty provided for the violation of this rule, and also liable to the Board of Health for the expense of having the said work done, to be recovered as provided by law.

Rule #4. All stables and stable-yards shall be kept clean, and between the 15th of May and 15th of October, not more than one wagon-load of manure at any private stable, or more than three wagon-loads of manure at any livery stable, shall be allowed in or near to same at any one time except by express written permission of the Board of Health, and when necessary to remove such manure from the premises as aforesaid, it shall be done in such a proper manner as none of it may be dropped or left in any street, road, lane or other passageway within the limits of this Borough.

Rule #5. All privy vaults, cess pools, or reservoirs of like nature, shall be cleaned out as often as the contents therein shall reach to within 3 feet of the surface of the ground, and at any other time when ordered to be cleaned by the Board of Health, either in the Spring not later than the 15th of May, or in the Autumn not later than the 15th day of October, on week days between the hours of 8 P.M. and 6 A.M. in such a manner as to be least offensive to adjoining properties, and from the 15th day of May to the 15th day of October of each year, they shall be thoroughly disinfected by adding to their contents once every two weeks, from one to four gal. of disinfectant solution composed of Chloride of Lime, six ounces to one gal. water, according to size of vault, cess pool or reservoir. All privy vaults or cess pools are hereby prohibited from being used as such, wherein the surface of the contents or material contained therein, is less than 3 feet below the surface of the lot.

Rule #7. Upon the cleaning of privy vaults, cess pools or reservoir is commenced, it must be prosecuted continuously to completion, and when any of them are ordered to be cleaned by the Board of Health, they must be emptied to the bottom.

Rule #6. The abandoning of old privies, vaults, cess pools or reservoirs, without having removed the contents or filled the same in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Health, is deemed a nuisance prejudicial to public

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92 Rule #8. No person shall transport through any of the public streets or alleys, any of the material removed from any privy vault, cess pool or like reservoir, except in an air tight apparatus or in such a manner that none of the contents of the transporting vessel, including gases or odors, escape from it, and such material shall be disposed of under direction of the Board of Health.

92 Rule #9. No person shall be allowed to engage in the business of cleaning privy vaults, cess pools or reservoirs, or of collecting and removing house refuse, garbage, offal, dead animals and like substance within the limits of Ford City Borough, without having first obtained from the Board of Health a license to engage in such work.

92 Rule #10. The license to clean privy vaults, cess pools or reservoirs shall by order of the Board of Health be issued under the President's signature, attested and sealed by the Secretary, and the fee thereof shall be eight dollars per year, and no license shall be granted for less than one year.

92 Rule #11. All sewers shall be water-tight. No sewer drain shall empty into any standing water, water courses, running water, gutters, creeks, or runs, within said Borough.

92 Rule #12. The house drain and other pipes for conveyance of sewerage, shall be laid with uniform grad and with a fall of not less than one inch in four feet, except in those cases where the Board of Health may specially permit otherwise.

93 Rule #13. All pipes connecting a water closet with soil pipe shall be trapped, each separately. All waste pipes shall be trapped each separately, and close to the connections to each bath, sink bowl or other fixture, unless adequate provision is made for downward ventilation through said waste pipe, in such case one trap may serve for several fixtures.

93 Rule #14. All soil pipes shall be carried at their full size, at least two feet above the roof, and left open and clear from any window.

73 Rule #15. The joints of vitrified pipe shall be carefully cemented under and around the pipe and the joints of cast iron pipe shall be run and filled with lead.

93 Rule #16. All changes in direction shall be made with curved pipe. All joints and pipe shall be made air-tight. The entire work must be made by a skillful mechanic in a thorough and workmanlike manner, and satisfactory to the Board of Health.

Rule #17. Before proceeding to construct any portion of the drainage

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owner, builder or person constructing the same, file with the Board of Health a plan thereof showing the whole drainage system, from the connection with the common sewer to the terminus in the house; together with the location and size of all drainage traps, ventilating pipes and fixtures, and such work must be done subject to the approval of said Board of Health.

93 Rule #18. All drains or sewers now built shall be reconstructed whenever in the opinion of the Board of Health such reconstruction shall be deemed necessary.

3 Rule #19. The sewerage from each building on every street or alley provided with a common Boro. Sewer, shall be conducted into said sewer under the direction of the Board of Health of this Borough. No connection between a house sewer and the Boro. Sewer shall be made without a written license from the said Board of Health, which can be obtained only on payment, to said Board of the sum of two dollars for each connection.

