

FORD CITY BOROUGH ORDINANCE NO. 67

Ford City, Pa. June 6th, 1914.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Health of Ford City Borough this day held, rules and regulations for the protection of the public health were adopted, which rules and regulations have been incorporated in the form of a proposed ordinance, and are hereby submitted to the President and the Council of the Borough, with the request that the same be approved and ordained as an ordinance of the Borough of Ford City.

We believe these rules and regulations to be in conformity, in every way with the Act of 1913.

D. H. Houston
President of the Board of Health.

Attest: J. A. Mott
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An Ordinance providing for the appointment and maintenance of a Board of Health, defining its powers and duties, and its relation to the Borough and its inhabitants thereof for the protection of the public health and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Burgess and Town Council of the borough of Ford City, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same.

10 ARTICLE #1. From and after the passage of this ordinance a Board of Health shall be established and maintained in the Borough of Ford City.

11 ARTICLE #2. Relating to appointment of members of the Board and its maintenance.

11 Section #1. The President of the Town Council shall appoint as members of the Board of Health, five members, residents of the municipality, at least one of whom shall be a reputable physician of not less than two years experience in the practice of his profession, At the first appointment however, one member shall be appointed to serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years; and thereafter one member shall in like manner be appointed each year to serve for five years.

11 All vacancies in said board, no matter how caused, shall be filled in like manner, by appointment, by the President of the Town Council, and the appointee shall hold his office until the first Monday in January next succeeding his appointment.

11 Section #2. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health to submit annually, to the Town Council, before the commencement of the fiscal year, an estimate of the probable expenditures of the board during the ensuing year; and the Town Council shall then proceed to make such appropriation thereto as may be necessary.

11 Section #3. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health, in the month of January, of each year, to submit a report, in writing, to the Town Council, of its operations and expenditures for the preceding year, together with such other information on subjects relative to the sanitary condition or requirements of the Borough as may be necessary, and the Town Council shall cause such written report to be copied in full in their minute book.

11 Section #4. Additional rules may from time to time be adopted by the Board of Health for their regulation, which additional rules must be enacted into law by the Town Council before becoming effective.

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ARTICLE #3. Power and duties of the Board of Health.

Section #1. It shall be the duty of each of the members of the Board of Health, immediately after his appointment, to take and subscribe to the oath provided for borough officers.

Section #2. Immediately after the members of the Board of Health have been appointed and qualified, they shall meet for organization, and shall elect a president from among the members of the Board, a secretary who may or may not be a member of the Board, and a health officer, who shall not be a member of the Board, and who shall serve for a period of one year or until their successors shall be elected. The secretary and health officer shall receive such salary as may be fixed by the board and ratified by the borough Council. They shall severally give bond to the borough in the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for the faithful discharge of their duties, and shall also take and subscribe to the oath required by members of the board.

Section #3. The Board of Health shall meet regularly at a stated time and place at least once each month, and shall hold other special meetings as the health conditions of the borough may require, and shall meet annually for the purpose of re-organization and election of officers.

Section #4. The Board of Health, from time to time, may adopt such rules and regulations not in any way abridging the laws of the Commonwealth, or the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health, which may be needful for the protection of the health of the people of the borough, together with penalties for violations thereof, and submit the same to the borough Council for enactment into law.

Section #5. The Board of Health shall have general supervision of the sanitary conditions of the borough, and it shall be their duty to abate nuisances in accordance with the laws of this state, and the further provisions of this ordinance and of such other ordinances as may be hereafter enacted for the protection of the public health.

Section #6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health to report annually to the State Department of Health, the names and addresses of the Secretary and Health Officer, the number of cases of communicable disease which have existed within the borough during the year, the number of houses that have been quarantined and disinfected, the method of disinfection, and such other information as may be required by the Commissioner of Health.

Section #7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health to provide the necessary minute book and books of record for the proper performance of the duties of the Secretary of the Board, and also to provide placards, notices,

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cards shall be furnished to the physicians practicing within the borough.

