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# 100.01 - Title.

The provisions embraced within the following pages and sections shall constitute and be known and may be cited as the Wood County Combined General Health District "Health, Safety, and Sanitation Regulations for Structures and Vacant Lots" hereinafter referred to as "this Code".

## 100.02 - Authority.

The Board of Health of the general health district may make such orders and regulations as are necessary for its own government, for the public health, the prevention or restriction of disease, and the prevention, abatement or suppression of nuisances. (from ORC 3709.21)

## 100.03 - Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to protect, preserve, and promote the physical and mental health and social well-being of the people; to prevent and control the incidence of communicable disease, to reduce environmental hazards to health and safety, to regulate privately and publicly owned structures, buildings, dwellings and vacant lots for the purpose of maintaining adequate sanitation, public health and abating nuisance; and to protect the safety of the people and to promote the general welfare by regulations which shall be applicable to all structures, buildings, dwellings and vacant lots in the Wood County Combined General Health District. It is hereby further declared that the purpose of this Code is to insure that the quality of housing is adequate for the protection of public health, safety and general welfare, including establishment of minimum standards for basic equipment and facilities for light, ventilation, and thermal conditions, for safety from fire and accidents, for the use, location and amount of space for human occupancy, and for an adequate level of maintenance, determination of responsibilities of owners, operators, agents, and occupants of structures, buildings, and dwellings, and for adequate levels of maintenance of accessory structures and exterior yard areas; and provision for administration, enforcement and penalties thereof.

## 100.04 - Scope.

All parts of any premises, vacant land, vacant structure, vacant building, vacant dwelling, vacant multiple dwelling, vacant dwelling unit, vacant rooming house, vacant habitable room, occupied structure, occupied building, occupied dwelling, occupied multiple dwelling, occupied rooming house, occupied habitable room or any part or portion thereof, shall conform to the requirements of this Code irrespective of the primary use or intended use of such structure, building, dwelling or vacant lot and irrespective of when such structure, building, dwelling or vacant lot may have been constructed, altered, occupied, vacated or repaired. Structures or buildings that are incident to agricultural uses on land are exempt from this regulation.

#### (Amended by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

### 100.05 - Applicability.

Every vacant lot and occupied or vacant structure, building, dwelling, accessory structure, and the premises, grounds, lots or parcels of land on which it is located, within the Wood County Combined General Health District, insofar as they are within the scope thereto, shall comply with requirements of this Code. (Amended by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

#### 100.06 - Existing Requirements.

This Code establishes minimum requirements for the initial and continued occupancy of all structures, buildings, and dwellings used by any person and does not replace or modify existing requirements otherwise established for the construction, repair, alteration, or use of structures, buildings, dwellings, equipment or facilities except as provided in this section.

# 100.07 - Existing Remedies.

Nothing in this Code shall be deemed to abolish or impair existing remedies of the County Health Department or its officers or agencies relating to the removal or demolition of any structure, building or dwelling which is deemed to be dangerous, unsafe, or unsanitary.

# 100.08 - Application of Building Codes.

Any alteration to a structure, building or dwelling which may be caused directly or indirectly by the enforcement of this Code shall be done in accordance with applicable sections of the building code of Wood County known as the "Uniform Code of Building Regulations for One, Two, and Three Family Dwellings in Wood County, Ohio" and "The Ohio Building Code" hereinafter jointly cited as the building code.

# 100.09 - Application of Zoning Laws.

Nothing in this Code shall permit the establishment or conversion of a multiple dwelling to any zone except where permitted by zoning law, nor the continuation of such nonconforming use in any zone except as provided herein.

# 100.10 - Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or part or portion of this Code is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the board of health that these chapters 100 through 406 inclusive would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included. **(Amended by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)** 

## 100.11 - Conflict with other Ordinances.

Except as provided in Section 100.05, in any case where a provision of this Code is found to be in conflict with a provision of any zoning, building, fire, safety, or health ordinance or code of a municipality, Wood County, the State of Ohio, or federal government existing on the effective date of this Code, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the safety and health of the people shall prevail such as may be allowed by the command of the Supremacy Clause, Article VI of the United States Constitution and any similar legal command doctrines thereto. (Amended by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

## 100.12 - Saving Clause.

This Code shall not affect violations of any other ordinance, code or regulation of Wood

County existing prior to the effective date hereof. Any such violation shall be governed and shall continue to be punishable to the full extent of the law under the provisions of those ordinances, codes or regulations in effect at the time the violation was committed.

**CHAPTER 200 - Definitions.** 

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## 200.01 - Interchangeability.

Words used in the present tense include the future; words in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural the singular.

## 200.02 - Terms Defined in Building Code.

Where terms are not defined in this section and are defined in the building code, they shall have ascribed to them the definitions of the building code.

## 200.03 - Terms Not Defined.

Where terms are not defined under the provisions of this Code or under the provisions of the building code, they shall have ascribed to them their ordinary, accepted meanings or such as the context herein may imply.

# 200.04 - Accessory Structure.

A detached structure, building, or dwelling in a secondary or subordinate capacity from a main or principal structure, building or dwelling and located on the same premises as the main structure, building or dwelling.

## 200.05 - Agent.

Any person who accepts rent, has charge, care or control of a structure, building, dwelling, premises, or vacant lot as operator for the owner, or as agent, executor, administrator,

trustee or guardian of the estate of the owner.

## 200.06 - Alteration.

Any addition, change or modification in construction or occupancy.

## 200.07 - Approved.

As applied to a material, device or method of construction shall mean approved by the Health Commissioner or his agent under the provisions of this Code, or approved by another authority designated by law to give approval in the matter in question.

## 200.08 - Appurtenance.

Any part or portion of a structure which belongs or relates to the structure as an accessory or appendage.

## 200.09 - Basement.

The lowest story of a building that is wholly or partially below grade. This also includes by definition a Cellar.

## 200.10 - Bathroom.

A room containing bathing and/or sanitary facilities provided within each dwelling unit, consisting of at least a water flush type toilet and a lavatory and/or a tub or shower.

# 200.11 - Board of Health.

The Board of Health of the Wood County Combined General Health District.

#### 200.12 - Building Code.

The "Uniform Code of Building Regulations for One, Two, and Three Family Dwellings in Wood County, Ohio" and "The Ohio Building Code" herein after jointly cited as the Building Code.

## 200.13 - Ceiling Height.

The clear vertical distance from the finished floor to the finished ceiling above it.

#### 200.14 - Dangerous Structure.

A structure, building, or dwelling which is, in the opinion of the Health Commissioner and/or a hazard to life and limb and poses a threat to the health and safety of the occupants or the public.

## 200.15 - Dumpster.

Any bulk container used or intended for use to store garbage, rubbish or refuse between collections and designed in such a manner as to be mechanically emptied.

#### 200.16 - Dwelling.

Any structure or building consisting of one or more dwelling units which is wholly or partly

used, or intended to be used, for living, sleeping and possibly cooking and eating by human occupants.

## 200.17 - Dwelling Unit.

Any room or group of rooms located within a structure, building or dwelling forming a single habitable unit with facilities which are used for, or intended to be used for living, sleeping and possibly cooking and eating by human occupants.

## 200.18 - Egress.

An arrangement of exit facilities to assure a safe means of exit from any part of a structure, building or dwelling.

# 200.19 - Exterior Yard Areas.

The open space on the premises of a structure, building or dwelling under the control of the owner, operator, agent or occupants of such structure, building or dwelling.

## 200.20 - Extermination.

The elimination of insects, rodents, or other pests infesting a structure or its premises by elimination of harborage and/or food supplies used by the pests and/or by poisoning, spraying, fumigating, trapping or by any other recognized and legal pest elimination method approved by the local, state, or federal government having jurisdiction.

## 200.21 - Garbage.

The animal and vegetable matter resulting from handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, including cans, containers, and wrappings wasted therewith.

## 200.22 - Grade.

The finished ground level adjacent to a structure, building or dwelling.

## 200.23 - Habitable Room.

A room or enclosed floor space within a structure, building or dwelling used or intended to be used for living or business purposes, which includes but is not limited to working, sleeping, cooking, recreation, office, or any combination thereof. Bathrooms, water closets, laundries, pantries, foyers, community corridors, closets and storage spaces are not considered as habitable space.

(Amended by the Board of Health April 8, 2004, effective date April 28, 2004)

# 200.24 - Health Commissioner.

The Health Commissioner of the Wood County Combined General Health District or his authorized representative.

**200.241** Authorized representative includes but is not limited to any Deputy Health Commissioner, any Director of Environmental Health, any supervisory sanitarian, and any sanitarian of the local health department.

## 200.25 - Infestation.

The presence of insects, rodents or other pests which constitute a nuisance or a hazard to the health or safety of the public or the occupants of any premises, structure, building, dwelling, or vacant lot.

