

## CHAPTER 1620

### Motels

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### CROSS REFERENCES

- Sanitation - see ORC 913.41
- Defrauding a livery or hostelry - see ORC 2913.41
- Hotels - see ORC 3731
- Primary drinking water - see OAC 3745-81-01 through 3745-81-89
- General provisions - see EHC 210
- Motel permit fees - see EHC 220.07(a)
- Solid waste disposal - see EHC 1030
- Storage of garbage and waste material - see EHC 1220.02
- Rooming houses - see EHC 1676

**EHC** Environmental Health Code    **ORC** Ohio Revised Code    **OAC** Ohio Administrative Code

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#### 1620. 01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Motel" means all locations and places of abode of three or more structures or three or more separate living facilities, although under one roof, and shall apply to those places designed for the temporary housing of tourists.
- (b) "Operator" means any person who has charge, care, control or management of a motel or part thereof.
- (c) "Employee" means any person working at a motel.
- (d) "Utensil" means a drinking glass, pitcher or other equipment coming in contact with water or other beverage during storage, transportation, service or normal usage of drinking water or other beverages.
- (c) "Single-service utensil" means an individual paper or plastic cup or glass.

#### 1620.02 PERMIT REQUIRED.

(a) No person shall operate a motel in the General Health District without first obtaining a permit therefor from the Board of Health. Such permit shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the motel.

(b) All permits issued by the Board to operate a motel shall expire on December 31 following the date of issuance.

#### 1620.03 PERMIT APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE.

(a) On or before January 1 of each year every operator of a motel proposing to operate a motel during any part of the year beginning that January 1 shall apply for and obtain permit from the Board of Health.

(b) Any person who, subsequent to January 1 of any year, proposes to operate a motel during any remaining part of the year, shall apply for a permit from the Board not less than ten days before the motel is to be opened for business and shall obtain such permit before the motel is opened for business.

#### 1620.04 PERMIT TRANSFERS.

A permit to operate a motel within the General Health District is nontransferable from either one location to another location or from one operator to another operator.

#### 1620.05 PERMIT FEES.

The annual permit fee for the operation of a motel shall be as set forth in EHC 220.07.

#### 1620.06 PERMIT REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.

A permit to operate a motel may be suspended or revoked by the Board of Health upon violation by the holder of any of the provisions of this chapter. However, such suspension or revocation shall not take place until the Board has first notified such permit holder, in writing, called specific attention to the violation and afforded him a reasonable time and opportunity to make satisfactory corrections.

#### 1620.07 SANITATION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Structure, Cleanliness and Repair: Every motel and all parts thereof and places appurtenant to the motel shall be maintained in good repair and shall be kept thoroughly clean and free from any accumulation of filth, garbage, rubbish or other waste.

(b) Ventilation. All motels shall be provided with sufficient ventilation to prevent undue condensation or offensive or dangerous fumes, gases, mists or odors.

(c) Lighting. Working surfaces where utensils are washed shall be illuminated to a minimum of forty foot-candles.

(d) Toilet Facilities. Every motel shall be provided with toilet rooms and plumbing fixtures as required by the Ohio Building Code,

- (1) All motels constructed after January 28, 1963 shall have toilet room doors that are tight fitting & completely close off the toilet room from the living room.
- (3) Toilet room ventilation shall meet the requirements of Ohio Building Code.
- (4) Every toilet room and all the facilities provided therein shall, at all times, be kept in good repair, in a clean and sanitary condition, free from filth and accumulations of waste, and shall be provided with a supply of toilet tissue.
- (5) Every water closet and urinal shall be provided with a sufficient supply of water for flushing to keep it in a clean condition.
- (6) Every separate motel unit shall be provided with hot and cold running water.

(e) Handwashing Facilities. Adequate and convenient hand-washing facilities shall be provided for employees in areas where utensils are washed and sanitized. All hand-washing facilities shall include hot and cold running water, soap and approved drying facilities. No employee shall resume work after using the toilet room without first washing his hands.

