

CHAPTER 7

HEALTH AND SANITATION

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7-1. SPRING CLEANING.

The owner or occupant of a dwelling-house, store, or other building shall annually, not later than the first day of June, clean the cellar thereof and the land occupied in connection therewith, of all waste material and all deleterious animal and vegetable matter.

Sec. 7-2. DECAYING MATTER.

No person shall suffer or permit decaying animal or vegetable matter to be kept in any dwelling-house, store, or other building, or the cellar thereof, or on land occupied in connection therewith; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the keeping of manure by a livery-stable keeper as required by his license or by others in a reasonable amount more than fifty feet from a street or occupied dwelling-house or store, nor to the reasonable fertilization of land, nor to the keeping, for a reasonable time before interment, of the remains of a person deceased of a non-contagious or non-infectious disease.

Sec. 7-3. SURFACE DEPOSITS OF OFFENSIVE OR UNHEALTHFUL MATERIALS.

No person shall deposit, or suffer or permit to remain, upon the surface of land owned or occupied by him, or deposit upon land owned or occupied by any other person within the city of Montpelier or upon lands of the city of Montpelier, any swell, house offal, kitchen refuse, sink-water, sewage, slops, or decaying animal matter, or any solid or liquid matter that does or may generate disease or emit unhealthy gases or offensive odors; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the reasonable fertilization of land.

CROSS REFERENCE: Allowed stable manure accumulation; see Sec. 7-6 this Code.

Sec. 7-4. OFFENSIVE DRAIN OR CESSPOOL.

No person shall permit or suffer a privy, cesspool, or drain upon premises owned or occupied by him to become unwholesome, unfit for use, or dangerous to the public health.

Sec. 7-5. DEPOSIT OF VOLATILE FLUIDS IN DRAINS OR SEWERS.

No person shall deposit in any sewer or drain any waste gasoline or other volatile fluid in such quantity as to emit offensive odors.

Sec. 7-6. STABLE MANURE ACCUMULATION.

No owner or occupant of a stable within the limits of the inner or outer fire districts shall suffer or permit more than one-half cord of manure to accumulate or remain uncovered outside of a building.

Sec. 7-7. OFFENSIVE SMELLING LAND OR DWELLINGS.

No owner or occupant of any land or building shall suffer or permit the same to be in such condition, for any reason, as to emit offensive odors, or to be injurious to the public health, or to render soil, air, water, food, or drink unwholesome.

Sec. 7-8. WATER CONTAMINATION.

No person shall deposit or place in any spring or reservoir of water any material or thing making such water unfit or unhealthful for use.

Sec. 7-9. SALE OF FOOD IN OPEN CONTAINERS.

No person shall expose for sale in any street, public place, park, common or open place of public resort, at an open booth, stall or stand, any food or drink, in form or condition for human consumption, except in dust-proof cases or containers.

Sec. 7-10. VIOLATIONS.

It shall be the duty of the health officer to report to the city attorney for prosecution any violation of the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 7-11. ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE.

Any person causing, suffering or permitting any nuisance specified in this chapter shall, within twenty-four hours after receiving written notice therefor from the health officer or the city attorney, abate the same.

CHARTER REFERENCES: Power to compel removal or cleansing of unwholesome or offensive conditions, T. 3, Sec. 17 (XI); Power to compel cleaning or repair of premises which seriously impair the general appearance of the city, T. 3, Sec. 17 (XII), 1955 Charter.

Sec's. 7-12 to 7-199. Reserved.

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