## 200.26 - Interior Furniture.

Any furniture designed or intended for use inside a structure, building, or dwelling, and designed in such manner that exposure to weather would cause damage to the furniture, including but not limited to, stuffed sofas, Mattresses, stuffed chairs and associated cushions. (Amended by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

# 200.27 – Lead Based Paint.

Any paint or other similar surface- coating substance containing lead at or in excess of the level that is hazardous to human health as established by rule of the Public Health Council in accordance with section 3742.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. (New Section added by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

# 200.28 - Lead-Bearing Substance.

Any structural substance or material, containing lead at or in excess of the level that is hazardous to human health as established by rule of the Public Health Council in accordance with section 3742.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. (New Section added by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

# 200.29 - Lead Contaminated Dust.

Dust in or on substances that contain an area or mass concentration of lead at or in excess of the level that is hazardous to human health as established by rule of the Public Health Council in accordance with section 3742.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. (New Section added by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

# 200.30 - Lead Contaminated Soil.

Soil that contains lead at or in excess of the level that is hazardous to human health as established by rule of the Public Health Council in accordance with section 3742.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. (New Section added by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

# 200.31 – Lead Hazard.

Material that may cause lead exposure and may endanger an individual's health as determined by the Public Health Council in rules adopted under section 3742.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. "Lead Hazard" includes lead-based paint, lead contaminated dust, lead-contaminated soil, and lead-contaminated water pipes. (New Section added by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

# 200.32 – Lead Inspection.

The act of examining air, dust soil, water, in a dwelling, dwelling unit, or other premises to determine the presence, concentration, condition and source of lead which may create a

lead hazard, including on-site tests and taking samples of air, dust, soil, water, paint, or other substance. (New Section added by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

## 200.33 - Mechanical Ventilation.

Any ventilation by a man- made, power driven device such as an electric fan.

#### 200.34 - Multiple Dwelling.

A structure, building or dwelling containing two or more dwelling units.

## 200.35 - Natural Ventilation.

Any ventilation by creating an opening through any wall or ceiling of a room to the atmosphere without the use of a man made power driven device.

# 200.36 - Normal Minimum Winter Condition.

The temperature fifteen (15) degrees Fahrenheit above the lowest recorded temperature for the previous ten year period.

## 200.37 - Occupant.

Any person having actual possession of a structure, building, dwelling, or part or portion thereof.

## 200.38 - Operator.

Any person who accepts rent, has charge, care or control of a structure, building, dwelling, premises or vacant lot as owner or as agent, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian of the estate of the owner.

#### 200.39 - Owner.

Any person who, alone or jointly or severally with others has legal or equitable title to any premises, structure, building, dwelling or vacant lot with or without accompanying actual possession; or

200.391 Any person who has charge, care of, or control of any premises, structure, building, dwelling, or vacant lot, as owner, operator, or as agent, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian of the estate of the owner.

## 200.40 - Person.

Includes a corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization, government, or any other group acting as a unit as well as all individuals. It shall include an executor, administrator, trustee, receiver or other person representative appointed according to law. Whenever the word "person" is used in any section of this Code prescribing a penalty or fine, as to partnerships or associations, the word shall include the partners or members thereof, and as to corporations, shall include the officer, agents, or members thereof who are responsible for any violation of such section.

## 200.41 - Plumbing.

All Gas pipes, gas burning equipment, water pipes, garbage disposal units, waste pipes, water flush type toilets, sinks, installed dishwashers, lavatories, bathtubs, shower baths, hot water heaters, installed clothes washing machines, catch basins, drains, vents, and any other similarly supplied fixtures, together with all connections to water, sewer or gas lines within a structure, building or dwelling and its premises or exterior yard areas.

## 200.42 - Premises.

A structure, building or dwelling and its grounds and all other structures and buildings on the same grounds, parcels, or lots.

# 200.43 - Privacy.

The existence of conditions which will permit an individual or individuals to carry out an activity commenced without interruption or interference, either by sight or sound from unwanted persons.

#### 200.44 - Properly.

Something done in an approved manner or according to manufacturer's instructions.

## 200.45 - Rodent Harborage.

Any condition or place where rats or other rodents can live, nest or seek shelter.

## 200.46 - Rodent proofing.

A form of construction or repair which will prevent the ingress or egress of rats or other rodents to or from a given space, premises, structure, building or dwelling; and/or making food supplies and harborage inaccessible to rats or other rodents.

## 200.47 - Refuse.

All putrescible and nonputrescible solids (except body waste) including but not limited to garbage, rubbish, ashes, dead animals and plant trimmings.

## 200.48 - Refuse Container.

Any container, including but not limited to plastic and paper bags, used or intended to be used for the storage or containment of refuse, rubbish, garbage, trash or other debris.

#### 200.49 - Repair.

To restore to a sound and acceptable state of operation, maintenance, or appearance.

#### 200.50 - Roof.

The uppermost level of any structure, building or dwelling which is designed to be weather-proof and has as its members at least rafters, and shingles or other weather-proof covering and may include but not be limited to subroofing, fascia boards, soffits, eaves, ridge boards and chimneys.

## 200.51 - Rooming House.

A room or group of rooms other than a single or multiple family dwelling, used or intended to be used for living or sleeping, but which does not contain cooking or eating facilities.

## 200.52 - Rubbish.

All combustible and noncombustible waste materials (except garbage) including but not limited to, paper, rags, cardboard, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, plant trimmings, cans, metals, masonry, glass, ashes, and abandoned appliances and discarded furniture.

## 200.53 - Safety.

The conditions of being reasonably free from danger and hazards which may cause injury or disease.

## 200.54 - Scrap Tires.

Any tires stored in the exterior yard areas if the tires are piled or stacked in such a manner as to allow water to accumulate within the tires regardless of the condition of the tire. Scrap tires shall also include any tires which have less than one sixteenth (1/16) inch of tread depth, or are bald in spots, ripped, torn, or otherwise damaged regardless if they are stored inside a structure, in exterior yard areas or on a vacant lot.

## 200.55 - Solid Wastes.

As Defined in Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Regulations- Ohio Administrative Code Section 3745-27-01(40)

(Amended by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

#### 200.56 - Structure.

That which is built by a person being attached to the ground by a foundation or similarly attached or having at least one utility connection; including but not limited to fences, detached garages, accessory structures, buildings, dwellings and house trailers.

## 200.57 - Structural Member.

Any part or portion of a structure, building or dwelling designed to support, resist or carry a load; including but not limited to studs, rafters, joists, sub flooring, headers and roofs.

#### 200.58 - Surface.

The outermost layer or superficial area of a dwelling or dwelling units, including, but not limited to, the outermost layer or superficial area of the walls, ceilings, floors, stairs, windows, window sills, window frames, window sashes, doors and door frames. (New Section added by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

## 200.59 - Target Population.

That portion of the general population that forms a subgroup that by the nature of shared characteristics places them at higher than expected risk for

specific illnesses or injuries. As used in this regulation it shall apply to issues involving lead poisoning The Center for Disease Control in a 1991 report entitled "Preventing Lead Poisoning In Young Children" has identified children under the age of six (6) years and including unborn children as at particular risk to the deleterious affects of lead poisoning. (New Section added by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

# 200.60 - Toxic Substance.

Any elemental substance or mixture or compound of substances which are, or form a chemical product which constitutes a potential hazard to human health at acute or chronic exposure levels.

## 200.61 - Uninhabitable Structure.

Any structure, building or dwelling declared by the Health Commissioner to be unfit for human habitation.

# 200.62 - Ventilation.

The process of supplying and removing air by natural or mechanical means to or from any enclosed space.

## 200.63 - Water Closet.

Any room containing at least one water flush type toilet.

CHAPTER 300 - The Powers and Duties of the Health Commissioner.

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## **300.01** - Enforcement Officer.

The Health Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to administer and enforce all of the provisions of this Code.

# 300.02 - Restriction on Employees.

No officer or employee connected with the Wood County Health Department, except one whose only connection is a member of the Board of Health, shall be financially interested in the furnishing of labor, material, or appliances, for the construction or alteration or maintenance of a building, or in the making of plans or of specifications therefor to correct or comply with violations ordered by the Health Commissioner, unless he is the owner or occupant of same. No such officer or employee shall engage in any work which is not consistent with his duties or with the interests of the Department.

# 300.03 - Right of Entry.

The Health Commissioner, and his assigned deputies, assistants and employees assigned by him, and persons assigned to cooperate with him by other departments of the County, cities, townships, or villages, upon presentation of proper identification to the owner, operator, agent, or occupant of any property shall have the right to request to enter upon any premises, structure, building, dwelling or vacant lot and every part or portion thereof during all reasonable hours. **(Amended by Board of Health February 12, 1987, effective date March 9, 1987).** 

300.031 - If any owner, operator, agent, or occupant in charge of a premises, structure, building, dwelling or vacant lot subject to the provisions of this Code refuses to permit the Wood County Health Department to make an inspection upon request, the Wood County Health Department may seek a search warrant in a court of competent jurisdiction. (Amended by Board of Health February 12, 1987, effective date March 9, 1987).

