

ORDINANCE NO. 7.

An Ordinance in Relation to Nuisances.

Be it Ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Mary, as follows:

SEC. 1. Animal or Vegetable Matter shall not be Thrown in Streets.—No person shall throw or cause to be thrown into any street, alley, highway or thoroughfare, or public place within the city limits any animal or vegetable substance or manure, which is or may become putrid, offensive of unhealthy.

SEC. 2. Dead Animals.—The person in possession of, or owner of any animal dying within the corporate limits of the city, shall, within eight hours after the death of such animal remove the same out of the corporate limits of the city, or have the same buried securely; and in case such animal shall not be in possession, or owned by any person at the time of its death, and the same be not removed within eight hours, then it shall be the duty of the city marshal to remove, or cause the same to be removed at the expense of the city.

SEC. 3. Stagnant Water, etc., on Private Property. No person owning, or in possession of any lot, house or building, or enclosure, shall suffer to exist, in or upon the same, any stagnant water, animal or vegetable matter, liable to become putrid or offensive.

SEC. 4. Privies, Must be Kept, How.—All privies within the city shall be kept clean and free from offensive smell, and be so enclosed, as to prevent the indecent exposure of the contents thereof.

SEC. 5. Pits and Vaults of Privies Regulated.—The pits or vaults of all privies hereafter constructed or built within this city, shall be at least three feet deep; and shall not be located nearer than five feet of any adjoining lot, without the consent of the owner thereof, nor shall any privy be located nearer than five feet of any alley, street, avenue or any other public grounds.

SEC. 6. Pig Pens Regulated.—It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to keep and maintain any pig pen, within the corporate limits of the City of St. Mary, on or

within ten feet of any street, alley, or adjoining lot not his own; and every pig pen, kept within the limits of this city, shall be kept clean and free from any offensive smell, or unhealthy matter.

SEC. 7. Marshal Shall Give Notice of the Existence of a Nuisance.—Whenever the city Marshal shall be satisfied of the existence of any nuisance whatever, he shall give notice to the person causing the same, or upon whose premises the same may exist, to remove the same forthwith; and if the person so notified shall fail to remove the same, within twenty-four hours after the time of being notified, then it shall be the duty of the Marshal to cause the same to be removed, at the cost of the person or persons aforesaid.

SEC. 8. Proceedings When Notice Cannot be Served.—Whenever it shall happen, that the person whose duty it is to remove any nuisance cannot be notified, or, being notified, shall fail to do so, then the Marshal shall remove the same at the cost of the person or persons liable.

SEC. 9. Marshal Allowed to Enter Any Premises.—The Marshal is hereby authorized to enter into, or upon any premises, within the corporate limits of the city, where there is reason to suspect the existence of any nuisance.

SEC. 10. Nuisances on Property of Non-Residents.—At any time when a nuisance shall exist on or about the premises of any non-resident, which may be occupied by a tenant, the tenant may be notified to remove the same, or pay for such removal; and the cost of abating such nuisance by a tenant shall be an offset for the amount so expended against liabilities, for rents of the premises, where the nuisance may exist.

SEC. 11. Slaughter Houses Prohibited Inside the City Limits.—It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to establish or maintain a regular slaughter house within the corporate limits of this city, or within one hundred yards of the city limits, or any dwelling, street, highway or thoroughfare, for the purpose of slaughtering cattle, hogs, sheep or any other animal.

SEC. 12. Soap Boiler, etc., not to Collect Stale or Putrid Fat.—No soap boiler or tallow chandler shall keep, collect or use, or cause to be kept, collected or used in the city, any stale, putrid or stinking fat or grease, or other matter.

SEC. 13. No Hogs shall be kept in a pen so as to annoy any person.—No distiller or other person shall collect or keep any hog or hogs in a pen, or otherwise confine any hog or hogs in this city, so as to annoy or offend any person.

SEC. 14. Dead Animals, etc., not to be deposited on any ground in the City.—No person shall deposit any dead animal, or filth, or excrement from privies upon any ground in this city.

SEC. 15. Powers and Duties of Street-Commissioner in regard to Nuisances.—The street commissioner, or such other officers or agents as may be designated or employed by the Board of Health for that purpose, are authorized to enter and examine all cellars and other places in the city. If they shall find any offensive substance, or stagnant or filthy water, to cause the same to be removed at the expense of the owner or occupier of the premises, unless such owner or occupier, upon notice, immediately cause the same to be removed.

SEC. 16. Duties of owners of Dead Animals.—It shall be the duty of every owner of any dead animal found dead within the city limits, within twelve hours after the death of such animal, to remove or cause to be removed without the city limits, at his own expense, all or any remains of such animal as would be liable to become a nuisance.

SEC. 17. Offensive Vaults, etc.—No person or persons shall permit any privy, privy vault, or out-house that has become noxious or offensive, to remain upon any lot or premises owned or occupied by them.

SEC. 18. Gutters to be Cleaned, etc.—It shall be the duty of every person to keep the gutter opposite and fronting the lot or premises owned or occupied by him or her free from all accumulations of any kind whatsoever likely to impede the free passage of water.

SEC. 19. Penalty for Violation of this Ordinance.—Every person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 20. This Ordinance to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Passed and approved July 15th, 1892.

E. S. LAWBAUGH, Mayor.

Attest: H. G. ROSEMAN, City Clerk.