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*Offensive Trade Regulations*

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4/1999

**OFFENSIVE TRADES  
REGULATIONS**

*made under sections 18 and 98 of the Public Health Ordinance (Chapter 145) by the Town Council as the Local Sanitary Authority of George- town, approved by the Central Board of Health on the 16th February 1944, and by the Governor in Council on the 16th March, 1944, deemed to have been made under section 321 of this Act*

Citation **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Offensive Trades Regulations.

Establishing of offensive trades. **2.** No person shall establish any offensive trade except on premises along the waterfront of Water Street or on premises adjoining the southern boundary of Wortmanville Ward.

Application to Town Clerk. **3.** Every person who proposes to establish or carry of an offensive trade shall apply to the Town Clerk who shall cause the application to be advertised at least three times in a local newspaper and shall thereafter submit it to the Council who will on a preliminary report of their medical officer of health and City Engineer decide whether or not the application should be considered.

Consideration of application by Town Clerk and requirements to be fulfilled. **4.** (1) If the Council decides that the application be considered the Town Clerk shall, when so informing the applicant, send him a copy of the minimum requirements of the trades for which application is made and request him to submit to the city Engineer—

- (a) a survey plan, drawn in ink and to scale, showing the position of the proposed building on the lot, i.e., giving distances from the nearest building (if any) and from the boundaries; showing also the position of all sewerage connections;

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- (b) a plan of the premises and a plan and sections to the scale of not less than one-eighth of an inch to the foot, of the building in which he proposes to carry on the offensive trade showing the provisions made or proposed to be made for the proper conduct of the trade, and for the ventilation, lighting, drainage and water supply to the premises;
- (c) a general explanation of the trade or manufacture to be carried on and of the raw materials, processes and the product thereof;
- (d) a description, with drawing, if necessary, of the means proposed to be adopted to prevent nuisance arising from (a) vapours, (b) fluids discharged into sewers, (c) the disposal of solid refuse; and
- (e) such further plans and information as may be required in writing by the City Engineer.

(2) On the plans being approved by the City Engineer and the medical officer of health the applicant may begin to build or alter the premises which shall on completion be inspected by the City Engineer and medical officer of health. The applicant shall give notice in writing to the City Engineer when the premises and plant are ready for inspection.

(3) On a certificate by the City Engineer and medical officer of health that all the prescribed

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conditions have been complied with, the Council shall give permission.

(4) The owner of the said trade shall upon permission being granted by the Council forthwith register such trade with the Town Clerk in the form set out in the First Schedule hereto.

(5) Until registration is effected with the Town Clerk, any applicant or other person found carrying on an offensive trade or manufacturing any product of the trade shall be guilty on an offence.

(6) Every registration shall terminate with the calendar year but may be renewed by the Council from year to year after inspection and approval by the medical officer of health and City Engineer.

(7) Registration shall be null and void:

- (a) If the trade is transferred or extended from the premises from which it is for the time being carried on, to other premises, without the approval of the Council being first obtained;
- (b) If the trade is resumed on any premises on which such trade was previously carried on, after it has been discontinued for more than 6 months;
- (c) If the premises on which the trade is carried on are enlarged without the previous permission of the Council.

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(8) On the representation of the medical officer of health or the City Engineer the Council shall have the right to refuse to renew any registration and to cancel any existing registration, and any person carrying on the trade after such refusal or cancellation shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(9) No premises on which any offensive trade is established and registered under these regulations shall be used for any other purpose.

Conditions to  
be complied  
with.