## 300.04 - Access by Owner, Operator or Agent.

Every occupant of a structure, building, or dwelling or part or portion thereof shall give the owner, operator, or agent thereof, or his employees, access to any part of such premises, structure, building or dwelling at any reasonable hour for the purpose of making such inspections, maintenance, repair or alterations as are necessary to comply with the provisions of this Code.

## 300.05 - Policy Regarding Inspections.

The inspection procedures set forth in this Code are established in the public interest, to secure the health and safety of the occupants of structures, buildings and dwellings and of the general public. All information regarding inspections and reports of violations of this Code shall be a matter of public record.

# 300.09 - Inspections.

The Health Commissioner shall make or cause to be made, periodic inspections of exterior premises, structures, buildings, and dwellings in a manner appropriate to the needs of the health district under the provisions of this Code.

# 300.10 - Contracts.

The Health Commissioner may make or cause to be made any contracts for services rendered in the execution of section 300.09 of this Code.

## **300.11** - Coordination of Enforcement.

Inspection of premises and vacant lots and the issuing of orders in connection herewith under the provisions of this Code shall be the responsibility of the Health Commissioner. Whenever, in the opinion of the Health Commissioner it is necessary or desirable to have an inspection of any condition by any other department he shall arrange it, and see that his orders are in concurrence with any other department regulations concerned with the case in question.

## 300.12 - Reinspection.

The Health Commissioner shall at the expiration of time set for correction of any violation, reinspect the premises or vacant lot to determine whether the violation has been corrected.

## 300.13 - Form of Notice.

Whenever the Health Commissioner determines that there is a violation of any provision of this Code he shall give written notice of such alleged violation to the person responsible, allowing reasonable time for the correction of the alleged violation. Such notice shall:

300.131	Be put in writing.
300.132	List the violated code sections.
300.133	State the date of the inspection, name of the inspector, and the violation
	location.
300.134	Include a statement of the conditions that constitute the violation of this
	Code and orders to comply with this Code.
300.135	Specify a reasonable time limit for compliance starting from the date of the

responsible person's receipt of the notice.

## 300.14 - Responsibility for Compliance.

It is hereby declared whenever any premises, structure, building, dwelling, vacant lot or any part or portion thereof is in violation of this Code the owner and/or operator and/or

agent shall be considered the responsible person for any violation of this Code and compliance thereafter. The occupant where different from the owner, shall be considered the responsible person only in cases as specified by this Code. The responsible person may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law in a court of competent jurisdiction until the violation is abated, corrected, repaired, or removed and compliance to this code is achieved to the satisfaction of the Health Commissioner.

# 300.15 - Service of Notice.

Such notice is to be deemed properly served upon the owner, agent or occupant as the case may require, if a copy thereof is:

- **300.151** Delivered to him personally or;
- **300.152** Sent by certified mail to his last known address.
- **300.153** When any notice sent by certified mail is returned because of inability to deliver or refused delivery by the addressee, the notice required shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the last known place of residence or business of the party is located. A copy of the newspaper, with the first publication of said notice marked, shall be mailed to the party at such address and the notice shall be deemed received as of the date of the last publication.

# 300.16 - Enforcement.

Enforcement may be through abatement by the Wood County Health Department or through criminal or civil prosecution in a court of competent jurisdiction.

# 300.17 - Prosecution of Violation.

If upon reinspection and at least twenty one (21) days after service of notice, the violation order is not complied with, the Health Commissioner may institute an appropriate legal action which may include criminal or civil prosecution in a court of competent jurisdiction.

# 300.18 - Waiver of Twenty One Day Waiting Period.

The twenty one day waiting period required by section 300.17 of this code may be waived if the Health Commissioner determines that the conditions of a structure, building, dwelling or vacant lot constitute an emergency endangering the public health as defined by Resolution of the Board of Health (See appendix A). (Amended by Board of Health August 13, 1987, effective September 3, 1987).

# CHAPTER 301 Minimum Requirements Related to Condemnation of Uninhabitable and Dangerous Structures, Buildings, and Dwellings.

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# **301.01** - Structures Unfit for Human Habitation.

It is unlawful for any owner, operator, or agent to occupy, let or sublet to any person for occupancy any structure, building, or dwelling declared to be unfit for human habitation as defined by Chapter 301 and all its sections.

- **301.011** Where a structure, building or dwelling which is damaged, decayed, dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe or vermin infested so as to be a hazard or nuisance to the health and safety of the occupants or the public it shall be declared unfit for human habitation by the Health Commissioner.
- **301.012** Where a structure, building, or dwelling that has its plumbing, heating, ventilating, water heating, water supply system, waste water system,

	lighting, or electrical system or any similar system improperly installed,
	maintained or operated in such a manner as to be a hazard to the health
	and safety of the occupants or the public it shall be declared unfit for
	human habitation by the Health Commissioner.
301.013	Where a structure, building or dwelling which fails to conform to the
	minimum requirements of this code it shall be declared unfit for human
	habitation by the Health Commissioner.
301.014	Whenever any means of safe egress from a structure, building, or dwelling
	does not conform to the applicable fire code, it shall be declared a
	dangerous structure unfit for human habitation with concurrence of such

# 301.02 - Dangerous Structures.

It is unlawful for any owner, operator, or agent to occupy, let or sublet to any person for occupancy any structure, building, dwelling or part or portion thereof declared to be a dangerous structure as defined by regulation 301.02 or any its sections. All such dangerous structures, buildings, or dwellings shall be abated by alteration, repair, rehabilitation, demolition or removal in accordance with the procedures and regulations of this Code. (Amended by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

fire code violation by the appropriate fire inspector.

- **301.021** Whenever any part or portion of a structure, building, or dwelling has been constructed, damaged, or deteriorated in such a manner that the structure, building, or dwelling is a hazard to the health and safety of any person entering such structure, building dwelling or its premises or exterior yard areas it shall be declared a dangerous structure and condemned by the Board of Health.
- **301.022** Whenever for any reason a structure, building or dwelling or any part or portion thereof is manifestly unsafe for the purpose for which it was built or used it shall be declared a dangerous structure and condemned by the Board of Health.
- **301.023** Whenever a structure, building, or dwelling has become damaged by fire, wind, flood, or has become so dilapidated or deteriorated as to become an attractive nuisance to children who might play therein to their danger, or as to afford harbor for vagrants, criminals, or immoral persons, or as to enable persons to resort thereto for the purpose of committing nuisance, unlawful or immoral acts it shall be declared a dangerous structure and condemned by the Board of Health.
- **301.024** Whenever any structure, building, or dwelling becomes vacant and open at a door, window, roof or exterior wall leaving the interior of the building or structure exposed to the elements or accessible to entrance by the public it shall be declared a dangerous structure and condemned by the Board of Health.

## 301.03 - Vacating Uninhabitable or Dangerous Structures.

The owner, operator or agent of any structure, building, or dwelling that has been declared unfit for human habitation or condemned as a dangerous structure by the Board

of Health shall have at least twenty one (21) days but not more than ninety (90) days to correct the violations of this Code or have the building vacated. If the building is vacated it must be secured by any manner necessary to prevent the entrance of the public or the effects of the weather into the structure to the satisfaction of the Health Commissioner.

# **301.04** - Reoccupation of Uninhabitable or Dangerous Structures.

No structure, building, or dwelling which has been declared unfit for human habitation or condemned as a dangerous structure by the Board of Health shall again be used for human habitation until written approval is secured from the Health Commissioner. It is unlawful for any owner, operator, or agent to let or sublet to any person for occupancy any structure, building, or dwelling or part or portion thereof, which has been declared unfit for human habitation or condemned as a dangerous structure by the Board of Health, and no person shall occupy any structure, building or part or portion thereof which has been declared unfit for human habitation or condemned as a dangerous structure by the Board of Health, and no person shall occupy any structure, building or dwelling or part or portion thereof which has been declared unfit for human habitation or condemned as a dangerous structure by the Board of Health.

# 301.05 - Right to Demolish.

If a structure, building, or dwelling is not improved so as to comply with the provisions of this code and it has been condemned as a dangerous structure, the Board of Health may order and direct the owner to correct the violations to the satisfaction of the Health Commissioner or to demolish such structure. If so ordered the owner shall have at least 30 days and not more than 180 days to complete the required corrective actions or complete the demolition.

# 301.06 - Responsibility for Cost of Demolition.

In the event the owner fails to comply with the demolition order, the Board of Health may cause the demolition of the structure, building, or dwelling and shall certify the cost and expense of demolition as set forth herein to the Wood County Auditor and the same shall become a lien upon the real estate. The owner or agent shall retain the right of appeal.

# 301.07 - Right of Appeal.

The owner of a structure, building or dwelling that has been declared unfit for human habitation, condemned as a dangerous structure or ordered to be demolished shall be given the right of appeal at an administrative hearing. At that time the owner must show just cause why the Board of Health should not continue with its intended action to abate the violation (See appendix B)

**301.071** Notice of such right of appeal and the date and time of the appeal hearing shall be served in accordance with section 300.15 of this code. A reasonable time of at least fourteen (14) days from the responsible persons receipt of the notice shall be provided before the appeal hearing may take place.

