

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

505 Pearl Street

New York City

SANITARY CODE AND REGULATIONS GOVERN-
ING THE TRANSPORTATION OF OFFAL,
BUTCHERS' REFUSE, MANURE, SWILL,
ASHES, GARBAGE, BONES, REFUSE AND
OTHER OFFENSIVE MATERIALS.

SANITARY CODE.

Sec. 239. *Transportation of offal and butchers' refuse regulated.*—No offal or butches' refuse or garbage shall be conveyed through any street or avenue or over any ferry in the City of New York without a permit therefor issued by the Board of Health, or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of said permit and with the Regulations of said Board.

No offal or butchers' refuse shall be brought into the City of New York.

Sec. 240. *Transportation of manure, swill, ashes, garbage, and offal regulated.*—No person shall engage in the business of transporting manure, swill, ashes, garbage, offal, or any offensive or noxious substance, or drive any cart for such purpose, in the City of New York, without a permit

therefor issued by the Board of Health or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of said permit and with the Regulations of said Board.

Sec. 241. Collection and transportation of bones, refuse, and offensive materials regulated.—No person shall gather, collect, accumulate, store, expose, carry, or transport in any manner through any street or public place, or into any building or cellar, in the City of New York, any bones, refuse, or offensive material without a permit therefor issued by the Board of Health, or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of said permit and with the Regulations of said Board.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF OFFAL, BUTCHERS' REFUSE, MANURE, SWILL, ASHES, GARBAGE, BONES, REFUSE AND OTHER OFFENSIVE MATERIALS, adopted March 30, 1915, effective April 1, 1915.

DEFINITIONS.—The terms, as herein defined, shall be taken to mean and include as follows:

Ashes.—Cinders, coal, and every other substance which is left unconsumed by fire in stoves, furnaces, ranges, fire-pots, fireplaces, and other such places.

Bones and butchers' refuse.—Trimmings from the carcasses of meat, which collect in butcher shops, markets, and other places.

Garbage.—Refuse food material, both cooked and uncooked, which has been produced at dwellings in course of domestic cooking.

Grease.—Fat which has been rendered or melted in the process of cooking at restaurants and other public places where foodstuffs are prepared.

Manure.—The excreta of horses, cattle, and other herbivorous animals kept in captivity, mixed or unmixed with straw or other bedding.

Offal.—The parts of butchered animals that are rejected as worthless or unfit for food.

Refuse.—Waste material other than rubbish, ashes, or garbage, that attends use or decay and accumulation from the occupancy of buildings or premises.

Rotten eggs.—All eggs which are not healthy, fresh, sound, wholesome and safe for human food.

Sweepings.—Dirt and manure taken from electric conduits in the street, and the sweepings collected on surface of streets, alleys, and other public places.

Swill.—Garbage collected from the kitchens of clubs, hotels, restaurants, and other places where foodstuffs are prepared for guests, patrons, or the use of the public in general.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Regulation 1. Permit to be displayed.—The permit issued by the Department of Health shall be securely fastened in a conspicuous place, on the right side, near the front of the vehicle used in the transportation of offensive materials.

Regulation 2. Vehicles not to stand in streets.—Vehicles used in the transportation of offensive materials, while loaded either wholly or in part,

shall not remain on the public street or place an unreasonable length of time, and shall not, except when unavoidable, stop in front of any premises other than those from which material is being collected.

Regulation 3. Maintenance of vehicles and containers.—All vehicles and containers therein shall be thoroughly cleaned upon the completion of each day's use, and so stored as not to cause a nuisance.

Regulation 4. Permit not transferable.—A permit issued by the Department of Health is not transferable from person to person or from vehicle to vehicle.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF OFFAL

Regulation 5. Escape of odors forbidden.—The vehicles and other apparatus used in the collection of offal shall be so constructed as to prevent the escape of offensive odors therefrom.

Regulation 6. Containers to be water-tight.—The offal shall be transported in barrels, boxes, or other receptacles which are water-tight, strongly constructed of metal or hard wood, and each fitted with a cover sufficiently tight to prevent the escape of offensive odors.

Regulation 7. Final disposal.—Offal transported under this permit may be delivered only to the following points:

- (a) To a dock or boat set aside for the receipt of offal or garbage.