- (1) Dirty hands shall not be washed in sinks used for the cleaning or sanitizing of utensils.
- (2) Cleaning wastes shall not be emptied into sinks used for cleaning or sanitizing of utensils.
- (3) Proper facilities shall be provided for procuring hot water for general cleaning purposes so that the faucet at the utensil washing sink will not be used for this purpose.
- (4) Hand-washing facilities for the public shall be provided as required by the Ohio Building Code. Such hand-washing facilities shall also include hot and cold running water, soap and approved drying facilities.

(f) Water Supply. The water supply shall be adequate and shall be of a safe and sanitary quality. The utensil washing area of every motel shall be provided with water under pressure for hand washing, cleaning of utensils and fixtures and other purposes.

(g) Construction of Utensils, Equipment and Fixtures. All multi-use utensils, equipment and fixtures used in connection with a motel shall be so constructed as to be easily cleaned and shall be kept in good repair.

(h) Cleaning and Bactericidal Treatment of Utensils and Fixtures. All utensils and fixtures shall be kept clean and free from dust, dirt, insects and other contaminating material. All cloths, sponges, brushes and similar items used by employees shall be clean. Single-service containers shall be used only once.

- (1) All multi-use utensils used by a consumer shall be thoroughly cleaned and effectively subjected to an approved bactericidal process after each usage.

All other multi-use utensils shall be thoroughly cleaned and subjected to an approved bactericidal process immediately following the day's operation.

- (2) Cloths, if used for wiping or drying utensils, shall be clean and shall be used for no other purpose.
- (3) No article, polish or other substance containing any cyanide preparation or other poisonous material shall be used for cleaning or polishing of utensils.
- (4) Adequate facilities for the washing and sanitizing of multi-use utensils shall be provided. These facilities shall be as prescribed by the Health Commissioner and shall consist, at a minimum, of a two-compartment sink with hot and cold running water or the equivalent.

(i) Disposal of Waste. All liquid waste shall be properly disposed of in a public sanitary sewerage system or by another approved method of sewage disposal. Refuse shall be kept in suitable receptacles in such a manner as not to become a nuisance.

Tightly fitting lids shall be provided for the refuse receptacles. Garbage and other refuse shall be disposed of in a safe and sanitary manner which is approved by the Health Commissioner.

(j) Single-Service Utensils. Single-service utensils shall be kept in approved dispensers or otherwise satisfactorily protected from contamination when put in individual motel units.

(k) Cleanliness of Employees. All employees shall wear clean garments and shall keep their persons clean and neat at all times while engaged in handling utensils.

(l) Miscellaneous.

- (1) The premises of all motels shall be kept clean and free of vermin, litter or rubbish.
- (2) No clothing shall be kept in such a manner as to be likely to cause contamination of utensils. Soiled wearing apparel shall be kept in sanitary containers.
- (3) All bedding and mattresses shall be kept clean at all times. Sheets shall be changed before each occupation of a room by a different person.

#### 1620.08 HEALTH OF EMPLOYEES.

(a) Responsibility.

- (1) No person affected with a disease in a communicable form, or who is a carrier of a communicable disease, shall work in any motel.
- (2) No operator shall employ any person knowing him to be suspected of having or knowing him to be a carrier of a communicable disease.
- (3) The operator shall notify the Health Commissioner immediately if he has reason to believe that any employee has a disease in a communicable form or has become a carrier of a communicable disease.

(b) Procedure When Infection is Suspected. When the Health Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that a danger of transmission of infection from any motel employee exists, the Health Commissioner is authorized to require any or all of the following measures:

- (1) The immediate exclusion of the employee from employment in all motels;
- (2) The suspension of the motel permit in accordance with Section 1620.06 until no further danger of disease outbreak exists, in the opinion of the Health Commissioner; or
- (3) Adequate medical examination of the employee and of his associates, with such laboratory examinations as may be required by the Health Commissioner.

#### 1620.09 VARIANCES.

The Board of Health may grant a hearing to an operator and authorize, in specific cases, such variance from the requirements of this chapter as will not be contrary to the public interest, where the operator shows that, because of practical difficulties or other special conditions, their strict application will cause unusual and unnecessary hardship. However, no variance shall be granted that will defeat the spirit and general intent of this chapter or otherwise not be in the public interest.

#### 1620.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Environmental Health Code shall be in violation of ORC 3707.48, 3709.20, 3709.21 or 3709.22, and subject to penalties provided in ORC 3707.99 and 3709.99.

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