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COUNTY BOROUGH OF
SOUTHAMPTON.

BYE-LAWS

WITH RESPECT TO

TENTS, VANS, SHEDS,

AND

SIMILAR STRUCTURES

used for Human Habitation.

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made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Southampton, acting by the Council, with respect to Tents, Vans, Sheds, and similar Structures used for human habitation in the County Borough of Southampton.

Interpretation of terms.

1. Throughout these Bye-Laws the expression "the Council" means the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Southampton, acting by the Council; the expression "the District" means the County Borough of Southampton; the expression "infectious disease" means small-pox, cholera, diphtheria, membranous croup, erysipelas, the disease known as scarlatina or scarlet fever, measles, and the fevers known by any of the following names: typhus, typhoid, enteric, relapsing, continued, or puerperal; the expression "the Medical Officer of Health" means the Medical Officer of Health for the District, or any legally qualified medical practitioner lawfully authorised to act on behalf of such officer; and the expression "the occupier" when used in relation to any tent, van, shed, or similar structure, means the person who for the time being has the charge, management, or control of such tent, van, shed or structure.

For promoting cleanliness in, and the habitable condition of tents, vans, sheds, and similar structures used for human habitation.

2. The occupier of a van used for human habitation shall cause the internal surface and the floor thereof to be thoroughly cleansed from time to time as often as may be requisite for keeping the same in a cleanly condition.

3. The occupier of a van, shed or similar structure used for human habitation, shall for the purpose of securing the habitable condition thereof, provide for the van, shed, or structure, adequate means of permanent ventilation.

4. The occupier of a tent, van, shed or similar structure used for human habitation, shall cause the same to be maintained so that it may be reasonably weather-proof at all times when so used.

5. The occupier of a tent, shed or similar structure used for human habitation, shall cause the same to be at all times provided with a suitable dry flooring, or other dry covering for the ground.

6. The occupier of a tent, van, shed or similar structure used for human habitation, shall provide therefor a sufficient receptacle or receptacles for the storage of water, with proper coverings, so placed as to be easily accessible, and shall cause the same to be maintained at all times in good order, and shall provide a sufficient supply of wholesome water for the use of the inmates of the tent, van, shed or structure, and shall also cause every part of the interior of any such receptacle to be kept thoroughly clean.

7. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing bye-law, the person by agreement with or by license from whom any tent, van, shed, or similar structure used for human habitation shall be erected, brought or used on any land shall provide on such land a sufficient supply of wholesome water for the use of the occupants of the tent, van, shed or structure.

**For preventing the spread of infectious disease by the persons
inhabiting tents, vans, sheds, or similar structures
used for human habitation.**

8. The occupier of a tent, van, shed or similar structure used for human habitation who shall have been informed, or shall have reasonable cause for suspecting, that any inmate thereof is ill of an infectious disease, as above defined, or of chicken-pox, influenza, infectious sore throat, or mumps, shall thereupon immediately give notice to the Medical Officer of Health, and shall give all such information as the Medical Officer of Health may reasonably demand.

Provided that this bye-law shall not apply in respect of any infectious disease of which any such notice is required to be given by any statutory provision in force in the District.

9. The occupier of a tent, van, shed or similar structure used for human habitation who shall have been informed, or shall have

ascertained, that any inmate thereof is ill of an infectious disease, shall adopt all reasonable precautions that may be ordered by the Medical Officer of Health for preventing the spread of the disease.

He shall not, at any time while any such inmate is suffering from an infectious disease, cause or allow any other person, except a person in attendance on the inmate, to occupy the tent, van, shed, or similar structure.

10. The occupier of a tent or van used for human habitation, in which any person may within the preceding six weeks have been suffering from an infectious disease, and which has not since been properly disinfected, or, in which any person is at the time suffering from an infectious disease shall comply with the following regulations :

- (1) He shall, before causing or allowing the tent or van to be removed from the site on which it may be, give to the Medical Officer of Health twenty four hours' notice of the intention to remove the same, and of the place to which the same is proposed to be removed.
- (2) He shall not cause or allow the tent or van to be brought into any market, fair, raceground or place which may for the time being be devoted to purposes of public amusement, recreation or resort, or to be removed to any site where, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, there would be danger of spreading infection.
- (3) He shall, where the Medical Officer of Health may, for the purpose of preventing the spread of infection, order the removal of the tent or van from any site, remove the same, in compliance with the order of the Medical Officer of Health, to another site within the district to which it may lawfully be removed, and cause it to remain there for such reasonable period as the Medical Officer of Health may direct.
- (4) He shall, when removing the tent or van, comply with such reasonable conditions as the Medical Officer of Health may impose for the purpose of preventing the spread of infection.
- (5) He shall not remove the tent or van out of the district until the same has been properly disinfected to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

11. In every case where, in pursuance of any statutory provision in that behalf, an order of a justice has been obtained for the removal from a tent, van, shed or similar structure used for human habitation to a hospital, or other place for the reception of the sick, of a person who is suffering from any dangerous infectious disorder, the occupier of the tent, van, shed or structure shall, on being informed of the

order, forthwith take all such steps as may be requisite to secure the safe and prompt removal, of the said person in compliance with the order, and shall, in and about the removal, adopt all such precautions as, in accordance with any instructions which he may receive from the Medical Officer of Health, may be most suitable for the circumstances of the case.

