

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE OF
THE SUMMIT COUNTY COMBINED
GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
CHAPTER 800**

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CROSS REFERENCES

- Sanitation - see ORC 913.41
- Defrauding a livery or hostelry - see ORC 2913.41
- Hotels - see ORC 3731
- Primary drinking water - see OAC 3745-81-01 through 3745-81-89
- General provisions - see EHC 100
- Solid waste disposal - see EHC 500
- Storage of garbage and waste material - see EHC 600
- Rooming houses - see EHC 802
- Plumbing Code – See OAC 4101:3-6

EHC Environmental Health Code **ORC** Ohio Revised Code **OAC** Ohio Administrative Code

800.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Bathing facilities" shall consist of a bathtub and/or shower.
- (b) "Bedroom" means any room used exclusively for sleeping purposes; shall also include a one room cabin.
- (c) "Board" or "Board of Health" means Summit County Combined General Health District dba Summit County Public Health or its authorized representative including the Health Commissioner, Environmental Health Director, Assistant Director of Environmental Health, Environmental Health Supervisors, Sanitarians, Public Health Nurses, and any authorized employees or agents.
- (d) "Commercial Pesticide Applicator" means a person who is licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a Commercial Applicator of pesticide and is qualified to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides in commercial operations.
- (e) "Employee" means any person working at a motel/hotel.
- (f) "Guest" means any person, other than employees, either paying or non-paying, that uses any part of a motel/hotel.
- (g) "Guest room" when referring to motel/hotel accommodations means a habitable room within a dwelling unit which is used or intended to be used primarily for the purpose of sleeping and may include bath and toilet facilities or any kitchen or dining area.

- (h) "Laundry facilities" shall consist of washing machines, dryers, linen storage areas, folding tables, work space, and shelving located at the motel/hotel for the purpose of laundering
- (i) "Linens" means any items such as but not limited to sheets, mattress pads, towels, tablecloths, cloth napkins, and work garments.
- (j) "Motel/Hotel" means any public accommodation facility which is a building or group of buildings in which there are three (3) or more guest rooms used, designed, or intended to be used, let or rented out for the purpose of offering to the general public lodging, on a day to day basis for monetary compensation or other financial consideration for less than a 30 day period at a time.
- (k) "Multi-use utensil" means any utensil or item that can be used more than once which shall include but not limited to ice buckets, drinking glasses, pitchers, cups, coffee pots and other equipment coming in contact with water, beverages or solid food during storage, transportation, serving or normal use of drinking water or beverages or eating food.
- (l) "Operator" means any person who has charge, care, control or management of a motel/hotel or part thereof.
- (m) "Permit" means a license to operate a motel/hotel issued by the Board of Health.
- (n) "Single-use item" means any utensil or item designed and constructed to be used once and discarded, such as but not limited to cups, plastic utensils, paper napkins, bar soap, and shampoo.

800.02 INSPECTION.

- (a) The Board shall conduct inspections of all motels/hotels in Summit County when the Board receives a reasonable complaint which alleges a violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter. when the Board receives a reasonable complaint which alleges a violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter
- (b) During a complaint inspection, if the Board discovers violations of this regulation, he/she may make a re-inspection after such time as he/she deems necessary for the violations to be corrected.
- (c) A copy of the inspection report shall be given and/or mailed to the license holder and operator of the motel/hotel. A copy of the inspection shall be filed with the records of Summit County Public Health.
- (d) The Board shall be granted right of entry to all motels/hotels and all parts therein pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3709.22.
- (e) After an inspection and report of the inspection is completed by the Board, he/she shall determine if the report should be sent to other involved agencies.
- (f) Inspection shall include, but not be limited to, guest rooms, laundry, storage, and all other areas that the Board deems necessary at the time of inspection.

800.03 INSPECTION FEE

- (a) A fee shall be charged for each inspection completed by the Board. Current rate of this fee shall be found in EHC 101.
- (b) The Board may waive fees for inspections based on unfounded complaints.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter, an inspection fee shall not be charged for the first annual inspection based upon a complaint alleging a bedbug infestation if the hotel/motel immediately initiates remedial action in compliance with all sections of EHC 800.

800.04 PREMISES.

- (a) Every motel/hotel and all parts thereof and places appurtenant to the motel/hotel shall be maintained in good repair and shall be kept thoroughly clean and free from any accumulation of filth, garbage, rubbish or other waste.
- (b) The premises of all motels/hotels shall be kept clean and free of vermin, litter or rubbish.
- (c) Hand-washing facilities for the public shall be provided as required by the Ohio Building Code. Such hand-washing facilities shall also include hot and cold running water, soap and approved drying facilities.
- (d) Water for new transient accommodations shall be obtained from a community water supply when such is available.
 - (1) If a community water supply is not available, a non-community properly located, constructed, and maintained water supply system of sufficient capacity to meet the needs of the guests and employees of a transient accommodation shall be provided. Such water supply shall meet the standards of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("OEPA"). Existing motels/hotels may

continue to use a non-community water supply as long as the quantity and quality of water is maintained.

