

CHAPTER 1715
Meat and Meat Products

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CROSS REFERENCES

Food processing places to be kept sanitary - see Ohio R.C. 913.41 et seq.
Horse meat - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 919
Marketing standards - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 925
State inspections - see Ohio R.C. 925.11, 3715.61, 3715.70
Animal diseases - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 941
Disposal of dead animals - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 953, 3767.12
Selling diseased animals - see Ohio R.C. 959.05 et seq.
Board of Health power to inspect - see Ohio R.C. 3707.33, 3707.36, 3709.22
Board may require permit to vend milk or meat; fees - see Ohio R.C. 3707.34
Adulterated, misbranded and unsafe food - see Ohio R.C. 3715.52, 3715.59 et seq.
Meat standards - see OAC 901:3-31

1715.01 SALE PERMIT REQUIRED.

No person shall vend meat, meat products, meat-food products, fish, game or poultry, wholesale or retail, in the City unless he first obtains a vending permit from the Department of Public Health.

(Ord. 70-30. Passed 2-24-70.)

1715.02 SANITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VENDING MEAT.

All vending of meats or meat-food products shall be done in a strictly sanitary manner; the carriers shall be clean and the handling of meats shall not be permitted by the vendor. (Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.03 PROTECTION OF MEAT USED FOR FOOD.

The body of any animal or fowl, or part thereof, which is to be used for food, shall not be carted or carried through the streets or avenues of the City unless it is covered so as to protect it from dust and dirt. No meat, poultry, game or fish shall be hung or exposed for sale in any street or outside of any shop or store, or in the open windows and doorways thereof, in the City. At all times meat, poultry, game or fish on the market shall be protected from flies, dust and dirt by a glass cover.

No person shall display any poultry, game or meat of any kind for sale, unless it is protected by glass or other substantial material necessary and to the proper heights, also extending over the counter at least ten inches, so as to keep the general public from handling the different named articles of food before they are sold to them. (Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.04 SANITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PREMISES.

Each butcher or other person occupying or using any room or building where any cattle are slaughtered, dressed for market or stored shall cause such room or building, and all appurtenances thereto, to be thoroughly cleansed, and all offal, blood, fat, garbage, refuse and unwholesome or offensive matter to be removed therefrom once every twenty-four hours after the use thereof for any purpose herein mentioned. Such room or building shall be well drained into a sewer or other place acceptable to the inspector.

All butchers, meat, poultry and fish dealers shall keep their stores, salesrooms, market stalls, slaughterhouses and all appurtenances thereunto in a clean and sanitary condition and provide proper drainage, light and ventilation for the same. All meat, meat-food products, poultry, game and fish intended for human food shall be protected from flies and other insects. Rats, mice and other vermin shall be excluded.

For fish handling, floors shall be of impervious material and all work tables shall have a cover of metal or other impervious material.

No basement of any building shall be used for keeping, holding, slaughtering or dressing any poultry, rabbits, fish, game or other livestock. (Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.05 REFRIGERATION REQUIREMENTS.

All meat, game or poultry offered for sale in the City shall be kept under refrigeration, or removed to a refrigerator at the close of each day.

No meat dealer or butcher shall keep meat, meat products, meat-food products, fish, game or poultry in any refrigerator or ice box unless the same shall be lined with some impervious material or other proper substance so as to be watertight; nor unless the same is provided with drainage as prescribed in the Building Code of the City, and the same shall be kept clean and in a sanitary condition. (Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.06 PERSONAL CLEANLINESS; STERILIZATION; TESTING METHODS.

All persons engaged in the handling of meat, meat-food products, fish, game or poultry shall maintain their bodies and clothing in a cleanly manner. Knife scabbards shall be kept clean.

Butchers and others who dress or handle diseased carcasses or parts shall, before

handling or dressing other carcasses or parts, cleanse their hands of grease, immerse them in a prescribed disinfectant and rinse them in clean water. Implements used in dressing diseased carcasses shall be thoroughly cleansed in boiling water or in a prescribed disinfectant, followed by rinsing in clean water. The employees of the establishment who handle any meat or product shall keep their hands clean, and in all cases, after visiting the toilet rooms or urinals, shall wash their hands before handling any meat or product or implements used in the preparation of the same.

