

ORDINANCE NO. 43

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF A HEALTH OFFICER, FOR FILLING VACANCIES IN SAID OFFICE, DEFINING THE DUTIES AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF SAID HEALTH OFFICER OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls, Washington.

Section 1: The Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Town Council a town Health Officer who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Mayor, which said Health Officer shall be a physician duly licensed to practice under the laws of the State of Washington.

Section 2: The Mayor shall fill any vacancy which may occur in the office of town Health Officer by appointment, subject to the confirmation of the Town Council, as provided by the laws of the State of Washington, and any person so appointed shall hold office during the pleasure of the Mayor.

Section 3: 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, to cause all nuisances 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 sunrise to sunset to enter any house, store, stable or other building, to cause the floors to be raised if he deem it necessary in order to make a thorough examination of the cellars, vaults, sinks or drains, to cause all privies to be cleaned and kept in good condition and to cause all dead animals or other nauseous or unwholesome things to be buried, removed or disposed of as he may direct.

Section 4: It shall be the further duty of said Health Officer to visit and examine or to cause to have visited and examined all persons who shall be reported to him as laboring or supposed to be laboring under any

yellow fever or ship fever, smallpox, 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, providing 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 5: In case of pestilence or epidemic disease, or 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, order and cause to be done such acts for the preservation of the public health though not herein, elsewhere or otherwise authorized, as he may in good faith judge and declare the public safety, health and police regulations to demand.

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

Section 7: He shall have power to cause any house or premises to be cleaned, disinfected, or closed to visitors and to prohibit 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 any unwholesome matter or substance, dirt or filth to be removed from any house or premises, and may prescribe the time and mode of so doing, and may take such other measures as he may deem necessary and proper to prevent the spread of any infectious, pestilential or epidemic disease.

Section 8: 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 a cause of disease and in all cases where he may discover the existence of any agency or disease 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 for such action as he may deem advisable.

Section 9: It shall be the further duty of the health officer to promptly report the existence of any infectious or pestilential disease to the county board of health by notifying the county auditor, and to perform any and all other duties imposed by the laws of the State of Washington.

Section 10: It shall be the further duty of the health officer at the first regular meeting of said council a full and comprehensive statement in writing of all matters pertaining to said department during the preceding month and all expenditures by him made under the direction of the town council or any committee thereof or by virtue of his office; 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 11: The health officer shall be local registrar of vital statistics.

Section 12: The health officer shall also perform any other or further duties which the council may from time to time authorize or direct.

Section 13: The health officer shall receive for his compensation such amount as the council may hereafter by resolution direct.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after June 13, 1907.

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D. I. CARPENTER, Mayor

ATTEST:
P. J. LINDBECK
Town Clerk