

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING CONNECTIONS TO BE MADE TO THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM, WHERE AVAILABLE, AND PRESCRIBING A PENALTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

SECTION I. That all owners, or occupants, or agents for the said owners, of buildings situated within the city limits of the City of Abilene, where sanitary sewer now exists, or where it may hereafter exist, and where the property line of the land on which any such building is situated approaches or extends to within 100 feet of any such sewer are hereby required to construct or cause to be constructed suitable water closets on their property, and connect the same with the City Sewer, under the supervision of the City Engineer.

And it shall be the duty of any such property owners or agents of the same or occupants of such property to keep and maintain said water closet and connection thereof in perfect condition, and free from any obstruction, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to build or use any privy vault above or below the ground in the City of Abilene on any lot or parcel of land, the property line of which, at any point, extends to within a distance of 100 feet of a City Sanitary sewer. All persons now having such privies in such localities are hereby required to abate the same within thirty (30) days after notice, by the Local Health Department to do so, and to construct and to put in water closets and connect the same with the City sewer, as required by this ordinance.

SECTION II. It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any building situated on a lot, extending within 100 feet of any sewer of the City any portion of which building is occupied by any person or persons any part of the day or night for business or domestic purposes, to fail to have at least one water closet connected with the City sewer within 30 days after notice by the Local Health Department, to do so, and to fail to have said water closet suitably arranged for use as a urinal, unless a separate urinal is provided.

SECTION III. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, or allow any person under his or her control, to throw or deposit on the surface of the ground, or in any hole or vault, on or under the surface of the ground, on any lot reaching within 100 feet of any City sanitary sewer, except in the proper and necessary manuring of the soil, any water, which has been used for domestic purposes, or any liquid or solid filth, feces or urine.

SECTION IV. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or deposit, or cause or permit anyone, under his or her control, to throw or deposit in any City sewer or in any vessel or receptacles connected with any City sewer, any garbage, hair, ashes, fruits, or vegetable peelings, or refuse rags, cotton, cinders, or any other matter whatsoever, except feces, urine, the necessary closet paper and liquid slops.

SECTION V. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to connect all wash stands or slop stands in his or her house or yard with the City Sewer, or to allow any slops, wash or waste waters of any kind to flow over the pavement or into any open gutter or into the streets.

SECTION VI. That every person who omits or refuses to comply with or who resists or wilfully violates any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars.

Passed on first reading this 1st day of August, A.D. 1952.

The fact that there does not now exist any rule or regulation providing for a safe disposal of human excreta and other wastes and that the absence of such regulations creates an immediate and dangerous threat to the health of the public and an emergency which necessitates the suspension of the rule as provided by Section 32 of the City Charter requiring ordinances to be read and passed at two separate meetings of the Board of Commissioners and said rule is hereby suspended and said ordinance is hereby read and passed at one and the same meeting of the said Board.

Passed on its second and final reading this the 1st day of  
August, A.D. 1952.

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