13 ARTICLE #4. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

Section #1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Health to keep careful and accurate minutes of all proceedings of the board, to keep accurate accounts of the expenditures of the Board, to draw and certify under the seal of the Board of Health all orders upon the Treasurer of the Borough for the payment of moneys on account of the Board of Health, and present same to the president of the Board for his approval to render statements of expenditures to the Board at each stated meeting or as frequently as they may require. To prepare under the direction of the Board the annual report to the Borough Council, together with the estimate of the appropriations needed for the ensuing year and to perform such other duties as the Board may require.

Section #2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Health to report to the State Department of Health at the end of each week, and for the fraction of each week, occurring at the end of each month, upon blanks supplied by the Department of Health for that purpose, a list of the cases of communicable disease mentioned in Section #1 of the Act of 1909, they being the diseases which physicians are required by law to report to the health authorities, which have been reported to the Board of Health during said period which report shall contain the names of each person suffering therefrom respectively, and his or her age, sex, color and nativity, together with the name of the disease and the date of the onset thereof; and in the event of no reports of any of said diseases having been received by the Board of Health during the said period, that fact shall be reported to the State Department of Health. Section 23, Act of May 14th, 1909.

14 ARTICLE #5. DUTIES OF HEALTH OFFICER.

Section #1. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer to execute the orders of the Board of Health. He shall attend all special and stated meetings of the Board, and shall at all times be ready and available for the prompt performance of his official duties.

Section #2. Upon the receipt of a report from a Physician of a case of communicable disease, which under the laws of the commonwealth, the rules and regulations of the State Department of Health and the rules and regulations of the Local Board of Health, is required to be under quarantine, he shall forthwith place the premises upon which such contagious disease exists under quarantine, together with any person or persons who has or have to be exposed thereto, in the manner provided by the laws of the Common-

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15 rules and regulations of the Local Board of Health, and shall post upon the premises in which said disease may be located a placard upon which shall be printed in conspicuous letters the name of the disease from which the person or persons is or are suffering, with the warning that the said premises are quarantined, and shall so remain until the quarantine has been removed by the health authorities, that no person shall be permitted to enter or leave, or take any article from the house under quarantine without written permission from the health authorities, excepting physicians, nurses, or clergymen, and that no person or persons shall deface, cover up, or destroy the placard, and citing the penalty provided by law and by ordinance for violation of quarantine restrictions.

15 Section #3. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer upon the receipt of information from any source that a case or cases of quarantinable disease exists on any premises, to go to such premises and make an investigation concerning such report. If it is admitted by the householder that there is a quarantinable disease on the premises, he shall immediately placard and quarantine the premises, in the manner provided in Section #2 of this Article. If it is admitted that the disease exists and the house is quarantined, or if it is not admitted, and the Health Officer has reason to believe that the case of quarantinable disease may exist on the premises, it shall be his duty to take with him on the premises, the physician of the Board of Health, or some other physician deputized by the Board of Health who shall make an investigation and diagnosis, and if a case of quarantinable or reportable disease is found upon the premises, said physician shall thereupon regularly report the case to the Board of Health in the manner required by law, and of quarantinable and not already placed under quarantine, the Health Officer shall thereupon immediately quarantine the premises in accordance with the provisions of section #2 of this Article.

16 Section #4. Quarantine restrictions shall be maintained for scarlet fever and small-pox for a period of at least thirty days from date of onset of the last case on the premises, for chickenpox, diphtheria, measles, German measles and mumps for a period of at least twenty-one days from the date of onset of the last case on the premises, and for whoopingcough, erysipelas, and all other quarantinable diseases until complete recovery of the last patient afflicted.

