

Ordinance Number 14

An ordinance in relation to the abatement of nuisances and preservation of the Public Health on the Village of Muir to be known as Ordinance Number Fourteen.

The Village of Muir Ordains:

Section I It shall be unlawful for any person to keep and maintain any pen, place, or premises in which any swine shall be kept so as to be offensive or any annoyance to, any person or persons residents in the village of Muir, and all such pens, places and premises, when kept and maintained in violation of this ordinance, are hereby declared to be public nuisances.

Section II It shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit any cellar, vault, private drain, pool, privy, sewer or grounds upon any premises belonging to, or occupied by him, or over which he has control to become nauseous, foul, or offensive, or injurious to the public health, or the health of any private family or individual within the village of Muir.

Section III It shall be unlawful for any person who is a distiller, tanner, brewer, butcher, soap boiler, tallon Chandler, dryer, liverystable keeper, or any person keeping any shop or place, either public or private, who shall by himself or by his servant, agent, or employ discharge out of, or permit to flow from any such place or places heretofore designated any foul or nauseous gas, liquor, or substance of any kind whatever into the air, or upon any adjacent ground or lot or into any street, alley, or stream of water within the limits of said village.

Section IV It shall be unlawful for any person who shall own occupy, keep, or have control of any grounds, buildings, or other premises within the village of Muir to permit the same to be in a condition so as to be offensive and unhealthy and a nuisance to the neighborhood or to any person or family within the said village of Muir and any premises which shall be in such a condition, are hereby declared to be public nuisances.

Section V It shall be unlawful for any person who is the owner, occupant, or in the control of any soap factory, slaughter house, tannery, brewery, distillery, livery stable, meat market, barn or yard, or other place within the limits of the village of Muir to suffer the same to become foul or offensive in anymanner whatever and any premises which shall become in such a condition, are hereby declared to be public nuisances.

Section VI It shall be unlawful for any person to allow or suffer any horse, cattle kind, swine, sheep, dog, or any other animal belonging to him or in his custody or control, which may come to its death by disease, casualty, or by any other means to lie in or upon any public highway or any other grounds or places public or private, within the village of Muir for a longer period than twelve hours after such animal shall have come to its death.

Section VII It shall be the duty of the marshall, policemen, and constables to ascertain and report to the president of said village the existence of any of the nuisances described in this ordinance, and any and all violations of the same, and wherever such nuisances or violations shall exist, the president of said village may order and direct the same to be abated and removed by such officer or officers, person or persons, as may be designated in this ordinance, and when such nuisances shall be found to exist on private property, the

president of said village may order the owner, occupant or person in control thereof, at his own expense to remove and abate the same within twenty four hours, and if such owner, occupant, or person in charge of such premises shall neglect or refuse to do so, he shall for such neglect and refusal be deemed guilty of a violation of and liable to the penalties imposed by this ordinance.

Section IIX If the owner or occupant or person in control of such premises shall not comply with such order of the president of said village as provided for in the last preceding section, said president may cause such nuisance to be summarily removed and all expenses incurred thereby shall be paid by such person who shall have caused or permitted said nuisance to exist contrary to the provisions of this ordinance after being so ordered to remove the same, and such expenses may be recovered from such owner, occupant or person in control of such premises as shall have caused or permitted the same, and so neglected to abate in any action of assumption, which action may be commenced by a civil warrant.

Section IX Any person who shall be guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars and the cost of prosecution or by imprisonment in the county jail of Ionia County at hard labor, for a period of not less than two days nor more than thirty days; and in case of the imposition of only a fine with costs of prosecution the court shall make a further order that the offender upon default of payment of such fine and costs, be committed to the

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county jail of Ionia County at hard labor, there to remain until such fine and costs shall be paid, provided that such period shall not exceed thirty days. And in case both imprisonment and a fine and the costs of prosecution is the penalty imposed, such imprisonment may exceed beyond the time of imprisonment designated in the sentence until such fine and costs are paid, not exceeding, however a period of thirty days after the time of the imprisonment imposed by the sentence shall have expired.

Approved Feb.9, 1897

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