

TOWN ORDINANCE NO. 129

PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERED CATTLE, SHEEP, SWINE AND OTHER LIVE STOCK: THE APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR OF MEATS, FIXING HIS COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to have, keep, sell or expose for sale, or to have in possession with intent to sell, for human food the flesh of any cattle, calves, sheep, swine, or have, keep, sell or expose for sale unless the same shall have been slaughtered under the supervision of the Meat Inspector of the Town of Jerome in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance; provided however, that this ordinance shall not apply to cattle, calves, sheep, swine, goats or other live stock slaughtered under the supervision of the United States Government in accordance with the regulations relating to the inspection of meats as prescribed by the department of agriculture of the United States and bearing the stamp of such inspection of meats, or to any such meats slaughtered under the supervision of and bearing the stamp of an official meat or food inspector of any other city in this State, in which the inspection of meats has been approved by the meat inspector of the City, showing that such meats have been inspected and passed by the meat or food inspector of such other City.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to sell, have, keep or expose for sale or have in possession with the intent to sell for human food the flesh of any cattle, calves, sheep, swine, goats or other live stock unless there has been placed on each primal part thereof, by or under the personal supervision of an inspector of the United States or of the Town of Jerome or of other city approved by said meat inspector, as in section one provided a mark, stamp, or brand showing that the same has been inspected and passed for food purposes.

Section 3. Carcasses of such animals killed outside the limits of the Town of Jerome which are to be sold within the Town of Jerome may be offered for inspection on the following conditions:

Carcasses presented for inspection must have the head, heart, liver and lungs held by the natural attachment. Such carcasses, if offered, shall be inspected and if found to be free from disease and otherwise sound and healthful, and if slaughtered and transported in a sanitary manner, shall be passed and stamped. If found to be diseased, unsound, unwholesome or otherwise unfit for human food, they shall be condemned for food purposes and destroyed. For the examination of such carcasses, a fee, to be fixed by the Town Council of the Town of Jerome, shall be paid to the meat inspector by the party having the same inspected.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation except the meat inspector of the town of Jerome, to have in possession, keep, or use any mark, stamp, or brand provided or used for making, stamping, or branding, as inspected and passed, any article herein required to be so marked, stamped or branded, or any mark, stamp, or brand having thereon a device or words, similar in character or import to the marks, stamps, or brands, provided or used for such purposes by said Town of Jerome.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the meat inspector and he is hereby empowered, to enter all places in which the slaughtering of animals for food is being carried on and to make such inspections of the said animals as may be deemed necessary to determine their fitness for human food. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation owning or having charge of any place in the Town of Jerome, in which which animals are slaughtered for food to permit the removal therefrom of any carcass or part thereof until the same shall have been inspected and stamped, as approved or condemned by the meat inspector of the Town of Jerome, Condemned carcasses or parts shall not be removed from the slaughter house until they have been treated, in the presence of the inspector, in such a way as to prevent their future use for human food.

It shall be the duty of the meat inspector, and he is hereby empowered, to enter any place where the meat or flesh of any animal mentioned in this ordinance or the product thereof may be stored, held, kept, exposed, or offered for sale; and also every establishment where meat is manufactured into articles of food or preserved, cured, canned or otherwise prepared for food, and inspect the same, and whenever such meats or flesh shall, upon inspection and examination be found not marked, stamped, or branded, so as to show that the same has been inspected and passed for food purposes as in this Ordinance provided, the said meat inspector shall condemn the same and shall order such disposal as will prevent its use as human food.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transport or cause to be transported in any vehicle through the streets or public ways of the Town of Jerome any meat unless the same is securely wrapped in paper or tightly sewed cloth covering, or unless such vehicle is provided with a tight cover, which shall be kept closed at all times during such transportation, so as to not expose the meat to dust, filth, dirt or other deleterious substance.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the meat inspector, and the Board of Health of the Town of Jerome, to visit from time to time places in the vicinity of the Town of Jerome where animals are slaughtered and sent to the Town for sale, to see whether such places are clean and sanitary. If, in their opinion, or the opinion of either, conditions are such as to render meat from such places unfit for food, they shall refuse to allow said meat to be brought into the city.

If the proprietor or person in charge of such places outside of the Town of Jerome shall refuse to allow the meat inspector or the Board of Health of said town, or either of them to enter and inspect the premises, said meat inspector or Board of Health as the case may be, shall refuse to allow meat or other food products from such places to be brought into the city.

Section 8. The officer of Meat Inspector is hereby created for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this ordinance and it shall be the duty of the Town Council of the Town of Jerome to appoint a Meat Inspector in accordance herewith which office is in conjunction with the Health Officer of said town and such Meat Inspector shall hold office for the term of two years and who shall be removed at the pleasure of the Common Council and shall receive such compensation and such fees as the Town Council from time to time might fix.

Section 9. Every person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance is deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished with a fine of not exceeding three hundred (\$300.00) dollars

or three months in the Town Jail in the Town of Jerome or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 10. Whereas, the prevalence of diseased animals, in this ordinance specified, being slaughtered in the vicinity of Jerome and brought in said City and sold therein for food which is liable to cause sickness among the inhabitants of said Town, and an immediate operation of this ordinance is necessary to maintain the public peace, health and safety of said Town and the inhabitants thereof, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and immediate effect from and after its passage and approval, and is hereby exempt from the referendum provisions of the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 1926, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE AYES 3 NAYS 0

mayor

Attest;  
Town Clerk