16 Section #5. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer to thoroughly acquaint himself with the provisions of all acts pertaining to above, the rules and regulations of the State Department of Health, the ordinance of the Borough for the protection of the public health, and the rules and regu-

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17 duties regarding the quarantining and disinfecting of premises and persons, and the isolation of children from the public and other schools as may be required by the aforesaid laws, regulations and ordinances. He shall promptly notify the Principals, Superintendents, Teachers and other persons in charge of the public, private, parochial, Sunday or other schools of the Borough, of all cases of communicable diseases occurring within the Borough, for which isolation from school is required by law, giving the names of all pupils or other persons suffering from such disease or having been in contact therewith and further giving notifications that such pupils or other persons shall be excluded from school and shall only be readmitted upon certificate signed by the Health Officer or physician authorized so to do by the Board of Health.

17 Section #6. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer to make stated sanitary inspections of the streets and alleys and premises in the Borough at such time as the Board of Health may direct, and to report to the Board of Health all nuisances detrimental to public health. He shall also at the direction of the Board of Health upon complaint of citizens or property owners or otherwise, make special investigation of alleged nuisances, and report concerning same to the Board of Health and perform such other duties regarding the abatement of nuisances as the Board may direct.

17 Section #7. Under direction of the Board of Health the Health Officer in his official capacity shall act as prosecutor in all cases of violation of health laws, ordinances, or rules and regulations, or any prosecutions for the abatement of nuisances detrimental to public health.

ARTICLE #6. DUTIES OF PHYSICIANS.

17 Section #1. Every physician practising within the limits of this Borough who shall treat or examine any person suffering from or afflicted with any communicable disease, which under the provision of section 4, article 5, the rules and regulations of the State Department of Health, or the rules and regulations of the Board of Health of this Borough, is required to be reported to the Health authorities, shall forthwith report each and every such case to the Board of Health of this Borough on report cards furnished to them for such purpose, and for any failure to so report, shall upon conviction thereof be liable to the penalty provided by section 24 of the Act of May 14th, 1909.

17 Section #2. Every physician practising within this borough who shall have in his charge any case of communicable disease which has been placed under quarantine, shall notify the Board of Health in writing of the recovery or

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18 death of the person afflicted and request that disinfection be performed, provided that such disinfection and request shall conform to the time specified by this ordinance and by the laws of the Commonwealth, the rules and regulations of the State Department of Health or the local Board of Health for the duration of the quarantine period of such disease.

Section #3. No physician practising within the limits of this Borough shall conceal or in any way aid, abet, or encourage the concealment of any 18 case of quarantinable disease, or in any way hinder or interfere with the Health Officer or Health Authorities in the proper performance of their duties.

ARTICLE #7. DUTIES OF UNDERTAKERS.

Section #1. It shall be the duty of all undertakers who shall receive and prepare for burial the bodies of any persons, who have died within the limits of this Borough, of any of the diseases set forth in Section 17 of the Act of May 14th, 1909, to strictly observe the provisions set forth in Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of the said act, as well as any further regulations of the State Department of Health, or of the local Board of Health. The undertaker or any person acting in such capacity shall be responsible for any violation of such provisions and shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 24 of said act.

ARTICLE #8. DUTIES OF SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

Section #1. It shall be the duty of the Principal, Superintendent, teachers or other persons in charge of the public, private, parochial, 18 Sunday or other schools of this borough, to refuse admission to the schools of any pupil or other person who by reason of the provisions of Section 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 of the Act of May 14th, 1909, are excluded from attendance at said schools, and to re-admit such pupils or other persons only upon presentation of a certificate such as is provided in Section 8 of said act, signed by the Health Officer of the borough or other physician or person duly authorized by the local Board of Health to sign such certificate.

Section #2. It shall be the duty of every principal, superintendent, teacher or other person having charge of any public, private, Parochial, Sunday or other school, who may have reason to suspect that any pupil 19 or other person in attendance at such school may be suffering from a communicable disease for which school exclusion is required to forthwith report each and every case to the Board of Health of the Borough, and to exclude such pupils or other persons from the school, pending an examination and report from the Health authorities.

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ARTICLE #9. MILK.

