

Ordinance No. 23

[Board of Health—Health Officer]

An Ordinance Establishing a Board of Health, Providing for the Appointment of a Health Officer and Defining the Powers and Duties Thereof, and Penalties for Violations.

The Council of the Village of Medicine Lake, Minnesota do ordain as follows:

Section .01: Board of Health; Health Officer

A Board of Health is hereby established in and for the Village of Medicine Lake, consisting of a health officer, who shall be the chief executive officer of the board, and two other members to be appointed by the council. When first appointed one member of the Board shall be appointed for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Thereafter all appointments shall be for a period of three years. Appointments shall be made at the first meeting of the council year. The Health Officer shall be a physician, and residence in the village shall not be a requirement for the holding of such office.

Section .02: Duties

The Board of Health shall make such investigations and reports and shall obey such directions concerning communicable diseases as the state department may require or give, and shall enforce all statutes, ordinances, and all lawful rules and regulations concerning public health. In suppressing communicable diseases all medical and other assistance may be employed as is deemed necessary in the establishing, enforcing, quarantine, and the releasing thereof. All expenses thus properly incurred shall be paid and thereafter certified to the County Auditor for allowance and payment of one-half of the amount by the County as provided by law.

Section .03: Duties of Health Officer

The Health Officer shall execute the lawful orders of the state and local Board of Health and perform such other duties as are or may be prescribed by statute, by ordinance or resolution of the village council, or by regulations of the State Board of Health. He shall enforce the nuisance ordinances of the municipality in so far as they relate to matters in any way affecting the public health; and he is hereby given power, and it is made his duty, to enter and inspect any and all premises where food products are stored that are to be or are offered for sale or are sold or offered to the public, and to see that no unwholesome thing is offered for sale to the public. It is hereby made a condition of all licenses granted in the village that the said health officer is given power to inspect any and all products sold and any licensed premise. He shall take all necessary steps to abate any nuisances or unwholesome condition and in his discretion shall recommend the revocation or refusal of any license for any premises operated or maintained in an unhealthful or unsanitary condition.

Section .04: Penalties, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any person to oppose or obstruct a member of the village Board of Health or the Health Officer or physician charged with the enforcement of health laws, in performing any legal duty; or for any person to obstruct or hinder the entry of such health officer upon premises or into buildings or other places where contagion, infection, filth or other source or

cause of preventable disease exists or is reasonably suspected to exist. Any person, firm or corporation which shall violate any of this ordinance, or any order lawfully made under Sections 2, 3 or 4 hereof shall upon conviction thereof be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than five days nor more than ninety days.

Section .05: **Repeal**

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section .06: **Effective Date**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication according to law.

Passed by the Village Council this 2nd day of November, 1953.

A. Wentworth, President of Village Council

Attest: Helen R. Solberg, clerk