(e) Ice machines shall be cleaned as needed in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines or at least two times a year. The hotel/motel shall maintain records of such cleanings and shall make records available for inspection at the request of the Board. All ice machines shall have back flow prevention devices or an air gap in accordance with the plumbing code pursuant to OAC.

(f) Each hotel/motel shall have a separate mop sink.

(g) Ice machines shall be cleaned as needed in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines or at least two times a year. The hotel/motel shall maintain records of such cleanings and shall make records available for inspection at the request of the Board. All ice machines shall have back flow prevention devices or an air gap in accordance with OAC 4101:3-6.

(h) Each hotel/motel shall have a separate mop sink in working condition.

800.05 GUEST ROOMS.

(a) All linens shall be kept clean, in good repair, and free from vermin at all times. All sheets, pillow cases and towels shall be freshly laundered with soap before each occupation of a room by a different person. Linens, pillows and mattresses that are stained, ripped, or worn out shall be replaced.

(b) Mattress pads, pillows, blankets and bedspreads shall be laundered with soap every month or more often as necessary to be maintained clean and sanitary.

(c) Furniture, draperies, and other accessories, shall be properly maintained, kept in good repair, and cleaned at reasonable intervals.

(d) All refuse deposited in a guest room shall be collected daily or as often as necessary to not create a nuisance.

(e) All guest rooms shall have sufficient natural and/or artificial lighting to provide for cleaning purposes, safety and normal comfort of guests

(f) All rooms shall have sufficient ventilation to keep them free of excessive heat, steam, condensation, vapors, obnoxious odors, smoke and fumes. Ventilation systems shall be installed and operated according to code, and when vented to the outside shall not create an unsightly, harmful, or unlawful discharge. Ventilation systems shall not accumulate mold or mildew.

(g) All guest rooms used during periods requiring artificial heat shall be provided with a safe and adequate source of heat capable of maintaining room temperature of not less than 72°F (22°C) during the time of occupancy.

(h) No guest room shall contain a heating source that creates heat from burning fuel which must be transported into the hotel/motel or which uses an 110V electrical outlet to create heat. This section does not include those heating devices which derive their fuel source from plumbing, piping, or those that require a 220V outlet.

800.06 TOILET FACILITIES.

(a) Every motel/hotel shall be provided with toilet rooms and plumbing fixtures as required by the Ohio Building Code.

(1) All motels/hotels constructed after January 28, 1963 shall have toilet room doors that are tight fitting & completely close off the toilet room from the living room.

(2) Toilet room ventilation shall meet the requirements of Ohio Building Code.

(3) Every toilet room and all the facilities provided therein shall, at all times, be kept in good repair, in a clean and sanitary condition, free from filth and accumulations of waste, and shall be provided with a supply of toilet tissue.

(4) Every toilet and urinal shall be provided with a sufficient supply of water for flushing to keep it in a clean condition.

(5) Every separate motel/hotel unit shall be provided with hot and cold running water.

(b) All private bathrooms available to patrons shall be provided with toilet paper, soap, clean towels, and hot water.

(c) All sewage backups or toilet overflows shall be cleaned and sanitized immediately as to not create a nuisance or spread disease.

(d) All toilets shall be tightly secured to the floor.

800.07 HOUSEKEEPING.

(a) Maintenance closets, supply carts, mops, pail brushes and other cleaning equipment shall be kept clean and in good repair or shall be replaced as needed.

(b) All original containers of chemicals must bear the manufacturers label. All working containers of chemicals must be identified with common name of the chemical contents.

(c) Cleaners used in cleaning bathtubs, showers, lavatories, urinals and toilet seats shall be comprised of fungicidal or bactericidal contents and shall be capable of disinfecting and sanitizing all surfaces.

(d) All chemicals shall be handled and stored so as to prevent contamination of clothing, utensils and linens. Chemicals must be stored in a manner that is inaccessible to guests. All chemical products must be applied consistent with the label.

(1) All chemicals stored on site shall have corresponding Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) available and updated accordingly.

(e) Housekeeping carts shall be so arranged that clean replacement supplies, clean linens and cleaned and sanitized equipment and utensils shall be protected from soiled items being removed from each room and other sources of contamination.