# 301.08 - Penalty.

Any person violating any section or sections of the Wood County General Health District "Health, Safety, and Sanitation Regulations for Structures and Vacant Lots" for which no other penalty is provided, is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense; on a

second offense and on all subsequent offenses within two years after the first offense, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Each day of a continuing violation or noncompliance constitutes a separate offense.

CHAPTER 400 - Minimum Requirements Related to Exterior Maintenance.

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## 400.01 - Foundations.

Every foundation wall, pier or structural element, including chimneys, shall be maintained in a safe manner and capable of supporting the load which normal use may cause to be placed thereon. Every foundation wall, chimney, pier and structural element shall be level, plumb, free from holes and cracks and shall be reasonably water-tight, weather-tight and rodent-proof.

## 400.02 - Exterior Walls.

Every exterior wall shall be free of holes, breaks, or loose or rotting boards or timber; shall be substantially weather-tight; shall be made impervious to the adverse effects of weather and be maintained in sound condition and good repair, capable of supporting loads that normal use may cause to be placed thereon.

## 400.03 - Protective Treatment.

All exterior wood surfaces, except those consisting of decay resistant wood, shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment. Lead-based paint is not an acceptable covering for exterior or interior surfaces.

#### 400.04 - Roofs.

The roof shall be structurally sound, weather-tight, water-tight, rodent proof and be in good repair; it shall have no defects which might admit rain or cause dampness in the walls or interior portion of the structure, building or dwelling; it shall be safe to use and capable of supporting the load that normal use may cause to be placed thereon.

#### 400.05 - Windows, Exterior Doors and Hatchways.

Every window, exterior door, basement door and hatchway shall be substantially weather-tight, water-tight, and rodent-proof; shall be kept in sound working condition and good repair; and exterior doors shall have a properly operating lock capable of being unlocked from inside without the use of a key, and all windows WHICH ARE OPEN ABLE

shall have at least one properly operating lock.

#### 400.06 - Screens.

From June 1st to October 15th of each year any door or window opening directly from a habitable room to the outdoors required for ventilation purposes shall be provided with a screen of not less than sixteen (16) mesh per inch and every swinging screen door shall have a self-closing device in good working condition; except no such screens shall be required for a habitable room on a floor above the fifth floor and screen doors and screened windows shall not be required for dwelling units or habitable rooms provided with properly operating mechanical ventilating systems.

## 400.07 - Exit Doors.

Every door available as an exit shall be capable of being easily opened from the inside and capable of being locked and unlocked from inside without the use of a key. (Amended by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

## 400.08 - Exterior Stairs, Porches and Appurtenances.

Every outside stair, porch and appurtenance shall be weather resistant and safe to use; shall be capable of supporting the load that normal use may cause to be placed thereon; and shall be kept in sound condition and good repair.

## 400.09 - Safe Egress.

Every structure, building, dwelling, multiple dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming house and habitable room shall have a safe unobstructed means of egress leading to a safe and open outdoor space at ground level; every interior door shall be easily opened without the use of a key from inside the room it separates from the safe means of egress.

#### 400.10 - Exterior Protective Railings.

Protective railings shall be required on any unenclosed exterior appurtenance designed for human foot traffic that is over five (5) feet from ground level or on any exterior steps containing five (5) or more risers; exterior protective railings and handrails shall be maintained in good condition, capable of supporting the load that normal use may cause to be placed thereon.

#### 400.11 - Grading and Drainage.

All premises, exterior yard areas and improved land shall be graded and maintained so as to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or within any structure, building or dwelling thereon. Such grading shall carry surface water to a public street or alley, public storm sewer, or public ditch or watercourse.

#### 400.12 - Gutters and Downspouts.

If gutters and downspouts are present on a structure, building, or dwelling they must be properly installed, operated and maintained.

#### 400.13 - Accessory Structures.

All accessory structures including detached garages shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair in accordance with the requirements of sections 400.01 to 400.05 inclusive of this Code.

# CHAPTER 401 Minimum Requirements for Exterior Structure, Building, Dwelling, and Vacant Lot Sanitation.

- 401.01 Exterior Insect, Rodent and Pest Infestation.
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(Amended by the Board of Health November 10, 2005, effective date November 22, 2005)

# 401.01 - Exterior Insect, Rodent and Pest Infestation.

Every owner, operator, or agent of a premises, structure, building, dwelling or vacant lot shall be responsible for the extermination of insects, rodents, vermin and other pests in all exterior yard areas of the premises, structure, building, dwelling or vacant lot; except that the occupant of a premises containing only a single dwelling unit shall also be responsible for such extermination in the exterior yard areas of such premises. Whenever infestation exists in the public or shared part of a premises of other that a single dwelling unit, extermination shall be the responsibility of the owner, operator, or agent.

401.011 During the months of April thru November any object capable of retaining water shall be emptied of its contents within five (5) days. This includes but is not limited to pooling of water in tires, buckets, swimming pools, house gutters and ornamental garden ponds that are not properly functioning or any object that can hold a small amount of water. It is the property owner's responsibility to treat standing water after five (5) days with mosquito larvacide. (Section Adopted by Board of Health April 8, 2004, effective date April 28, 2004)

# 401.02 - Exterior Sanitation.

All exterior yard areas of any premises, structure, building, dwelling or vacant lot shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition free from any noxious odors and accumulations of rubbish or garbage;

401.021	The owner, operator, agent or occupant of a premises, structure, building,
	dwelling, or vacant lot shall not utilize the exterior yard areas of such
	property for open storage of, including but not limited to, any abandoned
	freezer, refrigerator, stove, glass, building material, building rubbish, scrap
	tires, weeds, dead trees, brush and tree limbs, trash, and garbage.
	(Amended by Board of Health, December 15, 2000, effective date
	December 29, 2000)
401.022	Composting of organic materials shall be allowed in a properly constructed
	compost pile. It shall be constructed and maintained to avoid noxious
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- compost pile. It shall be constructed and maintained to avoid hoxious odors, flies, rodents, vermin and other pests. Composting of meat, bones, dairy products, charcoal, cat and dog feces, cat litter, cooked food waste, fats, grease and oils shall be prohibited. (Amended by Board of Health December 15, 2000, effective date December 29, 2000)
- **401.023** The owner, operator, agent or occupant of any structure, building, dwelling, or vacant lot shall not allow the existence of any abandoned well, open shaft, open basement, open cellar or open excavation on the premises thereof.
- **401.024** Receipt of a valid complaint by the Health Department concerning a previously served violation of Chapter 401 of this code within 90 days of such service shall be considered non compliance and will be cause for immediate court action in a court of competent jurisdiction against the responsible person if the requirements of sections 300.13, 300.15, and 300.17 have been fulfilled.

# 401.03 - Interior Furniture.

No person shall use interior furniture in exterior yard areas of any premises, structure, building, or dwelling or vacant lot or in any other place which exposes the interior furniture to the effects of the weather.

# 401.04 – Swimming Pools

In ground and above ground swimming pools over 18" deep or over 100 square feet must be maintained so as not to create a public health nuisance. All wood or concrete deck structures surrounding pools must be properly maintained so they are safe and support the intended regular traffic loads.

- **401.041** The swimming pool water needs to maintained so it will not support the development of mosquito larvae and any other undesirable aquatic pests or become stagnant and emit odors.
- **401.042** If the swimming pool becomes inoperable and the disinfection levels cannot be properly maintained it must be drained or covered so there is no standing water.

# (Adopted by Board of Health November 10, 2005; Effective date November 22, 2005)

# 401.05 - Garbage Disposal.

Every occupant of a structure, building, or dwelling shall dispose of all his garbage, rubbish, and other organic waste which might provide food for rodents and insects in a sanitary and approved manner. Putrescible solid waste shall be collected at a frequency not to exceed seven (7) days. Temporary storage of any solid wastes where such storage causes a nuisance or Health Hazard in the Judgment of the Health Commissioner or the Director or their authorized representatives shall be considered open dumping. (Amended by the Board of Health April 8, 2004, effective date April 28, 2004) (Amended by Board of Health November 10, 2005; Effective date November 22, 2005)

# 401.06- Refuse Storage and Disposal Facilities.

Owners, operators, and agents of dwellings containing three or more non-family members or multiple dwellings with two or more dwelling units shall supply refuse containers for the sanitary and safe storage and/or disposal of all rubbish and garbage accumulated between collections; in the case of single family dwellings it shall be the responsibility of the occupants to furnish such facilities or refuse containers.

