

ORDINANCE NO. 35 - 2012

AMENDING CHAPTER 10, HEALTH AND SAFETY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READING BY ELIMINATING DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE REGULAR INSPECTION OF THE PREMISES OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL COMMON LAUNDRIES UNDER THE HEALTH CODE OF THE CITY OF READING.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10, Health and Safety, of the Codified Ordinances is hereby amended to delete dry cleaning establishments from the regular inspection of the premises of commercial and residential common laundries under the Health Code of the City of Reading as attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: All relevant ordinances, regulations and policies of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania not amended per the attached shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this ordinance is held for any reason to be invalid such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 4: This Ordinance, advertised on Monday, March 19, 2012, in the Reading Eagle shall become effective in ten (10) days after passage.

Enacted March 26, 2012


Council President

Attest:



City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 28 day of March A. D. 2012. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 28 day of March A. D. 2012.

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

Submitted to Mayor: *[Signature]*
Date: 3/27/12

Received by the Mayor's Office: *[Signature]*
Date: 3/27/12

Approved by Mayor: *[Signature]*
Date: 3/27/12

Vetoed by Mayor: _____
Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

PART 10

COMMERCIAL LAUNDRY CODE

Section 10-1001. Definitions.

As used in this part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

LAUNDRY - Laundry facilities, washerettes and laundromats including coin-operated businesses. ~~dry-cleaning establishments~~

PERSON - A natural person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other legal entity.

RESIDENTIAL COMMON LAUNDRIES - Those rental apartments that provide washing machines and or dryers for the use of the residents of the property and for which compensation is received.

In this part, the singular shall include the plural; the plural shall include the singular; and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

Section 10-1002. Adoption.

There is hereby established a Health Permit by the City of Reading for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing the sanitary and safety conditions of commercial laundry facilities within the limits of the City of Reading.

Section 10-1003. Title.

These regulations shall be known as the Commercial Laundry Code of the City of Reading.

Section 10-1004. Scope.

The premises and operating equipment of commercial laundry facilities, washerettes and laundromats including coin-operated businesses ~~dry-cleaning establishments~~ and similar public facilities including laundry facilities provided for tenants in apartment buildings for the purpose of laundering and cleaning clothing shall be in accordance with this code.

Section 10-1005. License.

All facilities providing means for laundering clothing shall be required to hold a license issued by the ~~Bureau of Code Enforcement, City of Reading,~~ **Property Maintenance Department**. Said license shall be issued annually and shall expire December 31st.

Section 10-1006. Fee.

All permits secured under the Health Code shall be paid to the Treasurer of the City of Reading within the calendar month issued. Fees for a permit covered under this Code shall be as per **the** fee schedule enacted by the City of Reading, ~~Bureau of Code Enforcement~~. The fee established is \$50.00 for every commercial laundry establishment. In addition there is a per unit charge of \$5.00 for each washer and or dryer. Residential common laundries shall be required to pay the per unit fee only.

Section 10-1007. Permit Required.

- A. Plumbing - The installation of any traps, fixture replacements, disposals, relief valves, hot water heaters, automatic washer wastes, water fountains, specialty piping, such as, factory equipment, industrial waste equipment, back-flow preventers, rain conductors, water service, water piping, building sewer connections (sanitary and storm), and repairs to same shall be in conformity with the provisions of the City Plumbing Code
- B. Electric - The installation of any electrical system used for the transmission of electric current for electric lights heat, power, signs electrical materials, electrical equipment or electrical fixtures shall be in conformity with the provisions of the

City Plumbing Code

Section 10-1008. Standards.

- A. All floors, walls, and ceilings of laundries shall be kept in and acceptable sanitary condition at all times
- B. An adequate number of approved waste receptacles with fitted covers shall be provided as required by the Health Officer
- C. Persons owning or operating establishments open on a 24-hour a day basis shall be required to sweep down the floors at least two times in each 24-hour period. Where establishments are closed for a minimum of 8 hours each day, floors shall be swept down at least one time daily.
- D. Persons owning or operating establishments open to the general public shall be required at least one time in every 7-day period, to run each washing machine through a cleaning cycle with water and a cleaning compound to cleanse each machine thoroughly and maintain a record thereof kept for inspection by the Health Officer.
- E. All laundry dryers shall be adequately connected by a means of duct to an outside vent that is baffled in such a manner that the dryer effluent does not create a nuisance or hazard to the health of an individual or neighboring property. The ductwork shall also be provided with filters, or a system of trapping the lint as approved by the Health Officer.
- F. The premises shall be adequately lighted while open to the public.
- G. All washing machines shall be properly connected to the water and sewer systems in accordance with the city plumbing code.
- H. All electrical connections to washers and dryers shall be made in accordance with the city electrical code.

Section 10-1009. Penalties.

Any person who shall violate a provision of this Ordinance or Code, or any other order, rule, or regulations made thereunder, shall be liable to the issuance of a citation, summons, complaint or warrant against him, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to paying a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each offense, together with costs, and in default payment thereof, to be sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the Berks County Prison not to exceed ninety (90) days. Each day that said violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense for which a prosecution may be instituted as hereinabove set forth.