5. The registered owner of every offensive trade shall—

- (a) cause every part of the internal surface of the walls ceiling and roof of any building and every floor or pavement upon the premises where his trade is carried on to be kept at all times in good order and repair;
- (b) cause every drain or means of drainage upon or in connection with the premises where his trade is carried on to be maintained at all times in good order and repair;
- (c) for rendering innocuous all vapours emitted at all stages of the trade either—
  - (i) cause the vapour to be discharged into the external air in such a manner and at such a height as to admit of the diffusion of the vapour without noxious or injurious effects;
  - (ii) adopt some other effectual means of

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depriving the vapour of noxious or injurious properties;

- (d) cause all materials which have been received upon the premises where his trade is carried on and which are not required for immediate use, to be stored in such a manner and in such a situation as to prevent the emission of noxious or injurious effluvia therefrom;
- (e) at the close of every working day —
  - (i) cause all fat, soap, oil, grease, refuse or filth which has been spilled, splashed or deposited or may have fallen upon any floor or pavement or walls upon the premises where his trade is carried on to be removed therefrom by scraping or washing or some other effectual means of cleansing;
  - (ii) cause every vessel or utensil and every implement which has been in use during the day upon the premises where his trade is carried on, or is in a foul or offensive condition to be thoroughly cleansed;
- (f) provide a sufficient number of vessels or receptacles properly constructed of galvanised iron or of some other non-absorbent material and furnished with closely fitting covers for the purpose of receiving and conveying with all reasonable despatch away from the premises where his trade is carried on all waste matter, garbage,

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filth or refuse and not allow or suffer them at any time to become foul;

- (g) cause every part of the internal surface of the walls, ceiling and roof of any building and every floor or pavement upon the premises where his trade is carried on to be at all times kept thoroughly clean;
- (h) cause every part of the internal surface above the floor or pavement of any building upon the premises where his trade is carried on to be lime washed at such times as he may be required to do so by an officer of the Council:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any part of the internal surface of any building which is painted or covered with impervious material and is properly cleansed;

- (i) cause any and every building in which his trade is carried on to be provided with such number of windows and other openings into the external air as will in the opinion of the medical officer of health and the City Engineer furnish adequate lighting and ventilation;
- (j) provide such number of water closets and wash basins connected to the sewer as in the opinion of the medical officer of health may be necessary.

Penalties.  
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6. If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these regulations he shall be liable to a fine of six thousand dollars, and for every day that the offence continues a further fine of five hundred dollars.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

Reg 4 (4)

Date Registered.	Name of Owner.	Nature of Offensive Trade.	Where carried On.	Remarks
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SECOND SCHEDULE

Minimum structural requirements in respect of premises on which coconut oil is to be boiled or treated by heat.

1. A self-contained fire-proof room with concrete floor of a height sufficient to allow the washings to flow into a gully connected with the sewers. The room shall contain a proper fire- hearth so constructed that the smoke from the fire shall discharge into a chimney high enough to discharge smoke so as not to annoy nearby residents.

2. The vessel in which oil is to be boiled shall be let into and fixed on the fire-hearth so as to ensure all sparks and smoke going up the chimney thereby minimising danger of fire.

3. A cowl or hood with its own chimney or connected with the main chimney shall be built over the boiler to take away any effluvium and so diminish as far as practicable any nuisance arising from the trade.

4. All the above-mentioned work shall be constructed of material and shall be done in a manner to be approved of by the medical officer of health and the City Engineer.

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### THIRD SCHEDULE

Minimum structural requirements in respect of premises on which soap is to be made or boiled.

1. A self-contained fire-proof room with concrete floor raised to a height sufficient to allow the washings to flow into a gully connected with sewers. The room shall contain a proper fire- hearth so constructed that the smoke from the fire shall discharge into a chimney high enough to discharge smoke so as not to annoy nearby residents.

2. The vessel in which soap is to be boiled shall be let into and fixed on the fire-hearth so as to ensure all sparks and smoke going up the chimney thereby minimising danger of fire.

3. A cowl or hood with its own chimney or connected with the main chimney shall be built over the boiler to take away any effluvium and so diminish as far as practicable any nuisance arising from the trade.

4. A suitable room shall be provided with concrete floor in which the soap is to be cut before being packed.

5. A store-room shall also be provided for the boxes containing soap.

6. All the above-mentioned work shall be constructed of material and shall be done in a manner to be approved of by the medical officer of health and the City Engineer.