19 Section #1. No person, firm or corporation shall sell milk or cream either wholesale or retail, either by vending or from a fixed place of business without a license from the Board of Health first having been obtained, the number of which shall be conspicuously displayed on his wagon or at his place of business as required by law.

19 Section #2. All licenses shall be valid for the term of one year, subject however to revocation by the Board of Health for any violation of the Laws of the Commonwealth or the ordinances of the Borough or the regulations of the health authorities regulating the sale of milk.

20 Section #3. All licenses for the sale of milk shall be granted without fee or charge, but no applicant shall be entitled to receive such license until he shall have conformed to the requirements of the Board of Health and shall have furnished full information concerning same, the source of his milk supply and the method by which it shall be handled.

ARTICLE #10. SALE OF FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS.

20 Section #1. No person, firm or corporation who shall conduct any store, shop, stand or delivery wagon within the limits of this borough, for the sale of meat, fish, butter, eggs, fruit, vegetables, bread or other article of food, which is subject to decay, mould or decomposition, shall have or keep in or about such store, shop, stand or wagon, any meat, fish, butter, eggs, fruit, vegetables, bread or other articles of food which are decayed, decomposed or spoiled, as to render them unwholesome, offensive or otherwise unfit for human consumption.

20 Section #2. All stores, shops, stands and wagons from which articles of food are vendèd or sold, must at all times be kept clean and in a sanitary condition, free from offensive odors or any accumulation of decomposed animal or vegetable matter and shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Health Officer of the borough or other authorized agent of the Board of Health.

20 Section #3. No person, firm or corporation selling meat, fish, fruit or vegetables, shall expose them on sidewalks or on outside counters at stores, shops or on stands, or in wagons, unless they be at least two and one half feet from the ground, pavement or floor, and shall be thoroughly screened and protected from flies.

ARTICLE #11. SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

21 Section #1. No slaughter house wherein cattle, hogs, sheep, or lambs are slaughtered shall be maintained within this borough which is so con-

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the soundness, healthfulness or wholesomeness, or otherwise render unfit for human food the meats or meat-food products therein prepared, stored or sold, or shall be in violation in any way of the act of Assembly approved the twenty fifth day of May, 1907.

21 Section #2. Every slaughter house shall be furnished with a sufficient supply of running water. The floors shall be paved with asphalt, cement or other impervious matter in which no leaks shall be permitted to exist, and which floors shall be washed at least once each week with hot water, and shall be from time to time disinfected in such manner as the Board of Health may direct.

21 Section #3. No blood, manure, offals, or other refuse shall be allowed to accumulate in or around the slaughter house or in any place within the borough where the same might or does become offensive and a menace to health.

21 Section #4. All slaughter houses shall be open to inspection at all times by the Health Officers or other sanitary agent of the Board of Health, and any orders or instructions issued by the Board of Health regarding the same, must be promptly observed by the owner or other persons in charge.

ARTICLE #12. DEAD ANIMALS.

21 Section #1. The carcass of any animal which shall have died within the limits of the Borough shall be removed within twenty four hours and properly disposed of by the owner of the animal if the owner be known, or by the owner of the property on which the dead animal is found, or in case the ownership is unknown and the carcass is found on a street, alley or public place, it shall be removed by the Board of Health and in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE #13. HOG PENS.

22 Section #1. No hog pens shall be constructed or maintained within the limits of this borough, and no hogs shall be kept within the limits of the borough except temporarily for slaughter which keeping shall be under the direction of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE #14. GARBAGE.

22 Section #1. Garbage as herein used is intended to include all kinds of organic kitchen refuse. All garbage must be either burned on the premises where it accumulates within a stove, furnace, or incinerator, or buried on the premises, or it must be kept in tightly covered metallic cans not too large for convenient handling, which cans must be emptied and their contents removed and properly disposed of at least twice a week during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October,

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ARTICLE #15. DUTIES OF CITIZENS.

23 Section #1. No head of a family, boarding house, or hotel keeper or other person shall secrete or otherwise keep on their premises unknown to the Board of Health, any person suffering from a communicable disease which is required to be quarantined under the laws of this commonwealth, the rules and regulations of the State Department of Health or the regulations of the local Board of Health.

