

CHAPTER 8

SANITATION OF INSTITUTIONS

ARTICLE A GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 8-1 Purpose

- a. The purpose of this Chapter is to provide for the protection and promotion of the public health and welfare by establishing regulations regarding the operation, maintenance, and sanitation of institutions, in the manner provided herein.
- b. The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all those areas under the jurisdiction of the Montgomery County Health Department, and shall apply to all existing institutions and those hereafter constructed, reconstructed, altered or remodeled.
- c. The provisions of this Chapter shall not excuse failure to comply with the rules and regulations of any governmental agency having the authority to regulate institutions.

Section 8-2 Definitions

GARBAGE - All putrescible wastes (except sewage and body waste) including but not limited to animal and vegetable offal.

INSTITUTION - A facility or establishment which is operated or maintained for the purpose of providing care, treatment, or custody of two (2) or more persons not related to the proprietor or his agent, and which includes, without being limited to: convalescent homes; nursing homes; homes for the aged; county institutions; maternity homes; facilities providing care for dependent, neglected, or delinquent children; detention homes; day care centers for children; hospitals; schools for emotionally disturbed and retarded children; and, boarding homes for infants and children.

REFUSE - All nonputrescible wastes, generally regarded and classified as rubbish, trash, junk, and similar designations.

SEWAGE - Any substance which contains any of the waste products, excrements, or other discharge from the bodies of human beings or

animals and any noxious or deleterious substance which is harmful or inimical to the public health, animal or aquatic life, or the use of water for domestic water supply or for recreation.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM - Any community or individual system, publicly or privately owned, for the collection and disposal of sewage and industrial wastes of a liquid nature, including various devices for the treatment of such sewage or industrial wastes.

SOLID WASTES - All refuse (including garbage) and all putrescible material originating from the preparation, cooking, and consumption of food, market produce, and institutional wastes.

SOURCE - Any well, spring, cistern, infiltration gallery, stream, reservoir, pond, or lake from which, by any means, water is taken either intermittently or continuously for use by the public.

WATER SUPPLY - A source or sources of water, and any or all water treatment, storage, transmission, and distribution facilities.

WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH - Any and all rivers, streams, creeks, rivulets, lakes, dammed water, ponds, springs, and all other bodies of surface and underground water, or parts thereof, whether natural or artificial within or on the boundaries of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 8-3 **Submission of Plans to Applicable Agency**

- a. Before work is begun in the construction, remodeling, or alteration of an institution, or in the conversion of an existing establishment or facility to an institution, two (2) sets of properly prepared plans and specifications shall be submitted to and approved by the Applicable Agency.
- b. The plans and specifications shall include, where applicable, data relating to the grounds, buildings, equipment, sewage disposal, water supply, refuse disposal, and such other information as may be required by the Applicable Agency.

ARTICLE B GENERAL STANDARDS

Section 8-4 Water Supply

- a. All institutions not connected to a public water supply shall be provided with an adequate supply of safe, potable water as required by these Rules and Regulations.
- b. Every supply outlet or connection to a fixture or appliance shall be protected against backflow.
- c. Hot water outlets delivering water above 110 F. temperature must have a mixing valve.

Section 8-5 Sewage Disposal

- a. Where an institution is not connected to a public sewer system, it shall dispose of its sewage by a method approved by the Department as required by these Rules and Regulations.
- b. The sewage disposal facility shall be operated and maintained so as not to create a public health hazard or pollute the waters of the County.

Section 8-6 Insect and Rodent Control

- a. Each institution shall be maintained in such a manner, through the use of proper sanitary measures, as to prevent and control the infestation or harborage of insects and rodents and other vermin.
- b. Each institution shall comply with the relevant provisions of Chapter 9 of these Rules and Regulations.

Section 8-7 Solid Wastes

- a. Storage - All solid wastes shall be stored in flytight, nonabsorbent containers.
- b. Transportation and Disposal - All solid wastes shall be transported and disposed of so as not to create a health hazard or nuisance. Solid wastes which contain infectious materials such as dressings, bandages, and other similar materials, shall be kept separate from

other solid wastes and shall be stored and disposed of so as not to create a health hazard.

Section 8-8 **Bathing Places**

The construction, modification, maintenance, and operation of any bathing place in an institution shall be subject to the provisions of these Rules and Regulations; and, the "Public Bathing Law" (35 P.S. 672 et seq.).

Section 8-9 **Laundry**

Laundry shall be handled, transported, stored, and processed in a manner so as to prevent the spread of infectious organisms.

Section 8-10 **Food Service**

- a. All food service facilities and operations shall be approved by the Department.
- b. Approval of food service facilities and operations shall be based upon satisfactory compliance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 4 (relating to food protection) of these Rules and Regulations.