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Chapter 943

660.01 RESERVED.

660.02 SPREADING CONTAGION.

(a) No person, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that he is suffering from a dangerous, contagious disease, shall knowingly fail to take reasonable measures to prevent exposing himself to other persons, except when seeking medical aid.

(b) No person, having charge or care of a person whom he knows or has reasonable cause to believe is suffering from a dangerous, contagious disease, shall recklessly fail to take reasonable measures to protect others from exposure to the contagion, and to inform health authorities of the existence of the contagion.

(c) No person, having charge of a public conveyance or place of public accommodation, amusement, resort or trade, and knowing or having reasonable cause to believe

that persons using such conveyance or place have been or are being exposed to a dangerous, contagious disease, shall negligently fail to take reasonable measures to protect the public from exposure to the contagion, and to inform health authorities of the existence of the contagion. (ORC 3701.81)

(d) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02. (ORC 3701.99(D))

660.03 NOXIOUS ODORS; FILTHY ACCUMULATIONS; POLLUTING AND DIVERTING WATERCOURSES.

(a) No person shall erect, continue, use or maintain a dwelling, building, structure or place for a residence or for the exercise of a trade, employment or business, or for the keeping or feeding of an animal which, by occasioning noxious exhalations or noisome or offensive smells, becomes injurious to the health, comfort or property of individuals or of the public. No person shall cause or allow offal, filth or noisome substances to be collected or remain in any place to the damage or prejudice of others or of the public.

No person shall unlawfully obstruct or impede the passage of a navigable river, harbor or collection of water, or corrupt or render unwholesome or impure, a watercourse, stream or water, or unlawfully divert such watercourse from its natural course or state to the injury or prejudice of others. (ORC 3767.13)

(b) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). (ORC 3767.99(C))

660.04 DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALKS IN REPAIR AND CLEAN; NOTICE.

(a) No owner or occupant of abutting lands shall fail to keep the sidewalks, curbs or gutters in repair and free from snow, ice or any nuisance. (ORC 723.011)

(b) No owner of any lot or land abutting upon any street shall refuse, fail or neglect to repair or keep in repair and free from nuisance and obstruction, the sidewalk in front of such lot or land after due notice of a resolution of council ordering the repair of such sidewalk, the removal of such obstruction or the abatement of such nuisance.

If the owner or person having charge of such land fails to comply with such notice, council shall cause the sidewalks to be repaired. All expenses and labor costs incurred shall, when approved by council, be paid out of city funds not otherwise appropriated. Council shall make a written return to the County Auditor of its action, with a statement of the charges for its services, the amount paid for labor, the fees of the officers serving notices and a proper description of the premises. Such amounts, when allowed, shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and be a lien upon such lands from and after the date of the entry and be collected as other taxes and returned to the city with the general fund. Such remedy shall be in addition to the penalty provided in subsection (c) hereof.

(c) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

660.05 ABANDONED REFRIGERATORS AND AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.

(a) No person shall abandon, discard, or knowingly permit to remain on premises

equipped with a hinge, latch or other fastening device capable of securing such door or lid, without rendering such equipment harmless to human life by removing such hinges, latches or other hardware which may cause a person to be confined therein. This section shall not apply to an icebox, refrigerator or other airtight or semi-airtight container located in that part of a building occupied by a dealer, warehouseman or repairman.

(b) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200).

660.06 RESERVED.

660.07 RESERVED.

660.08 RESERVED.

660.09 REPEALED.

660.10 RESERVED

660.11 ADMINISTERING GENERAL ANESTHETIC.

(a) No person shall knowingly administer a general anesthetic to another, unless at the time of administration a competent witness is present. (ORC 4731.81)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for a first offense; for each subsequent offense such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02. (ORC 4731.99(B))

660.12 BARRICADES AND WARNING LIGHTS, ABANDONED EXCAVATIONS.

(a) No person shall abandon or knowingly permit to remain on public or private property, any excavation, well, cesspool or structure which is in the process of construction, reconstruction, repair or alteration unless the same is adequately protected by suitable barricades and guarded by warning devices or lights at night so that the condition will not reasonably prove dangerous to life or limb.

(b) No person shall destroy, remove, damage or extinguish any barricade or warning light that is placed for the protection of the public so as to prevent injury to life or limb.

(c) Any owner or agent in control of a premises upon which a basement, cellar, well or cistern has been abandoned due to demolition, failure to build or any other reason shall cause the same to be filled to the ground surface with rock, gravel, earth or other suitable material.

(d) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

660.13 SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTIONS; DAMAGE OR INJURY.

(a) No person shall place or knowingly drop upon any part of a sidewalk, playground or other public place any tacks, bottles, wire, glass, nails or other articles which may damage property of another or injure any person or animal traveling along or upon such sidewalk or playground.

(b) No person shall walk on, or allow any animal upon, or injure or deface in any way, any soft or newly laid sidewalk pavement.

(c) No person shall allow any cellar or trap door, coal chute or elevator or lift opening in any sidewalk to remain open without providing suitable safeguards to protect and warn pedestrian traffic of the dangerous condition.

(d) No person shall unload any heavy material in the streets of the city by throwing or letting the same fall upon the pavement of any street, sidewalk or other public way, without first placing some sufficient protection over the pavement.

(e) In the transportation of any goods, materials or equipment across any sidewalk in the city, efficient temporary planking shall be used to protect such sidewalks from breakage and such temporary planking shall be removed at the close of each working day and the surface of the sidewalk immediately cleaned and left in a passable condition.