- **401.061** All refuse storage containers shall be rat- proof, insect-proof, water-tight, structurally strong to withstand handling stress, easily filled, emptied and cleaned; shall be provided with tight-fitting covers or similar closures; and shall be maintained at all times in a clean and sanitary condition. Plastic bags may be used as refuse container liners, but shall not be used without the container for on-site storage of refuse.
- **401.062** Dumpsters must have tight fitting lids that are kept properly closed and be numerous and/or large enough to contain all garbage and refuse accumulated between collections.
- 401.063 When a dumpster is filled to the point that refuse or bags of refuse are on

401.064	the ground around the container or the lids cannot be tightly closed more than four (4) separate days in one month or two (2) consecutive days in one week the owner, operator, or agent shall provide additional or larger dumpsters capable of holding all accumulated refuse between collections or provide and additional collection as is required to abate the overflow. The total capacity of all refuse containers and bulk storage containers shall be able to contain all refuse accumulated between collections; the lids shall be kept tightly closed at all times the container contains any refuse.
401.065	<ul> <li>The placement of refuse containers and refuse near a street or alley for the purpose of collection of such refuse shall not be a violation of Chapter 401 of this Code provided subsections 401.0551 to 401.0553 of this Code are complied with.</li> <li>401.0651 The refuse is not placed curbside for collection before 5:00 pm the evening before such collection is due.</li> <li>401.0652 Any spillage which may occur upon the ground, sidewalk, street, or alley shall be promptly cleaned up within twenty four (24) hours after the scheduled collection for which it was put curbside for.</li> <li>401.0653 Any refuse or junk not collected regardless of reason shall be promptly removed within twenty four (24) hours after the collection for which it was put curbside for.</li> <li>401.0653 Any refuse or junk not collected regardless of reason shall be formptly removed within twenty four (24) hours after the collection for which it was put curbside for.</li> <li>401.0653 Any refuse or junk not collected regardless of reason shall be formptly removed within twenty four (24) hours after the collection for which it was put curbside for.</li> <li>401.0653 Any refuse or junk not collected regardless of reason shall be formptly removed within twenty four (24) hours after the collection for which it was put curbside for.</li> <li>401.0654 Any spillage by Board of Health November 10, 2005; Effective date November 22, 2005)</li> </ul>

- CHAPTER 402 Minimum Requirements Related to Interior Facilities and Maintenance.
- 402.01 Structural Members.
- 402.02 Interior Floors, Walls, Ceilings and Doors.
- 402.03 Bathroom Floors.
- 402.04 Interior Stairs.
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## 402.01 - Interior Structural Members.

Every structural member shall be maintained in good condition and show no evidence of deterioration which would render it incapable of carrying loads which normal use may cause to be placed thereon.

#### 402.02 - Interior Floors, Walls, Ceilings and Doors.

Every floor, interior wall, ceiling and interior door shall be kept in sound condition and good repair; and shall be safe to use and capable of supporting the load which normal use may cause to be placed thereon.

## 402.03 - Bathroom Floors.

Every water closet and bathroom floor shall be constructed and maintained so as to permit such floor to be easily cleaned and maintained in a sanitary condition.

# 402.04 - Interior Stairs.

All interior stairs shall be constructed and maintained in a safe condition and good repair; and shall be capable of supporting the normal load which may be placed thereon during normal use; stairs shall be constructed as required by the Building Code.

#### 402.05 - Interior Protective Railings.

Every flight of interior stairs more than five (5) risers high shall have a handrail or railings on its unenclosed side; a stairway which is enclosed on both sides shall have a handrail on at least one side;

**402.051** Protective railings shall be installed in accordance with the Building Code and maintained in good condition; and shall be capable of supporting the normal load which may be placed there on during use.

- CHAPTER 403 Minimum Requirements for Interior Sanitation of Structures, Buildings and Dwellings.
- 403.01 Free from Dampness.
- 403.02 Interior Sanitation.
- 403.03 Interior Insect and Rodent Infestation.

# 403.01 - Free from Dampness.

Every dwelling, multiple dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming house, habitable room, basement and crawl space shall be maintained reasonably free from dampness to prevent conditions conducive to the growth of mildew or mold and to decay or deterioration of the structure. (Amended by the Board of Health April 8, 2004, effective date April 28, 2004)

# 403.02 - Interior Sanitation.

The interior of every structure, building, and dwelling, multiple dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming house, and habitable room, shall be maintained by the owner, operator, agent or occupant in a clean and sanitary condition.

- **403.021** The interior of every structure shall be free from noxious odors, garbage, rubbish, dirt and filth of every kind that create a nuisance or a threat to the health and safety of the occupants therein or the public.
- **403.022** Stairways, hallways, storage rooms, laundry rooms and other commonly shared areas shall be maintained by the owner, operator or agent in a clean and sanitary condition.
- **403.023** All rubbish, garbage, and other refuse shall be properly kept inside temporary storage facilities as required by section 401.05 of this Code.

# 403.03 - Interior Insect and Rodent Infestation.

Every owner, operator, or agent of a structure, building, or dwelling, shall be responsible for the extermination of insects, rodents, vermin or other pests whenever the infestation exists in two or more of the dwelling units or habitable rooms or in the shared or public parts of the structure, building, or dwelling.

**403.031** The occupant of a structure, building, dwelling, dwelling unit or habitable room within a dwelling, multiple dwelling or rooming house shall be responsible for such extermination within the unit occupied by him

whenever his dwelling unit or habitable room is the only one in the building that is infested.

- **403.032** Not withstanding the foregoing provision, whenever an infestation of insects, rodents or other pests is caused by failure of the owner, operator or agent to maintain any structure, building, dwelling, multiple dwelling or part or portion thereof, in an insect-proof or rodent-proof condition, extermination of such vermin shall be the responsibility of the owner, operator or agent.
- **403.033** Extermination shall be by an approved and legal means and shall be for a duration of time sufficient to remove all pests from the premises, structure, building, dwelling or part or portion thereof.

# CHAPTER 404 - Minimum Requirements For Electrical, Plumbing and Heating Systems.

- 404.01 Electrical Service.
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- 404.06 Air Heating Facilities.
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- 404.08 Defective Air Heating and Water Heating Systems.
- 404.09 Space Heaters.

# 404.01 - Electrical Service.

Every occupied dwelling unit shall be supplied with a properly connected, properly maintained and operational electrical supply, installed in accordance to the building codes in effect at the time of installation or alteration.

# 404.02 - Defective Electrical Systems.

Where it is found by the Health Commissioner with concurrence of the Wood County Building Department Electrical Inspector, that an electrical system or part thereof is defective and/or a hazard to the occupants of the structure, building, or dwelling by reason of inadequate service, improper fusing, insufficient outlets, improper wiring, improper installation, deterioration or damage or for a similar reason, he shall require the elimination of the hazard by requiring the defects to be corrected within a reasonable period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days.

# 404.03 - Electrical Outlets and Fixtures.

Every electrical outlet and fixture shall be installed, maintained and connected to the source of electric power in accordance with National Electric Code in effect at the time of installation or alteration. However, if a hazard exists, this hazard must be corrected.

**404.031** Every habitable room shall contain at least two (2) separate and remote outlets, one (1) of which may be a ceiling or wall-type electric light fixture.

**404.032** Every kitchen shall contain at least three (3) separate and remote wall-type outlets one of which may be a ceiling or wall-type electric light.

# 404.04 - Plumbing Installation and Maintenance.

Every plumbing fixture and water supply and waste water drain system shall be properly installed and vented, and maintained in good sanitary working condition, being free from defects, leaks, and obstructions, and capable of performing the function for which it was designed.

- **404.041** Every dwelling unit shall be properly connected to a public or private sewerage system of a type and so maintained as to comply with applicable sections of the "Wood County Household Sewage Treatment and Disposal Regulations" or the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- **404.042** Every dwelling unit shall be properly connected to a public or private potable water system of a type and so maintained as to comply with applicable sections of the State of Ohio "Private Water System Rules" or the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The supply of water to all required

plumbing fixtures shall be sufficient in quantity and pressure to meet the ordinary needs of the occupants.

# 404.05 - Required Plumbing Fixtures.

Every dwelling unit shall contain not less than a kitchen sink, lavatory, water flush type toilet, and a tub or shower, all in good working condition and connected properly to either a public or private water supply and sewer system. All sinks, lavatories, tubs, and showers shall be supplied with safe, potable, hot and cold running water.

- **404.051** Every rooming house shall provide at least one properly operating, properly maintained water flush type toilet, lavatory basin, and tub or shower for every eight (8) occupants. Such facilities shall be located on the floor they serve.
- 404.052 All required plumbing fixtures shall be located within the dwelling unit and shall be accessible to the occupants therein. The water closet, lavatory and tub or shower shall be located in a room affording privacy to the user.

# 404.06 - Air Heating Facilities.

Every dwelling, multiple dwelling and dwelling unit shall have properly installed, properly maintained air heating facilities which are capable of safely and adequately heating all habitable rooms in the dwelling, multiple dwelling or dwelling unit, to seventy five (75) degrees Fahrenheit during normal minimum winter conditions. At no time shall the air heating system be unable to provide at least sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit during normal minimum winter conditional and usable by the occupants from October 1st to May 31st every year. The temperature of all habitable rooms in the dwelling, multiple dwelling, or dwelling unit shall be at least 68 degrees from 6:30 AM to 10:30 PM and shall be at least 60 degrees Fahrenheit all other hours of the day.

