

An Ordinance Concerning Public Health.
Be it ordained by the City Council of
the City of Grand Junction:

ARTICLE I - CITY PHYSICIAN.

SECTION 1. The city council may appoint a competent physician to be city physician and shall pay him such salary as shall be fixed by the council, and such additional sum during the prevalence of epidemic or contagious diseases as the council may in each case decide. He shall be the agent or health officer of the board of health, and it shall be his duty, acting under direction of the board, to assist the board in all matters relating to the sanitary condition of the city and perform the duties and services hereinafter indicated, or which may be prescribed by the board from time to time, for the preservation and improvement of the public health. He shall hold his office during the pleasure of the city council.

ARTICLE II - BOARD OF HEALTH.

SECTION 1. The mayor, city physician and city marshal are hereby constituted a board of health, for the city.

SEC. 2 The mayor shall be *ex officio* chairman and the city clerk shall be *ex officio* clerk of the board.

SEC. 3. They shall meet in the council room once in each month, at such time as the majority of the members shall elect, and may meet at such other times as any two members of said board may determine.

SEC. 4. The board shall have authority to make and establish rules for their own organization and government, and shall keep a record of their transactions, and any two members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. The board of health shall have the power, and it is hereby made their duty, to take all steps by them deemed necessary, to prevent the spread of infectious and contagious diseases within this city; may remove by force, if necessary, any person infected; may rent houses for hospitals; hire nurses and incur expenses for the proper removal and treatment of persons infected, which expenses shall be audited and allowed as other expenses, in cases where the patients are unable to pay the same.

SEC. 6. The said board of health are further invested with power, and it is hereby made a part of their duty, to order any nuisance or other matter or thing deemed by them injurious to the health of the city, abated or removed from any street, alley, house or premises in the city limits.

SEC. 7. All orders issued by said board shall be in writing, signed by the mayor, and shall be served by the city marshal, and said board may make all orders necessary for the purpose of carrying out the powers by this ordinance conferred upon the said board.

SEC. 8. The city marshal shall in all cases, upon serving any such order, designate some place outside of the city limits where any substance to be removed shall be deposited, and the depositing of such substance at any other place than that the designated, shall not be deemed a compliance with the order for removal.

SEC. 9. Whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the board of health, or of its officers or employees, that the condition of any building or premises is injurious to the health or dangerous to the lives of the occupants or of the public, it shall be the duty of the board or its agent to make a thorough examination of the building or premises, and to direct and instruct as to the remedy of such condition; and if this be not remedied within the time directed, the board shall thereupon cause such building or premises to be put in safe condition and in good sanitary order at the cost of the individual responsible for, or causing, or permitting, such unhealthy or dangerous condition.

SEC. 10. The board of health shall have jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to the preservation of the health of those in attendance upon the public and private schools in the city to which end it is hereby made the duty of said board.

To require that all persons attending said schools, either as teachers or pupils, shall have presented satisfactory evidence of proper and successful vaccination.

To exclude from such schools any persons suffering with a contagious or infectious disease, or liable to convey such disease to those in attendance.

To make regular inspections of all school buildings and premises as to their hygienic condition, and to report the results of such inspection to those having charge and control of such schools with instructions as to the remedy of conditions (if any such be found) whereby the health of those in attendance may be impaired or life endangered.

In the event of failure or refusal of those having such charge and control to carry out the instructions so given, then the board of health shall cause such faulty conditions to be remedied at the proper cost and expense of those who are responsible for the same.

SEC. 11. The board of health shall cause a thorough sanitary inspection of the entire area within its jurisdiction to be made at least once a year, and oftener if necessary. Such inspection shall include all matters affecting the public health.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the board to make an annual report and such other reports as may be required by the board of alderman, to the city council, which report shall contain a brief resume of their doings during the current year, and a statement of the sanitary condition of the city since their last report.

SEC. 13. Any person failing to comply with any order issued by the board of health under any of the provisions of this or other city ordinances, or interfering with the board or its agents in the performance of its proper duties, shall upon conviction, be fined not less than five nor more than fifty dollars.

ARTICLE III - CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of every physician to report to the city physician all cases of the following named contagious diseases that shall occur in his or her practice within the limits of this city, as soon as the nature of such is recognized, viz: Small pox, diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever, or any other contagious disease, and any physician who neglect to do so shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty for each offense.

SEC. 2. Whenever any such report is made to, or knowledge of, such contagious diseases shall otherwise reach the city physician, it shall be his duty to cause to be affixed, in a conspicuous place, to the house in which any of the aforementioned diseases exist, a card with the name of the disease reported, printed thereon in large letters, together with a yellow flag not smaller than eighteen inches square; and if any person shall deface or remove such card or flag, without the permission of the city physician, he or she shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.

SEC. 3. If the head of any household wherein any of the said contagious diseases shall exist, shall, during the contagious period thereof, permit any of the inmates under his or her control, who have been exposed to the contagion, to attend any school or other place of public resort within the limits of this city, whereby the health of the community may be endangered, or shall neglect to take reasonable precautions to otherwise guard against the spread of the contagion, he or she shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars.

Passed May 26th, 1891.

L. M. MILLER,
Mayor.

Attest

B. F. JAY,
City Clerk.

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L. M. Miller Mayor