12. The occupier of a tent, van, shed or similar structure used for human habitation shall, immediately after a person suffering from an infectious disease has been removed therefrom, or has died therein, or has recovered from such disease whilst being therein, give notice of the removal, death, or recovery, to the Medical Officer of Health, and shall, as soon as conveniently may be, cause every part of the tent, van, shed or structure to be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, and shall also cause all bedding, clothing, or other articles therein which may be liable to retain infection to be in like manner cleansed and disinfected unless the Council shall have ordered the same to be destroyed, or unless the Council or the Medical Officer of Health, shall, in pursuance of any statutory provision in that behalf, have required the owner of the same to cause the same to be delivered to an Officer of the Council for removal for the purpose of disinfection.

He shall comply with all proper instructions of the Medical Officer of Health as to cleansing and disinfection.

When the tent, van, shed or similar structure, and every such article as aforesaid shall have been thoroughly cleansed and disinfected in accordance with those instructions, he shall give notice thereof to the Medical Officer of Health.

13. The occupier of a tent, van, shed or similar structure used for human habitation, in which any person has within six weeks previously been suffering from an infectious disease, shall not without having the tent, van, shed or similar structure, and all articles therein liable to retain infection, disinfected to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health as testified by a certificate signed by him, cause or suffer any person newly to occupy or become an inmate of the tent, van, shed or similar structure.

**Generally for preventing nuisances in connection with tents,
vans, sheds, and similar structures used for human
habitation.**

14. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bye-laws, the occupier of a tent, van, shed or similar structure used for human habitation shall provide for the same a sufficient receptacle for refuse.

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15. An occupier of a tent, van, shed, or similar structure used for human habitation shall not cause or suffer any solid or liquid filth to be retained therein.

He shall not deposit or cause any solid or liquid filth to be deposited within thirty feet from such tent, van, shed or structure, except in a proper receptacle.

He shall not deposit or cause any solid or liquid filth to be deposited in any place so as to cause a nuisance.

He shall cause every vessel, utensil or other receptacle provided or used for the purpose of containing or removing any solid or liquid filth to be sufficiently cleansed immediately after it shall have been used for that purpose.

16. The person by agreement with or by license from whom any tent, van, shed, or similar structure used for human habitation shall be erected, brought or used on any land, shall, in any case in which nuisance is likely to arise from the want of privy accommodation and of a receptacle for refuse for the use of the occupants of the tent, van, shed or structure, provide for their use on such land in a suitable situation sufficient privy accommodation, and a sufficient covered ashpit, dustbin, or other receptacle for refuse, and shall maintain the same in good repair and order and in a reasonably clean and wholesome condition.

He shall also where it is necessary for the prevention or remedying of insanitary conditions, pave the whole or part of such land with a hard durable and impervious pavement so sloping to a properly constructed channel as effectually to carry off all rain or waste water therefrom.

17. The occupier of a tent, van, shed or similar structure used for human habitation, shall not keep any animal, or deposit any filth or the dung of any animal, within the distance of forty feet from any well, spring, or stream, or other water used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, or for manufacturing drinks for the use of man, or any water used or likely to be used in any dairy, or otherwise in such a position or in such a manner as to render any such water liable to pollution.

Penalties.

18. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing bye-laws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of five pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of forty shillings for each day after written notice of the offence from the Council.

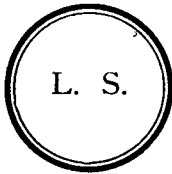
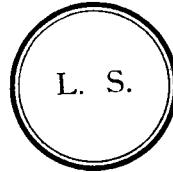
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Provided, nevertheless, that the justices or court before whom any complaint may be made, or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence, may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a penalty of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by the bye-law.

The Corporate Seal of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses was hereto affixed by Order of the Council, the Eleventh day of July, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six in the presence of

HENRY CAWTE, *Mayor.*

R. R. LINTHORNE, *Town Clerk.*



Allowed by the Local Government Board this Thirtieth day of August, 1906.

H. C. MONRO,
Assistant Secretary.

Acting on behalf of the said Board under the Authority of their General Order, dated the Twenty-Sixth day of May, 1877.