

ORDINANCE NO. 29

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF A TOWN MARSHAL AND FOR FILLING VACANCIES IN SAID OFFICE, AND DEFINING THE DUTIES AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF SAID MARSHAL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Granite Falls, Washington, as follows:

Section 1: That Ordinance No. 2 be amended by the addition of the following sections, to-wit:

Section 6a: The marshal shall be ex-officio Health Officer and whenever he shall hear of the existence of any malignant, contagious or pestilential disease, he shall investigate the same and adopt measures to arrest its progress.

Section 6b: It shall be the duty of said health officer of the Town of Granite Falls to enforce all laws of the State and ordinances of the town in relation to the sanitary regulations of the Town, and cause all nuisance endangering public health to be abated with all reasonable promptness and for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing requirements, he shall be permitted at all times from the rising to the setting of the sun to enter any house, store, stable or building and cause the floors to be raised if he shall deem it necessary in order to make a thorough examination of the cellars, vaults, sinks or drains, and cause all privies to be cleaned and kept in good condition, to cause all dead animals or other nauseous or unwholesome things or substances to be buried or removed or disposed of as he may direct.

Section 6c: It shall be the further duty of said health officer to cause to have visited and examined all sick persons who shall be reported to him as laboring or supposed to be laboring under any yellow fever or ship fever, small pox, cholera, or any infectious or pestilential disease, and if from such examination he shall be satisfied that such person is laboring under such disease, he shall cause a notice, printed or written

in large letters to be placed upon or near the house in which such person so infected shall be confined, upon which shall be written or printed the name of such disease. He shall cause all persons so infected as aforesaid to be provided with suitable nurses and medical attendance at their own expense if they are able to pay for the same, but if not, at the expense of the town, provided that when such person is able and willing to pay for such attendance, said health officer shall permit such person to call in any physician that such person may desire, and in no case shall the Health officer interfere with the management or treatment of any such case by the attending physician.

Section 6d: In case of pestilence or epidemic disease or of danger from anticipated, or impending pestilence or epidemic disease, or in case the sanitary condition of the town should be of such character as to warrant it, it shall be the duty of the said Health officer to take such measures, and to do and order and to cause to be done such acts for the preservation of the public health, though not herein or elsewhere or otherwise authorized, as he may in good faith declare the public safety and health and police regulation to demand.

Section 6e: The Health Officer may take such measures as he may from time to time deem necessary to prevent the spread of small pox, by issuing an order requiring all persons in the town or any part thereof requiring vaccination to be vaccinated within such time as he shall prescribe, provided that it shall be the duty of the Health officer to provide for the vaccination of such persons as are unable to pay for the same at the expense of the town.

Section 6f: He shall have power to cause any house or premises to be cleaned, disinfected or closed to visitors, and prevent persons resorting thereto while any person is laboring under any infectious or pestilential disease therein. He may by writing direct any nuisance endangering public health to be abated or unwholesome matter or substance, dirt or filth to be removed from any house or premises, and may prescribe the time and mode of doing so and take other measures he may deem necessary and proper to prevent the spread of any infectious pestilential or epidemic disease.

Section 6g: It shall be the duty of the Health officer to make a circuit of observation once each week to every part of the town and its environs, which from

their location or from any collateral circumstances may be deemed the cause of disease and in all cases where he may discover the existence of any agent he may adopt such methods as he may deem best to abate and correct said evil and shall immediately report the same to the mayor of the town for such action as he may deem advisable.

Section 6h: It shall be the further duty of the Health Officer to promptly report the presence of any infectious or pestilential disease to the County Board of Health by notifying the County Auditor.

Section 6i: It shall be the further duty of the Health Officer at the first regular meeting of the Town Council in each month to make to said Council in writing a full and comprehensive statement of all matters pertaining to said department during the preceeding month and all expenditures by him made during such month under the direction of the Town Council or any Committee thereof; he shall also in said report recommend any action he may deem it necessary or expedient for the Council to take in reference to the sanitary condition of the Town.

Section 6j: The Health Officer shall also perform any other and further duties the Town Council may from time to time by resolution authorize or direct.

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D. J. CARPENTER, Mayor

ATTEST:  
CHAS. T. SMITH  
Town Clerk