

## CHAPTER 11

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For the purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

**Approved.** That which the Board of Health by rule or regulation designates acceptable as a device, apparatus or method which by demonstration or test has proven workable for its intended use.

**Board of Health.** The Board of Health of the City or its authorized representative.

**Building.** Any structure, whether public or private, that is adapted to or used for dwelling occupancy, as defined in Chapter 28 hereof; for the transaction of business; for the rendering of professional service, amusement, the display or sale or storage of goods, wares, merchandise, articles or equipment; for office buildings, public buildings, stores, theaters, markets, restaurants, grain processors, abattoirs, factories, warehouses, workshops, garages; and for outhouses, sheds, barns or other structures or premises used as an accessory to any such uses.

**Food or foodstuff.** Includes, besides human food, grain and other feed for animals or fowl.

**Rodent control.** The distribution of rodent poison or the setting of rodent traps or fumigation or such other methods of rodent eradication as may be approved by the Board of Health.

**Rodent harborage.** Any condition under which rodents may find shelter or protection.

**Rodent proof or rodent proofing.** Applies to a form of construction which will prevent the ingress or egress of rodents to or from a given space or building, or gaining access to food, water or harborage. It consists of the closing and keeping closed by the use of material impervious to rodent gnawing of every opening in foundations, basements, cellar exterior and interior walls, ground or first floors, roofs, sidewalk grating, sidewalk openings and other places that may be reached and entered by rodents by climbing, burrowing or other methods.

(Code 1973, 32-1)

#### **11-102. Rodent proofing required.**

(1) Every building erected after the effective date of this Chapter and every alteration, addition, extension, enlargement or repairs thereto, shall be rodent proofed and maintained in such condition.

(2) Every building, except private and two-family dwellings, existing at the effective date of this Chapter, and every alteration, addition, extension, enlargement, or repairs thereto, shall be rodent proofed and maintained in such condition, and all vacant and unimproved property shall be kept free of rodent harborage at all times. The owner of such building, vacant or unimproved property shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of this section.

(Code 1973, 32-2)

#### **11-103. Storage, handling, etc., of materials affording harborage or food.**

All building materials, lumber, boxes, cartons, barrels, bottles, cans, containers, machinery, raw materials, junk, fabricated goods, food, foodstuff and similar things which may afford harborage or food for rodents, shall be kept, stored or handled in a manner or method approved by the Board of Health.

(Code 1973, 32-3)

#### **11-104. Duty of building owner or occupant.**

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Whenever there is a rodent infestation in any building, open area or other premises, the occupants thereof, and in the case of a multiple dwelling the owner thereof, shall immediately institute rodent control and shall continuously maintain such measures until such building, open area or other premises are declared by the Board of Health to be free of rodent infestation.

(Code 1973, 32-4)

### **11-105. Food establishments -- Conditions generally.**

No building or part thereof shall be used as a place where food or foodstuff is stored, processed, prepared or manufactured, sold or offered for sale unless such building or part thereof is free from vermin and rodents.

(Code 1973, 32-5)

### **11-106. Same -- Certification by board of health.**

No license shall be issued for the storing, processing, preparing, manufacturing, selling or offering for sale any food, foodstuff or food products until the applicant therefor has secured a certification from the Board of Health that the place where such operation is to be conducted is of rodent proof construction or has been rendered rodent proof.

(Code 1973, 32-6)

### **11-107. Building alterations.**

It shall be unlawful for any owner, occupant, contractor, public utility or any other person in making alterations, additions, extensions, enlargements or repairs, or in making installation of wires, conduits, pipes or other installations or for any other purpose, to remove or fail to restore in like condition the rodent proofing from any building or to make new openings therein that are not rodent proofed.

(Code 1973, 32-7)

### **11-108. Feeding of wild birds.**

No person shall feed wild birds other than with approved containers for the food elevated at least forty-eight inches above the ground level.

(Code 1973, 32-8)

### **11-109. Rules and regulations of board of health.**

The Board of Health is hereby empowered to promulgate and enforce all reasonable rules and regulations for carrying out the purpose and intent of this Chapter.

(Code 1973, 32-9)