(f) No person shall encumber any street or sidewalk, or being the owner, occupant or person having care of any building or lot of land bordering on any street or sidewalk, permit the same to be encumbered with barrels, boxes, cans, articles or substances of any kind, so as to interfere with the free and unobstructed use thereof.

(g) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

660.14 DEPOSIT OF OBJECTIONABLE MATTER UPON STREETS.

(a) Any person depositing, placing or causing to be deposited or placed mud or similarly objectionable matter upon a public street shall remove or cause such matter to be removed on the same day that it is so deposited or placed.

(b) In cases of development of property, any mud or similarly objectionable matter deposited or placed on a public street area by any person or group of persons employed by the property owner or by his subcontractors in connection with the development of the property shall be attributable to the owner as well as the person depositing such matter, and it shall be incumbent upon the owner as well as the person depositing such matter to remove or cause the same to be removed on the same day that it is deposited or placed on the streets. The intent and purpose of this subsection is to place upon the owner of property in the city a duty to control that property and any persons employed in connection therewith so as not to allow mud or any other similarly objectionable matter from that property to be deposited on the public streets.

(c) The Building Inspection Superintendent may revoke any and all building, electrical, plumbing or other permits issued to or for the benefit of anyone violating this section relating to the property, until the objectionable matter is removed. Upon failure to comply with an order of the Superintendent to comply with this section within twenty-four hours thereof, the city may remove such objectionable matter and follow the assessment of cost procedure as established in Section 660.04(b).

(d) It shall be the duty of plat developers, excavators, haulers and their employees, representatives or agents to remove any mud, dirt, stones, trash, foul liquids, debris or any other type of objectionable matter or refuse matter deposited on the streets, sidewalks or other public

ways or grounds during any construction, removal, demolition or excavation operation.

No person shall sweep into or deposit in the gutter, street or other public place the accumulation of litter from any building or lot, or from any public or private sidewalk driveway.

(e) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

660.15 IMPROPER DRAINAGE.

(a) No owner, occupant or person in charge of any lot or parcel of ground shall, at any time, cause or permit water to accumulate thereon and become stagnant, permit culverts, drains or natural watercourses thereon to become obstructed, or cause or permit any putrid or unsanitary substances to accumulate thereon.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

660.16 FENCES.

(a) No person shall erect or maintain any fence charged with electrical current.

(b) No person shall construct or cause to be constructed a partition fence or a fence adjoining public property from barbed wire.

(c) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

660.17 LITTERING AND DEPOSIT OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH, JUNK, ETC.

(a) No person shall, without lawful authority, place or dispose of in any manner, upon any public property or upon the premises of another, any paper, trash, garbage, waste, rubbish, refuse, junk or any substance or material which is or may become noxious, offensive, injurious or dangerous to the public health, comfort or safety.

(b) The owner or occupant of every property in this city shall maintain his premises and the sidewalk in front thereof free from any accumulation of paper, trash or other refuse. No such person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter or street the accumulation of such litter from his premises.

(c) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

660.18 SPITTING.

(a) No person shall spit, excrete or expectorate any saliva or sputum upon any sidewalk, or on the floor of any public conveyance, building, theater or assembly hall, except in receptacles provided for such purpose.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

660.19 RATPROOFING.

(a) Every commercial establishment and residence in this city shall be constructed and maintained in a rat-free and ratproof condition.

(b) No owner of any building or any grounds in the city shall permit conditions to exist on his property which may allow the building or grounds to become a rat harborage.

(c) The sanitarian of the Dayton-Montgomery County Combined Health District may make any inspection of any building in this city as may be necessary to determine that the building is in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(d) The sanitarian shall give notice to abate or correct any conditions found to be in violation of this chapter, specifying suitable remedies. Such notice shall allow a maximum of thirty days for corrective action to be taken. Failure to comply with this notice shall be considered a violation of this section.

(e) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

660.20 DUMPING PROHIBITED IN STREAMS AND PUBLIC DRAINS.

(a) No person shall place or cause to be placed in any stream, drainage swale, other drainage way, or public drain or catch basin any refuse, paper, leaves, earthen fill or any material whatsoever which by its nature or placement would cause an obstruction to the flow or rate of flow of water through that facility.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a) above is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense. Each subsequent violation of subsection (a) by the same person shall constitute a third degree misdemeanor.

(c) Any person who places or causes to be placed any of the material referred to in subsection (a) in a stream, public drain or other facility described in that subsection shall remove it within five (5) days after being ordered to do so by a written notice from the city. That notice may be served in the same manner as a summons in a civil action. Such a notice shall be issued by any police officer or any property maintenance code inspector of the city or by a sanitarian or inspector of the Montgomery County Combined Health District.

(d) Whoever violates subsection (c) above is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense. Failure to remove the material within fifteen (15) days after the original notice shall constitute a separate violation which constitutes a third degree misdemeanor. Failure to remove the material within thirty (30) days after the original notice shall constitute a separate violation which constitutes a first degree misdemeanor.

(e) In any event, if the prohibited material described in subsection (a) is not removed from the stream or other facility mentioned in that subsection within five (5) days after the original notice, it shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance which the city may abate by entering onto the property and removing the material from that facility, with the cost of that work being charged against the property as a nuisance assessment through the property maintenance code. The fact that the criminal case has been filed against a defendant for violation of

or (d) shall not prohibit the city from using this nuisance removal procedure, nor shall proceeding with such a nuisance removal waive or prevent criminal cases being filed for such violations.

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