# 404.07 - Water Heating Facilities.

Every dwelling, multiple dwelling, and dwelling unit shall have properly installed, properly maintained, hot water heating facilities. The hot water heating facilities shall be capable of heating an adequate amount of water to be drawn at every required kitchen sink, lavatory, bathtub and shower at a temperature of not less than one hundred twenty (120) degrees Fahrenheit.

# 404.08 - Defective Air Heating and Water Heating Systems.

When the Health Commissioner determines that any part of the heating system or water heating system in a dwelling unit constitutes a hazard by reason of inadequate service, improper installation, deterioration or damage or for similar reasons, he shall require the defects to be corrected within a reasonable period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days to eliminate the hazard.

# 404.09 - Space Heaters.

Space heaters are to be properly installed, used and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions and in compliance with any applicable fire, building or safety

codes.	
404.091	Space heaters located within two (2) feet of a wall or other combustible material shall be adequately insulated to prevent the combustible material from overheating or burning. Such space heaters must be installed in
	accordance with applicable building and/or fire codes.
404.092	Vents on vented space heaters must be properly installed and insulated with the proper guards made of nonflammable material at the point of passage through a wall or ceiling. Such venting systems must be installed in accordance with applicable building and/or fire codes.
404.093	Coal or wood burning space heaters and stoves must have a fire resistant panel or material beneath and behind them installed in accordance with the applicable building and/or fire codes.

CHAPTER 405 - Minimum Requirements for Space, Lighting and Ventilation.

- 405.00 Exceptions.
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- 405.12 Windows.
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- 405.14 Ventilation.
- 405.15 Non-habitable Room Light and Ventilation.

**405.00** - **Exceptions.** Sections 405.03, 405.07, 405.071, 405.08 and 405.12 shall not apply to structures that existed prior to June 30, 1986.

In all cases past or future, if structures are built according to Wood County Building Department permit, inspection and approval; then such approvals shall constitute prima facia evidence of compliance with the Wood County Health, Safety and Sanitation Regulations for Structures and Vacant Lots except for issues of maintenance, sanitation, repair or alteration (without required permits, inspection or approvals).

In all cases of commercial properties or places of public assembly; any maximum occupancy limits established by either local or state building or fire codes shall prevail over these regulations. (Amended by Board of Health February 12, 1987, effective date March 9, 1987).

## 405.01 - Minimum Living Space.

Every dwelling unit shall contain at least 150 square feet of habitable room floor area for the first occupant therein and at least 100 additional square feet of habitable room floor area for every additional occupant therein. This section shall not apply to motels, hotels or overnight lodging guest houses provided such rooms for rent are not provided with cooking facilities. Rooming houses are not considered to be overnight guest lodging houses and therefore not subject to this exception. (Amended by Board of Health February 12, 1987, effective date March 9, 1987).

# 405.02 - Minimum Sleeping Space.

Every room occupied for sleeping purposes in a dwelling of two or more habitable rooms shall contain at least 70 square feet of floor area for the first occupant and at least an additional 50 square feet of floor area for each additional occupant therein using the same room for sleeping purposes. (Amended by Board of Health February 12, 1987, effective date March 9, 1987).

# 405.03 - Ceiling Height.

At least one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the floor area of every habitable room, excepting basements not used, nor intended for use as a habitable room, shall have a ceiling height of at least seven feet and six inches (7'6").

# 405.04 - Floor Area.

Only those portions of the floor having at least five (5) feet of clear vertical space to the finish ceiling shall be considered as usable to meet the minimum living space and sleeping space requirements of this Code.

## 405.05 - Basements As Habitable Rooms.

No basement space shall be used as a habitable room or dwelling unit unless it is free from leakage of underground water and surface runoff water, insulated against dampness, has acceptable levels of natural light, and ventilation; and meets the requirements of Chapter 405 of this Code.

If any basement is used as a sleeping room it must be separated from any furnace and/or water heater by permanent wall(s) constructed full height floor to ceiling without openings other than closable door ways. (Amended by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

## 405.06 - Cooking Facilities.

Every dwelling unit, with the exception of rooming houses, shall contain suitable space to store, prepare and serve food in a sanitary manner.

**405.061** Every dwelling unit shall contain a sink of sufficient size and capacity for washing dishes and kitchen utensils. Such sink shall be supplied with safe, potable, hot and cold running water and be properly connected to an approved waste water system.

- **405.062** Every dwelling unit shall have a stove and oven or similar device for cooking food which is properly installed, properly operating and properly maintained in a safe and sanitary manner.
- **405.063** Every dwelling unit shall contain a refrigerator or similar device for safe storage of food at temperatures less than forty five (45) degrees Fahrenheit and more than thirty two (32) degrees Fahrenheit which is properly installed, properly operating and properly maintained in a safe and sanitary manner.

#### 405.07 - Bathroom and Water Closet Access.

No dwelling containing two or more sleeping rooms shall have the access to the water closet or bathroom, intended for use by occupants of the dwelling unit, located in such manner that to gain access to the bathroom or water closet, passage through a sleeping room is necessary for occupants of another sleeping room in the same dwelling unit. This section shall not apply to any dwelling or dwelling unit if such dwelling or dwelling unit is occupied by not more than one family unit. (Amended by Board of Health February 12, effective date March 9, 1987).

**405.071** Bathrooms and water closets shall not be located in such manner that access to a sleeping room can be had only by passage through the bathroom or water closet.

#### 405.08 - Sleeping Room Access.

No sleeping room shall be located in such manner that access to the sleeping room can be had only by passage through another sleeping room. This section shall not apply to any dwelling or dwelling unit if such dwelling or dwelling unit is occupied by not more than one family unit. (Amended by Board of Health February 12, 1987 effective date March 9, 1987).

#### 405.09 - Water Closets.

Every dwelling unit shall have at least one room which affords privacy and contains at least one properly installed, properly operating water flush type toilet supplied by, and properly connected to an approved water supply system and an approved waste water system.

#### 405.10 - Water Closet Lavatory Sink.

Every dwelling unit shall have at least one, properly installed, properly operating lavatory sink supplied by running, hot and cold potable water, properly connected to a waste water system, and located in, or in the immediate proximity of each water closet.

#### 405.11 - Bathtubs and Showers.

Every dwelling unit shall contain a room which affords privacy; and which is equipped with a bathtub or shower properly connected to a running, potable, hot and cold water supply system and properly connected to a waste water system.

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#### 405.12 - Windows.

Every habitable sleeping room shall have at least one window, sliding glass door, skylight, or other approved light transparent media facing directly to the outdoors, except kitchens and bathrooms that are provided with the minimum artificial light required by this Code. The minimum total window or skylight area, measured between stops, for every habitable room shall be at least ten (10) percent of the floor area of such room but if light-obstruction structures are located less than three (3) feet from the window and extend to a level above that of the ceiling of the room, such window shall not be deemed to face directly to the outdoors and shall not be included as contributing to the required minimum total window area.

#### 405.13 - Light in Common Halls, Stairways and Non-habitable Rooms.

Every multiple dwelling shall be supplied with at least ten (10) foot candles of light at tread or floor level in all common halls, stairways and non-habitable rooms.

#### 405.14 - Ventilation.

Every habitable room shall have at least one window, sliding glass door, or skylight which can be easily opened to provide adequate room ventilation; The minimum total window area, measured between stops, for every habitable room shall be ten (10) percent of the floor area of such room, bathrooms, dining rooms, kitchenettes and kitchens are excepted if adequate artificial ventilation is provided. Whenever walls or other portions of a structure face a window of any room and such obstructions are located less than three (3) feet from the window and extend to a level above that of the ceiling of the room, such window shall not be deemed to face directly to the outdoors and shall not be included as contributing to the required minimum total window area for the room. Year around mechanical ventilating and air conditioning systems may be substituted for windows or skylights in rooms other than sleeping rooms. The minimum total window area requirement of 10% floor space shall not strictly apply to habitable rooms, if such dwelling or dwelling unit existed prior to June 30, 1985 and had existing windows which operate and are in good repair. In all cases, habitable rooms must be provided with adequate mechanical or natural ventilation. (Amended by Board of Health February 12, 1987, effective date March 9, 1987).

#### 405.15 - Non-habitable Room Light and Ventilation.

Every bathroom, water closet and room used for the preparation of food shall comply with the light and ventilation requirements for habitable rooms as required by this Code except that no window or skylight shall be required in non-habitable rooms equipped with an approved mechanical ventilation system.

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## **CHAPTER 406 Lead Poisoning Prevention**

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# (This Chapter 406 was Added by Board of Health June 8, 1995, effective date June 28, 1995)

#### 406.01 - Prohibited Conduct

- A. No Person Shall Use, Apply or Cause to Be Applied Any Lead Based Coatings:
  - 1. In or on the Interior or Exterior of Any Dwelling, Dwelling Unit, or Any Other Premises.
  - 2 In or on Toys, Cooking, Drinking or Eating Utensils Or Furniture.