- (b) To a contractor employed by the City of New York for the disposal of offal, garbage or other animal refuse.

- (c) To plants within the City of New York holding permits from the Department of Health to treat and dispose of material of this character.

Regulation 8. Loading and unloading to be within building.—All vehicles used in transporting offal shall be loaded and unloaded within the building from which the material is collected, or to which it is transported.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF BUTCHERS' REFUSE AND BONES

Regulation 9. Not to be brought into the City.—A permit to transport butchers' refuse and bones does not include or allow the collection of butchers' refuse and bones at points beyond the limits of the City of New York, nor does it permit or allow any butchers' refuse and bones to be brought into the city.

Regulation 10. Escape of odors forbidden.—The vehicles and other apparatus used in the collection of butchers' refuse and bones shall be so constructed as to prevent the escape of offensive odors therefrom.

Regulation 11. Containers to be water-tight.—Butchers' refuse and bones shall be transported in barrels, boxes, or other containers which are water-tight, strongly constructed of metal or some hard wood, and each fitted with a cover sufficiently tight to prevent the escape of offensive odors.

Regulation 12. Filling of receptacles regulated.
—When the amount of butchers' refuse and bones collected at any one point is within three-quarters of the capacity of the barrels or boxes, then this material shall be removed from premises in the receptacle in which it is collected.

Regulation 13. Sorting of material in public places forbidden.—The sorting of butchers' refuse and bones upon the sidewalk, in any public street, or in vehicles while on the public street, is strictly prohibited.

Regulation 14. Vehicles to be kept closed.—Vehicles transporting butchers' refuse and bones shall be kept closed while on the public streets, except while such material is actually being loaded into the receptacles thereon.

Regulation 15. Final disposal.—Butchers' refuse and bones transported under this permit may be delivered only to the following points:

- (a) To a dock or boat set aside for the receipt of offal or garbage.
- (b) To a contractor employed by the City of New York for the disposal of offal or garbage.
- (c) To plants within the City of New York holding permits from the Department of Health to treat and dispose of material of this character.

Regulation 16. Exception to separate containers.
—Vehicles used in transporting the flesh, fat, bones, heads or feet of animals from slaughter houses within twelve hours of the time after the animals have been killed, need not have separate

containers, provided the vehicles are used in transporting this material from the point of production to the point of destruction, and provided further that the vehicles are loaded and unloaded within the plants, except that when the material of this character is to be removed from the city in boats, it may be dumped into boats at some dock set aside for that purpose.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF MANURE

Regulation 17. Final disposal.—Manure may be transported in vehicles to dumps operated under a permit issued by the Department of Health, or to farms in the unimproved sections of the City of New York. (As amended by the Board of Health, February 25, 1919.)

Regulation 18. Vehicles to be tight.—Every vehicle used in transporting manure shall be tight and provided with a suitable cover so as to prevent the dropping of manure upon the street; if the cover be of canvas or of other similar material, it shall be of sufficient size to completely cover the manure within the vehicle, and shall be securely fastened on all sides to the vehicle.

Regulation 19. Vehicles to be loaded within premises.—No vehicles engaged in the transportation of manure shall be permitted to load upon the sidewalk, in an alley-way, in a yard, or any place except within the stable.

**ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE TRANSPORTATION OF ASHES AND
STREET SWEEPINGS**

Regulation 20. Vehicle uncovered.—Ashes and street sweepings shall be transported in a tight vehicle provided with a tight-fitting cover permanently secured to the body of the vehicle, and so arranged that two-thirds of the vehicle is covered when ashes or sweepings are being loaded therein.

Regulation 21. Final disposal of ashes and street sweepings.

- (a) Such materials may be delivered to any private dumping board along the waterfront of the city.
- (b) They may be deposited upon vacant lots provided a permit therefor has been issued.
- (c) They may be delivered to any dump maintained by the Street Cleaning Department, provided the said Department issued a permit therefor.

**ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE TRANSPORTATION OF GARBAGE
AND SWILL**

Regulation 22. Transporting garbage and swill into city forbidden.—A permit to transport garbage and swill does not allow the collection of garbage and swill at points beyond the limits of the City of New York, nor does it permit or allow any such materials to be brought into the city.