14 Rule #20. No person shall carry on the business of plumbing or house drainage within the Borough, except a master plumber, or journeyman plumber duly registered in the Book of the Board of Health of said Borough, and to whom a license or permit shall have been granted by said Board, and such registration shall only be allowed and license or permit issued by said Board, after a proper examination made by said Board assisted by a competent plumber to be chosen by said Board, for which examination a master plumber shall pay to said Board five dollars, and a Journeyman plumber two dollars.

4 Rule #21. The following named diseases are claimed to be communicable and dangerous to the public health, viz: Smallpox (Variola and Varioloid), Cholera (Asiatic and epidemic), Scarlet Fever (Scarlatina and scarlet rash), Measles, Diphtheria (diphtheretic, Croup and Diphtheretic Sore Throat), Typhoid Fever, Typhus Fever, Yellow 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:

74 Rule #22. Whenever any house-holder knows that any person within his family or household has a communicable disease dangerous to the public health, as specified in Rule #21 hereof, such house-holder shall immediately report the same to the Board of Health, giving the St. and number of location of the house or premises, and the Health Officer shall, if the Board of Health deem ^{not} it advisable, placard the house, which placard shall be removed until it is ordered by Board of Health.

4 Rule #23. Whenever any physician finds that any person whom he has called on to visit has a communicable disease dangerous to the public health, as

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the house or premises on receipt of which the Health Officer shall, if the Board of Health deem it advisable, immediately suitably placard the house or premises, which placard shall not be removed until ordered by the Board of Health, and notify the teacher or principle of every school, Academy, Seminary or Kindergarten, of all pupils residing in the family in which the disease exists. It shall be the duty of such physician and all other attendants upon persons affected by such communicable disease, to avoid exposure to the public of any garments or clothing about their person that may have been subjected to risk of infection.

95 Rule #24. No person shall within the limits of this Borough, unless permitted by the Board of Health, carry or remove from one building to another any patient afflicted with any communicable disease dangerous to the public health as specified in Rule 21. Nor shall any person by any exposure of any individual so afflicted, or of the body of such an 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 needless exposure of himself or herself, cause or contribute to the spread of disease from any such afflicted individual or dead body thereof.

95 Rule #25. There shall not be any public or church funerals of any person who has died of Asiatic Cholera, Smallpox, Typhus Fever, Diphtheria, Yellow Fever, Scarlet Fever or Measles, and the family of the diseased shall in all such cases, limit the attendance to as few as possible, and take all precaution possible to prevent the exposure of other persons to contagion or infection; and the person authorizing the public notice of the death of such person from a communicable disease shall have the name of the disease that caused the death appear on such public notice; and the body of any person who has died of any of the diseases mentioned in this rule, shall be buried or cremated within twenty-four hours after death, unless the Board of Health permits a longer time for said burial, for special and satisfactory cause shown.

96 Rule #26. No person suffering from or having very recently recovered from Smallpox, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Yellow Fever, Asiatic Cholera or Measles shall expose himself or herself, nor shall anyone expose any person under his or her charge under similar conditions in any public or private conveyance without having notified the owner or person in charge of such conveyance of the fact of such condition as above stated; and the owner or person in charge of such conveyance must not, after the entry of any person so affected into his conveyance, allow any other person to enter such conveyance without having notified the owner or person in charge of such conveyance of the fact of such condition as above stated.

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96 Rule #27. No person shall let or hire any house or building or room in any house or building in which a communicable disease dangerous to the public health(as specified in Rule #21) has existed, until the room or house and premises therewith connected have been thoroughly disinfected under the direction of the Board of Health; and for the purpose of this section, the keeper of any hotel, inn, or other building for the reception of lodgers, shall be deemed to let or hire a part of the house or building to any person admitted as a guest into such hotel, inn or house.

96 Rule #28. The clothing or bed-clothing of any person that has been sick with any communicable disease dangerous to the public health (as specified in Rule #21) and any rooms which they have occupied during such sickness, together with their furniture shall be destroyed or thoroughly disinfected under the direction of the Board of Health, at the cost of the owner thereof.

7 Rule #29. No animal affected with a communicable disease dangerous to the public health, shall be brought into or kept within this Borough except by the permission of the Board of Health; and the bodies of animals dead of such disease or killed on account thereof, shall not be buried within the Borough.