800.08 UTENSILS.

(a) All multi-use utensils, equipment and fixtures used in connection with a motel/hotel shall be so constructed as to be easily cleaned and shall be kept in good repair.

(b) All utensils and fixtures shall be kept clean and free from dust, dirt, insects and other contaminating material. All cloths, sponges, brushes and similar items used by employees shall be clean. Cloths, if used for wiping or drying utensils, shall be clean and shall be used for no other purpose.

(c) Multiuse utensils and food contact surfaces of equipment shall be cleaned and sanitized before each use, when rooms are serviced and at any time contamination may have occurred in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code 3717-01-04.5 to 04.6. All other multi-use utensils shall be thoroughly cleaned and subjected to an approved bactericidal process immediately following the day's operation.

(d) Adequate facilities for the washing and sanitizing of multi-use utensils shall be provided. These facilities shall be as prescribed by the Board and shall consist, at a minimum, of a two compartment sink with hot and cold running water under pressure or the equivalent.

(1) Dirty hands shall not be washed in sinks used for the cleaning or sanitizing of utensils.

(2) Cleaning wastes shall not be emptied into sinks used for cleaning or sanitizing of utensils.

(3) Proper facilities shall be provided for procuring hot water for general cleaning purposes so that the faucet at the utensil washing sink will not be used for this purpose.

(4) Working surfaces where utensils are washed shall be illuminated to a minimum of forty foot candles

(e) No article, polish or other substance containing any cyanide preparation or other poisonous material shall be used for cleaning or polishing of utensils.

(f) All employees shall wear clean garments and shall keep their persons clean and neat at all times while engaged in handling utensils.

(g) Adequate and convenient hand-washing facilities shall be provided for employees in areas where utensils are washed and sanitized.

(h) Single-service utensils shall be kept in approved dispensers or otherwise satisfactorily protected from contamination when put in individual motel/hotel units. Opened or exposed single use utensils shall be disposed of after the departure of each guest.

(i) Dishwashing machines shall adequately sanitize dishes.

800.09 WASTE DISPOSAL.

(a) All sanitary sewage systems shall be connected to the sanitary drainage system of the building or premises and be disposed of in an approved manner.

(b) Sewage treatment systems shall not be permitted to create a nuisance nor endanger the safety of any water supply. All sewage treatment systems shall be operated, maintained, and monitored in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations.

(c) Refuse shall be kept in suitable receptacles in such a manner as not to become a nuisance. Tightly fitting lids shall be provided for the refuse receptacles. Garbage and other refuse shall be disposed of through a refuse hauling service or disposed of properly in a licensed landfill.

800.10 INSECT AND RODENT CONTROL.

- (a) The premises of all motels/hotels shall be kept free of insects, rodents, and other vermin. Any condition which may provide harborage or food for rodents or insects shall not be permitted at any motel/hotel.
- (b) All outer openings shall be protected from the entry of insects and rodents.
 - (1) Windows shall have screens that are in good repair.
 - (2) Doors shall have intact weather-stripping.
 - (3) Floor drains shall be covered with easily cleanable and removable cover
- (c) Any person, firm, or company performing pest control operations to control insects, rodents, or other vermin shall be licensed, as provided under Section 921.01 to 921.28 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (d) Effective measures intended to minimize the presence, harborage, or breeding of rodents, flies, cockroaches, bed bugs, pests, and other insects on the premise shall be utilized.
- (e) The hotel/motel shall keep adequate records of chemicals used by the licensed pest control operator. These records shall be subject to inspection by the Board.

800.11 HEALTH OF EMPLOYEES.

- (a) When the Board has reasonable cause to believe that a danger of transmission of infection from any motel/hotel employee exists, the Board is authorized to require any or all of the following measures:
 - (1) The immediate exclusion of the employee from employment in all motels/hotels;
 - (2) The suspension of the motel/hotel operations until no further danger of disease outbreak exists according to ORC 3701.3; or
 - (3) Adequate medical examination of the employee and of his associates, with such laboratory examinations as may be required by the Board.
- (b) No employee shall resume work after using the toilet room without first washing his hands.

800.12 VARIANCES.

The Board of Health may grant a hearing to an operator and authorize, in specific cases, such variance from the requirements of this chapter as will not be contrary to the public interest, where the operator shows that, because of practical difficulties or other special conditions, their strict application will cause unusual and unnecessary hardship. However, no variance shall be granted that will defeat the spirit and general intent of this chapter or otherwise not be in the public interest.

800.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Environmental Health Code shall be in violation of ORC 3707.48, 3709.20, 3709.21 or 3709.22, and subject to penalties provided in ORC 3707.99 and 3709.99.

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