## 406.05 - Reporting Requirement

No physician or clinical laboratory that has knowledge of a child who has a blood lead level of 10 micrograms (Ug) or more or lead per 100 milliliters (MI) of blood shall fail to immediately report or cause reports to be made of that knowledge or suspicion, either by telephone or in writing to the health commissioner.

#### 406.10 - Inspections

The Health Commissioner may at any reasonable time, cause an inspection to be performed and an inspection report to be issued provided the request meets any of the following criteria:

- 1. When a report from a physician or clinical laboratory demonstrates that a child at a residence has a confirmed elevated blood lead level as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3742.12.
- 2. When an owner requests an inspection of their property.
- 3. When an occupant who is not the residence owner but is in control byvirtue of their current occupancy of a residence requests an inspection and the occupant or other tenants of that residence are within the target population defined within these regulations.

All requests for inspection except those required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3742.12 shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the Health Commissioner. Requests for lead inspection shall be reviewed and an inspection scheduled Provided the information indicates that an inspection is called for in accordance with the stated inspection criteria. An inspection fee may be established by the Board of Health adopted resolution.

In all instances where an inspection is to be made, the Health Commissioner shall make a reasonable attempt either by letter or personal conversation to notify the property owner that an inspection is to be made.

Inspections shall be performed as requested provided resources are available except that

H:\ENV\HOU\HOUSING PAGE 40 inspections required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3742.12 shall be given priority over all other inspection requests.

## 406.14 - Notice Of Violation

Limited to instances of inspections resulting from requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 3742.12, and upon completion of an inspection that finds a lead hazard to member(s) of the target population the Health Commissioner may issue a notice of violation to the property owner, and/or contractor and/or any occupants requiring appropriate actions for abatement of the hazard in accordance with the lead abatement procedures established by the State of Ohio Administrative Rules or Board of Health.

If the violation involves a dwelling, dwelling unit or premises occupied by someone other than the person responsible for the violation and the violation exposes the occupant to an actual or suspected lead hazard the occupant also shall be given notice that a violation notice has been issued and of the potential hazard to their health. All notices and orders under this section shall:

- A. Be put in writing on an appropriate form.
- B. Include a list of violations, refer to the section violated and order remedial action which will effect compliance with the provisions of this chapter.
- C. Specify a reasonable time within which to comply, giving due consideration to the immediacy of the threat to the health of the occupants, except that in cases where an occupant is a child with 20 micrograms (Ug) or more of lead per 100 milliliters (MI) of blood, then the time given to comply shall not exceed 30 days.
- D. Be served on the owner or other person in charge and the occupant. Such notice and order shall be deemed to be properly served on such owner, occupant or other person in charge if a copy thereof is served personally or is sent by regular registered mail, return receipt requested, to his or her last known address or principle place of business.

## 406.20 - Relocation/Exclusion During Abatement

A. The Health Commissioner may recommend to the property owner or occupant to exclude or relocate all occupants of dwellings, dwelling units or premises during abatement if the Health Commissioner determines that the abatement will pose a threat to the health of the occupants.

## 406.25 - Disposal Of Lead-Bearing Substances

- A. Disposal of lead-bearing substances, ashes and other refuse shall comply with procedures established by Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- B. Open burning of batteries, battery cases and other materials with heavy accumulated of lead is prohibited.
- C. Soil surrounding a residence that has been determined to be contaminated with lead shall be abated by either removal or establishment of a barrier as per one or more of the following options:
  - 1. Establishment and maintenance of a abundant growth of ground cover such as grass.
  - 2. Planting shrubs and covering the surrounding area with stone or wood chips.

- 3. Removing at least twelve (12) inches of soil and replacing with non-contaminated soil. In instances where contaminated soil is removed it shall be disposed according to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency requirements.
- 4. Relocation of the target population play area.
- 5. Any other method that may be established by Ohio Administrative rule or Board of Health policy.

## 406.45 - Appeals Procedure

- A. Any person affected by any notice or order issued under this chapter may request and shall be granted a hearing before the Health Commissioner provided the request for such a hearing is made within the time specified in the notice mentioned.
- B. After such hearing, the Health Commissioner shall sustain, modify or withdraw the notice of alleged violation depending on his or her findings as to whether the provisions of this chapter have been complied with. Notice of the decision of the Health Commissioner shall be mailed by regular mail to the appellant at the address shown on the Request for hearing, and to his or her counsel of record.
- C. 1. Any person affected by the decision of the Health Commissioner as provided in division (B) hereof, shall be entitled to appeal the decision of the Health Commissioner to the Board of Health administrative hearing process. Written notice of the appeal request must be filed with the Health Commissioner within five days of the personal service, or date of posting and shall state the order appealed from the address to which the hearing notice shall be mailed. The Health Commissioner shall schedule the appeal request with the Board of Health's Program Committee at their next meeting provided that no hearing shall be held sooner than five days from the date of the filing of the notice of appeal. Notice of the meeting at which the appeal is to be heard shall be given to the appellant by regular mail at the address shown in his or her notice or appeal. The appellant shall be entitled to appear personally and with counsel, at any meeting related to the appeal. The board of health may, in its discretion, continue the hearing on the appeal from time to time until the hearing Is completed.
  - 2. The Board of Health shall modify, withdraw or sustain the order of the Health Commissioner made pursuant to division (B) Thereof. The copy of the recommendation and decision of the Board of Health shall be mailed by regular mail to the appellant at the address shown in the notice of appeal, and to his or her counsel of record.
- D. Emergency Situation. Whenever the Health Commissioner finds that an emergency exists which requires immediate action to protect the public health, he may, without notice or hearing, issue an order, stating the existence of such an emergency and requiring that such action be taken as he deems necessary to meet the emergency such order shall be "effective immediately". Any person to whom such order is directed shall comply therewith immediately, but, on petition to the Health Commissioner, shall be afforded a hearing within 3 working days from the date of the request. After such hearing, depending on his or her finding as to whether or not the

emergency condition has been abated, the Health Commissioner shall continue such order in effect or modify or revoke it. Any party subject to an emergency order may appeal the order to the Board of Health as provided in paragraphs C(1) and (2) of this section.

# 406.50 - Retaliation Prohibited

No owner or agent of an owner of rental property shall take retaliatory action against a tenant because of enforcement of any the provisions of this chapter nor evict or attempt to evict a tenant as retaliation or to avoid compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

# 406.55 Inspection And Disclosure Requirements Prior To Property Transfer

- A. All transfers and sales, including those by land contract, of dwellings, dwelling units or premises constructed before 1978, are prohibited unless the owner or other person in charge of the dwelling, dwelling unit or premises has:
  - 1. Disclosed the results of any lead inspections to the buyer, occupants and potential occupants of the dwelling, dwelling unit or premises;
  - 2. Disclosed all notices of violation under this ordinance involving the property being sold to the buyer, occupants and potential occupants;
  - 3. Provided the buyer, occupants and potential occupants written explanation of the dangers of childhood lead poisoning.
- B. The owner or other person in charge of a dwelling, dwelling unit or premises and any real estate agent involved in selling or transferring such dwelling, dwelling unit or premises shall provide copies of all information required under paragraph (A) to any prospective buyer prior to the acceptance of any offer to purchase or transfer the property. The owner or other person in charge and any real estate agent shall also disclose any other related information related to the presence of lead including but not limited to abatement reports, the availability of inspections, notices of violation, remedial action taken and the presence of any lead-bearing substances or lead-bearing dust.

## 406.60 Disclosure Requirements Prior To Rental Of Residential Property

- A. Prior to renting or leasing a dwelling or dwelling unit constructed before 1978, the owner or other person in charge of the dwelling or dwelling unit shall:
  - 1. Disclose the results of any lead inspections to the tenant or lessee of the dwelling or dwelling unit;
  - 2. Disclose all notices of violation under this ordinance involving the property being rented or leased to the prospective tenant;
  - 3. Provide the prospective tenant written explanation of the dangers of childhood lead poisoning.
- B. The owner or person in charge of the dwelling or dwelling unit shall obtain, in writing, confirmation from the prospective tenant that the required notifications were provided at the required time.

## 406.65 - Records

The Health Commissioner shall maintain public records of all inspections conducted that involve lead contamination which shall be maintained by location address. Such records

excluding individual personal health information, shall be public records available for inspection during normal office hours. All requests for information concerning the existence of inspection records for a particular address will be promptly handled in writing without charge, except that costs for copying documents held in the public record shall be charged according to the standard departmental procedures.

#### 406.65 - Penalties

Whoever violates any provision of chapter 406.01 - 406.60 et seq. shall upon conviction, be subject to the following penalties:

- 1. A fine of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both, for a first offense;
- A fine of at least one thousand dollars but not more than five thousand dollars or imprisonment of at least six months but not more than three years, or both, for a second or subsequent offense. Each day of violation is a separate offense.
   APPENDIX A

BOARD OF HEALTH WOOD COUNTY, OHIO FEBRUARY 12, 1987

In the matter of violations of ORC 3709.21, declarations of conditions which constitute an emergency:

## **RESOLUTION 87-01**

Board Member, \_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the board of health is empowered to enforce ORC 3709.21 within the County of Wood, Ohio.