97 Rule #30. No parent, guardian or master, in whose house or family there shall have been a communicable disease dangerous to the public health (as specified in Rule #21, except Typhoid Fever) shall permit any child residing in said house or family to attend any public, private, Sunday or other schools within a period of ten days after the house shall have been thoroughly disinfected and cleaned under the direction of the Board of Health; and it shall be the duty of the School Board, Trustees, or other persons having said schools in charge to have this section or rule printed on cards, mentioning the names of the diseases declared communicable and dangerous to the public health in Rule #21, and posted in every school room in this Borough; and it shall be the duty of each teacher to read these rules to the school at least once each month and whenever any epidemic appears; and it shall be the duty of the Board of Health to have this rule 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 institution to post such cards in conspicuous places, and to read the rule to the school at least once each month and whenever any epidemic appears.

97 Rule #31. No parent, guardian, householder or master, in whose house or family there has been a communicable disease dangerous to the public health (as specified in Rule #21) shall permit any child to carry to church, Sunday

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98 in Sunday Schools, public or private schools, that were in such house during said sickness, and all toys or books used or handled in said house during the prevalence of such communicable disease, shall be burned or disinfected.

98 Rule #32. Any physician who attends a person during a last illness, shall prepare and sign at once, "upon the death of such person" A certificate of death" on the form prescribed by the Board of Health of this Borough, and hand the same to the undertaker or other person who has charge of the burial of such dead person, and such undertaker or other person shall procure from such physician a properly filled out "Certificate of Death" and present the same to the Secretary of the Board of Health, together with his own certificate in relation to deceased, and shall obtain a burial or transit permit thereupon, at least twelve hours before the time appointed for said funeral, and he shall not remove any dead body until such burial or transit permit shall have been procured. The form of the undertaker's certificate herein mentioned shall be prescribed by the Board of Health of this Borough.

98 Rule #33. Every person who acts as Sexton or Undertaker or keeper of any cemetery within the limits of this Borough, or who has charge or care of any tomb, vault or burying ground, or any place for the reception of the dead, or where the bodies of human beings are deposited, shall conduct his business and shall take care for any public place above named, as to avoid detriment or danger to the public health, and every person undertaking preparation for the burial of a dead body from a communicable disease as heretofore mentioned and enumerated shall adopt such precautions as to prevent the spread of such disease from such body. No dead body shall be exposed or removed between the months of May and October, and no dead body from Small Pox shall ever be exposed or removed without permission of the Board of Health.

79 Rule #34. All Births occurring within this Borough must be reported forthwith by the physician or other person in charge of attendance upon the same to the Board of Health.

99 Rule #35. No milk which has been sterilized, 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.

99 Rule #36. No meat, fish, birds, fowls, fruit, vegetables, milk and nothing for human food not being therein healthy, fresh, sound, wholesome, fit and safe condition for use, nor any fish or animal that died of disease

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less than four weeks old, and no meat therefrom shall be brought, offered or held for sale as food anywhere within the limits of this Borough.

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Rule #37. Every person violating Rules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of this ordinance shall be liable for any such offense upon conviction, before any Burgess, Justice or Magistrate, to a fine of not less than \$3.00 nor more than \$20.00 at the discretion of the convicting Burgess, Justice or Magistrate, besides costs which the convicting Burgess, Justice or Magistrate may inflict if he sees fit.

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Rule #38. Every person violating Rules 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of this ordinance, shall be liable for any such offense, upon conviction before any Burgess, Justice or Magistrate, to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$100.00 at the discretion of the convicting Burgess, Justice or Magistrate, besides costs which the convicting Burgess, Justice or Magistrate may inflict if he sees fit, and in default of payment thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo such imprisonment as the law directs.

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Rule #39. Every person violating Rules 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of this ordinance shall be liable, upon conviction before any Burgess, Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, to a fine not exceeding \$100.00 at the discretion of the convicting Burgess, Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, besides costs which the convicting officer may inflict if he sees fit.

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Rule #40. All Police Officers, Constables and Watchmen are enjoined, and all citizens are respectfully desired to give information to the Board of Health, (or Borough Council) of any violation of these rules, so that the Sanitary Laws providing for the cleanliness and health of the Borough may be fully executed and all offenders promptly punished.

All the foregoing rules and regulations were adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Health, held December 1st, 1899.

President of Town Council

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approved this 1st day of December 1899.

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