

MUNICIPAL DAIRIES AND LAUNDRIES

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF  
MUNICIPAL DAIRIES AND LAUNDRIES.

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CHAPTER I

SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF DAIRIES

Duties of Municipal Council to keep a register of all dairymen and milk vendors.

**2.** It shall be the duty of the Municipal Council-

(a) to keep a register of the names and addresses of all dairymen and milk vendors selling or supplying milk to any person or persons resident within the Municipality, and of all dairy premises and milk stores used, from time to time, by each of them for the production, deposit, or distribution of such milk;

(b) to strike off such register the names and addresses of all persons who shall have ceased, or become disqualified as hereinafter provided, to carry on the business of dairymen or milk vendors ;

(c) to keep such register open at all reasonable times for inspection by the Director of Health Services or any officer appointed by him in writing, and to furnish any extract from the same that he may require ;

(d) to cause to be inspected all such dairy premises and milk stores, and the cattle, appliances, and utensils therein used for the production or distribution of milk, at the time prescribed in any regulations for the time being in force under this Chapter, and to enter the date and result of every such inspection in the register;

(e) to furnish in the month of January of each year to the Director of Health Services a report of the Municipal Council's proceedings under this Chapter in respect of the supervision and regulation of dairies during the preceding twelve months, in such form as may be prescribed by any regulation for the time being in force under this Chapter.

Powers of Mayor of the Municipal Council to enter dairy premises or milk stores. **3.**

(1) The Mayor of the Municipal Council shall have the following powers in addition to any other powers in this Ordinance conferred, namely:-

(a) to enter or authorize the entry at all reasonable

times into or upon any dairy premises or milk store for the purpose of making any inspection by this Chapter authorized, to take away samples of the milk there found, and of the water of any well or other source of water supply therein or thereon, for the purpose of examination or analysis only;

(b) to require any dairyman or milk vendor, by notice in writing, to cleanse and maintain in a sanitary condition his dairy premises or milk store and any utensils therein used as aforesaid;

(c) to require any dairyman or milk vendor, by notice in writing, to close any well or other source of water supply in or on his dairy premises or milk store, or used in connexion therewith, which is so polluted or unwholesome as to be unfit for human consumption, and to wholly discontinue the use of the water thereof for any purpose whatsoever, for such period as the Mayor shall direct, or to fill up the said well or source of water supply and keep the same so filled up ;

(d) to refuse or cancel the registration of any dairyman or milk vendor in respect of any dairy premises or milk store which is in an insanitary condition, or in which the provisions for lighting, ventilation, drainage, lavatory, and privy accommodation or water supply are not such as are necessary for health, or for the cleanliness of the appliances and utensils used therein, or for the protection of any milk therein against infection or contamination.

(2) For the purposes of this section the term "the Mayor of the Municipal Council " shall include the medical officer of health of the Municipality.

Dairymen and others to apply for registration.

**4.** Every dairyman and milk vendor engaged in the sale or supply of milk to any person or persons in any Municipality at the time of this Ordinance coming into force shall within three months of such time, and every dairyman and milk vendor thereafter commencing to engage in such sale or supply shall, before so commencing, apply to the Municipal Council to cause to be entered on the register for that Municipality his name and place of residence, and the locality of every dairy premises and milk store used or to be used by him, and thenceforward, from time to time, any change of such residence, or discontinuance by him to use any former, or commencement by him to use any other, dairy premises or milk store, and immediately upon such registration, and whilst the same continues in force, shall in some conspicuous place affix to and maintain in legible letters his name and the words " Registered Dairyman " or " Registered Milk Vendor ", as the case may be, upon every dairy premises or milk store in respect of which he is so registered, and to and upon every cart or

other vehicle used by him for the distribution of milk.

Unregistered Persons forbidden to sell or supply milk. **5.** It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or supply milk to any person or persons in any Municipality if his name and place of residence, and every dairy premises and milk store used for the purpose of the production, deposit, or distribution of any such milk, are not entered upon the register for that Municipality;

Provided that persons engaged in the sale or supply of milk in any Municipality at the time of this Ordinance coming into force shall not be affected by the provisions of this section until after the lapse of three months from such time.

Infectious disease in dairy premises. amp c. to be reported immediately. **6.** On the appearance of any case of infectious disease in man or beast in any dairy premises or milk store, the householder or occupier, or if there be no such householder or occupier, the owner of such premises or store, and also the medical practitioner attending the case, shall immediately report, in writing, such case to the Municipal Council.