23 Section #2. No head of a household or other person shall refuse to admit the Health Officer or a physician deputized by the Board of Health to their premises at any time, or shall in any way interfere with or hinder any representative of the Board of Health in the performance of their duties in making an investigation of a suspected case of contagious disease or of a nuisance, or any other matter which might be a menace to the public health.

23 Section #3. No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained on any property owned or occupied by him or her within this borough any condition productive of a nuisance, detrimental to the public health or which may be so declared by the Board of Health, and upon receipt of a notice from the Board of Health that such a condition exists on the property owned or occupied by him or her, it shall be his or her duty to abate the nuisance created thereby to the satisfaction of the Board of Health within the time specified in said notice.

23 Section #5. No person shall install or use any system of disposal of sewage, either by privy vaults, cesspools, or by connection with a municipal sewer system except such methods be in accordance with a regularly adopted system which has been planned by a competent sanitary engineer and approved by the commissioner of health. All cesspools, privy vaults and sewer connections must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the system so approved and adopted.

23 Section #6. No person shall place upon any public street or alley of this borough any tin cans, broken glass or other objectionable refuse or organic matter subject to decomposition, either vegetable or animal, or shall allow kitchen waste from any property owned or occupied by him or her to run into any alley or street, or any other gutter along any street or alley, or to accumulate upon the surface of the ground in any place in such manner as to be offensive, or to constitute a menace to health.

24 Section #7. No person shall spit on any sidewalk, in any street car, public conveyance, or on the floor or steps of any public hall or building.

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ARTICLE #16. PENALTIES.

Section #1. Any President of Council or Councilmanic body or majority thereof who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of article two of this ordinance, shall upon Quo warranto preceding or other legal institute by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth be subject to dismissal from office.

Section #2. Any member of the Board of Health who shall without sufficient cause or without having been excused from attendance by the Board of Health, fail to attend the stated meetings of the Board of Health, or otherwise neglect his duties as a member of the Board of Health for a period of six months, shall be considered to have withdrawn from membership in the said Board, and the President of the Council of the said Borough shall proceed to fill the vacancy thus created in accordance with article 2 of this ordinance.

Section #3. Any Secretary of the Board of Health or Health Officer who shall neglect to perform his duty in accordance with article 4 and 5 of this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of not more than Twenty-five Dollars or dismissal from office, or both, at the discretion of the Chief Burgess.

Section #4. Any physician who shall violate the provisions of section 2 or section 3 of article 6 of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof before the Chief Burgess or any Justice of the Peace of the Borough be subject to a fine of not more than Twenty Dollars to be paid to the Treasurer of the Borough.

Section #5. Any Principal, Superintendent, or other person in charge of any school who shall violate the provisions of section 1 of article 6 of this ordinance shall be subject to the penalty provided by section 24 of Act of May 14th, 1909, and any Principal, Superintendent, teacher or other person in charge of a school who shall violate Section 2 of Article 7 of this Act, shall upon conviction thereof before the Chief Burgess or any Justice of the Peace of the Borough be subject to a fine of not more than Twenty Dollars, payable to the Treasurer of the Borough.

Section #6. Any person firm or corporation violating the provisions of Article 9,10,11 of the ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof before the Chief Burgess or any Justice of the Peace of the Borough be liable to a fine of not more than One hundred Dollars or imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than thirty days, or both.

Section #7. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of Article 12,13,14, and 15 of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof before the Chief Burgess or a Justice of the Peace of the Borough, be subject to a fine

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ARTICLE #17.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Adopted the 3rd day of August 1914.

Alvin Stewart President Pro Tem.

Attest: D. O. Conrad Secretary.

Office of the Chief Burgess approved the 4th day of August 1914.

Signed A. J. Fair Chief Burgess.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly advertised and posted.

D. O. Conrad
Secretary Town Council