Such practices as spitting on whetstones, placing skewers or knives in the mouth, inflating lungs or casings or testing with air from the mouth such receptacles as tierces, kegs, casks and the like, containing or intended as containers of any meat or products, are prohibited. Only mechanical means may be used for testing. Care shall be taken to prevent the contamination of meats and products with perspiration.

(Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.07 FOOD UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION PROHIBITED.

No person shall bring into the City or sell, expose or offer for sale in any market, public or private, any cattle, sheep, swine or lamb, or any meat, fish, game or poultry that is diseased, unsound, unwholesome or that for any other reason is unfit for human food.

(Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.08 FOOD FROM ANIMALS WHICH DIED DISEASED OR BY ACCIDENT.

No person shall sell or offer for sale for human food or keep in any market, public or private, in the City, any cased, blown, raised, stuffed, nauseous, putrid, impure, unhealthy or unwholesome meats, meat products, meat-food products, fish, game or poultry or the meat of any animal that may have died of any disease or accident.

(Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.09 INSPECTION OF PROPERTY WHERE FOOD IS SOLD.

No person owning or having control of any shop, stall, ice chest or other place where meat, meat products, meat-food products, fish, game or poultry is kept for sale shall refuse permission to an inspector to enter and inspect the same and if necessary, condemn and order the same to be removed immediately.

(Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.10 FOOD OFFERED FOR SALE.

The fact that any cattle, sheep, swine or lamb are in a stockyard, slaughterhouse, pen or crate shall be considered sufficient evidence that the same are being offered for sale; and the fact that the carcasses of any cattle, sheep, swine or lamb or any part thereof, are found in any public or private marketplace, dressed and prepared as such meat usually is for market, shall be deemed as sufficient evidence that the same are on sale. No animal or part thereof, or any fish, game or poultry that has been examined and condemned by an inspector shall be held, sold or offered for human food in the City.

(Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.11 CONDEMNATION AND DESTRUCTION OF UNWHOLESOME FOOD.

Upon any meat, meat products, meat-food products, fish, game or poultry being found by an inspector in a condition which renders them in his opinion, unwholesome or unfit for use as human food, he is empowered, authorized and directed to immediately condemn the same and cause them to be destroyed or rendered unfit for human food, and to report his action in the prescribed manner to the Chief Dairy and Food Inspector.

(Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-60.)

1715.12 HARMFUL PRESERVATIVES AND ADULTERANTS.

No person shall sell or offer for sale any meat, meat products, meat-food products, fish, game or poultry containing any harmful preservatives such as boric acid, borates, aniline dyes, sulphurs, sulfites, benzoates, formaldehydes, permanganate of potash or other harmful ingredients; nor shall any meat products, meat, meat-food products, fish, game or poultry be sold or offered for sale which contains any adulterant used to change its color or appearance for the purpose of disguising its quality or to make it appear of better quality than it really is, except only such preservatives or coloring as are permitted by the Federal meat inspection regulations.

(Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.13 TRANSPORTING BOUND ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

No person shall transport any cattle, swine, sheep, lambs, calves or poultry while bound or tied by the legs or bound down in any manner, in any vehicle in the City. Such animals shall be allowed to freely stand in any vehicle while transported and being therein.

(Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.14 STUFFING POULTRY.

Poultry offered for sale, alive or dressed, shall not be stuffed with food, water or other material to such a degree that unusual weight is added. This practice shall be construed as a "fraudulent practice" and shall be prosecuted under this chapter. (Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.15 HOUSING AND SALE OF POULTRY.

All establishments, either wholesale or retail, engaged in the handling of live poultry shall provide clean, well ventilated quarters for housing the same. No person shall sell or offer for sale or hold in his possession sick, injured, emaciated or otherwise unmerchantable or unwholesome poultry for sale.

(Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.16 ADDITIONS OR REMODELING BUILDINGS.

All plans for new additions, remodeling or new buildings where meat, meat products, meat-food products, fish, game or poultry are handled or are to be handled or processed and sold in the City shall first be submitted to the Department of Public Health for its approval.

(Ord. 3057. Passed 6-23-30.)

1715.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter, or fails to conform to any provision thereof or fails to obey any officer charged with the enforcement of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. Each day on which such person continues to violate any provision of this chapter after having been notified of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.