Dairyman to supply names, addresses of customers. **7.** Whenever it shall appear to the Mayor of the Municipal Council, or be certified to such Mayor by any medical practitioner, that the spread of infectious disease is in his opinion attributable to the milk supplied by any dairyman or milk vendor, the Mayor may require such dairyman or milk vendor wholly to discontinue such supply, distribution, and sale of milk, and to furnish forthwith, upon demand, a full and complete list of the names and addresses of all his customers, and to give such assistance to discover the residence of all or any of them as the Mayor making the inquiry may deem necessary; and every such dairyman or milk vendor shall, for the purposes of such inquiry only, be deemed to be within the Municipality of the Mayor making the inquiry, whether he is actually resident within the Municipality or outside its limits.

Persons suffering from infectious diseases, or having been recently exposed to infection, not to take part in dairy operations. **8.** No person following the trade of a dairy farmer, cow-keeper, dairyman, or purveyor of milk, or being the occupier of a milk store or milk shop, shall knowingly allow any person suffering from any infectious disease, or having recently been exposed to infection from a person so suffering, to milk cows or to handle vessels used for containing milk, or in any way to take part or to assist in the conduct of the trade or business of the dairy farmer, cow-keeper, dairyman, or purveyor of milk, or occupier of any milk store or milk shop, as far as regards the production, distribution, or storage of milk, until he shall have shown to the satisfaction of the Mayor of the Municipal Council that all danger of communication of infection to the milk, or of its contamination, has ceased.

Sale or supply of unwholesome milk forbidden **9.** It shall not be lawful for any person selling or supplying milk to any person or persons resident in any Municipality to store, keep, or deposit any milk in any room used for sleeping or dwelling in, or in any other place or way calculated to render such milk unwholesome or injurious to health, or to sell or supply any milk which shall have been produced from any diseased animal, or which shall have been in any place or way exposed to infection from any person suffering from any infectious disease, or which shall have been upon or in any dairy premises or milk

store from which the sale of milk has been directed to be discontinued on account of infectious disease as provided in section 7 of this Ordinance.

Penalties, amp c. **10.** Every person who shall wilfully disobey, or act in violation of, any of the provisions contained in either of the last six preceding sections, or shall resist or wilfully obstruct any person in the lawful exercise of any of the powers conferred under section 3 of this Ordinance, or shall without lawful excuse neglect or disobey any requirement made under the provisions of sections 3 and 7 hereof, or shall neglect or refuse to obey any order or direction of the Mayor of the Municipal Council or the medical officer of health of the Municipality made under the said sections within the time limited in that behalf by such order or direction, shall for every such offence be liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding two hundred rupees.

Minister to declare what are infectious disease. **11.** The Minister on the recommendation of the Director of Health Services shall, as soon as practicable after the passing of this Ordinance, declare what are infectious diseases for the purposes of this Chapter, and may hereafter, from time to time, add to, alter, or amend such declaration as may seem necessary or advisable- And the Director of Health Services shall forthwith furnish a copy of each such declaration, and of each such addition, alteration, or amendment to the Municipal Council.

Summary jurisdiction and appeal. **12.** All information for offences against this Chapter may be heard and determined, and all penalties under section 10 may be imposed, by the Municipal Magistrate in a summary way on the complaint of any officer of the Municipal Council;

Provided always that any person aggrieved by any adjudication of such Municipal Magistrate may appeal therefrom to the Court of Appeal. And such appeal shall be governed by the provisions regulating appeals contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure Act;

Provided further that all fines imposed under this Chapter shall be paid to the Municipal Council of the Municipality wherein the offence is committed.

Power to issue regulations. **13.** It shall be lawful for the Municipal Council to issue, from time to time, regulations, subject to the provisions of this Chapter, for the purpose of carrying the same into effect.

Interpretation. **14.** The following expressions in inverted commas, when occurring in this Chapter, or any regulations thereunder, shall, for the purposes thereof, bear the meanings hereinafter respectively assigned to them, unless inconsistent with the context, namely:-

"dairy premises" means any building, shed, land, or place used for the stalling, grazing, feeding, or milking of cattle for the purpose of producing milk to be sold or supplied, or any building or place used for the purpose of depositing or storing milk when so produced ;

" milk store " means any building, shed, or stall used for the purpose of depositing, storing, or exposing milk for the purpose of selling or disposing thereof;

" dairyman " means the occupier of any dairy premises as hereinbefore defined, or any person engaged in the production of milk for sale or supply for profit to other persons;

" milk vendor " means the occupier of any milk store as hereinbefore defined, or any person engaged in the storage or distribution of milk for sale or supply to other persons ;

" register " means the register of dairymen and milk vendors and of dairy premises and milk stores kept under the authority of this Chapter;

" medical practitioner" means a person holding a qualification which would entitle him to be registered under the following Acts of Parliament of the United Kingdom, to wit:-the Medical Act (21 and 22 Vict. c. 90), and the Medical Act, 1886 (49 and 50 Vict. c. 48), or any other Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom which may be enacted in lieu thereof.

