

## ORDINANCE NO. 7.

*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 the city physician and shall pay him such salary as may be fixed by ordinance, and such additional sum during the prevalence of epidemic or contagious diseases as the council may in each case decide.

SEC. 2. He shall be the agent of the board of health and the health officer of the city; and he shall hold his office during the pleasure of the city council.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the city physician:

First—To keep on hand at all times a sufficient supply of good vaccine matter, and to vaccinate the poor and all other persons in the immediate vicinity of any person or house where any case of small-pox may exist.

Second—To superintend the city pest house, infirmary, or hospital and administer to all persons conveyed there who have no other physician.

Third—To visit and give all necessary medical and surgical aid to prisoners confined in the city jail.

Fourth—To inspect, as often as practicable the entire city, and to abate or cause to be abated, all nuisances affecting the health of the city, and requiring immediate action.

Fifth—To carefully inspect, from time to time, all meats, fowl, game, fish, vegetables, milk and cream, or other articles of food or drink, offered for sale within the city, and to condemn and seize such as may be decayed, foul, impure, adulterated or from any other cause rendered unfit for food or drink.

Sixth—To report to the city attorney all violations of the city ordinances in so far as such violations affect, or tend to affect the public health, and to make sworn complaint of such violations before the police magistrate.

Seventh—To assist the board of health in all matters relating to the sanitary condition of the city and to perform the duties and services required by this ordinance, or which may be prescribed by the board from time to time, for the preservation and improvement of the public health.

Eighth—To keep a correct record of all his official acts in a book to be purchased and kept for that purpose, and upon the expiration of his term of office to deliver the same, together with any other city property in his possession, to his successor, or in case no successor has been appointed, to the city clerk.

SEC. 4. The city physician shall have the power, to enter into or upon any premises or places where any meats, fowl, game, fish, vegetables, milk, cream or other articles of food or drink are sold or offered for sale, or where he has reason to believe any nuisance affecting the health of the city is being committed, and to properly analyze and test samples of said articles of food or drink, and to properly inspect said premises.

## 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 exercise a general supervision over the health of the city, with full powers to take all measures necessary to promote the cleanliness and salubrity thereof; to prevent the introduction, within the city, of contagious or infectious diseases, and to take all steps by them deemed necessary, to prevent the spread of such diseases; to remove by force or otherwise any person attacked by any such disease, and to adopt, in reference to such person, any regulations, restrictions or measures deemed advisable; to 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. Any quarantine instituted under the provisions of this ordinance shall continue until its removal by the order of the city physician or the board of health. No unauthorized person shall go upon said premises during such quarantine. No such quarantine shall be raised until the recovery of the person so afflicted and the thorough disinfection of such person and premises, sufficient to prevent the spread of any such disease.

In case of the death of any person so afflicted it shall be the duty of the householder or other person having control of such premises, to cause such premises to be thoroughly disinfected, and in all cases such disinfection of premises shall be conducted under the rules and regulations of the board of health. In case of death of any person so afflicted the board of health may order that the body be removed and buried in such manner as not to endanger the public health.

Sec. 7. The said board of health are further invested with power, and it is hereby made a part of their duties, 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. 8. All orders issued by said board shall be in writing, signed by the mayor, and shall be served by the city marshal or any police officer, and said board may make all orders necessary for the purpose of carrying out the powers by this ordinance conferred upon said board.

Sec. 9. The city marshal or police officer 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 designated, shall not be deemed a compliance with the order for removal.

Sec. 10. 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 unhealthful condition.

Sec. 11. 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 pupils or teachers, 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 responsible for the same.

Sec. 12. 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. 13. It shall be the duty of the board to make an annual report and such other reports as may be required by 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. 14. 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 duties, shall on conviction be fined not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars.

#### ARTICLE III. BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

SECTION 1. All physicians and accouchers of the city shall report to the city clerk, within thirty days of its occurrence, every birth and death which may come under their supervision. With birth, shall be reported the sex and color of child, date of birth and names of parents, and with deaths, the person's name, color, sex, date of death, place of residence, giving street and number, and the cause of death.

Sec. 2. Where any birth or death shall occur, no physician or accoucher being in attendance, the same shall be reported to the city clerk within the time, and with such details as are required in the preceding section, by the parent, or if none, by the nearest of kin not a minor, or if none, by the resident householder where the birth shall occur in case of a birth, or by the undertaker in charge in case of a death.

Sec. 3. All deaths coming to the official notice of the coroner shall be reported to the city clerk by him.

Sec. 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall on conviction be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars.

#### ARTICLE IV. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every physician to report to the city physician, or if said office be vacant to the city clerk, 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:

Smallpox, diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever, or any other contagious diseases.

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 printed thereon in large letters, together with a yellow flag not smaller than eighteen inches square; and no person shall deface or remove such card or flag, without permission of the city physician.

Sec. 3. No head of any household wherein any of said contagious diseases 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, and every such person shall take reasonable precautions to otherwise guard against the spread of the contagion.

Sec. 4. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall on conviction be fined in a sum not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Passed this 26th day of September, A. D. 1891.

EDWARD W. GANNON,  
Temporary President.

Attest: FRANK MCCLINTOCK,  
City Clerk Pro Tem.

*Edward W. Gannon*  
*Temporary President*

*Frank McClintock*  
*City Clerk*  
*Pro Tem*