

CHAPTER 8

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Sec. 8.1. General Provisions

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to maintain or operate in Gate City, without a permit from the Town Council or its duly appointed agent, any establishment which manufactures, packs, stores, sells or distributes food, food products or beverages.
- b. Any person employed or working in any soda fountain, restaurant, bakery or similar establishment in the Town of Gate City must secure a permit from the Town Council or its duly appointed agent.
- c. The foregoing code is adopted which sets forth sanitary requirements under which food establishments shall be operated in Gate City.

Sec. 8.2. Meaning of Term "Food"

The term "food" as used herein shall include all articles used for food, drink, confectionery or condiment, whether simple, mixed or compound, and all substances or ingredients used in the preparation thereof.

Sec. 8.3. Lights, Drains, Plumbing, Ventilation and General Purity and Wholesomeness

Every building, room, basement or cellar occupied or used as a bakery, confectionery, cannery, packing-house, slaughterhouse, dairy, creamery, cheese factory, restaurant, hotel, grocery, meat market or other place or apartment used for the preparation of any food or food products shall be properly lighted, drained, plumbed and ventilated, and conducted with due regard for the purity and wholesomeness of the food therein produced, and with strict regard to the influence of such conditions upon the health of the operatives, employees, clerks or other persons therein employed.

Sec. 8.4. Floors, Walls, Ceilings, Furniture, Implements, Etc.

The floors, sidewalls, ceilings, furniture, receptacles, implements and machinery of every establishment where food is manufactured, packed, stored, sold or distributed, shall at all times be kept in a clean, healthful and sanitary condition.

Sec. 8.5. Protection From Flies, Dust and Dirt

Food in the process of manufacture, preparation, packing, storing, sale or distribution, must be securely protected from flies, dust, dirt and as far as may be necessary, from all other foreign or injurious contamination. The provisions of this regulation shall also apply to the following fruits: grapes, raisins, currants, figs, prunes, dates, berries, cherries and plums.

Sec. 8.6. Matter Subject to Decomposition and Fermentation

All refuse, dirt and the waste products subject to decomposition and fermentation incident to the manufacture, preparation, packing, storing, selling and distributing of food, must be removed from the premises daily.

Sec 8.7. Daily Cleaning of Instruments and Machinery

All trucks, trays, boxes, baskets, buckets, and other receptacles, chutes, platforms, racks, tables, shelves and all knives, saws, cleavers and other utensils and machinery used in moving, handling, cutting, chopping, mixing, canning and all other process, must be thoroughly cleaned daily.

Sec. 8.8. Clothing of Employees

The clothing of operatives, employees, clerks, or other persons must be clean.

Sec. 8.9. Plastering and Painting Sidewalls and Ceilings

The sidewalls and ceilings of every bakery, confectionery, creamery, cheese factory, hotel and restaurant kitchen, shall be well plastered, wainscoted, or ceiled, preferably with metal or lumber, and shall be kept oil-painted or well limewashed.

Sec. 8.10. Washing Interior Woodwork

All interior woodwork in every bakery, confectionery, creamery, cheese factory, hotel and restaurant kitchen shall be kept washed and clean with soap and water.

Sec. 8.11. Floors

Every building, room, basement or cellar occupied or used for the preparation, manufacture, packing, storage, sale or distribution of food, shall have an impermeable floor made of cement or tile, laid in cement, brick, wood or other suitable nonabsorbent material which can be flushed and washed clean with water.

Sec. 8.12. Washrooms and Toilets

Every place in which human foods are manufactured, prepared, exposed or offered for sale shall be provided with a convenient washroom and toilet of sanitary construction, but such toilet shall be entirely separate and apartment from any room used for the manufacture or storage of food products.

Sec. 8.13. Penalty for Violation of Preceding Sections

Any person, firm, corporation or association violating any of the provisions of the preceding sections of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than three hundred dollars.

Sec. 8.14. Sterilization of Bottles and Containers

All bottles, jugs, cans, barrels and containers used in the packing, bottling, storage, distribution and sale of nonalcoholic beverage and drink products must be sterilized before using by one of the following methods:

- a. By sterilization with boiling water or live steam;
- b. By soaking in a hot caustic solution that shall contain not less than three per centum alkali, of which not less than sixty per centum is caustic, or its equivalent in cleansing or germicidal effectiveness as such solutions are commonly used in the soaker-type washing and sterilizing equipment.

Any violation of the provisions of this section or failure to comply with such provisions shall be a misdemeanor and punishable as such.

Sec. 8.15. Metal Beverage Containers with Detachable Metal Pull Tabs

On and after January one, nineteen hundred seventy-nine, no person shall sell or offer for sale at retail within the State any metal beverage container designed and constructed with an opening device that detaches from the container when the container is opened in a manner normally used to empty the contents of the container.