Provisions of this Chapter to extend to dairy premises situated outside Municipal limits.

**15.** The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to dairymen, milk vendors, dairy farmers, cow-keepers, and purveyors of milk, whether resident within or without the limits of the Municipality, who may sell or supply milk to any person or persons resident within the Municipality, and to dairy premises, milk stores, and milk shops, whether situated within or without the limits of the Municipality, from which milk is sold or supplied to any person or persons resident within the limits of the Municipality, and to the occupier of such premises, stores, or shops.

## CHAPTER II

### SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF LAUNDRIES

Duty of Municipal Council to keep register of all laundry men.

**16.** It shall be the duty of the Municipal Council-

(a) to keep a register of the names and addresses of all laundry men washing for any person resident within the Municipality, and of all laundry premises used, from time to time, by each of them for the washing, ironing, or deposit of clothes;

(b) to strike off such register the names and addresses of all persons who shall have ceased, or become disqualified as hereinafter provided, to carry on the business of laundry men;

(c) to keep such register open at all reasonable times for inspection by the Director of Health Services or any officer appointed by him in writing, and to furnish any extracts therefrom that he may require ;

(d) to cause to be inspected all such laundry premises and the appliances and utensils therein used for the washing or ironing of clothes, at the time prescribed in any regulations for the time being in force under this Chapter, and to enter the date and result of every such inspection in the register;

(e) to furnish in the month of January of each year to the Director of Health Services a report of the Municipal Council's proceedings under this Chapter in respect of the supervision and regulation of laundries during the preceding twelve months, in such form as may be prescribed by any regulation for the time being in force under this Chapter.

Powers of Mayor of the Municipal council to enter laundry premises.

**17.**

(1) The Mayor of the Municipal Council shall have the following powers in addition to any other powers in this Chapter conferred, namely:-

(a) to enter or authorize the entry at all reasonable times into or upon any laundry premises for the purpose of making any inspection by this Chapter authorized ;

(b) to require any laundry man, by notice in writing, to cleanse and maintain in a sanitary condition his laundry premises and any utensils therein used as aforesaid ;

(c) to require any laundry man, by notice in writing, to desist from using any well or other source of water supply in or on his laundry premises, or used in connexion therewith, which is polluted or unwholesome, and to wholly discontinue the use of the water thereof for any purpose whatsoever, for such period as the Mayor shall direct, or to fill up the said well or source of water supply and keep the same so filled up;

(d) to refuse or cancel the registration of any laundry man in respect of any laundry premises which are in an insanitary condition, or in which the provisions for ventilation, drainage, lavatory, and privy accommodation or water supply are not such as are necessary for health or for the cleanliness of the appliances and utensils used therein, or for the protection of any clothes therein against infection or contamination.

(2) For the purposes of this section the term " the Mayor of the Municipal Council " shall include the medical officer of health of the Municipality.

Laundry men and others to apply for registration.

**18.** Every laundry man engaged in the washing of clothes for any person or persons in any Municipality at the time of this Ordinance coming into force shall within three months of such time, and every laundry man thereafter commencing to engage in such washing shall, before so commencing, apply to the Municipal Council to cause to be entered on the register for that Municipality his name and place of residence and the locality of every laundry premises used or to be used by him, and thenceforward, from time to time, any change of such residence, or discontinuance by him to use any former, or commencement by him to use any other, laundry premises.

Unregistered persons forbidden to wash clothes.

**19.** It shall not be lawful for any person to wash clothes for any person or persons in any Municipality if his name and place of residence and every laundry premises used by him for the purpose of the washing, ironing, or deposit of any such clothes are not entered upon the register for that Municipality.

Infectious disease in laundry premises. and c. to be reported immediately.

**20.** On the appearance of any case of infectious disease in any person or persons in any laundry premises or laundry store, the householder or occupier, or if there be no such householder or occupier, the owner of such premises, and also the medical practitioner attending the case, shall immediately report in writing such case to the Municipal Council.

Laundry man to supply names and

**21.** Whenever it shall appear to the Mayor of the Municipal Council, or be certified to such Mayor by any medical practitioner, that the spread of



addresses of customers.

infectious disease is in his opinion attributable to the clothes washed and distributed by any laundry man, the Mayor may require such laundry man wholly to discontinue his business or trade for such time as the Mayor shall direct, and to furnish forthwith, upon demand, a full and complete list of the names and addresses of all his customers, and to give such assistance to discover the residence of all or any of them as the Mayor making the inquiry may deem necessary.