WHEREAS, the penalty section for violations of ORC 3709.21 is ORC 3709.99;

WHEREAS, the penalty section ORC 3709.99 states in part, "Except in case of emergency endangering the public health caused by an epidemic, an infectious or a communicable disease, or a disaster emergency condition or event, no prosecution for violation of any regulation or order adopted pursuant to Section 3709.20, 3709.21 or 3709.22 of the Revised Code shall take place until twenty-one days after such board of health has notified the person subject to such regulation or order of the specific violations alleged."

WHEREAS, the board of health wishes to address a need to identify types of alleged violations of ORC 3709.21 which constitute an emergency endangering the public health;

WHEREAS, by identifying these types of alleged violations of ORC 3709.21 which constitute an emergency endangering the public health, the board of health will give guidance to environmental staff personnel;

RESOLVED, by order of the board of health that all alleged violations of ORC 3709.21 which hereunder are described as constituting an emergency endangering the public health, shall not be subject to the 21 day waiting period after notification of alleged violations described in ORC 3709.99.

RESOLVED, by order of the board of health that the time period for correction of an alleged violation of ORC 3709.21 shall be anything less than 21 days as the situation requires in the professional judgement of the board of health's environmental division staff person commonly referred to as a sanitarian.

RESOLVED, by the board of health that the following types of alleged violations if found by an environmental staff sanitarian with signature and concurrence of the Health Commissioner of the Wood County Combined General Health District; and with appropriate agreement as indicated hereunder, are examples of conditions which would constitute an emergency endangering the public health; no acceptable heat available within an occupied dwelling during October through May of the year; no potable water; any level of a known chemical near, at or above generally recognized toxic levels; any electrical hazard which poses an eminent hazard in the opinion of an Ohio State Certified Electrical Safety Inspector; a building structural defect which would cause eminent hazard to life and limb in the opinion of an inspector representative of the Wood County Building Department or a State of Ohio registered engineer, a dwelling heating or plumbing system condition which in the opinion of an inspector representative of the Wood County Building Department which may allow noxious or toxic gases to enter habitable areas of such dwelling; any condition which in the opinion of a fire inspector would represent an eminent risk of injury or potential for loss of life; any condition in the professional judgement of the board of health environmental staff sanitarian which could result in a significant risk of infectious or communicable disease transmission.

Date

President of Board of Health

Date

Secretary of Board of Health

Appendix B Date: (on Letterhead)

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Re: Administrative Hearing

Dear:

An administrative hearing to the Board Of Health of the Wood County General Health District has been set for you at \_\_\_\_\_pm on \_\_\_\_\_in the Board Room of the Wood County Health Department 1840 E. Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Your case will be presented before the Program Committee, a sub-committee of the Wood County Board of Health. At the hearing you may represent yourself or be represented by an attorney or other agent of your choice. Evidence may be offered in the form of witness testimony, reports, or any other relevant information. If you need help securing witnesses to testify, contact this office at least one week in advance of the hearing.

A local attorney will act as Hearing Officer to conduct the session and later submit a report to you and the full Board of Health. Copies of the guidelines for administrative hearings and regulations involved are attached.

Please call me at 419-352-8204 or 419-244-1610 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours;

Brad Espen, R. S. Director of Environmental Health

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## GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

- 1. Administrative Hearings will be scheduled by the Director of Environmental Health. More than one such hearing may be such hearing may be scheduled for each meeting.
- 2. The Health Department staff will prepare a history of the case which will be provided to The Program Committee members, the Hearing Officer and the "affected party" During the staff's presentation of evidence.
- 3. Each Administrative Hearing is to be tape recorded or a court stenographer may be utilized. All documents will be numbered and entered as evidence. Witnesses will be sworn
- 4. These are the purposes of the Administrative Hearings:
  - a. Fact finding To present all facts to the Program Committee and Hearing Officer before the Board of Health makes a final decision.
  - b. To insure that the rules and regulations of the Board are followed.
  - c. To provide all parties with the opportunity to present witnesses or evidence, question evidence or witnesses and generally be heard.
  - d. To approve, modify or disapprove the staff decision from which the effected party may be seeking relief.
- 5. The hearing proceedings will follow this format:
  - a. Opening statement by proponent of hearing (outline of presentation).
  - b. Opening statement by opponent of proponent's position (outline of presentation).
  - c Proponent's case to be presented in the form of testimony of witnesses, presentation of report, data, documentary evidence.
  - d. Examination of proponents evidence by Program Committee members, Hearing Office and opponent.
  - e Opponent's case to be presented in the form of testimony of witnesses, presentation of report, data, documentary evidence.
  - f. Examination of opponent's position by Program Committee, Hearing Officer and proponent.
  - g. Rebuttal of testimony or evidence by proponent.
  - h. Closing statement of opponent.
  - i. Closing statement of proponent
  - j. All parties will be notified in writing of the final report and recommendation of the Hearing Officer and the final decision of the full Board of Health.

The "affected party" means the person, agent, organization governmental body, group corporation or the like that could be affected by the Board of Health's final decision. The "affected party" could be the opponent or the proponent in the hearing depending upon the particular circumstances of the hearing.

# PROCEEDINGS

Let the record reflect that this hearing is called to order at \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_\_ at 1840 E. Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green, OH. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. I will act as the Administrative Hearing Officer in this

matter. This proceeding is conducted pursuant to Revised Code

Section(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of conducting a hearing pursuant to notice of opportunity for hearing mailed \_\_\_\_\_\_and received \_\_\_\_\_\_. I note that Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ is /are present in the hearing room with/without counsel. Mr./Mrs/ \_\_\_\_\_ let me explain our procedures to you. We will begin the hearing with the proponents opening statements and follow with the opponents opening statements. Next, the proponent of this hearing will have an opportunity to present evidence on behalf of their position in this matter. Then the opponent will have an opportunity to present their evidence. All parties involved in this matter will have an opportunity to present evidence, and examine the witnesses and evidence presented. There will be an opportunity for rebuttal to the opponent's case offered to the proponent and the hearing will conclude with closing statements by both parties. At the close of presentation all evidence and cross examination, the Hearing Office will take the matter under advisement. The Hearing Officer acts as the trier of facts in the matter here tonight. After I listen to the facts in the case, I will prepare a report which includes my findings of fact and conclusion of law and recommendation in this matter. You will be served a copy of my report within five (5) days of my filing this report with the Heath Commissioner (date stamped received with the Health Commissioner).

You are here today because it is your right to a hearing in any case wherein the Board of Health may elect to revoke, deny or suspend a license, permit, or registration of order the abatement of a nuisance condition or consider a petition for variance. It is my understanding that we are here tonight

because

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, you have a right to appear and be heard in person or represented by counsel or present arguments in writing.

You may within ten (10) days of receipt of a copy of the report of the Hearing Officer, file with the Health Commissioner any written objections which shall be considered by the Board of Health before approving, modifying or disapproving any recommendation of the Hearing Officer. Further, the Board of Health may grant extension of time within which to file such objections if this extension is requested in writing within the 10 day filing time limit and if approved by the Board of Health for good cause shown to grant this time extension.

In any event no recommendation of the Hearing Officer will be approved, modified or disapproved until ten (10) days after receipt of the report and recommendations of the Hearing Officer. The Board of Health will review the Hearing Officer's report and recommendation at the regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting and may, at its discretion, approve, disapprove, or modify such recommendation or it may order additional testimony to be taken to permit the introduction of further documentary evidence at a future hearing before the Program Committee. If you our your attorney or agent wish to make any final verbal arguments before the full Board of Health you must notify the Health Commissioner in writing a minimum of three days before the next Board of Health meeting or you will not be placed on the agenda and will not be permitted to make any such verbal arguments. A postcard indicating your desire to be placed on the Board

agenda will be included for your convenience with your copy of the Hearing Officer's report and recommendation. Final verbal statement before the full Board of Health are limited to a maximum of ten (10) minutes per party. After the Board of Heath reaches its final decision to you \_\_\_\_\_\_ and/or to any attorney of record.

Of course, if you feel that the final determination of the Board is erroneous, the you have a statutory right under ORC Section 2505.04 et. Seq. To appeal the Board's decision to the Wood County Court of Common Pleas within ten (10) days of its being made.

Now, Mr/Mrs.\_\_\_\_\_do you understand our procedures and your rights regarding these procedures? Let the record reflect that Mr/Mrs.\_\_\_\_\_ has indicated that he/she understands hid/her rights regarding this proceeding.

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROGRAM APPLICABLE APPEAL SECTION

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Camp Grounds	O. R. C.	119
Landfills		O. R. C. 119 3709.20,3709.21, 3734.09
Sewage	O. R. C.	2506
Water		O. R. C. 2506 (not specified ex. Contractor)
Housing-Nuisance Abatement	O. R. C.	3707.02
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