Regulation 23. Escape of odors forbidden.—The vehicles and other apparatus used in the collection of garbage and swill shall be so constructed as to prevent the escape of offensive odors therefrom.

Regulation 24. Sorting the garbage and swill in public places forbidden.—The sorting or mixing of garbage or swill in or upon any public place, or the transfer from one container to another, or from one vehicle to another while in or on a public place, is strictly prohibited.

Regulation 25. Vehicles to be kept closed.—Vehicles transporting garbage and swill shall be kept closed while on the public street, except while such materials, or the receptacles containing the same, are actually being loaded thereon.

Regulation 26. Containers to be tight.

- (a) Swill shall be transported in barrels, boxes, or other receptacles which are watertight and which are strongly constructed of metal or of some hard wood, and fitted with covers sufficiently tight to prevent the escape of offensive odors.
- (b) Garbage shall be transported in tight vehicles so constructed that liquids will not leak therefrom; said vehicles to be covered with adequate metallic or other approved covers to prevent the escape of offensive odors; or it may be transported in tight barrels or boxes constructed of metal or hard wood and fitted with tight-fitting covers; vehicles used in this manner shall also be covered.

Regulation 27. Filling of receptacles regulated.

—When the amount of garbage or swill collected at any one point is within three-quarters of the capacity of the barrels or boxes, then such materials shall be removed from the premises in the receptacles in which collected.

Regulation 28. Final disposal.—Garbage transported under the permit may be delivered only to the following points:

- (a) To a dock or boat set aside by the City of New York for the receipt of such materials.
- (b) To plants holding a permit from this Department to dispose of such materials.
- (c) To a dump maintained by the Department of Street Cleaning, provided said Department issues a permit for the receipt thereof.
- (d) To any place within the city.

**ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE TRANSPORTATION OF GREASE**

Regulation 29. Not to be brought into the city.

—A permit to transport grease does not include or allow the collection of grease at points beyond the limits of the City of New York, nor does it permit or allow any grease to be brought into the city.

Regulation 30. Escape of odors forbidden.—The vehicles and other apparatus used in the collection of grease must be so constructed as to prevent the escape of offensive odors therefrom.

Regulation 31. Containers to be tight.—The grease must be transported in barrels, boxes, or other receptacles which are water-tight, strongly constructed of metal or some hard wood, and fitted with covers sufficiently tight to prevent the escape of offensive odors.

Regulation 32. Filling of receptacles regulated.

—When the amount of grease collected at any one point is within three-quarters of the capacity of the boxes or barrels, then this material must be removed from the premises in the receptacles in which it was collected.

Regulation 33. Sorting in public streets forbidden.

—The sorting of grease upon the sidewalk, in any public street, or in vehicles while on a public street, is strictly prohibited.

Regulation 34. Vehicles to be kept closed.

—Vehicles must be kept closed while on the public street, except while grease is actually being loaded thereon.

Regulation 35. Final disposal.—Grease collected under the permit may be disposed of by any of the following methods:

- (a) It may be delivered to any dock or boat set aside by the authorities of the city for the reception of garbage, swill, offal or other similar material.
- (b) It may be delivered to any plant holding a permit from the Board of Health to render fat, manufacture lubricants, soap or any similar product.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF ROTTEN EGGS

Regulation 36. Rotten eggs not to be brought into the city.—A permit to transport rotten eggs does not include or allow the collection of rotten eggs at points beyond the limits of the City of New York, nor does it permit or allow any rotten eggs to be brought into said city.

Regulation 37. Escape of odors forbidden.—The vehicles and other apparatus used in the collection of rotten eggs must be so constructed as to prevent the escape of offensive odors therefrom.

Regulation 39. Containers to be tight.—The rotten eggs must be transported in barrels, boxes, or other receptacles which are water-tight, and are strongly constructed of metal or some hard wood, and each fitted with a cover sufficiently tight to prevent the escape of offensive odors.

Regulation 40. Rotten eggs to be denatured.—No rotten eggs shall be transported under this permit unless they have been denatured in a manner satisfactory to the Department of Health.