Persons suffering from infectious disease or having been recently exposed to infection not take part in laundry operations.

**22.** No person following the business or trade of a laundry man, or being the occupier of laundry premises, shall knowingly allow any person suffering from any infectious disease, or having recently been exposed to infection from a person so suffering, to wash or handle clothes or the utensils used for washing the same, or in any way to take part or to assist in the conduct of the trade or business of the laundry man or occupier of any laundry premises as far as regards the washing, ironing, distribution, or storage of clothes, until he shall have shown to the satisfaction of the Mayor of the Municipal Council that all danger of communication of infection to, or of contamination of, the clothes has ceased.

Laundry operations prohibit in places exposed to infection.

**23.** It shall not be lawful for any laundry man to wash, iron, store, keep, or deposit any clothes in any room in which there shall be clothes which shall have been in any place or way exposed to infection from any person suffering from any infectious disease, or which shall have been upon or in any laundry premises in which the distribution of clothes has been directed to be discontinued, on account of infectious disease, as provided in section 21 of this Ordinance.

Penalties, amp c.

**24.** Every person who shall wilfully disobey or act in violation of any of the provisions contained in either of the last six preceding sections, or shall resist or wilfully obstruct any person in the lawful exercise of any of the powers conferred under section 17 of this Ordinance, or shall without lawful excuse neglect or disobey any requirement made under the provisions of sections 17 and 21 hereof, or shall neglect or refuse to obey any order or direction of the Mayor of the Municipal Council, or the medical officer of health of the Municipality made under the said section within the time limited in that behalf by such order or direction, or shall lend, hire, or use any article of clothing which he may receive for the purpose of being washed or ironed, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding two hundred rupees.

Minister to declare what are infectious diseases.

**25.** The Minister, on the recommendation of the Director of Health Services shall, as soon as practicable after the passing of this Ordinance, declare what are infectious diseases for the purposes of this Chapter, and may thereafter, from time to time, add to, alter, or amend such declaration as may seem necessary or advisable. And the Director of Health Services shall forthwith furnish a copy of each such declaration and of each such addition, alteration, or amendment to the Municipal Council.

Summary Jurisdiction and appeals.

**26.** All offences against this Chapter may be heard and determined, and all penalties under section 24 may be imposed, by the Municipal Magistrate in a summary way on the complaint of any officer of the Municipal Council:

Provided always that any person aggrieved by any adjudication of such Municipal Magistrate

may appeal therefrom to the Court of Appeal. And such appeal shall be governed by the provisions regulating appeals contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure Act;

Provided further that all fines imposed under this Chapter shall be paid to the M municipal Council of the Municipality wherein the offence is committed.

Power to issue regulations. **27.** It shall be lawful for the Municipal Council to issue, from time to time, regulations, subject to the provisions of this Chapter, for the purposes of carrying the same into effect.

Interpretation. **28.** The following expressions in inverted commas, when occurring in this Chapter, or any regulations thereunder, shall, for the purposes thereof, bear the meanings hereinafter respectively assigned to them, unless inconsistent with the context, namely:-

" laundry premises " means any building, shed, land, place, well, or other source from which water is obtained, used for the purpose of carrying on the business or trade of washing or drying of clothes for any person or persons for hire, or any building, shed, or place used by any laundry man for the purpose of ironing, depositing, or storing clothes;

" laundry man " means the occupier of any laundry premises as hereinbefore defined, or any person engaged in the washing, drying, ironing depositing, or storing of clothes for other persons for hire ;

" register" means the register of laundry men, of laundry premises and laundry stores kept under the authority of this Chapter;

\* " medical practitioner" means a person holding a qualification which would entitle him to be registered under the following Acts of Parliament of the United Kingdom, to wit: - the Medical Act (21 and 22 Vict. c. 90), and the Medical Act, 1886 (49 and 50Vict. c. 48), or any other Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom which may be enacted in lieu thereof.( See also sections 29 and 74 of the Medical Ordinance.)

Provisions of this Chapter to extend to laundry premises situated outside Municipal limits. **29.** The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to laundry men, whether resident within or without the limits of the Municipality, who may wash for any persons resident within the Municipality, and to laundry premises, whether situated within or without the limits of the Municipality, used for the purpose of washing, drying, ironing, depositing, or storing clothes for any person or persons resident within the Municipality.