

CHAPTER 331

REGULATION, INSPECTION AND LICENSING OF ABATOIRS, SLAUGHTER HOUSES, SLAUGHTERING ROOMS OR OTHER PLACES WHERE ANIMALS ARE SLAUGHTERED OR KEPT FOR SLAUGHTER OR DRESSED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SAME AND PROVIDING PENALTIES

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331.01 DEFINITIONS. The term slaughter house as used in this chapter shall include any place where animals including rabbits or poultry, are kept for slaughter or slaughtered for human consumption and any place where slaughtered animals, including rabbits or poultry, are dressed for human consumption, whether such animals are killed or dressed for private use or for public sale.

331.02 PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION. No person, firm or corporation shall construct or operate a slaughter house within the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, until such person, firm or corporation has first obtained a permit therefore and no such slaughter house shall be operated within the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, until there has been paid the license fee hereinafter prescribed. Such permit shall be issued by the City Clerk upon the direction of the Common Council of the City of Richland Center, and such permit shall not issue until a written request for same has been presented to the Common Council for its consideration. Such request for a permit shall set forth the location at which such proposed slaughter house is to be constructed or operated and shall describe in detail the type of construction of the building or buildings in which such slaughter house is to be operated; such request for a permit shall further set forth the means proposed for the disposal of liquid and solid waste and manure resulting from or produced by the operation of the proposed slaughter house and all set forth as accurately as possible the extent of the proposed slaughtering operations. Upon receipt of a written request for a permit for the operation of a slaughter house, the Common Council shall direct the Health Officer and the City Engineer to make an inspection of the premises upon which such proposed slaughter house is to be operated to determine whether such proposed slaughter house will meet all the requirements of this chapter and all rules of the State board of Health of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection pertaining to the construction and operation of slaughter houses. The Health Officer and the City Engineer shall report to the Common Council the results of such inspection. If the proposed slaughter house meets all requirements herein set forth, the Common Council may, in its discretion, by resolution, direct the City Clerk to issue the requested permit.

331.03 LICENSING. No person, firm or corporation shall operate a slaughter house in the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin until there has been paid an annual license fee in the amount of \$75.00. Such license fee shall be paid on or before July 1st of each year and application for renewal of such license shall be made on or before June 1st of each year. In the event that application for renewal be made after June 1st of any year, a \$10.00 penalty shall be paid in addition to the annual license fee before a renewal of the license is issued. An application for renewal shall be referred by the city Clerk to the Common Council which shall direct the Health Officer and City Engineer to make an inspection of the

premises as provided in section 331.02 of this chapter for the issuance of an original permit for the construction or operation of a slaughter house. Upon receiving the report of the Health Officer and City Engineer as to the results of such inspection, the Common Council may, by resolution, direct the City Clerk to renew such license. Failure to renew such license shall operate as an automatic revocation of the permit prescribed in section 331.02 of this chapter.

331.04 DISPOSAL OF WASTE.

(1) Liquid waste, including blood, shall be disposed of in the public sewage system of the City of Richland Center with such pre-treatment as shall be deemed necessary by the City Engineer and to the extent only that the disposal plant of the sewage system is able to properly care for such wastes. In the event that experience determines that more liquid wastes are produced than can be properly cared for by the public sewage system as determined by the City Engineer, the excess over and above the amount that can be handled by the public sewage system must be otherwise disposed of at least one mile outside the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center.

(2) Solid waste and manure shall be kept in a completely enclosed metal container and shall be removed from the premises occupied by any slaughter house once each day after all slaughtering operations for such day shall have been completed. Such solid waste and refuse shall be disposed of at least one mile outside the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center, and shall in no event be put in the garbage to be disposed of by the city.