Regulation 41. Final disposal.—Eggs transported under the permit may be delivered only to the following points:

- (a) To a dock or boat set aside for the receipt of offal or garbage.
- (b) To a contractor employed by the City of New York for the disposal of offal or garbage.

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SANITARY CODE AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING RETENTION AND DISPOSAL
OF MANURE, OFFAL, GARBAGE AND
OTHER OFFENSIVE OR NAUSEOUS
SUBSTANCES

Sanitary Code

Sec. 242. Accumulations of manure, offal, garbage, and other offensive and nauseous substances; retention and disposal regulated. No pile, deposit or accumulation of manure, offal, dirt, or garbage, or any offensive or nauseous substance, shall be made within the built-up portions of the City of New York, or on or upon the piers, docks, or bulkheads adjacent thereto, or on or upon any vessel, boat, or scow lying at such pier, wharf, or bulkhead; nor shall such pile, deposit, or accumulation be made anywhere in said City within three hundred feet of any church or place of worship, or inhabited dwelling, without a permit therefor issued by the Board of Health or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of said permit and with the Regulations of said Board; and no person shall contribute to the making of any such pile, deposit, or accumulation without such a permit or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of such permit and the Regulations of said Board; nor shall any car loaded with or having in or on it any such substance or substances be allowed to remain or

stand on any railroad track, street, or highway, within three hundred feet of any inhabited dwelling, or elsewhere in said City, nor shall any vessel, boat, scow or float, loaded with any such substance or substances be allowed to remain at any pier, dock, or bulkhead in said City, without a permit therefor issued by the Board of Health, or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of said permit and with the Regulations of said Board; and no manure, garbage, or other material that is liable to emit an offensive exhalation shall, in or adjacent to the built-up portions of the City of New York, be turned or stirred, except in its removal, in such a way as to increase such exhalations by reason thereof; nor shall any straw, hay, or other substance, which has been used as bedding for animals, be placed or dried upon any street or sidewalk, or roof of any building; nor shall any such straw, hay, or other substance, or the contents of any mattress or bed, be deposited or burnt without a permit therefor issued by the Board of Health or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of said permit and with the Regulations of said Board.

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A. Regulations for retention of accumulations of offensive materials.

Regulation 1. Floor.—The floor space upon which manure, offal, garbage or other offensive or nauseous substance are stored shall be of cement, watertight, and graded to properly trapped sewer or cess-pool connected drains.

Regulation 2. Fly and mosquito breeding.—All accumulations of manure, offal, garbage or other offensive or nauseous substance shall be so treated

as to prevent the breeding of flies or mosquitoes therein or thereon.

Regulation 3. Liquids not to enter street.—No manure, offal, garbage or other offensive or nauseous substance, or liquid matter therefrom shall be allowed to enter, fall into or upon the street, or fall upon or flow over the sidewalk from such accumulations.

Regulation 4. Odors not to escape therefrom.—All manure, offal, garbage and other offensive or nauseous substance shall be treated and cared for so as to prevent the escape of offensive odors therefrom to the detriment or annoyance of any person or persons not engaged in the handling, care, treatment, accumulation or storing thereof.

B. Regulations for cars or vessels, standing or docking, for the loading or unloading of offensive materials.

Regulation 1. Time allowed in loading or passing.—No vehicle used for the transportation of manure, offal, garbage, and other offensive and nauseous substances shall be allowed to occupy an unreasonable length of time in loading or unloading or in passing through any inhabited place or grounds.

Regulation 2. Construction of cars or vessels.—The scows, vessels or railroad cars used for the transportation of manure, offal, garbage or offensive or nauseous substances shall be strong and tight, and the materials shall be so loaded and unloaded that no part thereof shall fall, leak or spill therefrom.

Regulation 3. Construction of docks.—The dock, pier, or bulkhead from which manure, offal, garbage

and other offensive or nauseous substances is loaded or unloaded upon or from scows or vessels shall be provided with suitable dumping boards and curtains, so that no such substances shall fall into the waters.

Regulation 4. Cleanliness of premises.—The dock, platform and ground surface of and around all such docks or places used for the loading or unloading of manure, offal, garbage and other offensive or nauseous substance shall be kept clean and free at all times from any accumulation of such offensive material thereon.