

Public Nuisances

19-13-B1. Conditions specifically declared to constitute public nuisances

The following conditions are specifically declared to constitute public nuisances:

- (a) Bakeries, restaurants and other places where food is prepared or served that are not kept in a clean and sanitary condition; or in which persons who have any communicable disease are employed; or for which suitable toilet facilities are not provided; or in which there is evidence that rats, mice or vermin are present.
- (b) Spoiled or diseased meats, whether exposed and offered for sale or being transported or kept for sale.
- (c) Barns or stables, hogpens, chicken yards or manure piles or accumulations of organic material so maintained as to be a breeding place for flies.
- (d) The discharge or exposure of sewage, garbage or any other organic filth into or on any public place in such a way that transmission of infective material may result thereby.
- (e) Privies not screened against flies in populous districts and privies likely to pollute the ground or surface water from which water supply is obtained.
- (f) Transportation of garbage, night soil or other organic filth except in tight, covered wagons which prevent leakage or access of flies.
- (g) Stagnant water likely to afford breeding places for mosquitoes within a residential district or within a distance of one thousand feet there from.
- (h) Bone boiling, fat rendering establishments, or tallow or soap works, or other trades, when they can be shown to affect public health or produce serious offense.
- (i) Buildings or any part thereof which are in a dilapidated or filthy condition which may endanger the life or health of persons living in the vicinity.

19-13-B2. Abatement of nuisance

- (a) Any local director of health, upon information of the existence of a nuisance or any pollution occurring within his jurisdiction, or when any such nuisance or pollution comes to his attention, shall, within a reasonable time, investigate and, upon finding such nuisance or pollution exists, shall issue his order in writing for the abatement of the same.
- (b) Such order shall specify the nature of such nuisance or pollution and shall designate the time within which such abatement or discontinuance shall be accomplished; and if such order is not complied with within the time specified, the facts shall be submitted to the prosecuting authority. Copies of all orders shall be kept on file by the director of health in his office and copies of the same shall be furnished the state commissioner of health on request.

19-13-B21. Garbage and refuse

- (a) The owner of premises upon which persons reside or which are frequented for pleasure or business shall keep such premises free from accumulations of garbage, rubbish, rags, tin cans, paper, empty barrels, boxes or any material which, because of its character, condition or improper storage, may invite the breeding or collection of flies, mosquitoes or rodents, or which may in any other prejudice the public health.
- (b) In populous districts stable manure shall be kept in a covered water-tight pit or chamber and shall be removed at least once a week during the period from May first to October first and during the other months at intervals sufficiently frequent to maintain a sanitary condition satisfactory to director of health. Manure on farms or isolated premises other than dairy farms need not be so protected and removed unless ordered by the director of health.

19-13-B22. Manufacturing and other wastes

No materials or waste products from any mill, factory, slaughterhouse, rendering or fertilizing works, junk establishment, common carrier or other industry or utility shall be stored or deposited

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so as to cause the surrounding atmosphere, land or water to be contaminated or polluted in such a manner as to injure the public health or create offensive conditions.

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- (a) No pigsty shall be built or maintained on marshy ground or land subject to overflow, nor within three hundred feet of any inhabited house or public meeting house upon property other than that of the proprietor of the pigsty.
- (b) The carcass of any dead animal not killed for food shall be removed and disposed of within twenty-four hours after death by burial, incineration or other method approved by the local director of health.

19-13-B25. Vacant or abandoned property

No person shall permit any vacant or abandoned property owned or controlled by him to be or to remain in such a condition as to permit or invite the creation of nuisance or other abuses prejudicial to public health.