331.05 KEEPING OF ANIMALS. Animals intended for slaughter shall be kept in fully enclosed and fly-proofed pens, stables or other enclosures and such pens, stables or other enclosures shall be kept at all times clean and sanitary and in such fashion as not to constitute a nuisance. Animals intended for slaughter shall not be kept in trucks, trailers or other vehicles within the City of Richland Center for longer periods than one-half hour. Animals intended for slaughter shall not be kept in pens, stables or other enclosures at any slaughter house in the City of Richland Center for longer periods than eight hours. In no event shall animals intended for slaughter be kept overnight upon the premises of any slaughter house within the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center.

331.06 HOURS OF OPERATION. Livestock shall not be received for slaughtering between the hours of 5:00 P.M. of any day and 8:00 A.M. of the following day. Slaughtering operations shall be carried on only between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. of any week day.

331.07 EXTENT OF OPERATION. The permit prescribed by section 331.02 of this chapter shall specify the extent of slaughtering operations that may be carried on under such permit. The resolution of the Common Council directing the issuance of a permit for the operation of a slaughter house shall specifically set forth such limitation on the extent of slaughtering operations as the Common Council shall deem necessary in protecting the health, safety and general welfare of the City of Richland Center.

331.08 CONSTRUCTION AND CLEANING OF FLOORS, WALLS AND CEILINGS. Floors, walls and ceilings of any room or rooms used for the slaughtering of animals shall be of concrete or other impervious or non-absorbable materials and floors shall be equipped with suitable drains and sewers equipped with approved traps and vents. Floors, walls and ceilings shall be kept in good repair to the extent that they remain impervious and non-absorbable and can be kept clean and sanitary. Floors, walls and ceilings shall be washed each day after all slaughtering operations for such day have been

completed.

331.09 ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF STATE REGULATIONS. All rules of the State Board of Health of Wisconsin and of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection applicable to the construction, maintenance, equipment, operation or personnel of slaughter houses now in effect and all additions and amendments thereto, insofar as such rules and amendments are not inconsistent with this chapter, are hereby adopted by reference herein and made a part hereof.

331.10 INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT. The Health Officer of the City of Richland Center shall make an inspection of the premises of every slaughter house operating in the City of Richland Center at various times but not less than twice each month and shall report in writing to the Common Council his findings and the results of his inspections. Such inspections shall be for the purpose of determining whether slaughter houses operating within the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center are complying with the requirements of this chapter and with all rules of the State Board of Health of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection relating to the construction, maintenance, equipment, operation or personnel of slaughter houses. Upon receiving complaint that any condition constituting a nuisance exists upon the premises of any slaughter house operating within the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, the Health Officer shall make an investigation to determine whether such condition exists and whether such condition constitutes a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Richland Center and shall report in writing to the Common Council the results of such investigation. The determination of the Health Officer as to the existence of a nuisance shall be conclusive for purposes of enforcing this chapter.

331.11 REVOCATION OF PERMITS. The Common Council of the City of Richland Center may, in its discretion, at any time revoke a permit granted for the construction or operation of a slaughter house within the corporate limits of the City of Richland Center upon receiving a report from the Health Officer that any condition exists upon the premises of any licensed slaughter house constituting a nuisance and a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Richland Center. The Common Council may, in its discretion, at any time revoke a permit granted for the construction or operation of a slaughter house when the firm or corporation constructing or operating such slaughter house shall have been convicted of a violation of this chapter or of any rules of the State Board of Health of Wisconsin, or of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection relating to the construction, maintenance, operation or personnel of slaughter houses. Such revocation of a permit shall be in addition to any other penalties prescribed herein.

331.12 PENALTIES. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than \$100.00, nor more than \$400.00 together with the costs of prosecution, and in the event such forfeiture and costs are not paid, by imprisonment in the County Jail of Richland County until such fine and costs are paid but not to exceed 90 days. Each day a condition exists in violation of this chapter shall be deemed a separate offense.

331.13 SEVERANCE CLAUSE. The provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this chapter shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this chapter, but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this chapter shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

331.14 EFFECTIVE DATE. This chapter shall be in full force and effect from and after January 16th, 1951.